



**REPORT ON  
STATEMENT OF COUNTY FUNDED  
COURT-RELATED FUNCTIONS  
SECTION 29.0085 FLORIDA STATUTES**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

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Honorable Members of the City Council  
City of Jacksonville

We have examined the accompanying statement of county funded court-related functions of the City of Jacksonville, Florida for the year ended September 30, 2013 pursuant to Section 29.0085 of the Florida Statutes. This statement is the responsibility of the management of the City's Finance Department. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement based on our examination.

Our examination was made in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and accordingly, included such procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement referred to above is presented, in all material respects, in conformity with Sections 29.008 and 29.0085 of the Florida Statutes, except for the requirement to maintain the same funding level for "Lease/Rent Expense", "Utilities", "Communications Systems and Services Total" and "Existing Radio Systems" per F.S. 29.008(4)(a)&(c).

In reviewing the information on the 2012/13 report for the City of Jacksonville, we became aware of an issue with one line on last year's report. The "Security" line amounts for the Clerk of Circuit Courts and the State Courts columns were understated \$1,623,990.74 and \$6,318,564.04, respectively. The total funding provided for security should have been \$9,522,510.85 instead of \$1,579,956.07. These changes would not have impacted whether the City of Jacksonville met the funding requirements in the prior year. We do note the security line item was understated in prior years as well; however, based on our analysis it would not have switched the City from being compliant to noncompliant since at least the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009. We did not perform this review for years preceding the fiscal year ended September 30, 2009.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kirk A. Sherman, CPA  
Council Auditor

Attachment: Statement of County Funded Court-Related Functions

DUVAL COUNTY		STATEMENT OF COUNTY FUNDED COURT-RELATED FUNCTIONS, SECTION 29.0085, FLORIDA STATUTES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2013					
Statutory Reference	s.29.008(1), F.S.					s.29.008(2), F.S.	TOTAL
	STATE ATTORNEY	PUBLIC DEFENDER	CLERK OF COURTS	STATE COURTS	GUARDIAN AD LITEM	LOCAL REQUIREMENTS	
<b>Part A - Revenues:</b>							
<b>Local Requirement Collections</b>							
s.939.185, F.S. / \$65.00 Local Ordinance							\$ 1,618,630.00
s.318.18(13)(a), F.S. / \$30.00 Surcharge for Court Facilities							\$ 2,362,945.00
s.938.19(2), F.S. / \$3.00 Additional Court Cost for Teen Court							\$ 271,156.00
s.28.24(12)(e) 1., F.S. / \$2.00 Additional Court Cost for Court IT Equipment							\$ 1,537,256.00
Federal, State, Local, & Private Grant Revenue Restricted to Local Requirement Funding							\$ -
Other Revenues Dedicated to Fund Local Requirements-Law Library Coin Op Copier and Other Fees							\$ 17,696.00
						1,618,630.00	
						2,362,945.00	
<b>Local Requirement Revenue Total</b>							<b>\$ 5,807,683.00</b>
<b>Part B - Non-Reoccurring Fixed Capital Outlay Expenditures:</b>							
Facility Construction <sup>1</sup>	2,287,825.00	13,236.82	219,970.66	3,013,774.09		271,156.00	\$ 5,534,806.57
Communications Infrastructure						1,537,256.00	\$ -
Other			18,522.28	13,883.00			\$ 32,405.28
FCO Cost Total	\$ 2,287,825.00	\$ 13,236.82	\$ 238,492.94	\$ 3,027,657.09	\$ -	5,807,683.00	\$ 5,567,211.85
<b>Part C - Operating Expenditures</b>							
<b>Facility Cost</b>							
Lease / Rent Expense <sup>2</sup>	1,251,791.26	1,286,061.03	1,165,095.87	8,919,506.89	1,103.00		\$ 12,623,558.05
Maintenance <sup>3</sup>	208,337.18	33,931.00	40,584.81	1,152,049.89			\$ 1,434,902.88
Utilities <sup>4</sup>	445,865.50	88,542.06	340,896.10	2,305,792.52			\$ 3,181,096.18
Security <sup>5</sup>	194,456.00		1,288,637.55	9,666,370.49			\$ 11,149,464.04
Other	169,617.00	61,995.00	149,935.18	517,331.00			\$ 898,878.18
Facility Costs Total	\$ 2,270,066.94	\$ 1,470,529.09	\$ 2,985,149.51	\$ 22,561,050.79	\$ 1,103.00		\$ 29,287,899.33
<b>Communications Systems and Services</b>							
Telephone Expense							\$ 224,106.15
Computer Equipment / Networks					8,013.00		\$ 2,019,868.62
Courier / Subpoena Services					62,585.00		\$ -
Auxiliary Aids							\$ -
Other Communications Systems and Services			11,948.15				\$ -
Communications Systems and Services Total	\$ 825,589.00	\$ 504,630.00	\$ 9,340.62	\$ 21,288.77	\$ 821,869.00	\$ 70,598.00	\$ 2,243,974.77
Existing Radio Systems	59,454.00	73,806.00		71,085.00			\$ 16,943.00
Existing Multi-Agency Criminal Justice Information Systems	766,135.00	431,024.00		750,784.00			\$ -
<b>Total Operating Expenditures</b>						71,701.00	\$ 31,548,817.10
<b>Part D - Local Requirements:</b>							
Drug Court			3,006,438.28				\$ -
Teen Court	16,943.00					316,090.00	\$ 316,090.00
Legal Library						288,264.63	\$ 288,264.63
Legal Aid	3,112,598.94	1,975,159.09		23,382,919.79		243,006.00	\$ 243,006.00
Alternative Sanctions Coordinators						309,440.98	\$ 309,440.98
Court Innovations						259,265.39	\$ 259,265.39
Other (Discretionary Funding for Legal Aid) <sup>6</sup>						229,539.23	\$ 229,539.23
Local Requirement Total Cost	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,645,606.23	\$ 1,645,606.23
<b>Part E - Other Operating Court Related Expenditures*</b>							
Personnel & Other Operating Expenditures							\$ 348,962.24
Other (Description)							\$ -
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Other Operating Expenses Total	\$ 3,410.00	\$ -	\$ 224,253.16	\$ 121,299.00	\$ 121,299.00	\$ -	\$ 348,962.24
<b>GRAND TOTAL (PARTS B - E)</b>	<b>\$ 5,403,833.94</b>	<b>\$ 1,988,395.91</b>	<b>\$ 3,469,184.38</b>	<b>\$ 26,531,875.96</b>	<b>\$ 71,701.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,645,606.23</b>	<b>\$ 39,110,597.42</b>

NOTE\* Do not include "Local Requirement" expenditures here. 3,410.00 224,253.16

Note 1: Construction costs (\$3,263,730.28) of the new courthouse were allocated between the State Courts, Clerk of Circuit Court and the Public Defender based on the projected total cost of the new courthouse.

Note 2: Bond interest (\$10,516,427.50) for the new court facilities was allocated to the State Courts, Clerk of Circuit Court, State Attorney and the Public Defender based on projected total costs of the new court facilities.

Note 3: There were maintenance (\$327,371.26) costs of the new courthouse that were allocated between the State Courts and Clerk of Circuit Court based on square footage.

Note 4: There were utility (\$2,562,751.51) costs of the new courthouse that were allocated between the Clerk of Circuit Court and the State Courts based on square footage.

Note 5: There were Court Protection (\$10,852,910) costs of the new courthouse that were allocated between the Clerk of Circuit Court and the State Courts based on square footage.

Note 6: The Other (Discretionary Funding for Legal Aid) is for the Legal Aid program, and it represents General Fund dollars from the County to a non-profit organization that runs legal aid programs within the county. This funding is discretionary in nature and therefore, we have reflected this funding separately to distinguish it from the local requirement funding and not subject it to the normal 1.5% increase requirement.

This is to certify to the best of my knowledge and belief, this report accurately states total expenditures as set forth in Sections 29.008 and 29.0085, Florida Statutes.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Title (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_