

# STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Office of the State Auditor



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**MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE REPORT**

**PINE COUNTY**  
**PINE CITY, MINNESOTA**

**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

## **Description of the Office of the State Auditor**

The mission of the Office of the State Auditor is to oversee local government finances for Minnesota taxpayers by helping to ensure financial integrity and accountability in local governmental financial activities.

Through financial, compliance, and special audits, the State Auditor oversees and ensures that local government funds are used for the purposes intended by law and that local governments hold themselves to the highest standards of financial accountability.

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**Audit Practice** - conducts financial and legal compliance audits of local governments;

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**PINE COUNTY  
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA**

**Year Ended December 31, 2015**



**Management and Compliance Report**

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PINE CITY, MINNESOTA**

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**PINE COUNTY  
PINE CITY, MINNESOTA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

**I. SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS**

**Financial Statements**

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles: **Unmodified**

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **None reported**

Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? **No**

**Federal Awards**

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weaknesses identified? **No**
- Significant deficiencies identified? **None reported**

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: **Unmodified**

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? **No**

The major federal programs are:

Highway Planning and Construction	CFDA No. 20.205
Child Support Enforcement	CFDA No. 93.563

The threshold for distinguishing between Types A and B programs was \$750,000.

Pine County qualified as a low-risk auditee? **No**

**II. FINDINGS RELATED TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDITED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

INTERNAL CONTROL

PREVIOUSLY REPORTED ITEM RESOLVED

**Audit Adjustment (2014-001)**

During our previous audit, we identified a material adjustment that resulted in significant changes to the County's financial statements.

**Resolution**

No material adjustments were identified in the 2015 audit.

**III. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS**

None.





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## **REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS***

### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners  
Pine County  
Pine City, Minnesota

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pine County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2016.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Pine County's internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control over financial reporting exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the County's

financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Pine County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Minnesota Legal Compliance**

The *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties*, promulgated by the State Auditor pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 6.65, contains seven categories of compliance to be tested in connection with the audit of the County's financial statements: contracting and bidding, deposits and investments, conflicts of interest, public indebtedness, claims and disbursements, miscellaneous provisions, and tax increment financing. Our audit considered all of the listed categories, except that we did not test for compliance with the provisions for tax increment financing because that provision did not apply.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Pine County failed to comply with the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties*. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of such noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the County's noncompliance with the above referenced provisions.

## **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting, compliance, and the provisions of the *Minnesota Legal Compliance Audit Guide for Counties* and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

*/s/Rebecca Otto*

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August 5, 2016

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## **REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE; AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

### Independent Auditor's Report

Board of County Commissioners  
Pine County  
Pine City, Minnesota

### **Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Pine County's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the County's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2015. Pine County's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditor's Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

#### ***Management's Responsibility***

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

#### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Pine County's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements

referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Pine County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of the County's compliance with those requirements.

### ***Opinion on Each Major Federal Program***

In our opinion, Pine County complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2015.

### **Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of Pine County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered the County's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit the attention of those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

## **Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance**

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Pine County, Minnesota, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. We have issued our report thereon dated August 5, 2016, which contained unmodified opinions on those financial statements. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Pine County's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The SEFA is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the SEFA is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

### **Purpose of This Report**

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

*/s/Rebecca Otto*

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August 5, 2016

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**PINE COUNTY  
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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

<b>Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Pass-Through Grant Numbers</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>				
Passed Through Kanabec Pine Community Health Services				
Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	15152MN-004W1003	\$ 29,946	\$ -
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services				
State Administrative Matching Grants for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program	10.561	15152MN-127Q7503	280,038	-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Agriculture</b>			<b>\$ 309,984</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>U.S. Department of the Interior</b>				
Direct				
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	N/A	\$ 5,233	\$ -
<b>U.S. Department of Transportation</b>				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	00058	\$ 859,300	\$ -
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>				
Passed Through Kanabec/Pine Community Health Services				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness Centers for Disease Control and Prevention - Investigations and Technical Assistance	93.069	U90TP000418	\$ 5,125	\$ -
Affordable Care Act (ACA) Maternal, Infant, and Early Childhood Home Visiting Program	93.283	U50CK000204	10,147	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families	93.505	D89MC23539	14,951	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 93.558 \$344,264)	93.558	1502MNTANF	5,778	-
Maternal and Child Health Services Block Grant to the States	93.994	B04MC29349	1,526	-

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**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015  
(Continued)**

<b>Federal Grantor Pass-Through Agency Program or Cluster Title</b>	<b>Federal CFDA Number</b>	<b>Pass-Through Grant Numbers</b>	<b>Expenditures</b>	<b>Passed Through to Subrecipients</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (Continued)</b>				
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Human Services				
Promoting Safe and Stable Families	93.556	1401MNFPS	8,542	-
Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Total Temporary Assistance for Needy Families 93.558 \$344,264)	93.558	1502MNTANF	338,486	263,103
Child Support Enforcement	93.563	1504MN4005	661,600	-
Refugee and Entrant Assistance - State-Administered Programs	93.566	1501MNRCA	456	-
Child Care and Development Block Grant	93.575	G1501MNCCDF	7,458	-
Community-Based Child Abuse Prevention Grants	93.590	1302MNFPRG	19,008	-
Stephanie Tubbs Jones Child Welfare Services Program	93.645	1401MNCWSS	5,208	-
Foster Care - Title IV-E	93.658	1501MNFOST	112,624	-
Social Services Block Grant	93.667	1501MNSOSR	176,340	-
Chafee Foster Care Independence Program	93.674	1401MN1420	585	-
Children's Health Insurance Program	93.767	1405MN5021	109	-
Medical Assistance Program	93.778	1505MN5ADM	713,861	-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Health and Human Services</b>			<b>\$ 2,081,804</b>	<b>\$ 263,103</b>
<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>				
Passed through Minnesota Department of Natural Resources				
Boating Safety Financial Assistance	97.012	A-HMGP- DR4131- PINECO-0009	\$ 1,852	\$ -
Passed Through Minnesota Department of Public Safety				
Hazard Mitigation Grant	97.039	DR-4069.10	654	-
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMPG-2014- PINECO-0792	43,317	-
<b>Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>			<b>\$ 45,823</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Federal Awards</b>			<b>\$ 3,302,144</b>	<b>\$ 263,103</b>

The notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are an integral part of this schedule.

**PINE COUNTY  
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**NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

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1. Reporting Entity

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards presents the activities of federal award programs expended by Pine County. The County's reporting entity is defined in Note 1 to the financial statements.

2. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Pine County under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2015. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Pine County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position or changes in net position of Pine County.

3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following, as applicable, either the cost principles contained in OMB Circular A-87, *Cost Principles for State, Local and Indian Tribal Governments*, or the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Pine County has elected not to use the 10 percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.