

# COUNTY OF BERKS, PENNSYLVANIA

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May 31, 2013

Mr. George Wagner  
Warden  
Berks County Jail System  
County of Berks, Pennsylvania

Re: Internal Auditor's Report

Dear Mr. Wagner:

We have completed our compilation of the financial statements of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts for the year ended December 31, 2012, and have attached the report for your review and consideration.

Since there was no significant finding or instance of non-compliance noted, no response is required and the attached report is the final report.

This report is intended for the use of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts' management. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

I would like to thank you for your cooperation and for the courtesies extended by your staff to mine. If you have any questions concerning our audit or the attached report, I would be glad to discuss them with you.

Yours truly,

Sandra M. Graffius

**Berks County Jail System  
Inmate Welfare Fund Accounts  
County of Berks, Pennsylvania**

**George Wagner, Warden**

**Annual Financial Report**

**As of December 31, 2012**

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### Internal Auditor's Report

Mr. George Wagner  
Warden  
Berks County Jail System  
County of Berks, Pennsylvania

We have compiled the accompanying statement of assets and liabilities – cash basis as of December 31, 2012 for the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts and the related statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in cash balance – cash basis for the year then ended, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Berks County Jail System management.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements, information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

As described in Note 1, the accounts of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts are maintained, and the accompanying financial statements are prepared, on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

We have included a report on our consideration of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts' internal control structure and on its compliance with laws and regulations. We have reviewed compliance and internal control matters in accordance with the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Third Class County Code and County of Berks ordinances and resolutions and have included applicable comments related thereto in the respective report.

Sandra M. Graffius, Controller  
May 13, 2013

**Berks County Jail System  
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 Statement of Assets and Liabilities – Cash Basis  
 As of December 31, 2012**

Assets

Cash in bank	\$ 314,596
Loan to work release account	5,000
Loan to inmate pay account	3,500
Loan to BOJE	<u>10,112</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 333,208</u>

Liabilities

Reserve monies for inmates' betterment	\$ 228,546
Due to Oasis Management Systems	55,657
Due to Inmate Telephone, Inc.	38,970
Due to Cardmember Service	2,414
Due to Reading Eagle	1,794
Due to Grab-A-Cab	1,783
Due to LexisNexis	1,620
Due to Reading Conference of Churches	1,521
Due to Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.	399
Due to Office Depot	248
Due to Office Service Company	245
Due to Carl R. Bieber	<u>\$ 11</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 333,208</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  
 See accountant's compilation report.

**Berks County Jail System  
 Inmate Welfare Fund Accounts  
 County of Berks, Pennsylvania  
 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balance – Cash Basis  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2012**

Receipts	
Commissary sales	\$ 747,659
Inmate telephone services	410,500
Commissions from telephone services	162,507
Kiosk services	52,153
Newspaper sales	20,951
Postage reimbursements	11,203
Miscellaneous other	10,701
Welfare bag sales	9,079
Haircut sales	6,780
Interest income	<u>1,198</u>
Total receipts	<u>\$ 1,432,731</u>
Disbursements	
Commissary purchases	569,277
Inmate telephone services	396,633
Indigent kits	51,797
Kiosk expenses	50,615
Commitment supplies	37,005
Cab fare – Bus ticket	24,999
Education supplies and services	23,629
Law library, including copier lease	22,410
Recreational supplies and services	22,216
Newspaper purchases	21,350
Hygiene supplies	20,154
Equipment purchases	15,103
Postage, including equipment lease	13,384
Special Ops Program	12,068
Miscellaneous other	10,374
Barber services	9,744
Treatment supplies and services	7,153
Community Reentry Center	<u>4,332</u>
Total disbursements	<u>1,312,243</u>
Cash receipts in excess of disbursements	120,488
Cash account balance as of January 1	<u>194,108</u>
Cash account balance as of December 31	<u>\$ 314,596</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.  
 See accountant's compilation report.

**Berks County Jail System  
Inmate Welfare Fund Accounts  
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**Note 1: Nature of the Office and Significant Accounting Policies**

**Nature of the office:**

Berks County Jail System is a minimum security institution governed by a board dictated by the Commonwealth to be composed of a judge of the Court of Common Pleas, the district attorney, the sheriff, the controller, and the commissioners. The Board is responsible for the safe-keeping, discipline, and employment of the prisoners, and the government and management of the institution.

The Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts are primarily operating accounts that receive monies from the inmate accounts for purchases from the commissary and for phone calls made by inmates. Inmate welfare funds are disbursed to various vendors. Commissions on commissary purchases and telephone sales are used for various inmate activities such as recreation and education.

Administrative costs and expenses incurred by the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund are reflected on the books and records of the County of Berks and not on these financial statements.

**Basis of accounting:**

The books and records of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare accounts are maintained on the cash basis of accounting and, therefore, the financial statements presented herein do not purport to present the account balances and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The cash basis of accounting is an other comprehensive basis of accounting.

**Cash and cash equivalents:**

The Berks County Jail System considers cash and equivalents to be cash on hand, cash on deposit, and investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

**Note 2: Cash and equivalents**

The following cash accounts are in the name of Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts, and are reflected in the County of Berks financial statements:

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**Note 2: Cash and equivalents, continued**

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account Type</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
VIST	Checking	\$ 206,568	\$ 241,610
VIST	Savings	<u>72,986</u>	<u>72,986</u>
		<u>\$ 279,554</u>	<u>\$ 314,596</u>

These funds are considered cash equivalents for financial statement purposes.

Amounts on deposit in excess of FDIC limits are collateralized by the financial institution with securities held by that entity.

**Note 3: Loans to Work Release and Inmate Pay accounts**

These are long-term non-interest bearing loans to the Work Release and Inmate Pay accounts to provide an account balance to compensate for delays in cash deposits, which could result in over-drafts to the accounts.

**Note 4: Loan to BOJE (Berks Organization of Jail Employees)**

This is a non-interest bearing loan in the amount of \$16,712.24 to the Berks Organization of Jail Employees for the purpose purchasing uniforms for their newly created color guard. The BOJE repaid \$6,600.00 of the loan through December 31, 2012. The loan is being amortized at \$300.00 per month.

**Note 5: Reserve monies for inmates' betterment**

These are monies that can be spent for the benefit of the inmate population. The source is an accumulation of commissions on commissary and telephone sales.

**Note 6: Due to Oasis Management Systems, Inc.**

Oasis Management Systems, Inc., a Georgia corporation, provides inmate commissary services under a contract with an original expiration date of August of 2004. This contract continues to renew on an annual basis unless terminated by either party. Oasis also provides indigent and admission packages. The Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund receives a commission of 22% of net sales.

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**Note 7: Due to Inmate Telephone, Inc.**

Inmate Telephone, Inc. (ITI), a division of Digital Solutions, Inc. (DSI), is located in Altoona, Pennsylvania. DSI is a criminal justice and public safety automation provider. ITI provides inmate phone services under a contract with an expiration date of December 31, 2012. The Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund receives a commission of 36% of gross billed revenue.

**Note 8: Due to Cardmember Service**

This liability represents credit card purchases of various items for the Berks County Jail System.

**Note 9: Due to Reading Eagle**

This liability represents the purchase of newspapers by inmates.

**Note 10: Due to Grab-A-Cab**

This liability represents transportation by cab fare.

**Note 11: Due to LexisNexis**

LexisNexis provides legal publications and electronic online law library services.

**Note 12: Due to Reading Conference of Churches**

The Inmate Welfare Fund matches donations made by parishioners to the Reading Conference of Churches. The Reading Conference of Churches then uses the funds to purchase supplies and materials for the jail.

**Note 13: Due to Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc.**

Witmer Public Safety Group, Inc (OfficeStore.com) is a supplier of public safety equipment and supplies.

**Note 14: Due to Office Depot**

Office Depot provides office supplies.

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**Note 15: Due to Office Service Company**

Office Service Company provides office supplies.

**Note 16: Due to Carl R. Bieber**

This liability represents transportation by bus fare.

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### Internal Auditor's Report on Compliance and Internal Controls

Mr. George Wagner  
Warden  
Berks County Jail System  
County of Berks, Pennsylvania

In completing our internal audit of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts for the year ended December 31, 2012, we performed tests for compliance with certain financial provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grants, and applicable policies. Noncompliance is considered a significant finding when it could have a direct and material effect on related financial information. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance.

We also performed tests of the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts' internal control over financial information and noted no significant findings in internal controls. Significant findings involve matters coming to our attention relating to deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial information that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Berks County Jail System welfare fund inmate accounts' ability to adequately and properly record, process, summarize and report financial data.

This report is intended for the information and use of the County of Berks Board of Commissioners and the Berks County Jail System inmate welfare fund accounts' management. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Sandra M. Graffius, Controller  
May 13, 2013

**Berks County Jail System  
Inmate Welfare Fund Accounts  
County of Berks, Pennsylvania  
Report on Internal Controls as of May 13, 2013  
Status of Prior Year Results**

<u>Description of Condition</u>	<u>Corrective Action Implemented</u>
No prior year audit findings	N/A