

# EFFINGHAM COUNTY BOARD

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Department of Health and Human Services

Effingham County, Illinois respectfully submits the following summary schedule of prior audit findings for the year ended November 30, 2024.

Audit period: December 1, 2023 - November 30, 2024

The findings from the prior audit's schedule of findings and questioned costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the prior year.

## **FINDINGS—FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

### **2023 – 001 Financial Statement Preparation**

**Condition:** While it is acceptable to outsource various accounting functions, the responsibility for internal control cannot be outsourced. The County engages CliftonLarsonAllen LLP (CLA) to assist in preparing its financial statements and accompanying disclosures. As independent auditors, CLA cannot be considered part of the County's internal control system. Management does review and approve the financial statements, including related footnotes and supplementary information.

**Status:** See current year finding 2024-001.

**Reason for finding's recurrence:** The County accepts the degree of risk associated with this condition because the additional expense to hire and/or train accounting personnel to prepare and/or review financial statements would take away from the funds available to provide services for County residents.

**Corrective Action:** The County will continue to review, approve, and accept responsibility for the audit adjustments, financial statements, and related notes provided by the auditors.

### **2023 – 002 Transfers In and Out**

**Condition:** Transfers in and transfers out between funds did not balance at year end. In several instances, a transaction was recorded as a transfer in or out in one fund, but in the other fund it was not recorded as the corresponding transfer in/out, but rather was recorded as a revenue or expenditure.

**Status:** Corrective Action was taken.

### **2023 – 003 Preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA)**

**Condition:** The expenditures of a significant federal program was not included on the initial schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) provided.

**Status:** Corrective Action was taken.

### **2023 – 004 Bank Reconciliations**

**Condition:** There is no documented review of completed bank reconciliations by an individual other than the preparer.

**Status:** Corrective action was taken.

## **FINDINGS— FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDITS**

### **2023-005 Procurement**

**Condition:** Certain purchases were not adequately documented, supporting the lack of traditional procurement processes being required. Additionally, the County did not complete suspension and debarment procedures for covered transactions.

**Status:** Corrective action was taken.

If the Department of Health and Human Services has questions regarding this schedule, please call Angie Thompson at 217-342-4990.