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Auditor of State David A. Vaudt today released an audit report on the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission.

The Commission's receipts totaled \$686,703 for the year ended June 30, 2010, a 31 percent decrease from the prior year. The receipts included \$313,200 in detention care fees, \$233,946 from the state and \$75,284 from monitoring service fees. The significant decrease in receipts is due to a decrease in service units provided.

Disbursements totaled \$1,098,034 for the year ended June 30, 2010, an 8 percent decrease from the prior year, and included \$587,301 for salaries and \$187,776 for employee health and life insurance. The decrease in disbursements is due to a decrease in salaries and payroll tax as a result of the decrease in service units provided.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's office, in the Office of Auditor of State and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/1014-1502-B00F.pdf>.

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NORTH IOWA JUVENILE DETENTION SERVICES COMMISSION

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

JUNE 30, 2010

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North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

Officials

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Title</u> | <u>Representing</u> |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Bob Amosson | Chair | Cerro Gordo County |
| Rod Toftey | Vice Chair | Wright County |
| Gaylord Hinderaker | Treasurer/Secretary | Bremer County |
| Lennie Burke | Member | Allamakee County |
| Ralph Kremer | Member | Buchanan County |
| Karl Nelson | Member | Butler County |
| Vicki Rowland | Member | Fayette County |
| Sherry Mattke | Member | Chickasaw County |
| Larry Gibbs | Member | Clayton County |
| Jerry Ries | Member | Delaware County |
| Donna Smith | Member | Dubuque County |
| Frank Magsamen | Member | Black Hawk County |
| Ron Buch | Member | Benton County |
| Arlin Enabnit | Member | Floyd County |
| Jerry Plagge | Member | Franklin County |
| James Ross | Member | Grundy County |
| Adolf Gamez | Member | Howard County |
| Joel Voaklander | Member | Mitchell County |
| Stephen Bouska | Member | Winneshiek County |
| Dave Haugen | Member | Worth County |
| Martin Peterson | Member-at-large | |
| Dave Carlson | Member-at-large | |
| Capt. Timothy Pillack | Member-at-large | |
| Ruth Frush | Member-at-large | |
| Neal Wedeking | Member-at-large | |
| Luis Cox | Director | |

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Members of the North Iowa
Juvenile Detention Services Commission:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, this financial statement is prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash basis financial position of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission at June 30, 2010, and the changes in its cash basis financial position for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 14, 2010 on our consideration of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 6 through 8 is not a required part of the financial statement, but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. We did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State

WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

December 14, 2010

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

The North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statement. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Commission's financial statement, which follows.

2010 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Operating receipts decreased 30%, or approximately \$293,000, from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2010.
- Operating disbursements decreased 8%, or approximately \$90,000, from fiscal year 2009 to fiscal year 2010.
- Cash basis net assets decreased 38%, or approximately \$411,000, from June 30, 2009 to June 30, 2010.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Commission has elected to present its financial statement on the cash basis of accounting. The cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Basis of accounting refers to when financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing revenues, expenses and the related assets and liabilities. Under the cash basis of accounting, revenues and expenses and the related assets and liabilities are recorded when they result from cash transactions.

As a result of the use of the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues and liabilities and their related expenses are not recorded in this financial statement. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, readers should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

The annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, as applicable to the cash basis of accounting.

This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the financial statement. The annual report consists of the financial statement and other information, as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the financial statement and provides an analytical overview of the Commission's financial activities.
- The Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets presents information on the Commission's operating receipts and disbursements, non-operating receipts and disbursements and whether the Commission's financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities.
- The Notes to Financial Statement provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the financial statement.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COMMISSION

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

The purpose of the statement is to present the receipts received by the Commission and the disbursements paid by the Commission, both operating and non-operating. The statement also presents a fiscal snapshot of the cash balance at year end. Over time, readers of the financial statement are able to determine the Commission's cash basis financial position by analyzing the increase and decrease in cash basis net assets.

Operating receipts are received from nineteen member counties and non-member counties for services provided to juveniles who await court disposition. The Commission provides a physically secure, emotionally stable and safe environment for these individuals until a final court ruling. Operating disbursements are disbursements paid to operate the Commission. Non-operating receipts and disbursements include interest on investments, principal and interest payments on the Commission's debt and building and remodeling projects. A summary of cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis net assets for the years ended June 30, 2010 and June 30, 2009 is presented below:

| | Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------|
| | Year ended June 30, | |
| | 2010 | 2009 |
| Operating receipts: | | |
| Detention care fees | \$ 313,200 | 530,640 |
| Monitoring services | 75,284 | 37,417 |
| State programs | 233,946 | 297,238 |
| Transportation service fees | 25,664 | 46,802 |
| Miscellaneous | 35,207 | 63,942 |
| Total operating receipts | <u>683,301</u> | <u>976,039</u> |
| Operating disbursements: | | |
| Salaries | 587,301 | 659,526 |
| Payroll tax and IPERS | 81,619 | 90,189 |
| Health and life insurance | 187,776 | 190,161 |
| Food and clothing | 20,104 | 26,937 |
| Insurance | 39,652 | 37,097 |
| Other | 102,559 | 104,732 |
| Total operating disbursements | <u>1,019,011</u> | <u>1,108,642</u> |
| Deficiency of operating receipts under operating disbursements | <u>(335,710)</u> | <u>(132,603)</u> |
| Non-operating receipts (disbursements): | | |
| Interest on investments | 3,402 | 22,865 |
| Debt service | (79,023) | (78,925) |
| Building and remodeling | - | (8,565) |
| Net non-operating receipts (disbursements) | <u>(75,621)</u> | <u>(64,625)</u> |
| Net change in cash basis assets | (411,331) | (197,228) |
| Cash basis net assets beginning of year | <u>1,069,332</u> | <u>1,266,560</u> |
| Cash basis net assets end of year | <u>\$ 658,001</u> | <u>1,069,332</u> |

In fiscal year 2010, operating receipts decreased \$292,738, or 30%. The decrease was primarily a result of a decrease in charges for detention care fees of \$217,440 due to a decrease in service units provided to member and non-member counties. In fiscal year 2010, operating disbursements decreased \$89,631, or 8%, from fiscal year 2009 due to a decrease in salaries of \$72,225 and a decrease in payroll tax of \$8,570 as a result of decreased service units provided.

ECONOMIC FACTORS

The North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission maintained a deficit outcome for its financial position during the current fiscal year. Also, the current condition of the economy in the state continues to be a concern for Commission officials. Some of the realities that may potentially become challenges for the Commission to meet are:

- Facilities require constant maintenance and upkeep.
- Technology continues to expand and current technology becomes outdated, presenting an on going challenge to maintain up to date technology at a reasonable cost.
- The cost to house residents continues to increase due to multiple factors.
- The Commission is a pilot for a program reforming Iowa's Juvenile Homes and has limited individuals who are eligible to be housed at the facility.
- Increased competition from other commissions.

The Commission anticipates the current fiscal year to be much lower due to decrease in residents and will maintain a close watch over resources to maintain the Commission's ability to react to unknown issues.

CONTACTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to show the Commission's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Luis Cox, Director of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission, 1440 W. Dunkerton Road, Waterloo, Iowa, 50703-5783.

Financial Statement

Exhibit A

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and
Changes in Cash Basis Net Assets

As of and for the year ended June 30, 2010

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Operating receipts: | |
| Detention care fees | \$ 313,200 |
| Monitoring services | 75,284 |
| State programs | 233,946 |
| Transportation service fees | 25,664 |
| Miscellaneous | 35,207 |
| Total operating receipts | <u>683,301</u> |
| Operating disbursements: | |
| Salaries | 587,301 |
| Payroll tax and IPERS | 81,619 |
| Health and life insurance | 187,776 |
| Audit fees | 2,831 |
| Supplies, non-office | 4,860 |
| Office equipment and supplies | 8,805 |
| Education and training | 1,234 |
| Telephone | 4,437 |
| Resident health | 2,713 |
| Travel | 3,542 |
| Food and clothing | 20,104 |
| Repair and maintenance | 17,470 |
| Utilities | 15,773 |
| Insurance | 39,652 |
| Unemployment tax | 959 |
| Vehicle | 17,007 |
| Transportation program | 6,173 |
| Monitoring program | 8,831 |
| Miscellaneous | 7,924 |
| Total operating disbursements | <u>1,019,011</u> |
| Deficiency of operating receipts under operating disbursements | <u>(335,710)</u> |
| Non-operating receipts (disbursements): | |
| Interest on investments | 3,402 |
| Debt service | (79,023) |
| Net non-operating receipts (disbursements) | <u>(75,621)</u> |
| Change in cash basis net assets | (411,331) |
| Cash basis net assets beginning of year | <u>1,069,332</u> |
| Cash basis net assets end of year | <u>\$ 658,001</u> |
| Cash Basis Net Assets | |
| Unrestricted | <u>\$ 658,001</u> |

See notes to financial statement.

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

Notes to Financial Statement

June 30, 2010

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

From its inception in 1986 until July 1987, the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission was under the direction of the Juvenile Detention Project Advisory Committee. In July 1987, the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission was established. This Commission is a voluntary joint undertaking of the Boards of Supervisors of the counties of Allamakee, Black Hawk, Benton, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Cerro Gordo, Chickasaw, Clayton, Delaware, Dubuque, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Grundy, Howard, Winneshiek, Worth and Wright, Iowa as authorized in Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa. The primary purpose of this detention facility is to provide a physically secure, emotionally stable and safe environment in which juveniles can await court disposition.

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Commission has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Commission are such that exclusion would cause the Commission's financial statement to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Commission to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Commission. The Commission has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accounts of the Commission are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds may be used to report any activity for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services.

Enterprise Funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from non-operating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with an Enterprise Fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating receipts and disbursements.

C. Basis of Accounting

The Commission maintains its financial records on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements and the financial statement of the Commission is prepared on that basis. The cash basis of accounting does not give effect to accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued items. Accordingly, the financial statement does not present the financial position and results of operations of the Commission in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

(2) Cash and Investments

The Commission's deposits in banks at June 30, 2010 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Commission is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Commission; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

During part of the year and at June 30, 2010, the Commission utilized a sweep account invested in repurchase agreements backed by government securities.

Interest rate and custodial credit risk. The Commission's investment policy limits the investment of operating funds (funds expected to be expended in the current budget year or within 15 months of receipt) to instruments that mature within 397 days. Funds not identified as operating funds may be invested in investments with maturities longer than 397 days, but the maturities shall be consistent with the needs and use of the Commission. The term of the repurchase transaction may not exceed 89 days under the terms of the repurchase agreement.

The Commission does not take direct possession of the underlying collateral. However, the Commission holds a perfected interest in the collateral pledged for its sweep account.

Concentration of credit risk. The Commission places a limit of \$2,000,000 that may be invested in any one issuer. The Commission's investment in the repurchase agreement totaled \$0 at June 30, 2010. Where possible, it is the Commission's policy to diversify its investment portfolio to eliminate the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in a specific maturity, specific issuer or a specific class of securities.

(3) Pension and Retirement Benefits

The Commission contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS), which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits which are established by State statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required

supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa, 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 4.30% of their annual covered salary and the Commission is required to contribute 6.65% of annual covered payroll for the year ended June 30, 2010. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Commission's contributions to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2010, 2009 and 2008 were \$38,985, \$40,100, and \$39,037, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(4) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)

Plan Description - The Commission operates a single-employer health benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits for employees and retirees and their spouses. There are 11 active and 1 retired members in the plan. Retired participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully-insured plan with Wellmark. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefits as active employees.

Funding Policy - The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Commission. The Commission currently finances the benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent active member monthly premiums for the Commission and plan members are \$650 for single coverage and \$1,636 for family coverage. For the year ended June 30, 2010, the Commission contributed \$158,602 and plan members eligible for benefits contributed \$27,907 to the plan.

(5) Compensated Absences

Commission employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, retirement or death. These accumulations are not recognized as disbursements by the Commission until used or paid. The Commission's approximate liability for earned vacation hours payable to employees at June 30, 2010 was \$35,100. This liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2010.

(6) Risk Management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Commission assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

(7) Note Payable

On August 24, 1995, the Commission entered into an \$800,000 loan agreement with Black Hawk County to pay the costs of an addition to the facility. The loan was evidenced by a revenue capital loan note requiring annual principal payments and semi-annual interest payments. During the year ended June 30, 2010, the remaining principal of \$75,117 and final interest of \$3,906 were paid.

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control
over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of a Financial Statement Performed in Accordance with
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Government Auditing Standards

To the Members of the North Iowa
Juvenile Detention Services Commission:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission as of and for the year ended June 30, 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2010. Our report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statement which was prepared in conformity with an other comprehensive basis of accounting. We conducted our audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the effectiveness of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of the 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 a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility a material misstatement of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's financial statement will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

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 deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Commission's operations for the year ended June 30, 2010 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statement of the Commission. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of those statutes.

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission's responses to findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. While we have expressed our conclusions on the Commission's responses, we did not audit the Commission's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report, a public record by law, is intended solely for the information and use of the officials, employees and members of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission and other parties to whom the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission may report. This report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of the North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



DAVID A. VAUDT, CPA
Auditor of State



WARREN G. JENKINS, CPA
Chief Deputy Auditor of State

December 14, 2010

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

Schedule of Findings

June 30, 2010

Findings Related to the Financial Statement:

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

No material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting were noted.

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

- (1) Questionable Disbursements – No disbursements we believe may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General's opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- (2) Travel Expense – No disbursements of Commission money for travel expenses of spouses of Commission officials or employees were noted.
- (3) Commission Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Commission minutes but were not.
- (4) Deposits and Investments – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapters 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa were noted.
- (5) State Reimbursement – Pursuant to Chapter 232.142 of the Code of Iowa, multicounty juvenile detention centers shall receive financial aid from the State of Iowa of at least ten percent, but not more than 50 percent, of the total cost of the establishment, improvements, operations and maintenance of the home in a manner approved by the Director of the Iowa Department of Human Services.

During the year ended June 30, 2010, the Commission requested and received reimbursements from the State of Iowa for disbursements of \$54,932 related to meals and employee contributions for certain benefits. The disbursements associated with these receipts were not deducted when requesting reimbursement from the State of Iowa pursuant to Chapter 232.142 of the Code of Iowa for the year ended June 30, 2010.

Chapter 232.142 of the Code of Iowa does not specifically address whether expenses for meals and employee contributions are to be included in the total cost of the establishment, improvements, operations and maintenance of the home.

The Commission deducted the questionable program disbursements from total disbursements for costs submitted for the year ended June 30, 2009, which will be used to compute the reimbursement for the year ending June 30, 2011.

Recommendation – Since the statute does not address whether expenses for reimbursed transportation and other activities should be deducted from a request for

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

Schedule of Findings

June 30, 2010

reimbursement pursuant to Chapter 232.142 of the Code of Iowa, the Commission should contact the Iowa Department of Human Services to resolve this matter.

Response – The Iowa Department of Human Services (DHS) was notified. DHS gave all detention centers guidelines to follow when submitting for State reimbursements. This Commission will follow the Office of Auditor of State’s recommendations, as well as the Iowa Department of Human Services.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

North Iowa Juvenile Detention Services Commission

Staff

This audit was performed by:

Deborah J. Moser, CPA, Manager
Aaron P. Wagner, CPA, Staff Auditor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Andrew E. Nielsen". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and "N".

Andrew E. Nielsen, CPA
Deputy Auditor of State