

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

Jeffrey R. Smith, Warden

Annual Financial Statement Audit

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020



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Internal Auditor's Report

Jeffrey R. Smith, Warden
Berks County Jail System
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Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and the Changes in Cash Balance of the Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts for the year ending December 31, 2020.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement that is free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Internal Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to annually audit the account of the Inmate Account and to report the results of the audit to the Berks County Commissioners, the Berks County Prison Board and to the Prison administration.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the 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 involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the

entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

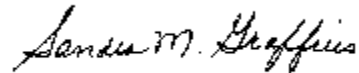
In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, its cash receipts, disbursements and cash balance for the year ending December 31, 2020 in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, Internal Audit has also issued a separate report dated April 18, 2022, on our evaluation of the Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, policies and/or procedures. That report is an integral part of the audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and is to be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of the audit.



Sandra M. Graffius, Controller
April 18, 2022

Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts
County of Berks, Pennsylvania
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Balance – Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020
Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Receipts

Commitment Cash & Funds From Family	1,283,312
Work Release Program	121,284
Inmate Pay Program	43,850
Miscellaneous Other	4,834
Interest Income	100
Total Receipts	1,453,379

Disbursements

Inmate Welfare Fund - Commissary Purcha:	726,039
Inmate Welfare Fund - Telephone Services	270,906
Refunds to Inmates	224,849
Processing Fee	84,052
Release of Funds	58,573
Unpaid Processing Fee	39,337
Newspaper	20,950
County of Berks - Room & Board	16,408
Fines & Costs	11,085
Welfare Bags	9,911
Escheatables	8,384
Petty Cash	8,312
Miscellaneous Other	7,345
*Reconciling Discrepancies	7,084
Postage	5,427
Haircare	3,211
Drug & Alcohol Tests	3,150
County Restitution	2,451
Medical	1,318
Support	929
NSF Checks Returned	50
Kiosk Fees	-
Total Disbursements	1,509,772

Cash receipts in excess of disbursements	(56,393)
Cash Account balance as of January 1	142,587
Cash Account balance as of December 31	86,194

**Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts
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Notes to Financial Statement
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Note 1: Nature of the office and significant accounting policies

Nature of the office:

Berks County Jail System is a County Correctional Institution that holds pre-trial and County sentenced inmates 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 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. The purpose of the Welfare Fund Accounts is to use its funds exclusively for the betterment of the inmates.

Administrative costs and expenses incurred by the Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts are reflected on the books and records of the County of Berks and not on the financial statement.

Basis of accounting:

The books and records of the Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts are maintained on the cash basis of accounting; therefore, the financial statement presented herein does not purport to present the account balances and results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Under this basis of accounting, revenue is recognized when cash is received and expenditures are recognized when paid. This differs from Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) which requires the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash accounts:

The financial statement compiled for the Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts reflect primarily trust and agency account activity. These accounts are maintained and reconciled by the Berks County Jail System. Administrative costs and expenses incurred by the Berks County Jail System are reflected on the books and records of the County of Berks and not on the financial statement.

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Notes to Financial Statement - Continued
For the Year Ended December 31, 2020**

Note 2: Cash

The following cash accounts are in the name of Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts and are reflected in the County of Berks financial statements:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Account Type</u>	<u>Bank Balance</u>	<u>Carrying Value</u>
Vist	Inmate Checking	\$ 90,258	\$ 81,194
Vist	Work Release Checking	5,000	5,000
		\$ 95,258	\$ 86,194

These accounts hold funds received by the Berks County Jail System in a trust and agency capacity and use of these funds, by the Berks County Jail System, is restricted.

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

Note 3: Legal Matters

Our audit disclosed no pending litigation involving the Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts or Jeffrey R. Smith, Warden that would affect the financial statement for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Note 4: Fraud Investigation

In 2020, the Jail had several fraudulent checks written and cashed from the Inmate Account. The payments were caught during the monthly bank reconciliation and the bank notified. As of the date of the report the individual responsible has been caught, but restitution has not yet been established. The amount of \$10,000 in restitution is owed to the Inmate Account. The Jail has implemented positive pay as an anti-fraud program.

Note 5: Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through April 18, 2022, which is the date the financial statement was available to be issued.



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**Internal Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on
Compliance and Other Matters**

Jeffrey R. Smith, Warden
Berks County Jail System
County of Berks, Pennsylvania

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement of Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts for the year ended December 31, 2020, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, we considered Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts' internal control over financial reporting (internal control) 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 an opinion on the effectiveness of Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts' internal control.

A *deficiency* in internal control 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, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statement will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts' financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect in 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.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts in a separate letter dated April 18, 2022.

This report is intended solely for the information and use by the management of Berks County Jail System Inmate Accounts and other affected county offices, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sandra M. Graffius". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'S'.

Sandra M. Graffius, Controller
April 18, 2022