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Eide Bailly LLP today released an audit report on Benton County, Iowa.

Eide Bailly LLP reported that the County had local tax revenue of \$34,452,638 for the year ended June 30, 2009, which included \$7,050,932 in tax credits from the state. The County forwarded \$24,992,594 of the local tax revenue to the townships, school districts, cities, and other taxing bodies in the County.

The County retained \$8,741,362 of the local tax revenue to finance County operations. Other revenues included charges for service of \$1,375,660, operating grants and contributions of \$4,856,651, capital grants and contributions of \$2,747,825, local option sales tax of \$718,682, unrestricted investment earnings of \$179,273, and other general revenues of \$182,238.

Expenses for County operations totaled \$17,436,372. Expenses included \$7,519,379 for roads and transportation, \$4,120,205 for public safety and legal services, and \$1,791,146 for mental health.

A copy of the audit report is available for review in the County Auditor's Office, in the Office of Auditor of State, and on the Auditor of State's web site at <http://auditor.iowa.gov/reports/reports.htm>.