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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 \$29,878,933 for the year ended June 30, 2007, which included \$4,913,821 in tax credits from the state. The County forwarded \$22,477,083 of the local tax revenue to the townships, school districts, cities, and other taxing bodies in the County.

The County retained \$7,401,850 of the local tax revenue to finance County operations. Other revenues included charges for service of \$1,330,993, operating grants and contributions of \$4,355,359, capital grants and contributions of \$977,367, unrestricted investment earnings of \$321,045, and other general revenues of \$429,471.

Expenses for County operations totaled \$14,639,277. Expenses included \$6,218,832 for roads and transportation, \$2,651,164 for public safety and legal services, and \$1,718,512 for mental health.

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