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TO: Chairman McConnaughay, members of the Public Health
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FROM: William F. Keck CPA, Auditor *WFK*

RE: Animal Control Facility Construction Audit

Enclosed is our audit report for the construction of the animal control facility. The Kane County Board decided to construct a domestic animal control facility by Resolution 00-395 which authorized the hiring of an architect to prepare preliminary plans. Board Resolution 05-234 provided for revised architectural construction documents for the animal control facility. Board Resolution 04-326 authorized construction of the animal control facility by John Edwards Construction. This contract was terminated at a later date by the contractor with a settlement approved by the County Board. Board Resolution 06-153 authorized the hiring of MIC, Inc. for the construction of the animal control facility. Since our audit was to determine accountability for the project by the current administration, the scope of our audit was limited to resolutions 05-234 and 06-153, which were passed by the County Board during the Chairman McConnaughay administration.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact my office.

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ANIMAL CONTROL FACILITY CONSTRUCTION
AUDIT REPORT

February 19, 2008

INTRODUCTION:

Chairman McConnaughay has requested that the Auditor's Office perform an audit of the construction costs for the Kane County Animal Control facility. The scope of the audit is limited to the contracts authorized by resolution 05-234 dated 7/12/05 and 06-153 dated 4/11/06, which were passed by the County Board during the Chairman McConnaughay administration.

As stipulated in the County Code, the Anderson Animal Shelter is in South Elgin, IL and had been used as the County's animal holding facility. With the County's human population growth, came a growth in the animal population and the Anderson Animal Shelter was no longer able to accommodate the County's impounded dogs and other animals.

RESOLUTION 05-234:

This resolution authorized the Chairman to enter into a contract for professional services with Mark J. Schmidt, AIA, and Knapp Schmidt Architects to provide revised Architectural Construction Documents and to provide revisions to electrical, plumbing and structural engineering for the sum of \$22,400 to be paid from the Capital Projects Fund.

Total payments in the amount of \$12,909 were made to Knapp Schmidt for services authorized in Resolution 05-234. The payments were paid from Fund 051 Animal Control and not Fund 025 Capital Projects as specified in the resolution.

RESOLUTION 06-153:

This resolution acknowledges that the County Board accepts the guaranteed maximum price submitted by MIC Construction in the amount of \$2,158,550 and authorized the Chairman to enter into a contract for professional services with MIC to manage the construction of the facility for the guaranteed maximum price of \$2,158,550 which includes construction services.

The sources for funding this project shall include:

Advance from Capital Projects Fund	\$ 810,400
Animal Control Fund	\$ 750,000
Advance from General Fund	\$ 598,150
Total	\$2,158,550


Total payments in the amount of \$2,123,857 were made to MIC for services authorized on Resolution 06-153. These payments were from Fund 025 Capital Projects. The amounts specified from the Animal Control Fund and General Fund were transferred to the Capital Projects Fund via journal entry.

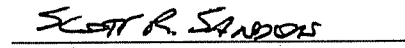
CONCLUSION:

Payments made to Knapp Schmidt and MIC were under the amount authorized by the County Board at \$9,491 and \$34,693 respectively.

In accordance with KCC Sec. 2-192 (c) (2) "within thirty (30) days of receipt of the internal audit report, each county officer, agent or division shall submit a written response to the county auditor, outlining the action that has been taken in response to the recommendations made by the auditor."

Respectively Submitted,


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Deputy Auditor

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