

**AUDUBON TOWNSHIP REPORT FOR COMPLIANCE WITH DECENNIAL  
COMMITTEES ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT EFFICIENCY ACT  
Joint Report**

I. Unit of government submitting this report:  
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NAME OF TOWNSHIP:     **Audubon Township**    

Note: Any local government that levies a tax, other than a municipality or county must file this report. For Road Districts in counties with populations of less than 400,000 the highway commissioner may form a joint committee to prepare one combined report. See 50 ILCS 70/10(b-5).

II. Information about our Township

- A. We are located in Montgomery County. There are 18 townships in our county.
- B. The population of our Township is 552, as of the 2020 census.
- C. We have 0 employees of the Township (not including elected officials).
- D. We have 5 employees in our Road District (not including elected officials).
- E. Our annual budget for 2023 is: \$ **(Town) 85,968 and (Road) 209,250**
- F. Our Township's equalized assessed valuation for 2023 is \$ 13,746,519.

III. Information about Our Committee

A. Committee Members:

- Township Supervisor Helen Archibald
- Township Highway Commissioner Dennis Pease
- Township Trustee Jason Clavin
- Township Trustee Bob Burrus
- Township Trustee Connie Marley
- Township Trustee Justin German
- Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Dave Rakers
- Township Resident (Supervisor Appointment) Darlene Uri
- Township Resident (Highway Comm. Appointment) Sandy Jenkins

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- B. Our residents have benefitted from these agreements in the following ways:
- C. We have considered possibly offering the following social services or the following additional potential partnerships:

VI. Awards and Recognitions

Our Township has received the following awards, distinctions, and recognitions: (List all).

N/A

VII. Intergovernmental Agreements

A. We partner with, or have Intergovernmental Agreements, with the following other Governments (List all):

Entity:	Services Offered:
<b>Montgomery County Assessor</b>	<b>Property Assessments</b>

B. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

**By hiring the county assessor, we have saved our citizens in cost incurred. We are part of the Multi-Township with Nokomis Township**

VIII. Review of Laws, Township Policies, Township Rules and Procedures, Township Training Materials, and other Documents

We have reviewed the following, non-exhaustive list of laws, policies, training materials, and other documents applicable to the Township to evaluate our compliance and to determine if any of the foregoing should be amended.

- State laws applicable to Townships, including, but not limited to the Township Code (60 ILCS)
- Illinois Open Meetings Act (5 ILCS 120)
- Policy on public comment
- Designation of OMA officer (5 ILCS 120/1.05(a))
- ~~All of Elected~~ Officials have completed OMA Training (5 ILCS 120/1.05(b))
- Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)

in number of township residents served, etc.) **The board has effectively budgeted funds for the operation of the township. Meetings are open to the public and officers are paid a modest fee. Proper disbursements have also been made timely.**

X. What Inefficiencies Did We Identify/What Are our Next Steps?

**This committee found that we had not identified who the FOIA, OMA, and Whistleblower officials should be. When we began, the training had not been completed, but as of our final report, it is completed. A Whistleblower resolution was passed that had also been missing. We are confident that all requirements are currently being met.**

XI. What Can We Do Better or More Efficiently?

**Ensure that annual training is completed to ensure we comply with state laws.**

XII. Studies on Governmental Efficiencies

In preparing this report, we reviewed several studies on local government efficiency. These studies show that:

- The average local government in Illinois serves 1800 residents compared to the national median of 2850 individuals
- Most townships in Illinois have no bonded indebtedness. Together with road districts they are an integral element of local democracy. Township expenditures have grown at a lower rate than those of any other level of government since 1992.
- Townships have lower labor costs and employ mostly part time employees.

XIII. Our committee's recommendations regarding Increased Accountability and Efficiency: NONE, we are comfortable with current procedures

D. Our Township's efficiency has increased through intergovernmental cooperation in the following way (list cost savings, avoiding duplicated services, etc.):

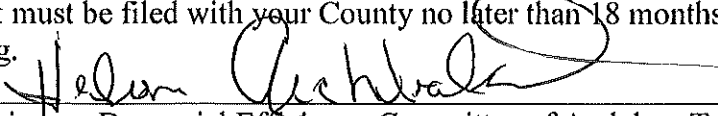
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- Schedule of All Township Regular Meetings for Calendar or Fiscal Year (5 ILCS 120/2.03)
- Illinois Freedom of Information Act (5 ILCS 140)
- Designation of FOIA officer (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- FOIA Officer Training (5 ILCS 140/3.5(b))
- Computation and Retention of FOIA Requests (5 ILCS 140/3.5(a))
- Posting Other Required FOIA Information (5 ILCS 140/4(a); 5 ILCS 140/4(b))
- List of Types or Categories of FOIA Records under Township's Control (5 ILCS 140/5)
- Periodic Meetings to Review Closed Meeting Minutes (5 ILCS 120/2.06(d))
- IMRF Total Compensation Postings (5 ILCS 120/7.3)
- Designation of Whistleblower Auditing Official (50 ILCS 105/4.1)
- All of our Elected Officials have filed statement of economic interests (5 ILCS 420/4A-101; 5 ILCS 420/4A-101.5)

Note: This Report must be filed with your County no later than 18 months after your first committee meeting.

Submitted by:   
Chairman, Decennial Efficiency Committee of Audubon Township

Date: