

# OFFICE OF THE UTAH STATE AUDITOR

News Release For Immediate Release March 14, 2016

## Office of the Utah State Auditor Releases Kane County Report on Investigation of Theft

Investigation shows public funds transferred to County Treasurer's personal accounts Other funds remain unaccounted for

### Salt Lake City, UTAH –

The Office of the Utah State Auditor (Office) today released its Report on the Investigation of Theft of County funds. The Office reviewed all transfers out of County bank accounts, reviewed certain processed checks, and compared cash receipt records to actual bank deposits for the period January 1, 2013 through January 31, 2016.

The Office identified 46 transfers totaling \$34,600 from County bank accounts to personal accounts held by the Treasurer. Records indicate that the Treasurer is the only person authorized to make these transfers. In addition, the Treasurer is responsible for cash receipts at the County. Comparing documented cash receipts with actual deposits shows a shortfall of \$56,191 which remains unaccounted for.

The full report may be found on the Office's website, <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>, specifically at <u>https://secure.utah.gov/auditor/osaReports/downloadReport.html?reportId=9815</u>.

#### About the Office of the Utah State Auditor

The Office of the Utah State Auditor provides Utah taxpayers and government officials with an independent assessment of financial operation, statutory compliance, and performance management for state and local government.

Specific activities of the Office include performing financial audits, conducting Federal funds compliance audits, providing local government oversight, conducting agency and program performance audits, performing fraud and compliance audits, and operating the State Auditor Hotline for citizens to report suspected financial issues or improprieties. These capabilities strengthen Utah State Government and help taxpayers have confidence in the integrity of Utah's government agencies.

The Utah State Auditor is a Constitutional Officer of the State of Utah, elected directly by the state's citizens every four years. The role of the Utah State Auditor is authorized in Article VII, Section 15 of the Utah Constitution. For more information, see <u>auditor.utah.gov</u>.

#### Contact:

Nicole Toomey Davis Public Information Officer Office of the Utah State Auditor 801-678-4835 ndavis@utah.gov