Cybersecurity Identify Actions  
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In accordance with our approved 2019 Audit Plan, we completed a performance audit of Countywide Cybersecurity Identify actions. The objective of the audit was:

- Are the County’s IT Departments performing security actions defined in the Identify function of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Cybersecurity Framework?

Audit criteria and recommended practices were based on NIST guidelines.

We offered recommendations intended to assist governance and department leadership identify and close gaps where NIST Identify actions were not fully implemented. Management concurred with the findings and agreed with the recommendations.

We also reviewed the County’s efforts to implement recommendations from an external assessment performed in 2015. We found the County has implemented most of the recommendations and made progress in improving the County’s cybersecurity efforts.

Audit Services conducted this performance audit in accordance with generally accepted government auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to provide a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives. We believe that the evidence obtained provides a reasonable basis for our findings and conclusions based on our audit objectives.

The audit is confidential under K.S.A. 45-221(a)(12) and (45). We reported the results to the Board of County Commissioners in an executive session. We reported relevant portions of the audit to the Board of Park and Recreation in executive session.

I appreciate the cooperation received from department and agency officials during the audit.

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County Auditor