EXCISE TAX ACCOUNTING

COUNTY TREASURERS' SPRING MEETING

Foundation to Good Excise Tax Accounting

- Solid excise accounting is accomplished by leaving no gaps
- ▶ Gaps occur when not all excise tax transactions are accounted for
- On the treasurer's side post all deposits, receipts, disbursements and adjustments of excise tax to the cash book.
- On the auditor's side post all receipts, disbursements and adjustments of excise tax to the excise tax ledger.
- Monthly treasurer and auditor excise tax balances should be reconciled. Must be reconciled at settlement
- The key is maintaining good communications between the auditor and the treasurer.

BMV

Creates Daily and places on FTP Site:

Vehicle Registration Text File

Vehicle Registration Report - Auditor Copy

Vehicle Registration Report - Assessor Copy

Deposit Report

BMV Reports on FTP Site

- The BMV reports on the FTP site can and should be copied to the county's network or county's computer.
 - DO NOT MOVE THEM TO THE COUNTY'S NETWORK OR COUNTY COMPUTER AS THIS REMOVES THEM FROM THE FTP SITE
 - Both the Auditor's office and the Treasurer's office need access to these report.

BMV Reports

The filename structure of the BMV text files and reports is as follows:

- First two numbers = County Number
- Third number indicates the type of report
 - ▶ 0 indicates Vehicle Registration Text file
 - ▶ 1 indicates Vehicle Registration Report Auditor
 - > 2 indicates Vehicle Registration Report Assessor
 - 3 indicates BMV Deposit Report Treasurer
- Fourth through seventh number = Year
- Eighth and ninth numbers = Month
- Tenth and eleventh numbers = Day
- Twelfth and thirteenth numbers = MV
- Last four numbers = Report number

BMV Deposit Report

- A single page report with the amounts deposited for the day to the county BMV bank account for:
 - Excise Tax Treasurer's receipt
 - ► Wheel Tax quietus
 - Surtax quietus
 - Total deposit to BMV bank account
- This report must be used as the basis for the treasurer's excise tax receipt and cash book posting

BMV Deposit Report

▶ The BMV Deposit report must be the source for the:

Treasurer's excise tax receipt

- ▶ The excise tax posted to the other sources section of the cash book
- The deposit posted to the BMV bank account of the Cash in Depositories Section of the cash book
- ▶ If applicable, the county auditor's excise surtax and wheel tax quietus

Excise Tax Receipt - Treasurer

- The treasurer accesses the BMV FTP Site to retrieve a copy of the BMV Deposit Report
- From the BMV Deposit Report the treasurer's excise tax receipt is prepared
- The receipt date is the date the receipt is prepared
- The receipt amount is the excise tax shown on the BMV Deposit Report
 - ► The receipt should show:
 - ▶ The transaction through date shown on the BMV Deposit Report (or range of dates)
 - The BMV Deposit Repot number (last four digits) (or range if more than one report)
- Give a copy of the receipt to the county auditor for the county auditor to use to verify the excise deposits to the BMV vehicle registration reports

Cash Book Postings

- The Treasurer's Cash Book posting is the date of the treasurer's receipt
- The excise tax receipt is posted to the Excise line of the Other Sources Section of the Cash Book
- The excise surtax and wheel tax is posted to the Funds Section of the Cash Book
- In the Cash in Depositories Section post the BMV Deposit Report total as a deposit to the BMV bank account.
- Perform a monthly reconciliation between the BMV bank statement and the BMV bank account balance from the Treasurer's Cash Book.
- If discrepancies between the bank statement and the cash book postings are found contact BMV. Tamytha Cooper (317) 232-6438 or tcooper@bmv.in.gov

Auditor and Treasurer Reconciliation

- Use the AOS reconciliation worksheet to determine the difference between the excise the auditor is including in settlement and the excise the treasurer certified on the 49TC
- The auditor should be including in the settlement the excise tax posted to the excise tax ledger as of the cutoff date.
- The treasurer should be certifying on the 49TC the excise posted to the cash book as of the date the 49TC is completed.

THOSE AMOUNTS WILL BE DIFFERENT AND HAVE TO BE RECONCILED

Auditor and Treasurer Reconciliation

- The reconciliation is a matter of the auditor knowing what is in the excise tax to be included in settlement and the treasurer knowing what is in the amount to be certified.
- The difference between the auditor and treasurer amount is a matter of what is in included in one amount that is not included in the other amount
- As long as the difference can be reconciled and is one of the items on the reconciliation worksheet and all items of difference are identified, settlement can proceed.