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“This is not something we are expecting (McLean County) to elevate,” Mack said.
The last finding Mack discussed with commissioners was a material journal entry to show money from court activities within the financial statement.
McLean County Auditor Beth Knutson asked Mack the best way for the county to incorporate that line item, as the court system is contracted through the state with their own accounting system.
Mack said she could make a new fund or find a place within a fund to add the line item. He said there are no specifics on how often she has to show activity on the fund, adding it could even be a yearly entry strictly for auditing purposes.
At this time, Mack said the only county he is aware of in North Dakota doing this is Williams County, but it is something McLean County could start doing so it is not a finding on future audit reviews if they chose to do so.
After presenting the audit, Mack acknowledged Knutson and her team and thanked

them for their hard work, flexibility and patience.
“Sometimes, it’s not as clean where we get to work from start to finish - (Knutson and her team) were very forthcoming with information, paid attention to us and, frankly, they had patience with us,” Mack said. “They did a very nice job and it was a pleasure to work with them – (McLean County) is one of our better county clients on preparedness.”
Looking ahead, Mack said there might be some bumps in the road when switching accounting principles and then with auditing those principles, but he was positive and optimistic about the outcome of it.
McLean County Commission Chairman Steve Lee thanked Mack and his team for preparing the audit, noting he didn’t hear any complaints from the county side.
Commissioner Curt Olson agreed, thanking Mack for going over the audit report.
“I am glad to hear our staff is doing a good job,” Olson said.
The commissioners unanimously accepted the audit report.

WASHBURN OLDTIMER'S CORNER

Compiled by Shelly Wallace from the files of the Wilton News and the Washburn Leader

**100 Years Ago
Dec. 11, 1925**
Washburn has been chosen by the Otter Tail Power Co. of Fergus Falls, Minn. as the logical place in this part of the state to build one of their power plants. The news came as a surprise to practically everybody in town. But for the past two or three months the power company has been making this consideration.
J. Suess, proprietor of the Washburn Cash Store, announced that he is closing his business. He decided to close after his wife’s death. In his large full-page ad for the Dec. 12-24 close-out sale, he wrote: “We do not advise you to break the speed law, but if you ever had a good, sound logical reason to step on the gas and driving to town to attend the opening day of this sale, Saturday, Dec. 12, just remember the day. It will be a genuine Bargain Day where everything in the store is to be sold out regardless of cost. Prices speak louder than words. Everything must go.”
The Washburn Motor Co. began work by digging a basement for a new addition to their garage and an up-to-date filling station.
**90 Years Ago
Dec. 6, 1935**
Under the direction of Pauline Rishworth, the school presented a Japanese operetta, “Princess Chrysanthemum.” Gowned in flowing robes and kimonos particular to the Japanese people and supported by a cast of courtiers and populous fairies and spirits, the soloists told the pretty Japanese love story

in song and dialogue.
The Christmas Seal sales campaign is to be launched in all the schools of the county, continuing from Thanksgiving to the Christmas holidays.
**80 Years Ago
Dec. 6, 1945**
The members of the Washburn Fire Department all enjoyed a big venison feed with all the trimmings. The buck deer had been wounded and was reported seen along the railroad tracks west of town. The Game Department at Bismarck ordered Sheriff Charley Wheldon to kill it and give the venison to different local organizations. The firemen came in for their share.
All protestant church youth groups are welcome to the Inter-Denominational Youth Rally to be held at the local Methodist Church on Dec. 9.
Arriving here last week from Santa Ana, Calif., Lt. Donald Sampsel, son of Mr. and Mrs. E.E. Sampsel, who was on terminal leave from the Army Air Corps until January, at which time he will be placed on inactive status.
**70 Years Ago
Dec. 8, 1955**
Santa Claus, the man who seems to have a remarkable memory for names, faces and gifts, has arranged to stop here in Washburn Saturday, Dec. 17, at 3 p.m. at the Memorial hall. He’ll have treats for the children and a smile and a message of good cheer for everyone. Helping with the distribution of the treats will be members of the Washburn Boy Scout troop.
Washburn stopped the

Underwood Comets 54-43 in the first conference battle for either team at the Washburn Memorial Hall Tuesday night. Despite the Cardinals’ 11-point lead at the end of the game, the game was nip and-tuck from the very start to a few minutes from the finish when the Washburn five pulled away. Three Washburn cagers scored in double figures. Don Scholl, Don Prouty, and John Hailley made 19, 17 and 13 points, respectively.
An ad for Holtan Mercantile Co. reads: Ladies’ Coats, 19.00 – 23.00; Ladies’ Dresses, 7.98 – 9.98; Men’s Surcoats special, 9.99; Men’s Pants, 8.99 & 10.99; Traveling Cases for the entire family, 2.98, 3.98, 5.00, 6.98.
**60 Years Ago
Dec. 9, 1965**
The Christmas season is or will very soon be in full swing for everyone in this area, and buying is fair to brisk, it was reported this week. Santa Claus is making his annual appearance in Washburn this Saturday, Dec. 11 and preparations are being made for this event. A free movie at the Roxy theatre will get underway about 1:30, and following this, Santa Claus will appear at the Memorial Hall with his bag of treats and messages for the little tots. Members of the Washburn Boy Scout troop will be assisting.
Al Bauman’s Washburn Cardinals opened their 1965-66 basketball season successfully with wins over Turtle Lake and Goodrich.

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