

Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

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The Honorable John Gregory Mooney Chief Judge County of Rockbridge General District Court P. O. Box 139 Covington, VA 24426

Audit Period:July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012Court System:County of RockbridgeJudicial District:Twenty-fifth

We are performing a statewide audit of the General District Courts. During our review of this court, we conducted certain audit procedures, as we deemed appropriate.

Management of this court is an important part of the court's accountability, since you are responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. During our review, we noted certain matters that required management's attention and corrective action. These matters included:

Request Tax Set-Off Refunds

The Clerk did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) for tax set-off of refunds totaling \$1,484.23 for delinquent court costs and fines, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth and locality. A court must submit claims for set-off of tax refunds through TAX's automated accounting system called the Integrated Revenue Management System. The Clerk should use the tax refund set-off process to maximize collections as required by the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Gordon F. Saunders, Judge The Honorable William Harrison Cleaveland, Judge The Honorable William C. Goodwin, Judge Marilyn Hostetter McCurdy, Clerk Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services Supreme Court of Virginia