



SAMUEL H. COOPER
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
FOR THE
COUNTY OF ACCOMACK

AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023

Auditor of Public Accounts
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March 21, 2024

Talia Taylor
Clerk of the Circuit Court
County of Accomack

Robert Crockett, Board Chairman
County of Accomack

We have performed procedures on the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Samuel H. Cooper, former Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack at December 31, 2023. The Clerk of the Circuit Court is an elected constitutional officer who administers the County of Accomack's court of record. All records supporting the amounts presented in this financial statement are the responsibility of the outgoing Clerk.

The purpose of the limited procedures we performed was to determine the accountability of the former Clerk at December 31, 2023, and to turn over the assets, accounts, and records of the office to Talia Taylor, the newly elected Clerk of the Circuit Court. Our procedures included agreeing the amounts presented in the accompanying statement to supporting documentation, such as bank statements and financial reports. We also verified the termination of the former Clerk's access to financial and other systems and the Court's bank account. A limited review of the general ledger, liabilities, and daily receipts was also conducted for the period April 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023. A more comprehensive audit of the former Clerk was performed for the period of January 1, 2022 through March 31, 2023, the results of which are included in our report dated July 18, 2023.

This financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is prescribed by the State Comptroller and approved by the Auditor of Public Accounts as it is deemed the appropriate method of reporting by Clerks of the Circuit Court.

Based on the procedures we performed, we found the financial statement referred to above was properly supported and presents fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities of the Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Accomack as of December 31, 2023, on the cash basis of accounting described above.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this engagement.

Staci A. Henshaw
AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS

LH: clj

cc: The Honorable James Clayton Lewis, Chief Judge
Michael T. Mason, CPA, County Administrator
Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary
Compensation Board
Paul DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia

**COUNTY OF ACCOMACK
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2023**

ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$1,977,632
Total	1,977,632
LIABILITIES	
Due to the Commonwealth of Virginia	9,854
Due to the County of Accomack	65,358
Collections for others	1,344,042
Depository bonds	130,097
Moneys under control of the court	315,722
Condemnation Funds	48,637
Unspecified receipts	63,922
Total	\$1,977,632

This Statement was prepared using the cash basis of accounting, which records cash receipts when received and disbursements when made.