



# Commonwealth of Virginia

**Auditor of Public Accounts**

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**Richmond, Virginia 23218**

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May 15, 2008

The Honorable Patrick R. Johnson  
Chief Judge  
County of Buchanan  
General District Court  
P. O. Box 654  
Grundy, VA 24614

The Honorable Henry A. Barringer  
Chief Judge  
County of Buchanan Juvenile and  
Domestic Relations District Court  
P. O. Box 613  
Tazewell, VA 24651

The Honorable Teresa M. Chafin  
Magistrate Supervising Authority  
Twenty-ninth Judicial District  
P. O. Box 968  
Tazewell, VA 24651

Audit Period: October 1, 2006 through March 31, 2008  
Court System: County of Buchanan  
Judicial District: Twenty-ninth

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Combined General District Court and the associated Magistrates for this locality. Our primary objectives for both the Court and the Magistrates were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the applicable financial management system; evaluate internal controls; and test its compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies.

## Management's Responsibility

Court management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Deficiencies in internal controls could possibly lead to the loss of revenues or assets, or otherwise compromise fiscal accountability.

## Financial Matters

We noted no instances of improper recording and reporting of financial transactions in the Court's financial management system.

### Internal Controls

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention.

### Compliance

The results of our tests of compliance with applicable laws and regulations disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported.

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

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cc: Janice A. Rife, Clerk  
Edward Matney, Chief Magistrate  
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services  
Supreme Court of Virginia