



Commonwealth of Virginia

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May 20, 2009

The Honorable Gino W. Williams
Chief Judge
City of Galax
General District Court
1 East Main Street, Suite 201
Christiansburg, VA 24073

The Honorable H. Lee Chitwood
Chief Judge
City of Galax Juvenile and
Domestic Relations District Court
45 Third Street, N. W., Suite 103
Pulaski, VA 24301

Audit Period: January 1, 2008 through March 31, 2009
Court System: City of Galax

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Combined General District Court for this locality. Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's 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 during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable E. M. Turner, III, Judge
The Honorable J. D. Bolt, Judge
Vicki E. Tate, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia