



# Commonwealth of Virginia

## *Auditor of Public Accounts*

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September 17, 2021

F. Lee Sanders  
Board Chairman  
County of Richmond

Dear Mr. Sanders:

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff of the locality indicated for the year ended June 30, 2021. Our primary objectives were to determine that the officials have maintained accountability over Commonwealth collections, established internal controls, and complied with state laws and regulations.

The results of our tests found the Treasurer, Commissioner of the Revenue, and Sheriff complied, in all material respects, with state laws, regulations and other procedures relating to the receipt, disbursement, and custody of state funds, except as follows.

The Sheriff did not maintain sufficient internal control over state funds as described below.

### **Promptly Deposit Sheriff's Fees**

**Repeat: No**

The Sheriff delayed depositing Sheriff's fees into an official bank account for eight of 28 receipts (29%) tested. We noted delays of up to ten days. Having cash or checks on hand is a risk that could lead to a loss of funds. The Sheriff should follow the best practices outlined in the Virginia Sheriff's Accounting Manual, which recommends the Sheriff deposit all collections in the Sheriff's official bank account either weekly or when collections exceed \$200.

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We discussed this comment with the Sheriff on September 13, 2021, and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

Sincerely,

Staci A. Henshaw  
Auditor of Public Accounts

SAH: clj

cc: R. Morgan Quicke, County Administrator  
Kristie S. Brann, Treasurer  
Jennifer W. Delano, Commissioner of the Revenue  
Stephan B. Smith, Sheriff