

Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

March 1, 2024

The Honorable Gordon S. Vincent Chief Judge County of Accomack General District Court

Audit Period: July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023

Court System: County of Accomack

Judicial District: 2A

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 the following matter requiring management's attention and corrective action.

Request Tax Set Off Refunds

Repeat: No

The Clerk did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation (Taxation) for tax setoff of refunds for delinquent court fines and costs totaling \$2,112, resulting in a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth and locality. A court must submit claims for setoff of tax refunds through Taxation's automated accounting system. The Clerk should use the tax refund set-off process to maximize collections as required by the Code of Virginia.

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We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Clerk and her staff during this engagement.

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cc: The Honorable Patrick Robbins, Judge
Francina Chisum, Clerk
Paul F. DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia