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Locality: County of Nelson

We have reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Commissioner of the Revenue and Sheriff of the County of Nelson for the year ended June 30, 2025. We also reviewed the Commonwealth collections and remittances of the Treasurer of the locality indicated, for the period August 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025. 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. It is our responsibility to perform procedures to the extent necessary to satisfy the objectives of this engagement. Our procedures included the review and evaluation of the officials' responses to an internal control questionnaire and testing the receipt, disbursement, recording, and reconciliation of Commonwealth revenues to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations. We limited our work to the collection of Commonwealth revenues. Local governments hire certified public accountants to audit all other financial activities of the locality, and these firms issue separate reports on the results of their audits.

The Commissioner of the Revenue did not maintain sufficient internal control over state funds or comply with state laws and regulations as described below.

Forward State Income Tax Payments to Treasurer for Receipt

Repeat: No

The Commissioner of the Revenue (Commissioner) provides receipts to taxpayers upon request to acknowledge receipt of state income tax payments accompanying tax returns. Code of Virginia Section 58.1-307 requires the Commissioner to send all payments received to the Treasurer for receipt within two banking days and only the Treasurer can officially receipt and deposit these collections.

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The Commissioner should stop issuing receipts for state income tax payments. If a taxpayer requests a receipt, the Commissioner should send the taxpayers to the Treasurer's office once she has recorded the assessment. If the taxpayer requests acknowledgement of the receipt of their tax return, the Commissioner should use another means of providing that information, such as date-stamping a copy of the tax return for the taxpayer.

We discussed this finding with the Commissioner of the Revenue on September 2, 2025. We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

The Treasurer has taken corrective action to remediate the finding that we communicated in our previous report.

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