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September 18, 2023

Onike Ruffin
Treasurer

Jonathan F. Judkins
Commissioner of the Revenue

Carlos Turner
Sheriff

Locality: County of Surry

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, 2023. 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. 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 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 Treasurer did not comply with state laws and regulations as described below.

Properly Update and Calculate Interest

Repeat: No

The Treasurer did not update the interest rate in the automated financial system during the audit period. While the financial impact of this condition was negligible, the Treasurer should have a procedure in place to ensure that the interest rate in the system is correct so that the system will properly calculate interest on state income tax. The Treasurer should immediately update the interest rate in the system and implement procedures, such as reviewing the quarterly on-line Tax Bulletins for interest rate changes and updating the system promptly with the correct interest rate whenever the Department of Taxation changes the interest rates.

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We discussed this finding with the Treasurer on September 18, 2023, and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

Sincerely,

Staci A. Henshaw
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cc: Robert Elliott, Jr., Board Chair
Melissa Rollins, County Administrator
Paul H. Lee, Director
Robinson, Farmer, Cox Associates