

Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

March 19, 2013

The Honorable Edwin A. Gendron, Jr. Chief Judge County of Henry General District Court P.O.Box 1402 Martinsville, VA 24114

Audit Period: July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012

Court System: County of Henry Judicial District: Twenty-first

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 certain matters that required management's attention and corrective action. These matters included:

Request Tax Set-Off Refunds

The Clerk did not submit claims to the Virginia Department of Taxation (TAX) for tax set-off refunds totaling \$482 for delinquent court costs and fines resulting in a loss of revenue to the Commonwealth and locality. A court must submit claims for set-off tax refunds through TAX's automated accounting system, the Integrated Revenue Management System. The Clerk should use the tax refund set-off process to maximize collections as required by the <u>Code of Virginia</u>.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Court during this engagement.

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