







# BEVERLY R. ANDERSON CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF LEE

REPORT ON AUDIT AT APRIL 8, 2014

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# Commonwealth of Virginia

# Auditor of Public Accounts

P.O. Box 1295 Richmond, Virginia 23218

January 27, 2015

Rene Lamey Clerk of the Circuit Court County of Lee

Charles Slemp, Jr., Board Chairman County of Lee

We have audited the accompanying Statement of Assets and Liabilities of Beverly R. Anderson, former Clerk of the Circuit Court of the County of Lee for the period January 1, 2013 through April 8, 2014. All records supporting the amounts presented in this financial statement are the responsibility of this Clerk. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

Our primary objectives were to test the accuracy of financial transactions recorded on the Court's financial management system; evaluate the Court's internal controls; and test its compliance with significant state laws, regulations, and policies. However, our audit was more limited than would be necessary to provide assurance on the internal controls or on overall compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and policies.

The purpose of the audit was to determine the accountability of the former Clerk at April 8, 2014, and to turn over the assets, accounts, and records of the office to Rene Lamey, the newly appointed Clerk of the Circuit Court.

As described in Note 1, this financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. This basis of accounting is prescribed by the State Comptroller and approved by the Auditor of Public Accounts as it is deemed the appropriate method of reporting by Clerks of the Circuit Court.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities of the Clerk of the Circuit court of the County of Lee as of April 8, 2014, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this engagement.

#### **AUDITOR OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS**

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cc: The Honorable Chadwick Dotson, Chief Judge
Dane Poe, County Administrator
Robyn M. de Socio, Executive Secretary
Compensation Board
Paul DeLosh, Director of Judicial Services
Supreme Court of Virginia

# **COUNTY OF LEE**

## **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

# **STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

# **AS OF APRIL 8, 2014**

ASSETS	
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Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$142,381
Unreimbursed Clerk's Expenses	
Total	142,381
LIABILITIES	
Due to the Commonwealth of Virginia	5,206
Due to the County of Lee	1,992
Collections for others	4,438
Depository bonds	1,000
Moneys under control of the court	6,375
Condemnation Funds	29,200
Unspecified receipts	94,170
Total	<u>\$142,381</u>

 ${\it The\ accompanying\ Notes\ to\ the\ Financial\ Statement\ are\ an\ integral\ part\ of\ this\ statement.}$ 

#### **COUNTY OF LEE**

#### **CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT**

#### **NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**AS OF APRIL 8, 2014** 

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Clerk of the Circuit Court is an elected constitutional officer who administers the County of Lee's court of record. The Circuit Court is where individuals file documents requiring formal recording by law to include deeds, wills, marriage licenses and various other documents. The Circuit Court has exclusive original jurisdiction in all felony criminal cases, in civil chancery, and civil cases where the amount exceeds \$25,000. It also hears appeals from district courts.

#### **Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement is prepared using the cash basis of accounting, which records cash receipts when received and disbursements when made.

## 2. **SURETY BOND**

In accordance with Sections 2.2-1840 and 2.2-1841, <u>Code of Virginia</u>, the Clerk was bonded under a Public Officials Position Schedule Bond in the amount of \$500,000 with the Fidelity and Deposit Company of Maryland and through a self-insurance plan administered by the Virginia Department of Treasury's Division of Risk Management as sureties.