



Commonwealth of Virginia

Auditor of Public Accounts

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September 7, 2012

Roger A. Welch
Board Chairman
P. O. Box 420
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County of Rappahannock

Dear Mr. Welch:

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, 2012. 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.

The results of our tests found the 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 maintain sufficient internal control over state funds.

Perform Monthly Reconciliations

The Treasurer did not perform timely and adequate monthly reconciliations of her accounting records to the Commonwealth Accounting and Reporting System (CARS) reports provided by the Department of Accounts. Timely monthly reconciliations are a significant internal control which is essential for determining the reliability of information.

The Treasurer should reconcile assessments, collections, and uncollected balances to CARS on a monthly basis as required by Section 58.1-3168 of the Code of Virginia and submit correction requests timely. Proper procedures will ensure complete and accurate recording of tax assessments and collections.

We discussed this comment with the Treasurer on September 7, 2012 and we acknowledge the cooperation extended to us during this review.

Sincerely,

Auditor of Public Accounts

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cc: John W. McCarthy, County Administrator
Frances A. Foster, Treasurer
Beverly S. Atkins, Commissioner of the Revenue
Connie C. Smith, Sheriff