

Commonwealth of Virginia

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July 11, 2024

The Honorable Michelle G. Gordon Clerk of the Circuit Court County of Mecklenburg

James D. Jennings, Board Chair County of Mecklenburg

Audit Period: April 1, 2023, through March 31, 2024 Court System: County of Mecklenburg

We have audited the cash receipts and disbursements of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for this locality for the period noted above. 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.

Management's Responsibility

Court management has responsibility for establishing and maintaining internal controls and complying with applicable laws and regulations. Internal control is a process designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Deficiencies in internal controls could lead to noncompliance with laws and regulations, the loss of assets or revenues, or otherwise compromise the Clerk's fiscal accountability.

We noted no matters involving internal control and its operation necessary to bring to management's attention.

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We acknowledge the cooperation extended to us by the Clerk and the Clerk's staff during this engagement.

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 cc: The Honorable Donald C. Blessing, Chief Judge Alex Gottschalk, County Administrator
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