# **Beaver County Combined District Courts**

Summary Audit Report
For the Period January 2016 through December 2017

David A. Rossi Beaver County Controller

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September 18, 2018

Mr. William Hare Beaver County Court Administrator Beaver County Court House Beaver, PA 15009

Dear Mr. Hare:

We have audited the financial records of the nine District Courts in the county of Beaver of the state of Pennsylvania for the period <u>January 1, 2016 through December 31, 2017</u>. Based upon the audits we have issued our summary report thereon dated September 18, 2018.

We conducted our audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Based upon our review of the financial records, in our opinion, the statement of revenues and expenditures is fairly stated in all material aspects.

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Beaver County Controller

#### **AUDIT SCOPE**:

The scope of these audits encompassed the period from January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017.

#### **AUDIT OBJECTIVES:**

Through the completion of internal control questionnaires, control tests, substantive tests, and observation, the following audit objectives were accomplished for these audits:

- Prepared financial statements for each year reviewed
- Evaluated controls over the District Court's checking accounts
- Ensured that funds were deposited on the same day received
- Ensured that funds received were disbursed to the proper payees
- Ensured that funds held in escrow were adequate
- Ensured that funds receipted were applied to the proper case
- Ensured that costs and fines were properly split upon receipt
- Ensured that reports and funds due to the Commonwealth were correct and remitted in a timely manner
- Ensured that proper documentation was maintained in the case files
- Evaluated the controls over cash
- Evaluated the controls over purchasing and the administration of the budget
- Evaluated controls over general office procedures

## COMBINED DISTRICT COURTS STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)

\$ 178,963.52

#### **Receipts:**

Traffic	\$ 2,556,206.33
Non-Traffic	764,257.59
Landlord / Tenant	238,715.35
Civil	172,772.66
Criminal	58,773.60
Miscellaneous and other fees	6,839.05

**Total receipts** 

3,797,564.58

#### **Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 2,103,195.77
Municipalities	624,597.86
<b>Beaver County</b>	505,009.46
Server Costs	268,358.48
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	227,868.08
Miscellaneous Schools & Libraries	32,621.48

**Total disbursements** 

(3,761,651.13)

#### Adjustments:

Reimbursed Bank Charges	72.89
Miscellaneous	(0.34)
Adjustment for Return Items	(25.00)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ 214,924.52

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-1-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Begi	nning cash balance (1/1/2016)		\$ 21,361.56
Rece	ipts:		
	Traffic Non-Traffic Landlord / Tenant Civil Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 346,240.22 103,586.83 35,600.00 17,124.20 5,250.00 458.75	
	Total receipts		508,260.00
Disb	ursements:		
	Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ambridge Borough Beaver County Server Fees Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Harmony Township Baden Borough Ambridge Area School District	\$ 242,191.09 99,263.09 59,599.68 37,366.10 28,723.76 18,430.87 10,169.29 5,637.42	
	Total disbursements		(501,381.30)
Adju	stments:		
	Miscellaneous		0.05
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Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ <u>28,240.31</u>

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-1-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)		\$ 11,690.55
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Landlord / Tenant Civil Miscellaneous and other fees Total receipts	\$ 165,396.86 105,948.67 53,283.20 23,002.45 <u>177.50</u>	347,808.68
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Server Fees Beaver County Beaver Falls City Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Beaver Falls Parking Authority Patterson Township Big Beaver Falls Area Schools White Township Fallston Borough West Mayfield Borough Carnegie Free Public Library Patterson Heights Borough New Brighton Borough Eastvale Borough	\$ 155,264.23 57,058.32 52,817.09 46,173.33 10,969.87 6,912.52 6,174.59 3,680.63 3,092.35 875.72 537.92 437.30 300.00 321.24 88.08	
Total disbursements		(344,703.19)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous		(0.29)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ <u>14,795.75</u>

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-2-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)		\$ 44,420.50
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 599,952.19 195,327.14 21,597.43 20,737.00 10,200.00 <u>695.40</u>	
Total receipts		848,509.16
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Rochester Borough Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees New Sewickley Township Freedom Borough Economy Borough East Rochester Borough Conway Borough Rochester Township Freedom Area School District Ambridge Area School District Rochester Area School District	\$ 452,561.02 101,940.83 69,449.71 54,719.33 50,432.63 43,233.41 29,455.60 20,091.67 10,084.46 9,149.41 2,658.03 1,900.77 1,408.62 101.55	
Total disbursements  Adjustments:		(847,187.04)
Miscellaneous		0.09

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ 45,742.71

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-2-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)		\$	20,507.46
Receipts:			
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees Criminal	\$ 305,807.80 47,307.18 23,091.88 11,788.90 2,557.50 420.00		200 072 26
Total receipts			390,973.26
Disbursements:			
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees Brighton Township Midland Borough Bridgewater Borough Beaver Borough Ohioville Borough Industry Borough Beaver Area School District Vanport Township Western Beaver School District	\$ 233,739.95 55,735.73 29,497.46 19,372.22 17,938.56 14,187.28 9,650.30 6,577.22 4,970.57 942.67 844.86 489.87 5.00		
Total disbursements		(3	93,951.69)
Adjustments:			
Miscellaneous			(25.19)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ 17,503.84

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)	\$ 24,654.17
Receipts:	
Non-Traffic 82, Landlord / Tenant 26, Civil 21, Criminal 5,	,238.56 ,025.15 ,956.00 ,129.79 ,000.00 ,522.00
Disbursements:	340,071.30
Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral New Brighton Borough 23, Rochester Township 22, Server Fees 16, North Sewickley Township 8, Franklin Township 3, New Brighton Area School District Pulaski Township Ellwood City Borough Rochester Area School District Marion Township Riverside School District	124.77 100.03 363.27 836.56 743.30 793.59 832.37 498.06 328.41 112.62 939.55 485.09 369.03 265.22 145.98 50.00
Total disbursements	(357,987.85)
Adjustments:	
Miscellaneous	0.25

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ <u>13,538.07</u>

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-3-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

<b>Beginning</b>	cash	balance (	(1/1/2016)

\$ 12,184.54

#### Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 333,826.45
Non-Traffic	52,908.56
Criminal	31,000.00
Civil	13,526.95
Landlord / Tenant	8,522.40
Miscellaneous and other fees	536.20

Total Revenues 440,320.56

#### **Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 307,214.77
Beaver County	57,871.66
Chippewa Township	10,856.69
Server Fees	9,345.25
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	8,805.65
Koppel Borough	2,302.46
Blackhawk School District	1,978.75
Darlington Township	1,853.57
South Beaver Township	1,799.07
Big Beaver Borough	1,212.20
Darlington Borough	258.55
New Galilee Borough	75.00
New Sewickley Township	29.29

Total Disbursements (403,602.91)

#### Adjustments:

Miscellaneous 0.02

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016) \$ 48,902.21

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-3-03 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)			\$ 22,02	0.87
Receipts:				
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees Criminal	91 27	6,792.97 1,516.74 7,900.60 9,149.60 769.45 52.10		
Total receipts			506,18	1.46
Disbursements:				
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Server Costs Monaca Borough Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Center Township Raccoon Township Shippingport Borough South Side School District Central Valley School District Potter Township Green Township Riverside School District Georgetown Borough Beaver School District Big Beaver Falls School District Blackhawk School District Hookstown Borough Western Beaver School District	76 40 38 29 13	5,512.56 5,227.75 0,487.82 3,118.41 0,614.06 3,616.83 3,377.28 4,256.62 757.11 631.58 462.23 343.09 83.79 64.83 50.00 50.00 50.00 50.00		
Total disbursements			(510,80	3.96)
Adjustments: Miscellaneous			7	2.62

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016)

\$ <u>17,470.99</u>

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-3-04 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2016

#### Beginning cash balance (1/1/2016)

\$ 22,123.87

#### Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 226,951.28
Non-Traffic	85,637.32
Landlord / Tenant	62,678.25
Civil	25,399.36
Criminal	6,851.50
Miscellaneous and other fees	1,122.25

Total receipts 408,639.96

#### **Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 208,587.38
Beaver County	52,716.69
Server Fees	37,502.55
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	34,174.68
South Heights Borough	22,945.54
Aliquippa City	22,087.40
Hopewell Township	15,867.21
Aliquippa School District	4,948.62
Hanover Township	1,524.15
Hopewell Area School District	1,014.24
Independence Township	639.73
New Brighton Borough	25.00

Total disbursements (402,033.19)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2016) \$ 28,730.64

## COMBINED DISTRICT COURTS STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance $(1/1/2017)$	Beginning	cash	balance	(1/1	/2017)
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\$ 214,924.52

## **Receipts:**

Traffic	\$ 2,648,509.87
Non-Traffic	756,758.14
Civil	272,767.12
Landlord / Tenant	263,578.28
Miscellaneous and other fees	16,140.00
Criminal	8,828.36

#### **Total receipts**

3,966,581.77

#### **Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 2,279,690.49
Municipalities	635,249.92
<b>Beaver County</b>	530,972.61
Server Costs	269,489.63
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	260,600.21
Miscellaneous Schools & Libraries	29,476.34

#### **Total disbursements**

(4,005,479.20)

## Adjustments:

Miscellaneous	31.80
Adjustment for return items	(12.85)
Unreimbursed Bank Charges	(169.73)

## Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

\$ 175,876.31

## DISTRICT COURT 36-1-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$ 24,240.31
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Landlord / Tenant Civil Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees  Total receipts	\$ 376,410.48 92,262.20 39,178.75 32,481.00 1,500.00 261.50	542,093.93
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Ambridge Borough Beaver County Server Fees Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Harmony Township Baden Borough Ambridge Area School District	\$ 286,395.16 93,551.35 54,690.60 32,884.26 31,614.83 21,866.53 9,540.20 8,451.72	
Total disbursements		(538,994.65)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous		0.35

Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

\$ 31,339.94

## DISTRICT COURT 36-1-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$	14,795.75
Receipts:			
Traffic Non-Traffic Landlord / Tenant Civil Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 190,712.65 128,079.19 48,912.87 27,401.60 10,000.00 <u>584.35</u>		
Total receipts			405,690.66
Disbursements:			
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Server Fees Beaver County Beaver Falls City Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Patterson Township Beaver Falls Parking Authority Big Beaver Falls Area Schools White Township Carnegie Free Public Library Patterson Heights Borough Fallston Borough West Mayfield Borough New Brighton Borough	\$ 188,849.92 61,065.93 56,418.03 48,775.49 27,129.55 9,420.36 5,744.10 3,043.45 2,420.56 383.75 272.95 263.02 232.47 169.06		
Total disbursements		(	404,188.64)
Adjustments:			
Miscellaneous			0.22

Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

**\$ 16,297.99** 

## DISTRICT COURT 36-2-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$ 45,742.71
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 533,596.07 210,905.16 32,994.99 23,514.08 1,174.06	
Total receipts		802,184.36
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Rochester Borough Server Fees Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral New Sewickley Township Economy Borough Freedom Borough Conway Borough East Rochester Borough Rochester Township Freedom Area School District Ambridge Area School District Rochester Area School District	\$ 410,820.15 104,466.76 70,687.77 60,906.33 57,346.91 41,449.75 23,326.54 16,643.45 8,742.73 7,968.52 2,365.90 1,213.22 802.13 200.00	
Total disbursements		(806,940.16)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous Adjustment for Return Items Unreimbursed Bank Charges		(0.03) (37.85) (96.84)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

\$ <u>40,852.19</u>

## DISTRICT COURT 36-2-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$ 17,503.84
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees Criminal	\$ 227,036.16 44,907.61 27,263.41 13,012.25 1,959.35 210.00	
Total receipts		314,388.78
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees Brighton Township Midland Borough Bridgewater Borough Beaver Borough Ohioville Borough Vanport Township Industry Borough Beaver Area School District Midland School District Beaver Area Memorial Public Library	\$ 181,774.78 48,325.34 21,643.56 16,164.53 15,547.60 14,025.45 8,182.33 5,809.56 3,490.57 1,496.30 1,069.70 351.92 48.54 25.00	
Total disbursements		(317,955.18)
Adjustments:		
Adjustment for Return Items Miscellaneous		25.00 (25.41)
Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)		\$ <u>13,937.03</u>

## DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$ 13,538.07
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 244,520.75 71,075.28 34,875.42 32,405.00 <u>188.50</u>	
Total receipts		383,064.95
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County New Brighton Borough Rochester Township Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees North Sewickley Township Franklin Township New Brighton Area School District Ellwood City Borough Pulaski Township Marion Township Daugherty Township Rochester Area School District Riverside School District	\$ 218,103.52 54,849.65 33,664.83 30,092.57 14,210.49 13,086.08 10,329.57 2,346.30 1,829.54 895.89 736.76 577.51 525.00 246.36 88.24	
Total disbursements		(381,582.31)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous		0.02

Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

\$ 15,020.73

## DISTRICT COURT 36-3-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)	\$ 48,902.21
Receipts:	
Non-Traffic 46 Civil 21 Landlord / Tenant 14	3,371.01 5,562.08 ,734.25 5,575.15 300.00
Total Revenues	458,798.24
Disbursements:	
Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees 11 Chippewa Township 12 Big Beaver Borough Darlington Township 11 Blackhawk School District 12 Koppel Borough 12	,633.60 ,376.00 ,009.37 ,535.25 ,938.18 ,250.22 ,665.93 ,622.25 ,524.34 ,132.23 567.14 345.71 269.10 100.00
Total Disbursements	(492,969.32)
Adjustments:	
Miscellaneous	0.15

Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

\$ <u>14,731.28</u>

## DISTRICT COURT 36-3-03 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$ 17,470.99
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees  Total receipts	\$ 503,598.45 91,992.07 43,724.84 27,260.25 3,500.00 1,006.00	671,081.61
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Costs Monaca Borough Center Township Raccoon Township Shippingport Borough Green Township Central Valley Area School District Potter Township South Side School District Homewood Borough Georgetown Borough Rochester Area School District Riverside School District	\$ 422,879.82 89,548.61 44,460.13 41,397.65 38,387.86 16,042.38 8,335.64 1,253.15 935.67 669.28 597.42 263.17 175.07 100.00 52.87 16.21	
Total disbursements  Adjustments:		(665,114.93)
Miscellaneous Unreimbursed Bank Charge		23.23 (72.89)
Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)		\$ <u>23,388.01</u>

#### DISTRICT COURT 36-3-04 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2017

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2017)		\$ 28,730.64
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Landlord / Tenant Civil Miscellaneous and other fees Criminal	70,974.55 64,719.93 52,291.61 1,398.85 630.00	
Total receipts		389,279.24
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Server Fees South Heights Borough Aliquippa City Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Hopewell Township Aliquippa School District Independence Township Hanover Township Hopewell Area School District	220,233.54 59,297.62 32,449.60 28,738.00 20,926.98 19,185.37 9,234.75 3,258.42 2,015.17 1,228.39 1,166.17	
Total disbursements		(397,734.01)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous		33.27

Ending cash balance (12/31/2017)

\$ 20,309.14

# COMBINED DISTRICT COURTS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2016 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2017

- Note 1: <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> The District Courts report on a cash basis of accounting. Under the cash basis of accounting revenues are recognized when received and expenses recognized when the disbursement is made.
- Note 2: <u>Traffic Receipt Categories</u> -Transactions resulting from summary proceedings for offenses arising under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code and violations of local parking ordinances.
- Note 3: <u>Non-Traffic Receipt Categories</u> -Transactions resulting from non-traffic summary proceedings initiated by a police officer or private citizen.
- Note 4: <u>Civil Receipt Categories</u> Transactions resulting from civil actions filed for tortious conduct or contractual issues.
- Note 5: <u>Landlord Tenant Receipt Categories</u> Transactions resulting from landlord / tenant proceedings.
- Note 6: <u>Criminal, miscellaneous and other fees Receipt Categories</u> -Transactions resulting from misdemeanor and/or felony charges brought by a police officer or private citizen. Miscellaneous funds and funds deposited in escrow.

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September 18, 2018

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#### Report on Internal Control Structure

We have audited the accompanying statements of account for the nine District Courts located in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017, and have issued our summary report thereon dated September 18, 2018.

We conducted our audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. In planning and performing our audits of the District Courts in Beaver County, Pennsylvania, for the period January 1, 2016 to December 31, 2017, we considered each office's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of each District Court is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with prescribed policies. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, future reliance on any evaluation of the structure, past or current, is subject to the risk that

procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the internal control structure we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they had been placed in operation. Additionally, we assessed control risk for the internal control structure. Compliance with applicable laws and regulations was considered when assessing control risk for the internal control structure.

We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the office's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce, to a relatively low level, the risk that material errors or irregularities affecting the financial statements being audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Office of the Controller, management, and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

David A. Rossi

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Beaver County Controller

An exit conference was held on September 24, 2018 for the purpose of discussing the items presented in this summary report. Those in attendance were:

#### **Court Administration**

William Hare - Beaver County Court Administrator

Aileen Bowers - Deputy Court Administrator

#### Beaver County Controller's Office

Cheryl Spagnola - Auditor

The results of the summary audit were discussed in their entirety during this conference.

As a part of the Office of the Controller's normal reporting procedure, a copy of this summary report will be distributed to the Beaver County District Magistrates and will be posted in the Controller's section of the Beaver County website.