Beaver County Combined District Courts

Summary Audit Report For the Period January 2018 through December 2019

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November 10, 2020

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, 2018 through December 31, 2019</u>. Based upon the audits we have issued our summary report thereon dated November 10, 2020.

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.

Maria Longo

Beaver County Controller

AUDIT SCOPE:

The scope of these audits encompassed the period from January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2019.

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, 2018

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2018)

\$ 175,876.31

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 2,771,795.90
Non-Traffic	742,214.90
Civil	286,314.56
Landlord / Tenant	264,148.12
Criminal	21,137.50
Miscellaneous and other fees	<u>6,166.11</u>

Total receipts

4,091,777.09

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 2,385,965.28
Municipalities	599,257.73
Beaver County	547,179.04
Server Costs	285,785.82
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	212,823.30
Miscellaneous Schools & Libraries	31,173.19

Total disbursements

(4,062,184.36)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous	280.74
Adjustment for Return Items	(350.65)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ 205,399.13

DISTRICT COURT 36-1-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning	cash	balance	(1/1	/2018)	

\$ 31,339.94

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 313,206.05
Non-Traffic	91,726.03
Landlord / Tenant	39,616.67
Civil	26,750.65
Miscellaneous and other fees	194.50

Total receipts

471,493.90

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 250,437.72
Ambridge Borough	75,230.25
Beaver County	59,543.75
Server Fees	41,631.37
Harmony Township	22,170.04
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	17,115.49
Ambridge Area School District	8,287.01
Baden Borough	6,982.03

Total disbursements

(481,397.66)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

(0.45)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ 21,435.73

DISTRICT COURT 36-1-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning	cash	balance	(1/1/2018)	
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\$ 16,297.99

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 228,619.92
Non-Traffic	147,007.61
Landlord / Tenant	47,756.78
Civil	28,250.54
Criminal	2,000.00
Miscellaneous and other fees	1,283.94

Total receipts

454,918.79

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 214,247.30
Beaver County	68,249.85
Beaver Falls City	60,429.37
Server Fees	60,249.09
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	22,803.19
Patterson Township	8,940.22
Big Beaver Falls Area Schools	5,327.57
Beaver Falls Parking Authority	3,787.45
White Township	2,838.75
Patterson Heights Borough	1,072.93
New Brighton Borough	778.00
West Mayfield Borough	603.58
Eastvale Borough	382.12
Fallston Borough	155.05
Carnegie Free Public Library	137.14

Total disbursements

(450,001.61)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

130.97

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ 21,346.14

DISTRICT COURT 36-2-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2018)	\$ 40,852.19
Receipts:	

Traffic	\$ 606,415.39
Non-Traffic	159,706.70
Civil	37,980.32
Landlord / Tenant	19,442.54
Criminal	2,806.00
Miscellaneous and other fees	945.01

Total receipts 827,295.96

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 447,677.20
Beaver County	97,812.30
Server Fees	59,572.15
Rochester Borough	56,203.50
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	51,964.92
New Sewickley Township	41,979.95
Freedom Borough	23,867.37
Economy Borough	21,427.23
Conway Borough	8,594.20
East Rochester Borough	5,407.08
Ambridge Area School District	1,464.44
Rochester Township	880.54
Freedom Area School District	737.86
Chippewa Township	300.00
Homewood Borough	113.94
Rochester Area School District	62.36
	02.50

Total disbursements (818,065.04)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous100.47Adjustment for Return Items37.85

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ 50,221.43

DISTRICT COURT 36-2-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

\$ 13,937.03

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 212,281.26
Non-Traffic	43,966.55
Civil	33,238.89
Landlord / Tenant	14,192.24
Criminal	2,630.00
Miscellaneous and other fees	1,840.25

Total receipts

308,149.19

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 179,188.08
Beaver County	42,754.68
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	20,870.84
Server Fees	17,313.12
Midland Borough	17,253.62
Brighton Township	10,976.70
Bridgewater Borough	5,187.69
Beaver Borough	4,484.94
Ohioville Borough	2,537.76
Industry Borough	1,410.09
Vanport Township	1,331.22
Beaver Area School District	281.90
Beaver Area Memorial Library	31.78
Midland Area School District	16.18

Total disbursements

(303,638.60)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

0.19

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ <u>18,447.81</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2018)	\$ 15,020.73
Receipts:	
Traffic \$ 227,385 Non-Traffic \$ 82,217 Civil \$ 41,936 Landlord / Tenant \$ 29,723 Miscellaneous and other fees \$ 372	7.23 5.00
Total receipts	381,633.68
Disbursements:	
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania \$ 223,205 Beaver County \$ 55,207 New Brighton Borough \$ 34,749 Rochester Township \$ 24,906 Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral \$ 17,093 Server Fees \$ 10,589 North Sewickley Township \$ 7,173 Franklin Township \$ 3,050 New Brighton Area School District \$ 1,532 Pulaski Township \$ 873 Ellwood City Borough \$ 860 Daugherty Township \$ 731 Marion Township \$ 731 Hanover Township \$ 300 Riverside School District \$ 256 Rochester Area School District \$ 225	7.41 7.41
Total disbursements	(381,528.22)
Adjustments:	
Miscellaneous	(0.44)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

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\$ <u>15,125.75</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning cash b	alance (1/1	1/2018)
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\$ 14,731.28

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 439,339.43
Non-Traffic	40,555.72
Civil	24,288.10
Landlord / Tenant	18,833.20
Criminal	10,000.00
Miscellaneous and other fees	107.50

Total Revenues

533,123.95

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 399,158.35
Beaver County	62,740.55
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	23,641.33
Chippewa Township	13,628.02
Server Fees	12,551.70
Darlington Township	2,422.84
Koppel Borough	2,194.06
Big Beaver Borough	2,071.80
Blackhawk School District	1,549.25
South Beaver Township	1,251.59
Homewood Borough	126.57
Darlington Borough	51.83

Total Disbursements

(521,387.89)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

50.11

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ 26,517.45

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-03 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2018)		\$ 23,388.01
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 532,015.67 94,047.57 44,043.44 22,105.00 3,701.50 <u>614.75</u>	
Total receipts		696,527.93
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Server Costs Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Monaca Borough Center Township Raccoon Township Shippingport Borough Central Valley School District Potter Township Green Township South Side School District Homewood Borough Ambridge Area School District Independence Township	\$ 442,171.00 93,551.59 45,651.10 42,773.36 29,544.53 19,791.55 8,804.15 2,252.44 1,485.26 1,172.23 606.00 159.31 124.93 50.00 50.00	
Total disbursements		(688,187.45)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous Adjustment for Return Items		(0.01) (<u>388.50</u>)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

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\$ <u>31,339.98</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-04 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2018

Beginning	cash	balance	(1/1/2018)
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\$ 20,309.14

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 212,533.00
Non-Traffic	82,987.49
Landlord / Tenant	72,478.67
Civil	49,826.62
Miscellaneous and other fees	807.91

Total receipts

418,633.69

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 229,880.37
Beaver County	67,318.91
Server Fees	38,228.14
South Heights Borough	30,732.68
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	16,560.19
Aliquippa City	15,376.51
Hopewell Township	11,284.44
Aliquippa School District	3,999.71
Independence Township	2,341.02
Hopewell Area School District	1,780.92
Hanover Township	475.00

Total disbursements

(417,977.89)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

(0.10)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2018)

\$ 20,964.84

COMBINED DISTRICT COURTS STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)

\$ 205,399.13

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 2,754,051.08
Non-Traffic	703,557.68
Civil	286,242.18
Landlord / Tenant	253,636.10
Criminal	25,261.20
Miscellaneous and other fees	6,535.48

Total receipts

4,029,283.72

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 2,366,637.45
Municipalities	574,330.51
Beaver County	542,723.31
Server Costs	262,858.98
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	257,688.53
Miscellaneous Schools & Libraries	35,765.41

Total disbursements

(4,040,004.19)

Adjustments:

Adjustment for return items	363, 50
Miscellaneous	78.51

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

\$ <u>195,120.67</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-1-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

\$ 21,435.73

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 255,180.28
Non-Traffic	82,472.01
Landlord / Tenant	48,733.00
Civil	30,469.20
Miscellaneous and other fees	342.25
Criminal	200.00

Total receipts

417,396.74

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 209,267.88
Ambridge Borough	60,977.41
Beaver County	59,247.28
Server Fees	35,839.04
Harmony Township	18,791.06
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	13,926.36
Ambridge Area School District	10,468.43
Baden Borough	7,050.26

Total disbursements

(415,567.72)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

(0.13)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

\$ 23,264.62

DISTRICT COURT 36-1-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)		\$ 21,346.14
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Landlord / Tenant Civil Miscellaneous and other fees Total receipts Disbursements:	\$ 255,413.28 135,924.13 47,408.55 26,690.95 1,540.75	
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Beaver Falls City Server Fees Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Patterson Township Big Beaver Falls Area Schools Beaver Falls Parking Authority White Township Eastvale Borough West Mayfield Borough Patterson Heights Borough Carnegie Free Public Library New Brighton Borough Fallston Borough	\$ 226,023.36 65,599.37 61,786.70 58,699.01 24,755.57 6,787.66 4,899.23 4,338.48 2,502.13 1,893.58 1,353.46 884.61 807.61 452.31 119.83	
Total disbursements Adjustments:		(460,902.91)
Miscellaneous		280.44

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

\$ <u>27,701.33</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-2-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)		\$ 50,221.43
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 614,658.91 157,447.00 42,683.29 28,103.00 15,374.70 902.75	
Total receipts		859,169.65
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Rochester Borough Server Fees New Sewickley Township Economy Borough Freedom Borough Conway Borough East Rochester Borough Ambridge Area School District Freedom Area School District Rochester Township Homewood Borough Rochester Area School District	\$ 466,992.93 108,542.20 75,909.82 61,659.33 56,428.76 45,167.93 22,063.14 18,088.78 6,786.70 4,433.37 1,256.31 1,105.21 919.01 486.06 68.20	
Total disbursements		(869,907.75)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

Miscellaneous

Adjustments:

\$ 39,482.84

(0.49)

DISTRICT COURT 36-2-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)		\$	18,447.81
Receipts:			
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees Criminal	\$ 217,760.53 52,034.26 28,096.75 11,803.90 1,143.75 73.50		
Total receipts		3	10,912.69
Disbursements:			
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees Brighton Township Midland Borough Bridgewater Borough Beaver Borough Ohioville Borough Industry Borough Vanport Township Weatern Beaver School District Beaver Area Memorial Public Library Midland School District Beaver Area School District	\$ 178,025.91 42,122.66 30,176.31 14,115.85 11,901.40 11,059.73 10,405.62 5,756.03 4,412.26 2,279.46 1,896.93 300.00 71.34 38.23 34.24		
Total disbursements		(3	12,595.97)
Adjustments:			
Adjustment for Return Items Miscellaneous			(25.00) (0.36)
Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)	9	§ <u>1</u>	6,739.89

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)		\$ 15,125.75
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 186,707.89 65,732.96 41,183.45 31,402.00 466.10	
Total receipts		325,492.40
Disbursements:		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County New Brighton Borough Rochester Township Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Fees North Sewickley Township Franklin Township Ellwood City Borough New Brighton Area School District Pulaski Township Daugherty Township Rochester Area School District Riverside School District Marion Township	\$ 192,660.23 50,337.99 29,659.75 18,961.87 12,705.60 10,718.67 2,964.02 2,614.92 1,418.96 1,091.24 623.51 519.97 137.85 137.79 105.39	
Total disbursements		(324,657.76)
Adjustments:		
Miscellaneous		0.75

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

\$ <u>15,961.14</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-02 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)	\$ 26,517.45
Receipts:	
Non-Traffic 49 Civil 20 Landlord / Tenant 15 Criminal 1 Miscellaneous and other fees	6,596.53 9,633.20 0,392.25 5,525.80 1,000.00 342.98
Total Revenues	513,490.76
Disbursements:	
Beaver County Chippewa Township 25 Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral 24 Server Fees 12 Koppel Borough 25 South Beaver Township 36 Blackhawk School District 37 Darlington Township 38 Big Beaver Borough New Sewickley Township	0,935.07 7,015.43 5,619.48 8,633.25 8,730.20 8,671.11 586.10 5,583.07 5,577.83 738.88 300.00 292.33 83.85
Total Disbursements	(519,766.60)
Adjustments:	
Miscellaneous	(0.03)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

\$ 20,241.58

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-03 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning cash balance (1/1/2019)		\$ 31,339.98
Receipts:		
Traffic Non-Traffic Civil Landlord / Tenant Criminal Miscellaneous and other fees	\$ 608,727.47 89,882.17 47,695.04 18,366.80 1,113.00 663.65	
Total receipts Disbursements:		766,448.13
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Beaver County Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral Server Costs Monaca Borough Center Township Raccoon Township Central Valley Area School District Shippingport Borough Potter Township Green Township South Side School District Hookstown Borough New Brighton Area School District Freedom Area School District	\$ 514,024.00 97,800.64 45,381.97 44,156.62 30,241.85 23,825.82 8,248.26 2,865.80 2,302.98 1,632.43 636.77 551.56 100.00 100.00 17.40	
Total disbursements Adjustments:		(771,886.10)
Adjustment for Return Items Miscellaneous		388.50 <u>0.48</u>
Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)		\$ <u>26,290.99</u>

DISTRICT COURT 36-3-04 STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019

Beginning	cash	balance	(1/1/2019)
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\$ 20,964.84

Receipts:

Traffic	\$ 189,006.19
Non-Traffic	70,431.95
Landlord / Tenant	52,293.05
Civil	49,031.25
Criminal	7,500.00
Miscellaneous and other fees	1,133.25

Total receipts

369,395.69

Disbursements:

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 198,708.07
Beaver County	52,057.74
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	30,199.65
Server Fees	30,170.83
Aliquippa City	18,060.61
South Heights Borough	16,840.76
Hopewell Township	11,325.56
Aliquippa School District	5,199.48
Independence Township	1,262.74
Hopewell Area School District	693.94
Hanover Township	200.00

Total disbursements

(364,719.38)

Adjustments:

Miscellaneous

(202.87)

Ending cash balance (12/31/2019)

\$ <u>25,438.28</u>

COMBINED DISTRICT COURTS NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2019

- 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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November 10, 2020

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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, 2018 to December 31, 2019, and have issued our summary report thereon dated November 10, 2020.

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, 2018 to December 31, 2019, 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.

Maria Longo

Beaver County Controller