

## DISTRICT COURT 14-3-01

FAYETTE COUNTY

**EXAMINATION REPORT** 

FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2003 TO JANUARY 6, 2006

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#### **Independent Auditor's Report**

The Honorable Thomas W. Wolf Secretary Department of Revenue Harrisburg, PA 17128

We have examined the accompanying statement of receipts and disbursements (Statement) of District Court 14-3-01, Fayette County, Pennsylvania (District Court), for the period January 1, 2003 to January 6, 2006, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401(c) of *The Fiscal Code*. This Statement is the responsibility of the District Court's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this Statement based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. An examination includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the Statement and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

We are mandated by Section 401(c) of *The Fiscal Code* to audit the accounts of each district court to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly reported and promptly transmitted. *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States include attestation engagements as a separate type of audit. An attestation engagement performed pursuant to *Government Auditing Standards* involves additional standards that exceed the standards provided by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Accordingly, this attestation engagement complies with both *Government Auditing Standards* and Section 401(c) of *The Fiscal Code*.

#### <u>Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)</u>

In our opinion, the Statement referred to above presents, in all material respects, the operations of the District Court as it pertains to receipts made on behalf of the Department of Revenue and other state agencies for the period ended January 6, 2006, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Statement and any fraud and illegal acts that are more than inconsequential that come to our attention during our examination. We are also required to obtain the views of management on those matters. We performed our examination to express an opinion on whether the Statement is presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over the Statement or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions. The results of our examination disclosed no matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue, the Administrative Office of Pennsylvania Courts, and the District Court and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

February 21, 2007

JACK WAGNER Auditor General

### DISTRICT COURT 14-3-01 FAYETTE COUNTY

# STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

## JANUARY 1, 2003 TO JANUARY 6, 2006

#### Receipts:

Department of Transportation			
Title 75 Fines		83,695	
Overweight Fines		7,208	
Commercial Driver Fines		1,056	
Littering Law Fines		25	
Child Restraint Fines		230	
Department of Revenue Court Costs		35,687	
Crime Victims' Compensation Bureau Costs		11,408	
Crime Commission Costs/Victim Witness Services Costs		8,929	
Domestic Violence Costs		3,259	
Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Fines		400	
Department of Agriculture Fines		1,004	
Fish and Boat Commission Fines		100	
Game Commission Fines		5,395	
Department of State Fines		3,994	
Emergency Medical Service Fines		16,484	
CAT/MCARE Fund Surcharges		52,363	
Judicial Computer System Fees		20,964	
Access to Justice Fees		3,605	
Constable Service Surcharges		1,192	
Miscellaneous State Fines		300	
Total receipts (Note 2)			\$ 257,298
Disbursements to Department of Revenue (Note 3)			(257,298)
Balance due Department of Revenue (District Court) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			-
Adjusted balance due Department of Revenue (District Court) for the period January 1, 2003 to January 6, 2006			\$ 

Notes to the Statement Of Receipts and Disbursements are an integral part of this report.

#### DISTRICT COURT 14-3-01 FAYETTE COUNTY

# NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE PERIOD

JANUARY 1, 2003 TO JANUARY 6, 2006

#### 1. <u>Criteria</u>

The Statement of Receipts and Disbursements (Statement) has been prepared in accordance with Title 72 P.S. Section 401 (c) of *The Fiscal Code*, which requires the Department of the Auditor General to determine whether all money collected on behalf of the Commonwealth has been remitted promptly and to provide the Department of Revenue with a report to enable them to settle an account covering any delinquency.

The Statement was prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue. Under this method, only the Commonwealth portion of cash receipts and disbursements are presented, revenues are recognized when received, and expenditures are recognized when paid.

#### 2. Receipts

Receipts are comprised of fines, costs, fees, and surcharges collected on behalf of the Department of Revenue and other state agencies. These fines, costs, fees, and surcharges represent collections made on traffic, non-traffic, civil, and criminal cases filed with the District Court.

#### 3. Disbursements

Total disbursements are comprised as follows:

Checks issued to the Department of Revenue

\$ 257,298

# 4. <u>Balance Due Department Of Revenue (District Court) For The Period January 1, 2003 To</u> January 6, 2006

This balance reflects the summary of monthly transmittal reports as settled by the Department of Revenue.

#### 5. Magisterial District Judge Serving During Examination Period

Brenda K. Cavalcante served at District Court 14-3-01 for the period January 1, 2003 to January 6, 2006.

#### 6. Final Examination

District Court 14-3-01 permanently closed on January 6, 2006. This is a final examination of this district court.

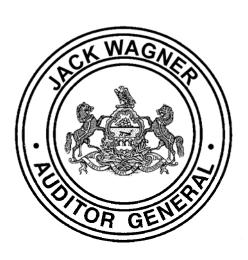
# DISTRICT COURT 14-3-01 FAYETTE COUNTY COMMENT FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2003 TO JANUARY 6, 2006

### Comment - Compliance With Prior Audit Recommendation

During our prior audit, we made the following recommendation:

• That the office adheres to the downtime manual receipt procedures required by the *Magisterial District Judge Automated Office Clerical Procedures Manual*. Specifically, all downtime manual receipts should be completed properly, which includes recording the date issued, the source of payment (window or mail), and the method of payment (cash, check, or money order).

During our current examination, we noted that the office complied with our recommendation.



# DISTRICT COURT 14-3-01 FAYETTE COUNTY REPORT DISTRIBUTION FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2003 TO JANUARY 6, 2006

This report was initially distributed to:

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