COMPLIANCE AUDIT

Treasurer

Fayette County, Pennsylvania For the Period Hunting - July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2022 Fishing and Dog - January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021

July 2023



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General

Timothy L. DeFoor • Auditor General



Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General Harrisburg, PA 17120-0018 Facebook: Pennsylvania Auditor General Twitter: @PAAuditorGen www.PaAuditor.gov

TIMOTHY L. DEFOOR AUDITOR GENERAL

The Honorable Melissa Tzan Treasurer Fayette County Uniontown, PA 15401

We have conducted a compliance audit of the Treasurer, Fayette County, Pennsylvania (County Officer), for the license periods identified on the contents page, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401(d) of *The Fiscal Code*, 72 P.S. § 401(d).

The objective of the audit was to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly assessed, reported, and promptly remitted and to provide a report to the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Fish and Boat Commission and the Department of Agriculture. Our audit was limited to areas related to the objective identified above and was not conducted, nor was it required to be, in accordance with Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

The County Officer is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal controls to provide reasonable assurance of compliance with state laws and regulations applicable to the collection of moneys on behalf of the Commonwealth, including whether they have been correctly assessed, reported, and promptly remitted. The County Officer is also responsible for complying with those laws and regulations. It is our responsibility to perform procedures to obtain sufficient, appropriate evidence to the extent necessary to satisfy the audit objective. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our conclusions.

Based on our audit procedures, we conclude that, for the license periods identified on the contents page, the County Officer, in all significant respects, complied with state laws and regulations applicable to the collection of moneys on behalf of the Commonwealth, including whether they have been correctly assessed, reported, and promptly remitted.

This report includes summaries of the County Officer's receipts and disbursements of funds collected on behalf of the Commonwealth (summaries). We obtained data representing the County Officer's receipts and disbursements from the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Fish and Boat Commission and the Department of Agriculture, which obtains data from each of the Commonwealth's treasurer offices and used the data to create the summaries. We also evaluated the accuracy of the data as part of our audit to conclude on the County Officer's compliance with certain state laws and regulations as described in the previous paragraph. Any adjustments that we considered necessary based on our audit work are disclosed in the *Audit Adjustments* line of the summaries; however, the scope of our audit does not include the issuance of an opinion on the accuracy of the amounts reported in the summaries.

The purpose of this report is to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly assessed, reported, and promptly remitted. This report is not suitable for any other purposes.

The contents of this report were discussed with the management of the County Officer. We appreciate the courtesy extended by the Treasurer, Fayette County, to us during the course of our audit. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Bureau of County Audits at 717-787-1363.

Timothy L. Detaor

Timothy L. DeFoor Auditor General June 12, 2023

Page Background1
Summaries Of Receipts And Disbursements:
Hunting License Sales:
For The License Period July 1, 2018 To June 30, 2019
Fishing License Sales:
For The License Period January 1, 2018 To December 31, 20187For The License Period January 1, 2019 To December 31, 20198For The License Period January 1, 2020 To December 31, 20209For The License Period January 1, 2021 To December 31, 202110
Dog License Sales:
For The License Period January 1, 2018 To December 31, 2018
Summary Of Prior Audit Recommendation15
Report Distribution

CONTENTS

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY BACKGROUND FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2022 AND FOR THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

The Department of Auditor General is mandated by Article IV, Section 401 (d) of *The Fiscal Code* (Act of April 9, 1929, P.L.343, No. 176), to audit the accounts of each county officer to determine whether all moneys collected on behalf of the Commonwealth have been correctly assessed, reported, and promptly remitted.

Treasurer receipts consist of monies collected on behalf of the licensing agency.

The proceeds from the sale of hunting licenses, sold electronically, for license years 2018 through 2021 were remitted weekly through an electronic funds transfer program.

The proceeds from the sale of fishing licenses, sold electronically, for license years 2018 through 2021 were remitted weekly through an electronic funds transfer program.

The proceeds from the sale of dog licenses for the license years 2018 through 2021 were remitted by check to the appropriate licensing agency with the monthly reports of sales.

The following schedule identifies the licensing agencies and the respective reporting period:

License Type	Licensing Agency	License Period
Hunting	Game Commission	July 1 to June 30
Fishing	Fish and Boat Commission	January 1 to December 31
Dog	Department of Agriculture	January 1 to December 31

With all of the license types listed above, there are licenses that are sold the month prior to the official license period beginning date. For our reporting purposes, these sales are included in the official first month of the license period. The balances reflect the summary of monthly sales reports as settled by the appropriate licensing agency.

Nancy Lee Wilson served as Treasurer during the hunting license period July 1, 2018 to November 27, 2020 and during the fishing and dog license period January 1, 2018 to November 27, 2020.

Deborah L. Apicella served as the *acting* Treasurer during the hunting license period November 28, 2020, to December 31, 2021, and during the fishing and dog license period of November 28, 2020, to December 31, 2021.

Melissa Tzan served as Treasurer during the hunting license period January 1, 2022, to June 30, 2022.

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY BACKGROUND FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2022 AND FOR THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

The summaries of receipts and disbursements provide a summary of receipts and disbursements by category. The categories and the costs of licenses are based on Pennsylvania laws and regulations.

The summaries were prepared in accordance with reporting requirements prescribed by the licensing agencies. 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.

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY HUNTING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2019

License Type	Licenses Sold	Amount Due Game Commission	
<u>Electise Type</u>	5010	Commission	
Resident			
Adult	143	\$ 2,845.70	
Junior	4	23.60	
Landowner	1	3.90	
Junior combination	4	35.60	
Senior	7	90.30	
Senior Lifetime Combo	4	403.60	
Senior Lifetime Hunting	1	50.90	
Military	13	30.70	
Spring Turkey	8	167.20	
Mentored Youth	11	20.90	
Non-resident			
Adult	4	403.60	
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	101	1,615.90	
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	50	555.00	
Antlerless deer			
Resident	16,954	100,028.60	
Resident landowners	5	29.50	
Non-resident	152	3,936.80	
Non-resident landowners	1	25.90	
Armed forces	5	29.50	
Disabled veterans	57	336.30	
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	3	32.70	
Bobcat	4	23.60	
Fisher	2	11.80	
Adult Pheasant	11	284.90	
Furtaker			
Adult resident	7	139.30	
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	12	34.80	
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	50	795.00	
DMAP - Resident and Non-resident	4	39.60	
Replacements	56	330.40	
Hunting & Trapping Digest	20	100.00	
Donations for the Game Commission	5	10.00	
Totals	17,699	112,435.60	
Disbursements to Game Commission		(112,294.60)	
Credits taken for licenses issued for Dischlad Veterons and			
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and			
Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals		(141.00)	
Balance due Game Commission (County)			
per settled reports		-	
Audit adjustments			
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County)			
for the license period July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019		\$ -	
for the needse period sury 1, 2010 to sure 50, 2017		¥	

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY HUNTING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2019 TO JUNE 30, 2020

	Licenses	Amount Due Game	
<u>License Type</u>	Sold	Commission	
Resident			
Adult	162	\$ 3,223.80	
Junior	2	11.80	
Landowner	1	3.90	
Junior combination	3	26.70	
Senior	11	141.90	
Senior Lifetime Combo	5	504.50	
Senior Lifetime Hunting	4	203.60	
Military	13	31.70	
Spring Turkey	6	125.40	
Mentored Junior & Youth	7	17.30	
Non-resident	,	17.50	
Adult	4	403.60	
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	112	1,790.80	
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	45	490.50	
Antlerless deer	-15	470.50	
Resident	17,740	104,666.00	
Resident landowners	3	17.70	
Non-resident	159	4,118.10	
Armed forces	11	4,118.10	
Disabled veterans	57	336.30	
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	5	54.50	
Bobcat	6	35.40	
Fisher	2	11.80	
Adult Pheasant	1	25.90	
Federal Duck Stamp	1	23.90	
-	1	27.40	
Furtaker Adult resident	C	110.40	
	6	119.40	
Disabled veterans	1	2.90	
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	8	23.20	
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	54	858.60	
DMAP - Resident and Non-resident	4	39.60	
Replacements	67	395.30	
Donations for the Game Commission	12	29.60	
Totals	18,512	117,802.10	
Disbursements to Game Commission		(117,660.10)	
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and			
Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals		(142.00)	
Senior Lifetime nunt renewais		(142.00)	
Balance due Game Commission (County)			
per settled reports		-	
Audit adjustments			
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County)			
for the license period July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020		\$ -	
101 the needse period sury 1,2017 to sure 50,2020		Ψ -	

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY HUNTING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2020 TO JUNE 30, 2021

License Type	Licenses Sold	ount Due Game mmission
Resident		
Adult	121	\$ 2,407.90
Junior	1	5.90
Landowner	1	3.90
Junior combination	6	53.40
Senior	5	64.50
Senior Lifetime Combo	2	201.80
Senior Lifetime Hunting	1	50.90
Senior Lifetime Furtaker	-	-
Senior Lifetime Upgrade Combo	2	101.80
Military	12	32.80
Reserves	1	1.90
Spring Turkey	4	83.81
Mentored Adult	1	19.90
Mentored Junior & Youth	9	17.10
Non-resident		
Adult	5	504.50
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	97	1,562.30
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	34	370.60
Antlerless deer		
Resident	18,597	109,722.30
Resident landowners	3	17.70
Non-resident	169	4,377.10
Armed forces	3	17.70
Disabled veterans	56	330.40
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	7	76.30
Bobcat	5	29.50
Adult Pheasant	5	129.50
Federal Duck Stamp	3	82.20
Furtaker		
Adult resident	2	39.80
Disabled veterans	1	2.90
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	3	8.70
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	52	826.80
Replacements	44	259.74
Hunting & Trapping Digest	1	-
Totals	19,253	 121,403.65
10000	17,255	121,105.05
Disbursements to Game Commission		(121,288.65)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and		
Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals		 (115.00)
Balance due Game Commission (County)		
per settled reports		_
per settler reports		_
Audit adjustments		
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County)		
for the license period July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021		\$ -

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY HUNTING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2022

	Licenses	Amount Due Game	
<u>License Type</u>	Sold	(Commission
Resident			
Adult	179	\$	3,574.63
Junior	5		29.85
Landowner	2		7.94
Junior combination	14		125.58
Senior	9		116.73
Senior Lifetime Combo	1		100.97
Military	13		25.61
Spring Turkey	12		251.64
Mentored Junior & Youth	26		67.22
Non-resident			
Adult	3		302.91
Archery - Resident and Non-resident	152		2,437.44
Muzzleloaders - Resident and Non-resident	67		744.99
Antlerless deer			
Resident	19,121		114,152.37
Resident landowners	2		11.94
Non-resident	207		5,375.79
Armed forces	7		41.79
Disabled veterans	58		346.26
Elk - Antlered and Antlerless	7		76.79
Bobcat	8		47.76
Fisher	3		17.91
Adult Pheasant	6		155.82
Federal Duck Stamp	1		27.97
Furtaker			
Adult resident	5		99.85
Senior resident	1		12.97
Migratory - Resident and Non-resident	10		29.70
Bear - Resident and Non-resident	82		1,329.54
Replacements	106		358.20
PGC Shooting Range Permit	1		30.97
Totals	20,108		129,901.14
Disbursements to Game Commission			(129,756.14)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and			
Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			(145.00)
Balance due Game Commission (County)			
per settled reports			-
Audit adjustments			
		-	
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022		\$	-
1 2 7		<u> </u>	

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY FISHING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

License Type	Licenses Sold	Fisl	ount Due n and Boat mmission
Resident	17	\$	372.30
10 Year Resident	1		210.90
Senior resident	3		32.70
National Guard/Armed Forces	2		3.80
Disabled Veterans	13		9.50
Replacements	9		-
Senior lifetime	5		254.50
Replacements	3		17.70
Donations for the Fish and Boat Commission	1		1.00
Lake Erie Stamp	4		29.80
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	5		74.50
10 Year Lake Erie and Trout/Salmon	1		140.90
Trout/Salmon Stamp	16		142.40
1 Year Trout/Salmon	7		62.30
3 Year Trout/Salmon	1		24.90
5 Year Trout/Salmon	1		40.90
Annual Fishing Button	4		16.00
Totals	93		1,434.10
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission			(1,434.10)
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County)			
per settled reports			-
Audit adjustments			-
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (C	• ·	¢	
for the license period January 1, 2018 to December	51 51,2018	\$	-

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY FISHING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

License Type	Licenses Sold	Fish	ount Due and Boat mission
Resident	25	\$	547.50
Senior resident	3		32.70
National Guard/Armed Forces	2		3.80
Disabled Veterans	16		11.40
Replacements	3		-
Senior lifetime	5		254.50
Replacements	2		11.80
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	10		149.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	20		178.00
1 Year Trout/Salmon	6		53.40
3 Year Trout/Salmon	3		74.70
5 Year Trout/Salmon	1		40.90
PA Fishing Summary Booklet	12		24.00
Annual Fishing Button	1		9.00
Totals	109		1,390.70
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission			(1,390.70)
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports			-
Audit adjustments			-
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (C for the license period January 1, 2019 to December	• /	\$	

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY FISHING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

Licenses	Amount Due Fish and Boat
	Commission
11	\$ 240.90
2	21.80
11	5.70
4	-
7	356.30
3	17.70
1	1.00
8	62.50
4	59.60
8	71.20
4	35.60
2	49.80
1	80.90
1	9.00
67	1,012.00
	(1,012.00)
	-
	_
ounty)	
31, 2020	\$ -
	2 11 4 7 3 1 8 4 8 4 2 1 1 2 1 1 67

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY FISHING LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

License Type	Licenses Sold	Fisl	nount Due h and Boat mmission
Resident	24	\$	527.28
Mentored Youth	1		-
Senior resident	3		32.91
Disabled Veterans	19		15.76
Replacements	4		-
Seven day	2		67.94
Senior lifetime	6		305.82
Replacements	1		5.97
Lake Erie Stamp	7		62.79
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	6		59.88
Trout/Salmon Stamp	20		179.40
3 Year Trout/Salmon	2		49.94
Launch Permits	4		71.88
Annual Fishing Button	3		27.00
Totals	102		1,406.57
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission			(1,406.57)
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports			-
Audit adjustments			
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (C for the license period January 1, 2021 to December	• /	\$	

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY DOG LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2018

	Licenses	Amount Due Department of
<u>License Type</u>	Sold	Agriculture
Individual	11,628	\$ 68,430.00
Senior citizen	4,626	17,478.00
Lifetime	656	19,790.00
Totals	16,910	105,698.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture		(105,698.00)
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports		-
Audit adjustments		<u> </u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period January 1, 2018 to December 31, 2018		<u>\$</u> -

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY DOG LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2019 TO DECEMBER 31, 2019

	Licenses	Amount Due Department of
License Type	Sold	Agriculture
Individual	10,246	\$ 60,194.00
Senior citizen	4,402	16,534.00
Lifetime	614	18,380.00
Totals	15,262	95,108.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture		(95,108.00)
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports		-
Audit adjustments		
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period January 1, 2019 to December 31, 2019		<u>\$ </u>

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY DOG LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 TO DECEMBER 31, 2020

	Licenses	Amount Due Department of
License Type	Sold	Agriculture
Individual	9,265	\$ 54,509.00
Senior citizen	3,999	14,885.00
Lifetime	547	16,890.00
Totals	13,811	86,284.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture		(86,284.00)
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports		-
Audit adjustments		<u> </u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2020		<u>\$</u>

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY DOG LICENSE SALES SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2021 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

	Licenses	Amount Due Department of
<u>License Type</u>	Sold	Agriculture
Individual	8,736	\$ 51,458.00
Senior citizen	3,705	13,823.00
Lifetime	598	18,390.00
Totals	13,039	83,671.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture		(83,671.00)
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports		-
Audit adjustments		
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2021		<u>\$</u>

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY SUMMARY OF PRIOR AUDIT RECOMMENDATION FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2022 AND FOR THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

Summary Of Prior Audit Recommendation

During our prior audit, we recommended that the office:

• Establish and implement an adequate system of internal controls over receipts.

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

TREASURER FAYETTE COUNTY REPORT DISTRIBUTION FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2018 TO JUNE 30, 2022 AND FOR THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2018 TO DECEMBER 31, 2021

This report was initially distributed to:

The Honorable Russell C. Redding Secretary Department of Agriculture

Ms. Linda Hansen Administrative Officer I, Bureau of Dog Law Department of Agriculture

Ms. Tracee Gotwalt Director, Division of Budget and Finance Administrative Services

> Mr. John Howard Chief Counsel Department of Agriculture

Mr. Timothy D. Schaeffer Executive Director Fish and Boat Commission

Ms. Brenda Verner-Sterling Chief of Licensing and Registration Fish and Boat Commission

Mr. Bryan Burhans Executive Director

Pennsylvania Game Commission

The Honorable Melissa Tzan Treasurer

The Honorable Scott T. Abraham Controller

The Honorable Dave Lohr Chairperson of the Board of Commissioners

This report is a matter of public record and is available online at <u>www.PaAuditor.gov.</u> Media questions about the report can be directed to the Pennsylvania Department of the Auditor General, Office of Communications, 229 Finance Building, Harrisburg, PA 17120; via email to: <u>news@PaAuditor.gov</u>.