

TREASURER

MERCER COUNTY

EXAMINATION REPORT OF LICENSE SALES

HUNTING - JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2008

FISHING AND DOG - JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

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Independent Auditor's Report

The Honorable Virginia S. Richardson
Treasurer
Mercer County
Mercer, PA 16137

We have examined the accompanying statements of receipts and disbursements (Statements) of the Treasurer, Mercer County, Pennsylvania (County Officer), for the license period identified on the contents page, pursuant to the requirements of Section 401(d) of *The Fiscal Code*, 72 P.S. § 401(d). These Statements are the responsibility of the county office's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these Statements 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 Statements 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(d) of *The Fiscal Code* 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. *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(d) of *The Fiscal Code*.

In our opinion, the Statements referred to above present, in all material respects, the operations of the County Officer as it pertains to receipts made on behalf of the of the licensing agencies, for the license period identified on the contents page, in conformity with the criteria set forth in Note 1.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we are required to report findings of significant deficiencies in internal control, violations of provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and abuse that are material to the Statements 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 Statements are presented in accordance with the criteria described above and not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the internal control over reporting on the Statements or on compliance and other matters; accordingly, we express no such opinions.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the County Officer's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report data reliably in accordance with the applicable criteria such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the County Officer's Statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the County Officer's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or combination of significant deficiencies that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Statements will not be prevented or detected by the County Officer's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over reporting on the Statements was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses, as defined above, in internal control over reporting on the Statements.

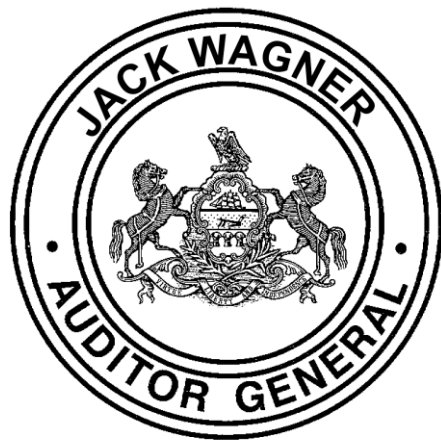
The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Independent Auditor's Report (Continued)

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, and the County Officer and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

January 19, 2010

JACK WAGNER
Auditor General



TREASURER
MERCER COUNTY
HUNTING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2006

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	174	\$ 19.00	\$ 3,306.00
Junior	35	5.00	175.00
Junior combination	17	8.00	136.00
Senior	42	12.00	504.00
Replacements	15	5.00	75.00
Military	62	1.00	62.00
Non-resident			
Adult	33	100.00	3,300.00
Junior	1	40.00	40.00
Junior combination	1	50.00	50.00
Seven day	3	30.00	90.00
Archery			
Resident	70	15.00	1,050.00
Non-resident	3	25.00	75.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	98	10.00	980.00
Non-resident	10	20.00	200.00
Replacements	2	5.00	10.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	13,821	5.00	69,105.00
Resident landowners	75	5.00	375.00
Non-resident	761	25.00	19,025.00
Armed forces	64	5.00	320.00
Disabled veterans	16	5.00	80.00
Replacements	29	5.00	145.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	17	19.00	323.00
Adult non-resident	4	80.00	320.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Migratory			
Resident	53	2.00	106.00
Non-resident	3	5.00	15.00
Bear			
Resident	33	15.00	495.00
Non-resident	4	35.00	140.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>15,447</u>		<u>100,507.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(100,378.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(129.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2006			<u>\$ -</u>

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

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HUNTING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2007

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	167	\$ 19.00	\$ 3,173.00
Junior	20	5.00	100.00
Junior combination	17	8.00	136.00
Senior	41	12.00	492.00
Replacements	9	5.00	45.00
Military	57	1.00	57.00
Non-resident			
Adult	23	100.00	2,300.00
Junior	3	40.00	120.00
Seven day	5	30.00	150.00
Replacements	2	5.00	10.00
Archery			
Resident	72	15.00	1,080.00
Non-resident	4	25.00	100.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	87	10.00	870.00
Non-resident	8	20.00	160.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	14,697	5.00	73,485.00
Resident landowners	69	5.00	345.00
Non-resident	649	25.00	16,225.00
Armed forces	51	5.00	255.00
Disabled veterans	16	5.00	80.00
Replacements	39	5.00	195.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	17	19.00	323.00
Senior resident	2	12.00	24.00
Adult non-resident	2	80.00	160.00
Migratory			
Resident	45	2.00	90.00
Non-resident	2	5.00	10.00
Bear			
Resident	24	15.00	360.00
Non-resident	4	35.00	140.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>16,133</u>		<u>100,490.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(100,366.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(124.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2007			<u>\$ -</u>

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HUNTING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING JUNE 30, 2008

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>License Value</u>	<u>Amount Due Game Commission</u>
Resident			
Adult	211	\$ 19.00	\$ 4,009.00
Junior	21	5.00	105.00
Junior combination	23	8.00	184.00
Senior	43	12.00	516.00
Replacements	16	5.00	80.00
Military	55	1.00	55.00
Non-resident			
Adult	23	100.00	2,300.00
Junior	1	40.00	40.00
Junior combination	1	50.00	50.00
Seven day	10	30.00	300.00
Replacements	4	5.00	20.00
Archery			
Resident	75	15.00	1,125.00
Replacements	3	5.00	15.00
Muzzleloaders			
Resident	103	10.00	1,030.00
Non-resident	3	20.00	60.00
Replacements	4	5.00	20.00
Antlerless deer			
Resident	14,739	5.00	73,695.00
Resident landowners	64	5.00	320.00
Non-resident	555	25.00	13,875.00
Armed forces	62	5.00	310.00
Disabled veterans	17	5.00	85.00
Replacements	40	5.00	200.00
Furtaker			
Adult resident	21	19.00	399.00
Senior resident	2	12.00	24.00
Adult non-resident	3	80.00	240.00
Replacements	1	5.00	5.00
Migratory			
Resident	51	2.00	102.00
Non-resident	2	5.00	10.00
Bear			
Resident	40	15.00	600.00
Non-resident	2	35.00	70.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>16,195</u>		<u>99,844.00</u>
Disbursements to Game Commission (Note 3)			(99,710.00)
Credits taken for licenses issued for Disabled Veterans and Senior Lifetime Hunt renewals			<u>(134.00)</u>
Balance due Game Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)			-
Examination adjustments			<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Game Commission (County) for the license period ending June 30, 2008			<u>\$ -</u>

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FISHING LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	79	\$ 1,659.00
Replacements	1	4.25
Senior resident	9	90.00
One day resident	1	10.00
National Guard/Armed Forces	15	15.00
Non-resident	12	612.00
Tourist		
One day	1	25.00
Three day	1	25.00
Senior lifetime	168	8,400.00
Replacements	24	102.00
Lake Erie Stamp	16	128.00
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	123	1,722.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	59	472.00
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Totals (Note 2)	<u>509</u>	13,264.25
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<hr/> <u>(13,264.25)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<hr/> -
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2006		<hr/> <u>\$ -</u>

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FISHING LICENSE SALES
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LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	80	\$ 1,680.00
Senior resident	5	50.00
National Guard/Armed Forces	8	8.00
Prisoner of War		
Non-resident	11	561.00
Tourist		
One day	2	50.00
Three day	1	25.00
Seven day	1	33.00
Senior lifetime	185	9,250.00
Replacements	27	114.75
Lake Erie Stamp	17	136.00
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	165	2,310.00
Trout/Salmon Stamp	<u>42</u>	<u>336.00</u>
Totals (Note 2)	<u><u>544</u></u>	14,553.75
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(14,553.75)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2007		<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Fish and Boat Commission</u>
Resident	100	\$ 2,155.30
Senior resident	9	96.30
One day resident	1	10.70
National Guard/Armed Forces	6	9.50
Non-resident	10	514.90
Tourist		
Three day	3	77.10
Senior lifetime	83	4,196.20
Lifetime Upgrade Card	81	461.70
Replacements	16	91.20
Lake Erie Stamp	17	145.80
Lake Erie And Trout/Salmon Combo Stamp	70	1,019.90
Trout/Salmon Stamp	41	352.50
Totals (Note 2)	<u>437</u>	<u>9,131.10</u>
Disbursements to Fish and Boat Commission (Note 3)		<u>(9,131.10)</u>
Balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Fish and Boat Commission (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2008		<u>\$ -</u>

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DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	13,560	\$ 78,956.00
Senior citizen	4,053	15,019.00
Lifetime	272	8,430.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>17,885</u>	102,405.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(102,405.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2006		<u>\$ -</u>

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DOG LICENSE SALES
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
LICENSE PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2007

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	12,667	\$ 73,547.00
Senior citizen	3,916	14,470.00
Lifetime	252	7,620.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>16,835</u>	<u>95,637.00</u>
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(95,637.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2007		<u>\$ -</u>

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<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licenses Sold</u>	<u>Amount Due Department of Agriculture</u>
Individual	12,853	\$ 74,789.00
Senior citizen	4,130	15,236.00
Lifetime	284	8,720.00
Totals (Note 2)	<u>17,267</u>	98,745.00
Disbursements to Department of Agriculture (Note 3)		<u>(98,745.00)</u>
Balance due Department of Agriculture (County) per settled reports (Note 4)		-
Examination adjustments		<u>-</u>
Adjusted balance due Department of Agriculture (County) for the license period ending December 31, 2008		<u>\$ -</u>

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MERCER COUNTY
NOTES TO THE STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2008 AND FOR
THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

1. Criteria

The Statements 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 Statements 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.

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

<u>License Type</u>	<u>Licensing Agency</u>	<u>License Period</u>
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.

2. Receipts

Receipts consist of monies collected on behalf of the licensing agency.

3. Disbursements

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

The proceeds from the sale of paper fishing licenses for license years 2006 and 2007 were remitted monthly by check with the monthly reports of sales. The proceeds from the sale of fishing licenses, sold electronically, for license years 2007 and 2008 were remitted weekly through an electronic funds transfer program.

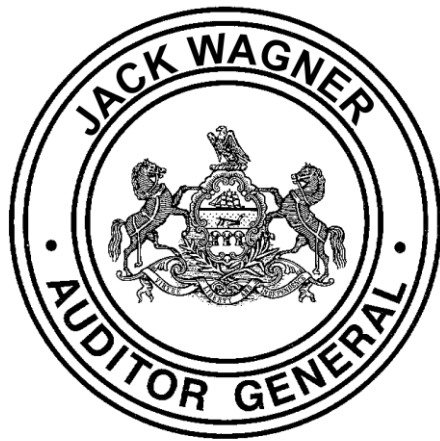
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4. Balance Due Licensing Agency (County) Per Settled Reports

This balance reflects the summary of monthly sales reports as settled by the appropriate licensing agency.

5. County Officer Serving During Examination Period

Virginia S. Richardson served as Treasurer during the hunting license period July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2008 and during the fishing and dog license period January 1, 2006 to December 31, 2008.



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MERCER COUNTY
REPORT DISTRIBUTION
FOR THE HUNTING LICENSE PERIOD JULY 1, 2005 TO JUNE 30, 2008 AND FOR
THE FISHING AND DOG LICENSE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2006 TO DECEMBER 31, 2008

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The Honorable Virginia S. Richardson Treasurer

The Honorable Thomas W. Amundson Controller

The Honorable Brian Beader Chairman of the Board of Commissioners

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