

Audit Highlights

Comprehensive Annual Financial Report
Perry County, Tennessee
For the Year Ended June 30, 2002

Scope

We have audited the general purpose financial statements and the combining, individual fund, and account group financial statements of Perry County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2002.

Results

Our report on Perry County's financial statements was qualified because the statements did not include a General Fixed Assets Account Group.

Our audit resulted in nine findings and recommendations, which we have reviewed with Perry County management. Detailed findings, recommendations, and management's responses are included in the Single Audit Section of this report.

The following are summaries of the audit findings:

OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

- ◆ The office did not issue purchase orders for some purchases, did not document reasons for rejecting a bid, and did not solicit competitive bids for a computer system.
- ◆ Inventory records were not complete and were not maintained currently.
- ◆ The County Commission had not adopted guidelines for credit card use.
- ◆ The office did not accurately reconcile the General Fund's cash with the trustee's cash balance.
- ◆ The office did not follow the county's personnel policy.

OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT:

- ◆ Purchase orders were not issued for some purchases.

OTHER FINDINGS:

- ◆ Duties were not segregated adequately among the officials and employees in the Offices of Trustee, County Clerk, Circuit and General Sessions Courts Clerk, Clerk and Master, Register, and Sheriff.
- ◆ The county did not inventory, value, and record its general fixed assets, as required by generally accepted accounting principles.
- ◆ County officials had not adopted a central system of accounting, budgeting, and purchasing.

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