

Audit Highlights

Annual Financial Report
Bedford County, Tennessee
For the Year Ended June 30, 2003

Scope

We have audited the financial statements of each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Bedford County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2003.

Results

Our report on Bedford County's financial statements expresses an adverse opinion because government-wide financial statements are not presented in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34.

Our audit resulted in six findings and recommendations, which we have reviewed with Bedford County management. Detailed findings, recommendations, and management's responses are included in the Single Audit Report.

The following are summaries of the audit findings:

BEDFORD COUNTY:

- ◆ Government-wide financial statements were not presented in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, resulting in an adverse opinion.

OFFICE OF COUNTY EXECUTIVE:

- ◆ General Fund appropriations approved by the County Commission exceeded estimated available funds by \$40,717. Also, expenditures exceeded appropriations in several major categories of the General, General Debt Service, and Drug Control Funds.
- ◆ The county's agriculture education center did not operate as a department within the General Fund, and all revenues and expenditures related to its operation were not subject to budgetary control of the county legislative body, as required by state statute.

OFFICE OF SHERIFF:

- ◆ The office used an unauthorized signature stamp.

OTHER FINDINGS:

- ◆ Duties were not segregated adequately among the officials and employees in the Offices of County Clerk; Circuit, General Sessions, and Juvenile Courts Clerk; Clerk and Master; Register; and Sheriff.
- ◆ County officials had not adopted a central system of accounting, budgeting, and purchasing.

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