



**County of Chester
Office of the Controller
Internal Audit
Department
Annual Financial
Statement Audit
For the Years Ended
December 31, 2018
and 2017**

*County of Chester
Magisterial District Court*

15-2-03

Independent Auditor's Report

Margaret Reif, Controller

COUNTY OF CHESTER
MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 15-2-03
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018 and 2017

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 15-2-03
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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03 (*District Court*), which comprises the statements of assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, and the related statements of cash receipts, disbursements and cash balances for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to annually audit the accounts of every magistrate or district judge within the County and to report the results of such audits to the Chester County Commissioners, the Chester County Court of Common Pleas, the Auditor General of Pennsylvania, and to the governing body of each political subdivision which is entitled to receive funds collected on its behalf by the *District Court*.

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes

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STATEMENTS OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CASH BALANCES – CASH BASIS

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018 and 2017

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
<u>Receipts</u>		
Fines and Costs	\$ 779,906	\$ 878,381
Bail, Restitution and Collateral	<u>208,878</u>	<u>130,677</u>
Total Receipts	988,784	1,009,058
<u>Disbursements</u>		
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	516,616	548,424
County of Chester	128,938	147,327
West Goshen Township	77,609	110,741
Westtown Township	47,079	51,317
Thornbury Township	24,387	19,153
West Chester Area School District	1,362	1,042
Bail, Restitution and Collateral	<u>212,903</u>	<u>122,939</u>
Total Disbursements	<u>1,008,894</u>	<u>1,000,943</u>
Cash Increase (Decrease)	(20,110)	8,115
Cash, Beginning of Year	<u>68,153</u>	<u>60,038</u>
Cash, End of Year	<u><u>\$ 48,043</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 68,153</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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MAGISTERIAL DISTRICT COURT 15-2-03
SUMMARY OF EXIT CONFERENCE
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

An exit conference was not warranted for the audit of Magisterial District Court 15-2-03. Minor Judiciary Administrator Vicky Bartholomew accepted the audit report and management letter as presented.