

**Beaver County  
New Brighton District Court  
36-3-01**

**Audit Report  
For the Period January 2020 through December 2022**

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Beaver County Controller**

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November 15, 2023

Honorable Eileen Conroy  
District Court 36-3-01  
513 11<sup>th</sup> Street  
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Judge Conroy:

We have audited the financial records of District Court 36-3-01 in the county of Beaver of the state of Pennsylvania for the period January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022. Based upon the audit we have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2023.

We conducted our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. Based upon our review of the financial records, in our opinion, the statement of revenues and expenditures is fairly stated in all material aspects.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Maria Longo".

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Beaver County Controller

**AUDIT SCOPE:**

The scope of this audit encompasses the period from January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022.

**AUDIT OBJECTIVES:**

Through the completion of internal control questionnaires, control tests, substantive tests, and observation, the following audit objectives were accomplished for this audit:

- Prepare a financial statement for each year reviewed
- Evaluate controls over the District Court checking account
- Ensure that funds are deposited on the same day received
- Ensure that funds received are disbursed to the proper payees
- Ensure that funds held in escrow are adequate
- Ensure that funds receipted are applied to the proper case
- Ensure that costs and fines are properly split upon receipt
- Ensure that reports and funds due to the Commonwealth were correct and remitted in a timely manner
- Ensure that proper documentation was maintained in the case file
- Evaluate the controls over cash
- Evaluate the controls over purchasing and the administration of the budget
- Evaluate controls over general office procedures

**DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020**

**Beginning cash balance (1/1/2020) \$ 15,961.14**

**Receipts:**

Traffic	\$ 231,390.36	
Non-Traffic	106,050.48	
Civil	25,914.00	
Landlord / Tenant	13,639.30	
Miscellaneous and other fees	<u>340.50</u>	
Total receipts		377,334.64

**Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 207,577.79	
Beaver County	49,294.29	
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	20,479.76	
Server Fees	9,921.97	
New Brighton Borough	41,970.18	
Rochester Township	25,907.70	
North Sewickley Township	4,005.62	
Franklin Township	4,585.79	
New Brighton Area School District	1,849.79	
Pulaski Township	1,309.69	
Ellwood City Borough	1,329.96	
Daugherty Township	100.00	
Marion Township	1,397.65	
New Sewickley Township	247.39	
Riverside School District	217.40	
Rochester Area School District	<u>539.74</u>	
Total disbursements		(370,734.72)

**Adjustments:**

Miscellaneous		<u>(23.49)</u>
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**Ending cash balance (12/31/2020) \$ 22,537.57**

**DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021**

**Beginning cash balance (1/1/2021) \$ 22,537.57**

**Receipts:**

Traffic	\$ 249,781.36	
Non-Traffic	104,287.90	
Civil	33,389.84	
Landlord / Tenant	20,169.50	
Miscellaneous and other fees	<u>90.00</u>	
Total receipts		407,718.60

**Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 228,177.90	
Beaver County	54,101.31	
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	13,256.62	
Server Fees	13,793.19	
New Brighton Borough	46,751.30	
Rochester Township	21,968.68	
North Sewickley Township	4,164.44	
Franklin Township	5,902.83	
Ellwood City Borough	1,105.32	
New Brighton Area School District	2,627.51	
Pulaski Township	1,478.29	
New Sewickley Township	216.27	
Daugherty Township	1,194.02	
Rochester Area School District	1,302.66	
Riverside School District	324.37	
Marion Township	<u>2,642.55</u>	
Total disbursements		(399,007.26)

**Adjustments:**

Bank Charges	(20.00)
Miscellaneous	<u>(1.72)</u>

**Ending cash balance (12/31/2021) \$ 31,227.19**

**DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022**

**Beginning cash balance (1/1/2022) \$ 31,227.19**

**Receipts:**

Traffic	\$ 228,922.72	
Non-Traffic	73,506.91	
Civil	26,282.18	
Landlord / Tenant	31,932.05	
Miscellaneous and other fees	<u>30.00</u>	
Total receipts		360,673.86

**Disbursements:**

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania	\$ 216,205.56	
Beaver County	52,409.67	
Restitution & Refund Bail / Collateral	29,487.85	
Server Fees	18,020.75	
New Brighton Borough	29,079.19	
Rochester Township	12,298.66	
North Sewickley Township	2,836.48	
Franklin Township	5,934.06	
New Sewickley Township	526.21	
Ellwood City Borough	335.67	
New Brighton Area School District	1,327.89	
Pulaski Township	923.37	
Daugherty Township	319.20	
Beaver Falls City	300.00	
Commonwealth Charter Academy	175.00	
Rochester Area School District	1,308.04	
Riverside School District	894.35	
Marion Township	<u>847.95</u>	
Total disbursements		(373,229.90)

**Adjustments:**

Miscellaneous 65.00

**Ending cash balance (12/31/2022) \$ 18,736.15**

**DISTRICT COURT 36-3-01  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY 1, 2020 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2022**

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies - District Court 36-3-01 reports on the cash basis of accounting. Under the cash basis of accounting revenues are recognized when received and expenses recognized when the disbursement is made.

Note 2: Traffic Receipt/Disbursement Categories -Transactions resulting from summary proceedings for offenses arising under the Pennsylvania Motor Vehicle Code and violations of local parking ordinances.

Note 3: Non-Traffic Receipt/Disbursement Categories -Transactions resulting from non-traffic summary proceedings initiated by a police officer or private citizen.

Note 4: Civil Receipt Categories - Transactions resulting from civil actions filed for tortious conduct or contractual issues.

Note 5: Landlord Tenant Receipt Categories - Transactions resulting from landlord / tenant proceedings.

Note 6: Criminal, miscellaneous and other fees Receipt Categories -Transactions resulting from misdemeanor and/or felony charges brought by a police officer or private citizen. Miscellaneous funds and funds deposited in escrow.



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Report on Internal Control Structure

We have audited the accompanying statement of account of the District Court 36-3-01, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2023.

We conducted our audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

In planning and performing our audit of the District Court 36-3-01, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, for the period January 1, 2020 to December 31, 2022, we considered the office's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the District Court is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of the financial statements in

accordance with prescribed policies. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, future reliance on any evaluation of the structure, past or current, is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

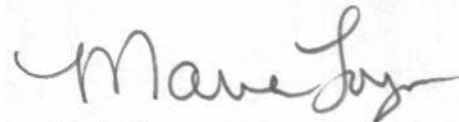
For the internal control structure we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation. Additionally, we assessed control risk for the internal control structure. Compliance with applicable laws and regulations was considered when assessing control risk for the internal control structure.

We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the office's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce, to a relatively low level, the risk that material errors or irregularities affecting the financial statements being audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Office of the Controller, management, and others within the administration. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.



Maria Longo  
Beaver County Controller

An exit conference was held on June 18, 2020 at District Court 36-3-01 for the purpose of discussing the items presented in this report. Those in attendance were:

District Court 36-3-01

Eileen Conroy - District Justice

Katherine Stramella - Office Manager

Beaver County Controller's Office

Charles Gibbons - Auditor

The results of the audit were discussed in their entirety during this conference.

As a part of the Office of the Controller's normal reporting procedure, a copy of this report will be distributed to the Beaver County Court Administrator and will be posted in the Controller's section of the Beaver County website.

**District Court 36-3-01 – New Brighton**  
**Finding Summary**  
**January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2022**

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**Finding 1:**

While reviewing file for checks it was noted that void checks were store with banking files and were not marked void. These checks remain live and could possibly be cashed if taken from the file.

**Conclusion:**

All checks that are voided should immediately be marked void.

**Finding 2:**

Review of case files revealed that the reports are not being reviewed to insure cases are being tracked on a continuing basis to insure the completion of cases on a timely basis. Our auditing revealed several cases with long periods of inactivity with no follow up such as impending warrants or warrant to induce payments. Reports for summons with no further action shows two items from 2017 still outstanding. Case 36301-TR-2216-2015 had 3 payments in 2016 and then no payment until 7/10/2020. The file contained no follow up on the case, no warrants were issued and no DL 38 was issued until 3/8/2021. Another case from 2017 shows no activity between 2017 and payment made in 2021 to close the case. Case 36301-NT-93-1998 also no activity between 2001 and 2021.

**Conclusion:**

Administration reports should be reviewed periodically to insure cases are kept current and that all necessary steps are taken to insure payment is made for all cases.

**Finding 3:**

Review of Warrant reports revealed that many warrants were not followed up on during the audit periods. Warrants that should have been canceled or completed remained open for many years.

**Conclusion:**

A review of warrants should be completed on a regular basis to insure all items are up to date and warrants are current.