

Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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Blount County Receives Second Consecutive Clean Audit

Tennessee Comptroller Justin P. Wilson is pleased to announce that Blount County government has achieved a distinctive honor for the second consecutive year.

Blount County has received a clean audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. This means the county's audit report was completed without any findings. Very few counties can claim to have an audit report without a finding indicating weaknesses or deficiencies in government operations.

The audit of Blount County revealed a strong system that allows for accurate financial reporting and clear checks and balances that help protect taxpayer money. Blount County residents should be encouraged that county leaders and elected officials are taking their responsibilities seriously.

Blount County was one of only five Tennessee counties that received a clean audit report in fiscal year 2015.

"A clean audit report is a strong indicator of good government," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Blount County continues to have one of the strongest county governments in Tennessee. I'd like to congratulate county leaders and employees for this accomplishment."

Blount County joins Tipton County, Warren County, Overton County, Lawrence County, Bedford County and Unicoi County in receiving a clean audit report for fiscal year 2016. The Comptroller will continue to release fiscal year 2016 audits through March of 2017.

View the full Blount County Audit Report at http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/

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