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Audit of Sequatchie County Government Finds Numerous Errors

Sequatchie County government needs to correct 17 accounting and record-keeping findings, an audit by the Comptroller's office has revealed.

Eight of the issues identified in the audit related to the management of the Sequatchie County executive's office. These ranged from deficiencies in the financial records to questionable use of credit cards.

The highway supervisor's office was the subject of three audit findings and four other offices – the trustee, county clerk, sheriff and clerk and master – each was the subject of at least one finding.

These audit findings included allowing multiple employees to share computer usernames and passwords, multiple employees operating from the same cash drawer and a lack of segregation of duties – all of which reduce accountability and can increase the chances fraud, waste or abuse will occur.

“Clearly, Sequatchie County officials have some work to do in order to address these audit findings,” Comptroller Justin P. Wilson said. “I hope the county's audit committee will begin working toward solutions immediately. It's important for all government officials to create a climate in which fraud, waste and abuse are unlikely to happen.”

To view the audit online, go to: <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/CountyAudits.asp?C=77>

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