



Justin P. Wilson, Comptroller

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Bedford County Receives Clean Audit

The Tennessee Comptroller's Office is pleased to announce that Bedford County government has achieved a distinctive honor.

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

Last year, Bedford County's audit report included three findings. Each of these problems have now been corrected.

Additionally, Bedford County is one of eight Tennessee counties to receive the Government Finance Officers Association's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting.

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

Bedford County joins 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 Bedford County Audit Report at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>

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