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**Fairfield County Auditor’s Employee Earns Human Resource Management Certification.**

**Lancaster, Ohio** – Rachel Elsea, Communications Officer and Deputy County Auditor, recently earned a Society for Human Resource Management certification. The SHRM certification is a credential that demonstrates an individual's proficiency in the field of human resources. The credential is designed for professionals who perform HR-related duties, such as implementing policies, interacting with employees and stakeholders, and performing everyday functions.



To obtain the certification, Ms. Elsea demonstrated the relevant college education and practical work experience. She also took a comprehensive examination consisting of knowledge items and situational judgment questions.

Ms. Elsea has more than 17 years of local government experience, and she has contributed in positive ways throughout her career, serving as a Congressional Casework Manager and Service Academies Coordinator; the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners; and Deputy Auditor. Currently, she is responsible for internal and external communications for the Fairfield County Auditor.

Dr. Carri L. Brown, County Auditor, stated, “We are very proud of Rachel Elsea’s professional certification and look forward to how her competencies will benefit the public. She has worked hard to obtain the SHRM certification and has a high level of credibility in her position.”

100% of the Fairfield County Auditor’s employees have a professional certification or have obtained a certificate in leadership, appraisal services, or another related discipline. This the first formal certification from the SHRM for the office.

For more information about SHRM, please visit <https://www.shrm.org>.

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