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Fairfield County Auditor Announces Receipt of Auditor of State Award of Distinction

Lancaster, Ohio – The Fairfield County Auditor’s Office is pleased to announce that Fairfield County has been awarded the Ohio Auditor of State Award of Distinction for the period ending December 31, 2023.

County Auditor Carri Brown stated, “Financial stewardship is a key responsibility of all elected officials and department heads, and I am so grateful for the collaboration in Fairfield County. In addition, we in the County Auditor’s Office have a skilled and dedicated staff who provide excellent leadership and guidance. Thanks for their teamwork and hard work. Thanks to the State Auditor for taking the time to recognize excellence in financial reporting.”

To receive this award, Fairfield County met criteria of a “clean” auditor report. Those criteria include the following:

- The entity must file financial reports with the Auditor of State’s Office by the statutory due date, without extension, via the Hinkle System, on the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) accounting basis, and prepare an ACFR (Annual Comprehensive Financial Report).
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Uniform Guidance (Single Audit) findings, or questioned costs, with the opinion dated within six months of the entity’s year-end.
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than the threshold per Uniform Guidance
 - Lack of timely annual financial report submission
 - Bank reconciliation issues
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance
 - Findings for recovery less than \$500
 - Public meetings or public records issues
- The entity has no other financial or other concerns.

For more information or questions, please contact the County Auditor’s Office at (740) 652-7020 or (740) 652-7030.

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