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Fairfield County Receives the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*

Columbus – A recent financial audit of Fairfield County by Auditor of State Dave Yost’s office has returned a clean audit report. Fairfield County’s excellent record keeping has earned it the *Auditor of State Award with Distinction*.

“Good finance is important to everything government does, and taxpayers expect this kind of accountability,” Auditor Yost said. “Sound budgetary decisions by the commissioners depend on clean and accurate books, and I am pleased to present this award to the county.”

The *Auditor of State Award with Distinction* is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria of a “clean” audit report:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State’s office in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity’s management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records

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The Auditor of State’s office, one of five independently elected statewide offices in Ohio, is responsible for auditing more than 5,600 state and local government agencies. Under the direction of Auditor Dave Yost, the office also provides financial services to local governments, investigates and prevents fraud in public agencies and promotes transparency in government.