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CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the audit of Harrisonville Municipal Division

Noncash Transactions	The Municipal Judge approves noncash transactions that court personnel post to the case management system, which include community service; jail time served; and waiver of fines, court costs, and fees through judicial order. However, a subsequent review of the actual transactions posted to the system is not performed to ensure all transactions are valid and accounted for properly.
Prosecuting Attorney Approval	The Prosecuting Attorney does not sign tickets processed by the municipal division, and his approval of dismissed traffic tickets is not always clearly documented. The Prosecuting Attorney allows court personnel to maintain and use his signature stamp on traffic tickets. Of 60 tickets reviewed by auditors, 58 tickets contained the Prosecuting Attorney's facsimile signature and 2 tickets had no signature or approval notation. Court personnel are also allowed to dismiss traffic violations issued for no proof of insurance if the defendant later provides proof of insurance; however, it is not possible to determine if the charges were dismissed by the Prosecuting Attorney or court personnel. There is also no indication that the Prosecuting Attorney reviewed charges dismissed by court personnel.

In the areas audited, the overall performance of this entity was **Good**.*

*The rating(s) cover only audited areas and do not reflect an opinion on the overall operation of the entity. Within that context, the rating scale indicates the following:

- Excellent:** The audit results indicate this entity is very well managed. The report contains no findings. In addition, if applicable, prior recommendations have been implemented.
- Good:** The audit results indicate this entity is well managed. The report contains few findings, and the entity has indicated most or all recommendations have already been, or will be, implemented. In addition, if applicable, many of the prior recommendations have been implemented.
- Fair:** The audit results indicate this entity needs to improve operations in several areas. The report contains several findings, or one or more findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated several recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, several prior recommendations have not been implemented.
- Poor:** The audit results indicate this entity needs to significantly improve operations. The report contains numerous findings that require management's immediate attention, and/or the entity has indicated most recommendations will not be implemented. In addition, if applicable, most prior recommendations have not been implemented.

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