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CITIZENS SUMMARY

Findings in the audit of Third Judicial Circuit - City of Bethany Municipal Division

Background	In February 2017, the Board of Aldermen of the City of Bethany voted to discontinue the city's municipal division and transfer operations to the Harrison County Associate Court. In May 2017, the City of Bethany transferred all court operations to the Harrison County Associate Court. Because the municipal division has been dissolved, a recommendation is not provided to the court, but a recommendation has been made to the police department.
Ticket Accountability	Neither the police department nor the municipal division had developed adequate procedures to account for the numerical sequence or ultimate disposition of tickets issued. In addition, ticket books are not assigned to officers in sequential order.

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.