

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**Contact: Michael Goins** 

Michael.Goins@ky.gov

502.564.5841 502.209.2867

## Harmon Releases Agreed-Upon Procedures Engagement of Perry County Clerk's Fee Account

**FRANKFORT, Ky.** – State Auditor Mike Harmon today released the 2021 agreed-upon procedures engagement of Perry County Clerk Wayne Napier. State law requires the auditor to conduct annual audits of county clerks and sheriffs.

In 2018 the Kentucky General Assembly, following a recommendation by the State Auditor, passed legislation that allows county sheriffs and clerks that met certain criteria to apply for an Agreed-Upon Procedures (AUP) engagement in lieu of an audit of their fee account. The intent of the change, which became effective in July 2018, was to reduce audit costs for sheriffs and clerks that have a history of clean audits, while still maintaining an appropriate level of accountability.

The Perry County Clerk applied for and received approval from the Auditor of Public Accounts (APA) to obtain an AUP engagement for calendar year 2021 in accordance with KRS 43.070(1)(c). AUP reports present the procedures performed and the results of those procedures, called findings. Auditors performed the procedures, which were agreed to by the Perry County Clerk, on receipts and disbursements, excess fees, recordkeeping, and leases, contracts, and liabilities for the period January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

The following exception was identified during the AUP engagement:

• Excess fees due to the fiscal court were recalculated and based on this calculation, the county clerk overpaid excess fees due to the fiscal court by \$5,820.

County Clerk's Response: We received additional income for 2021 which resulted in additional excess fees.

The county clerk's responsibilities include collecting certain taxes, issuing licenses, maintaining county records and providing other services. The clerk's office is funded through statutory fees collected in conjunction with these duties.

The agreed-upon procedures report can be found on the <u>auditor's website</u>.

###

The Auditor of Public Accounts ensures that public resources are protected, accurately valued, properly accounted for, and effectively employed to raise the quality of life of Kentuckians.

Call 1-800-KY-ALERT or visit our website to report suspected waste and abuse.









