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Maury County Audit Outlines Accounting and Payroll Problems

The Tennessee Comptroller has released Maury County's annual audit which details several serious problems within the county's Office of Accounts and Budget and School Department.

The fiscal year 2016 audit report contains nine audit findings, which is up from seven findings the year before. Audit findings describe significant weaknesses, deficiencies and noncompliance with government standards within the county government.

One of the findings outlines the numerous factors which resulted in a breakdown of Maury County Schools' payroll process. These errors caused school department employees to receive late or inaccurate payroll checks.

Other failures by the School Department's finance office resulted in several school employees receiving a notice of cancellation from their life insurance and dental insurance providers.

Comptroller auditors also reported multiple problems with Maury's County's accounting processes. These problems included inaccurate financial statements, expenditures exceeding budgeted appropriations, and numerous inaccurate posts to the county's accounting records.

"A strong county government must excel at the fundamentals," said Comptroller Justin P. Wilson. "Accounting and payroll are two of the basic functions in managing a well-run government. This audit report deserves serious attention from county leaders and Maury County's Audit Committee."

View the full Maury County Audit Report at <http://www.comptroller.tn.gov/la/>

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