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Auditor Roger Reynolds Returning Over \$1 million to Local Communities
Butler County Auditor has Returned in Excess of \$2 million Since Taking Office in '08

HAMILTON, OHIO – Again demonstrating a commitment to returning tax money to its source and now doing it in record fashion for the office, Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds announced today that he is sending more than \$1 million back to local communities.

The Auditor's office charges local governments a fee set by the State of Ohio for managing and distributing their tax levy money. State law allows any surplus fee to be returned. Reynolds has returned surplus money every year since he took office in April of 2008, totaling over \$2.016 million combined. This year's exact figure is \$1,007,051.38.

Reynolds made the following comments at a morning news conference today, flanked by his office staff: "A little over 3 years ago, I took over as Butler County Auditor. The first week in office I set forth a challenge to my team: to improve office efficiency, reduce spending at every line item, and return all excess money back to the local entities. Without the hard work and commitment from each and every one of these individuals, today's announcement would not be taking place. We started out in 2008 with a \$4.3 million dollar budget; today we have reduced the budget to \$2.2 million, a 48 percent reduction."

The refund goes to many entities. "The \$1 million dollars will be spread throughout the county in our townships, cities, schools and also our countywide levies," Reynolds said. "We fund our real estate division by collecting a service fee from each levy in Butler County. State law determines the fee amount, but the fees collected increase with the size of the levy. So, the refund works in reverse – the larger the levy the more the refund that particular government entity will receive."

Reynolds went on to describe the impact of the refund to the community: "The timing of this year's refund is critical for many of our local entities. Local governments are facing significant budget shortfalls and funding cuts from both the State and Federal governments. The refund in no way solves the many budget challenges facing our local governments but it will certainly help."

Before Reynolds became Auditor, the office had seen only one returned surplus in 10 years. Since taking office, Reynolds has reduced total office expenses and taken projected deficits and turned them into surpluses that get returned back to the community every year.

“What once was a ‘spend it or lose it’ mentality in Butler County is now a ‘save it and return it’ commitment to the taxpayers.” Reynolds concluded.

The following is a breakdown of the allocation of returned fee money:

**Fees Returned to Taxing Districts
2nd Half REA Tax Year 2010**

Butler County:

General	34,203.94
DD	46,069.03
Mental Health	22,194.47
Children Services	35,418.13
Senior Citizens	23,158.96
Total Butler County	161,044.53

Townships:

Hanover Township	2,085.57
Lemon Township	825.83
Liberty Township	20,034.42
Madison Township	1,839.55
Milford Township	1,078.33
Morgan Township	2,266.17
Oxford Township	1,026.80
Reily Township	1,082.42
Ross Township	2,777.85
St Clair Township	1,171.84
West Chester Township	63,164.68
Wayne Township	978.39
Fairfield Township	10,619.05
Total Townships	108,950.90

School Districts:

Edgewood SD	36,843.31
Fairfield SD	102,417.83
Lakota SD	238,681.03
Madison SD	14,023.00
New Miami SD	2,705.35
Ross SD	24,750.23

Talawand SD	46,654.55
Hamilton SD	68,716.87
Middletown SD	71,958.26
Northwest SD	158.52
Southwest SD	973.33
Princeton SD	7,514.26
College Corner SD	150.22
Preble Shawnee SD	88.35
Mason SD	451.58
Monroe SD	25,406.08
Total School Districts	641,492.77

Villages and Cities:

Fairfield City	11,907.45
Millville Village	137.36
Sevenmile Village	74.55
Oxford City	2,342.70
Monroe Corp	4,847.99
Jacksonburg Corp	3.23
New Miami Village	322.16
Somerville Village	20.53
Trenton City	1,291.21
Hamilton City	12,883.15
Middletown City	9,013.15
College Corner Corp	59.94
Total Cities and Villages	42,903.42

JVS:

Butler Tech JVS	29,982.73
Great Oaks JVS	635.90
Miami Valley Tech JVS	7.77
Total JVS	30,626.40

Other Taxing Districts:

Metroparks of Butler County	8,907.28
Lane Public Library	5,949.92
Middletown Public Library	7,176.16
Total Other Taxing Districts	22,033.36

Grand Total Fees Returned 1,007,051.3