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## **ROGER REYNOLDS RETURNING \$256,300 TO LOCAL COMMUNITIES** *First 150 Days a Good Measure of Performance*

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A good measure of performance for any new administration is to gauge the accomplishments within the first 150 days of office. When I took over as Auditor approximately 150 days ago and I set aggressive goals to:

- Reduce Spending
- Reform Government
- Return tax dollars

It's my pleasure to announce today that through sound, disciplined spending and a commitment to do more with less, we are able to return \$256,300 back to local communities.

The returned money will be used to improve numerous local services including:

- Schools
- Public Safety – Fire, Police, EMS
- Special Services – MRDD, Children & Senior Services
- Road improvements

The Auditor's office charges local governments a fee set forth by the State of Ohio for managing and distributing their tax levy money. The Ohio Revised Code further states that any surplus fees shall be returned proportionately to the amount collected.

There has not been a surplus to return in over 10 YEARS. I made a pledge to cut spending and we turned a projected deficit into a surplus – the net result is a return of over a quarter million dollars.

I believe our performance over the past 150 days will assure the public that we are on the right track and attentive to the needs of our citizens.

I would like to challenge the recipients of these funds to spend the money wisely. The taxpayers pay enough and it's our job as elected officials to improve efficiencies and reduce the tax burden on the citizens of Butler County.