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Audit Release

Hunterdon County Finances Given 'Clean Bill of Health' By Independent Auditor

The Hunterdon County Freeholder Board received the good news of 'no findings' in the 2016 Annual Audit recently completed by the County's Independent Auditor.

Freeholder Matt Holt, the Board's liaison for the Finance Department, stated, "Over the past few years, we had a goal of bringing a business-like approach to financial operations in the county.

The clean bill of health in the audit is proof that the dedication to sound financial controls and record keeping and great attention to detail by the Finance Office and the County operations as a whole, have achieved that goal."

Holt continued, "In turn, there are real results for taxpayers. The financial controls and business-like approach have enabled the Freeholders to put forward a budget this year with both no spending increase and no county tax rate increase for the fourth consecutive year."

Freeholder Suzanne Lagay, the Freeholder Board Director during 2016, said, "The audit report is affirmation of both the Board's leadership and commitment to fiscal soundness and CFO Janet Previte's skill and drive for accountability."

Scott A. Clelland, a Registered Municipal Accountant with the accounting firm Wiss & Company, states in the audit report 'there were no findings identified in 2016 that are required to be reported.'

Additionally, the audit reports that previously identified issues have been rectified - 'a review was performed on all prior year recommendations and appropriate corrective action was taken on prior year audit recommendations,' according to Clelland.

"I congratulate CFO Janet Previte, her staff, and the entire County staff for a job well done," Holt added.