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State Auditor Presents Reynolds the Award with Distinction Excellence in Financial Reporting Earns Highest Honor

HAMILTON – It wasn't that long ago when Butler County was making headlines for scandals and law-breaking in government offices. Not any longer. Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost put his stamp of approval on the turnaround today by presenting Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds the Auditor of State Award with Distinction.

“We have made significant improvements in our processes and internal controls” said Reynolds. “That was one of my top priorities when taking office in 2008. This award confirms we are on the right track and we are going to continue to strive for this level of reporting accuracy.”

This Award with Distinction is presented to local governments and school districts upon the completion of a clean financial audit. Entities that receive the award meet the following criteria:

- The entity must file timely financial reports with the Auditor of State's office in the form of a CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report);
- The audit report does not contain any findings for recovery, material citations, material weaknesses, significant deficiencies, Single Audit findings or questioned costs;
- The entity's management letter contains no comments related to:
 - Ethics referrals
 - Questioned costs less than \$10,000
 - Lack of timely report submission
 - Reconciliation
 - Failure to obtain a timely Single Audit
 - Findings for recovery less than \$100
 - Public meetings or public records

The award signifies that county management took appropriate steps to ensure strong controls are in place to prevent material reporting errors.

“Good finance is important to everything government does, and taxpayers expect this kind of accountability,” Auditor Yost said. “Sound budgetary decisions by the commissioners depend on clean and accurate books, and I am pleased to present this award to Butler County.”



Ohio Auditor of State Dave Yost, right, presents Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds the Auditor of State Award With Distinction.

“Our finance department has undergone a fundamental change since I took office. We now have the right people with the right degrees and experience to do the job more efficiently,” said Reynolds. “I’ve replaced politics with performance.”

Reynolds also lauded the teamwork from offices throughout Butler County, which Yost noted is the only county in the state that has an Auditor and Treasurer who are both CPAs.

“This was a group effort,” said Reynolds. “We worked closely with all County offices to ensure accurate, timely compliance with all state laws and procedures.”