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**No Surprise: Hunterdon Finances Receive Clean Audit
For Sixth Year In A Row**

Strong Financial Controls Pay Dividends For Taxpayers

Hunterdon County's Board of Commissioners, at the October 19th meeting, received the 2020 Independent Audit that again certified county financial record keeping as 'clean' for a record sixth consecutive year.

Commissioner Matt Holt, liaison to the Finance Department, stated at the meeting, "Each year when the independent auditing firm releases its findings on county finances, we speak about the outstanding finance and accounting controls that have been put in place. This is not rhetoric. It is fact, proven out by the audit for an incredible six straight years.

Through hard work and determination, the county has made itself a model of government finance."

Holt added, "Careful control over where the taxpayers' dollars are spent is a vital component of the strategy that has helped this Board establish a freeze in the tax rate for the last three years, a budget that is less than the one 12 years ago, and no debt."

The independent audit of county finances for 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, and 2020 have regularly found no material findings and no issues of non-compliance, and that county financial records have been maintained in accordance with accounting principles, according to the audit document submitted by the Wiss accounting firm.

Board Director Susan J. Soloway said, "To have an independent auditor make a determination of a clean audit one time is usually a cause for celebration. To have those findings made for six consecutive years is simply beyond excellent.



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When I joined this Board in 2019, I said I believe tax dollars are precious, and must be used effectively, efficiently, and sparingly.

The finance record and conservative philosophy of this Board, the controls that are in place, the ability to track spending, all of it, certified once again by the independent auditor, have helped me to keep that pledge to the taxpayers over the past three years.”

The Commissioners congratulated County CFO Janet Previte, and all the Department Heads and others involved in the finance, payroll, purchasing, and budgeting process for the clean audit accomplishment for the sixth year.