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September 10, 2021

The Honorable Alex Alford
Clerk of Circuit Court
Walton County
Post Office Box 1260
DeFuniak Springs, Florida 32435

Dear Mr. Alford,

We completed our Article V Clerk of the Circuit Court Follow-Up Review Audit in accordance with Florida Statutes. Enclosed is a copy of our final report.

We appreciate your advanced preparation for our audit and the courtesy extended to our team. We look forward to working with your office in the future.

Please contact Kim Holland at (850) 413-5700 or kim.holland@myfloridacfo.com if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Kim Holland

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Enclosure



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Florida Department of Financial Services

**WALTON COUNTY CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
*AUDIT FOLLOW-UP***

Report No. 2021-70/August 24, 2021

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

The Department of Financial Services (DFS) has completed a follow-up review of the Walton County Clerk of the Circuit Court. The Department performed an audit of the Walton County Clerk of the Circuit Court in December 2015. The audit noted one (1) audit recommendation. A follow-up review was scheduled to review the implementation status of this audit recommendation.

OBJECTIVE AND SCOPE

The objective of the follow-up review was to determine the implementation status of prior audit observations and recommendations. The approach included interviews with staff members and an analysis of relevant files and supporting documentation.

The follow-up desk review covered County Fiscal Year 19-20.

STATUS OF PRIOR AUDIT OBSERVATIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS

Our review concluded that 100% of the recommendation noted in Report No. 2016-02 was implemented.

The summary of the audit recommendation status is as follows:

#	SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDATION	STATUS
1.	We recommend the clerk establish a method for tracking employees' time and effort between court-related and non-court related activities to ensure accuracy in the budgeting process and the appropriation of State funds.	The Clerk of Courts and Comptroller is the only shared employee. The status of this recommendation is complete.