

# Hanover County FY21 Internal Audit Plan



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## Background

The mission of the Internal Audit Department is to enhance and protect organizational value by providing risk based and objective assurance, evidence and insight throughout the County to foster and improve organizational processes and operations.

The objectives of the Internal Audit Department are to:

- Develop, implement and execute an annual Internal Audit Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors;
- Continually evaluate risk environments and systems of internal control;
- Follow-up on prior Internal Audit recommendations and provide departmental assistance;
- Perform special projects to support Board initiatives and assist County Administration;
- Coordinate regional and external audit services;
- Administer a hotline for reporting fraud, waste, and abuse;
- Meet department performance measurement goals; and
- Fully comply with Generally Accepted Government Auditing Standards in all audit work.

The Institute of Internal Auditor’s “International Standards for the Professional Practice of Internal Auditing” states the chief audit executive (Internal Audit Director) must effectively manage the internal audit activity to ensure it adds value to the organization. The Internal Audit Director must establish a risk-based plan to determine the priorities of the internal audit activity, consistent with the organization's goals.

The Hanover County Audit Policy requires that the annual internal audit plan and the results of audit activities be summarized for the Finance Committee of the Board of Supervisors. This FY21 Internal Audit Plan being submitted for your approval was prepared by the Internal Audit Director with concurrence from County Administration.

## Audit Plan

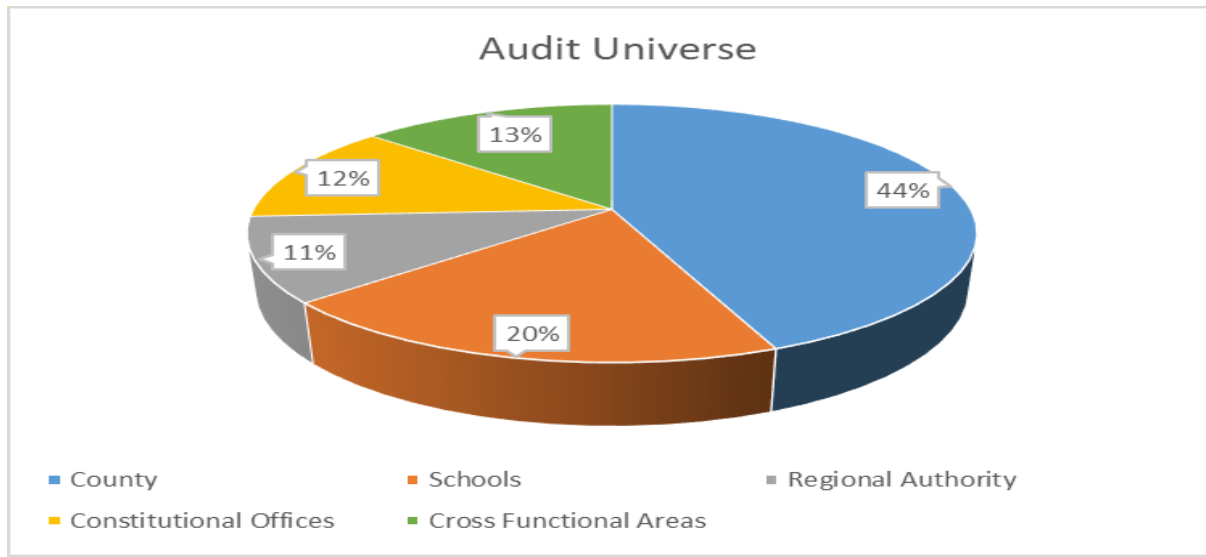
Determining which areas to focus limited audit resources is the key to a successful audit function. With this in mind, the department used a multi-faceted approach to project planning and selection. Our process includes assessing audit risk, soliciting input from County Administration and reviewing department requests and fraud, waste and abuse concerns.

Risk-based auditing examines those areas with the greatest chance of impairing the organization’s achievement of its goals and objectives. To assess risk, numerous factors are considered, which include audit history, operational risk, fiscal management, customer service, system growth and/or

changes, key staff turnover and reputational sensitivity. The risk assessment process is a basis for the audit plan so that audit coverage is maximized while reducing risk exposures.

A county-wide risk assessment was completed in September 2019 using a variety of sources. These include County data, such as budget documents and the Consolidated Annual Financial Report as well as department work sessions. 340 different auditable areas were identified in the audit universe, which represents approximately 42,500 in audit hours. A list of the auditable areas identified in the audit universe is included in Appendix 1.

The composition of the audit universe is as follows:



## Audit Resources

Internal Audit Office is comprised of the County Auditor and two professional audit positions. A list of the current members and their respective positions is provided below.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Title</b>
Angela W. Baxter, CPA	Internal Audit Director
Holly B. Garner, CGAP	Internal Auditor
Gregory L. Harris, CPA	Internal Auditor, Information Technology Lead

Available audit resources represent the total number of staff hours available to provide direct audit services of auditable areas after indirect time for leave, holidays, continuing professional education and department administration have been removed. There are approximately 4,100 direct hours available.

The following table provides an overview of the allocation of audit resources planned for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. The audit plan includes time allocated for investigations resulting from

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the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline, special projects, audits carried over from previously approved plans, as well as time for new audit areas (designated with an \* in the table below).

The planned scope of these projects are outlined in Appendix 2. Planned scope and objectives are subject to change based upon the results of the audit planning phase. The proposed audit plan includes approximately 6% more audit work than there are available hours, in order to eliminate the risk of idle time. The audit plan also provides for flexibility so that the department may respond to organizational needs as they arise.

**FY21 AUDIT PLAN**

Activity	Audit Resources in Hours	
<b>Investigations</b>	Fraud, Waste & Abuse Hotline	<b>200</b>
<b>Special Projects &amp; Department Assistance</b>	Audits and Non-Audit	400
	External Audit Assistance	220
	Professional Services	140
	FOIA Requests	40
		<b>800</b>
<b>Annual Audits Performed</b>	Annual Follow-Up	200
	Review of Selected Financial Transactions	200
		<b>400</b>
<b>Audits Carried Over</b>	General Ledger Application Post Implementation Review ^*	250
	Email Services and Applications*^	350
		<b>600</b>
<b>County Audits</b>	Risk Management & Safety – EMEX Post Implementation Review^	425
	Specialized Transportation*	300
	Overtime*^▲	500
		<b>1,225</b>
<b>Other Audit Areas</b>	Pamunkey Regional Jail	200
	Schools	900
		<b>1,100</b>
		<b>4,325</b>

\* Denotes new audit area

▲ Denotes high risk area

^ Denotes technology audit

Highlights of the FY21 audit plan include:

- Post implementation system reviews continue to be a focus.
- More global assignments are proposed which have the opportunity to touch on a larger number of departments. Prior year plans included more assignments targeted at single departments rather than topics that can be applied organizationally.
- First time audit areas represent 1,400 hours or 34% of the proposed audit plan. The plan continues to include repeat audits in areas where value is added based on risk assessment factors.
- Special projects and department assistance represent a measurable portion of Internal Audit's planned services. In this category, you will find professional services provided to professional audit and accounting organizations as well as assistance to our external auditors.

## Previous Audit Plan Accomplishments and Modifications

To date, the following has been accomplished in regards to previously approved audit plans:

- Completed an audit of DSS – Employment Services.
- Completed the annual follow up of outstanding audit findings.
- Maintained the Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline, assessing 5 allegations to date during FY20.
- Completed FOIA requests and related activities.
- Trained employees on internal controls, ethics and fraud in conjunction with Human Resources.
- Updated our policies and procedures to incorporate 2018 Yellow Book Revisions.
- Updated our risk assessment process and updated the audit universe.
- Provided Professional Services to our External Auditors, which resulted in a \$9,975 credit for the County.

## Closing

The FY21 Internal Audit Plan is being submitted for your approval was prepared by the Internal Audit Director with concurrence from County Administration. Your approval represents authorization to modify previously approved audit plans and perform new audits identified in the FY21 Audit Plan.

## Distribution List

Cecil R. Harris, Jr., County Administrator

Kathleen T. Seay, Deputy County Administrator

Faye O. Prichard, Board of Supervisor - Ashland District

Aubrey M. Stanley, Board of Supervisor – Beaverdam District

Scott A. Wyatt, Board of Supervisor – Cold Harbor District

Wayne T. Hazzard, Board of Supervisor - South Anna District, Finance Committee Chair

Appendix 1

**Audit Universe**

**COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

- Building Inspections
  - Code Enforcement
  - Customer Service and Administration
  - Inspections
  - Plan Review
- Economic Development
  - Existing Business
  - New Business
  - Economic Development Authority
- Parks and Recreation
  - Grounds Maintenance & Athletic Fields
  - Hanover Tomato Festival
  - Maintenance Inventory & Equipment
  - Recreation Programs & Events
- Planning▲
  - Code Compliance & Enforcement
  - Current Planning
  - Customer Service and Administration
  - Development Review
- Public Utilities
  - Licensing & Permit Requirements
  - Meter Reading
  - Capital Improvement Program
  - Customer User & Capacity Fees
  - Inventory Management
  - Operations & Maintenance of Public Water & Wastewater Systems
    - Water and Wastewater Regulatory Compliance
    - Water Supply & Wastewater Treatment Contract Management
- Public Works
  - Airport Operations & Facilities
  - Cannery
  - MS-4 Program
  - Roads and Transportation
  - Trash and Recycling

**GENERAL GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION**

- Administration Services
  - Accreditations, Certifications & Training
  - Contract Management
  - Emergency Preparedness & Response
  - Protection of Confidential Information▲
  - Record Retention
- Finance & Management Services
  - Accounts Payable Process
  - Budgeting Process and Control Monitoring
  - Cash Receipts/Petty Cash/Revenue Policy▲
  - Capital Projects
  - Community Support
  - Cost Allocation
  - Debt Management
  - Financial Policies & Regulations
  - Fixed Assets
  - General Reporting & Financial Analysis
  - Grant Management
  - Leased Property
  - Payroll Process
  - Purchasing Cards
  - Purchasing Process
- General Services
  - Facilities Management & Services
  - Fleet Management & Services
  - Fuel Management Services
  - Internal Billing & Charges
  - Motor Vehicle Program
  - OSHA Compliance & Safety
  - Facility Security
  - Risk Management & Safety
  - Take Home Vehicles
  - Telephone System
  - Wireless Service Program

**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

- Community Corrections
  - Adult Drug Court
  - Pre-Trial Services
  - Probation
- Community Resources
  - Court Appointed Special Advocate Program
  - Senior Services Program
  - Specialized Transportation
  - Youth Services Program
- Community Services Board
  - Application Systems
  - Credentialing and Physician Review ▲
  - Day Health Support & Rehabilitation ▲
  - Developmental Disabilities Services ▲
  - Drug Inventory Control
  - Employment & Support Services
  - Mental Health Substance Use Disorders ▲
  - RAFT House
  - State Reporting
  - STEP VA Program (Same Day Access) ▲
- Health Department
  - Health Applications & Permits
  - Inspections
  - Opioid Crisis Programs
- Juvenile Court Services
- Social Services
  - Benefit Programs
  
  - Children's Services Act
  - Fraud Investigation & Complaint Resolution
  - Medicaid Expansion Program
  - Permanency Unit Programs
  - Protection Unit Programs
  - Self-Sufficiency Unit Programs

**HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Annual Reporting ▲
- Benefit Plans ▲
- Compensation Management
- Fair Labor Standards Act Compliance
- Family & Medical Leave Act Compliance
- HR Policy
- Leave of Absences
- Performance Management
- Position Reclassification
- Recruitment, Selection & Hiring Practices
- Retirement/VRS
- Separation Process
- Training
- Tuition Reimbursement
- Wellness Program

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

- Application Management & Support
- Customer Service
- Data Governance ▲
- Data Security, Backup & Recovery ▲
- Identity and Access Management ▲
- Incident Reporting & Response ▲
- IT Asset Management ▲
- IT Governance ▲
- IT Management
- Network Security & Vulnerability ▲
- Protection of Personal & Confidential Information ▲
- Windows Updates

**JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION**

- Clerk of the Circuit Court
- Commonwealth's Attorney
- Court Services
- Courts
- Juvenile Court Services



**OTHER**

Cash and Investments  
County Attorney  
DMV Select Services  
Voter Registration

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Animal Control  
    Animal Control Operations  
    Customer Service and Community Outreach  
    Drug Inventory Control  
Emergency Communications  
    911 Communications & Emergency Dispatch ▲  
    Radio Shop  
    Radio System  
Fire-EMS  
    Business Continuity Planning (COOP)  
    Communications  
    EMS Education  
    Fire Marshal  
    Logistics  
    Drug Inventory Control  
    Services – Fire, EMS, Hazardous Materials,  
Disaster  
    Volunteer Management  
    Wireless Service Program  
Sheriff  
    Administrative Operations  
    Asset Forfeiture  
    Community Involvement Programs  
Court Services  
    Drug Inventory Control  
    Evidence & Property Room  
    Investigative Funds  
    Investigative Operations  
    Records Receipts  
    Service Fees  
    Sheriff Fees  
    Sheriff's Cash  
    Uniform Patrol Operations  
    Wireless Service Program

▲ Denotes high risk area

**REGIONAL AUTHORITIES**

Pamunkey Regional Jail  
Pamunkey Regional Library

**SCHOOLS**

Administration  
Budget & Finance  
Facilities  
Food Services  
Human Resources ▲  
Instruction  
Technology ▲  
  
Transportation

**TAXATION**

Business Licenses  
Business Property Assessment  
Collection of Delinquent Tax Receivables  
Collection of Tax Receivables  
Community Development Authorities  
Local Revenue Audits  
  
Other Taxes  
Personal Property Assessment ▲  
Real Estate Assessment  
Real Estate Records (Land Book) ▲  
Sales, Use & Utility Taxes (Consumption taxes)  
Tax Reconciliations  
Tax Relief and Discount Programs

Appendix 2

**Scope and Objectives for Audits**

Project Name	Scope	Objectives
Annual Follow-Up	All audit findings originated from audits completed by Internal Audit that were unresolved at the time of the last follow-up report	Has appropriate, timely action been taken to correct conditions noted in prior audits?
Review of Selected Financial Transactions	Policies, procedures and controls for non-payroll expenditures.	Are expenditures properly authorized, documented and have a legitimate business purpose?
Post Implementation Review – General Ledger Application (Carried Over)	Policies, procedures, and controls for ONESolution	Has management implemented adequate and effective controls within ONESolution to ensure sound financial management?
Email Services and Applications (Carried Over)	Completeness and Accuracy of Records	<p>Have policies and procedures been updated to reflect process changes since the implementation of ONESolution?</p> <p>Are there proper segregation of duties for the preparation/input and the authorization/review process for transactions?</p> <p>Are there adequate controls regarding system access?</p>
Risk Management & Safety – EMEX Post	Organizational policies and procedures	Are employees knowledgeable about organizational policies and procedures regarding compliance email communication?
Risk Management & Safety – EMEX Post	Data management and record retention	<p>Are employee’s knowledgeable about applicable Federal and State laws and regulations regarding specific procedures?</p> <p>Are employees taking necessary precautions to keep its email safe and secure? (i.e. safeguards in place to ensure that any sensitive information transmitted is kept private?)</p>
Risk Management & Safety – EMEX Post	Policies, Procedures and Controls	Has management implemented adequate and effective controls within Risk Management

Implementation Review	Completeness and Accuracy of Records	<p>Software system (EMEX) to ensure sound financial management?</p> <p>Have policies and procedures been updated to reflect process changes since the implementation of EMEX?</p> <p>Are there proper segregation of duties for the preparation/input and the authorization/review process for transactions?</p> <p>Are there adequate controls regarding system access?</p> <p>Have critical risks to the county and schools been identified?</p> <p>Does data indicate any areas in county or schools that could reduce losses?</p>
Specialized Transportation	<p>Policies, Procedures and Controls</p> <p>Grant Compliance</p> <p>Program Performance</p>	<p>Relating to specialized transportation, are roles and responsibilities clearly defined?</p> <p>Have policies, procedures and controls been established to ensure compliance with grant requirements?</p> <p>Has the program achieved its objectives, and/or have gaps been identified?</p>
Overtime	<p>Policies, procedures, and controls in Kronos</p> <p>Completeness and Accuracy of Records</p>	<p>Are performance measures concerning program effectiveness and results complete and reliable?</p> <p>Is overtime use compliant with established policies and applicable regulations?</p> <p>Are overtime calculations calculated correctly for on-call employees?</p> <p>Determine which departments are incurring overtime?</p> <p>Are there any relationships between vacancies, PTO usage and overtime?</p> <p>Is there a proper management and monitoring of overtime?</p>