



JASON E. MUMPOWER
Comptroller

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Mayor Lee Harris and Shelby County Commissioners
160 N. Main Street
Memphis, TN 38103

Dear Mayor Harris and Commissioners,

I want to express my deep concern and lack of confidence related to the financial and operational management of the Shelby County Clerk's Office. The well-documented issues have not only frustrated citizens but are now having a negative impact on the county's ability to accurately manage its finances.

The latest information reveals the Clerk's Office has failed to provide timely and accurate revenue reports to the Shelby County Trustee's Office. Reliable financial information is foundational to the responsibilities of the County Clerk and indispensable to other county officials who depend on it.

Repeated incorrect reports have resulted in the County's inability to account for and allocate the wheel tax and other revenue collected by the Clerk. This not only jeopardizes the county's ability to adopt and monitor its budget, but it also threatens the county's ability to confidently fund its capital projects. Without action, approval of the fiscal year 2025 budget is endangered.

Based on these concerns, I've asked members of my division of Local Government Audit to give boots-on-the-ground support to Shelby County to perform the necessary reconciliations and reporting that the Clerk's Office has failed to accurately provide despite repeated requests. I expect the Clerk and her staff to welcome and cooperate with the audit team.

Shelby County is home to more Tennesseans than any other county in our state. It is vital that the county government and the services it provides are well-managed.

The evidence of incompetence and willful neglect by management in the Shelby County Clerk's Office is overwhelming. I have no confidence in the Clerk's Office to manage its affairs without outside intervention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jason E. Mumpower", is written over a large, stylized blue flourish.

Jason E. Mumpower
Comptroller of the Treasury