

**Departure of Barry L. Stanton, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Office of the County Executive**

**EXIT AUDIT
SEPTEMBER 2025**

**OFFICE OF AUDITS AND INVESTIGATIONS
Prince George's County
Largo, Maryland**



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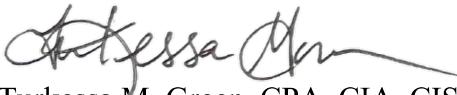
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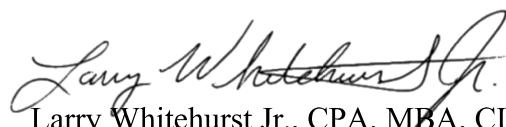
Conforming to Article III, Section 313 of the Charter of Prince George's County, Maryland, we have performed a special audit of the accounts of the Office of the County Executive. This audit was initiated due to the retirement of Barry L. Stanton from the position of Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, effective June 13, 2025.

Our examination included tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures, as we considered necessary under the circumstances. Consideration was given to the fact that these records are included in the scope of the County's annual financial audit, conducted by CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, independent auditors, for the year ended June 30, 2024. Therefore, we primarily directed our examination to include a review of Mr. Stanton's travel advances, expense reimbursements, leave records, fixed assets records, and selected expense accounts for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025.

This report, in our opinion, fulfills the requirements of Article III, Section 313 to perform a special audit of the accounts maintained by the departing official and their agency. We wish to express our sincere gratitude to the Administration for the cooperation and assistance extended to us during the course of this engagement.



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FINDINGS, COMMENTS, AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Expenditures, Encumbrances, and Commitments

A statement of expenditures, encumbrances, and commitments compared with appropriations for the Office of the County Executive, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, is presented on Schedule 1 of this report. As of June 30, 2025, total expenditures and encumbrances did not exceed total appropriations for the Office of the County Executive.

Travel Advances and Expense Reimbursements

We requested the travel advance records maintained by the Office of Finance, Accounting Division, for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, for our review, and confirmed that Mr. Stanton did not have any unsettled travel advances at the time of his resignation. We also reviewed one (1) expense reimbursement paid to Mr. Stanton for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, and found no discrepancies or irregularities.

Expense Accounts

We reviewed selected expense accounts for the Office of the County Executive for the period July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2025, to ensure that County funds expended by the departed official were appropriate. This review was performed in conjunction with the review conducted for the former Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), who also resigned in June 2025. Any findings related to the funds expended by former officials in the Office of the County Executive, including Mr. Stanton, are documented in the final audit report for former CAO Jackson.

Leave Records and Final Pay

We verified the final pay computations for Mr. Stanton based on leave records maintained by the Payroll Section of the Office of Finance and verified the salary and hourly rate of pay maintained by the Office of Human Resources Management. We determined that the annual leave compensation was computed correctly and found no discrepancies or irregularities.

Fixed Assets and Non-Fixed Assets

The Capital Assets Manual, prepared by the Office of Finance and the Office of Central Services, requires the Office of Central Services' General Services Division to perform an exit

inventory of capital (fixed) assets and report findings to the Director of the Office of Central Services, upon the departure or transfer of a Department/Agency Head. The Office of Central Services is required to take the necessary steps to recover any missing asset or seek restitution for the value of the assets. We contacted personnel within the Office of Central Services' (OCS) General Services Division and the Fleet Management Division and noted that a vehicle was assigned to Mr. Stanton. The Office of Central Services' Fleet Management Division reported that the vehicle was returned to their office however, through review of the Vehicle Approval Request (VAR) form, A&I noted there was no signature sign-off from the Vehicle Coordinator or Mr. Stanton to document the return of the vehicle. A&I requested a photo of Mr. Stanton's assigned vehicle, including the license plate number, and compared it to the vehicle description noted on the VAR form to confirm the vehicle's return and noted no exceptions.

Our review also included the verification of County issued non-fixed asset items such as a cell phone, personal digital assistant, a County identification and security card, keys, a laptop computer/equipment, etc. This review included an examination of personnel records maintained by the Office of Human Resources Management (OHRM) and the Office of Finance's Payroll Section on separated employees. When an employee separates from County service, an Employee Separation Form (PGC Form #4281) is filled out by the employee as a part of the exit process. This form (PGC Form #4281) records the return of assigned County personal property and normally a copy can be found in the employee's personnel file. At the time of our review there was an Employee Separation Form in Mr. Stanton's personnel file that documented his return of the non-fixed assets that were assigned to him.

We recommend:

The Office of the County Executive ensure that completed, signed Vehicle Approval Request Forms are maintained, in accordance with Administrative Procedure 610, for all departing officials.

Financial Disclosure Requirement

Section 2-294 (c) (1) of the Prince George's County Code requires certain officials, employees, and candidates for office (among them the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer) to file financial disclosure statements. Council Bill 125-1984, effective February 4, 1985, modified Section 2-294(c) (1) of the County Code, by adding the following requirement:

“Any official or employee who is required to file a statement and who leaves office or employment for any reason, other than the official’s or employee’s death, shall file, within sixty (60) days of leaving office or employment, the statement required by this Section, for the calendar year immediately preceding, unless a statement has previously been filed for that year, and any portion of the current calendar year during which that official or employee held office or employment.”

According to the County Code, Mr. Stanton was required to file a financial disclosure within sixty (60) days of leaving office. At the time of our review, Mr. Stanton had filed a financial disclosure statement with the Prince George's County Board of Ethics, for the period January 1, 2025 through June 13, 2025, as required.

Schedule 1

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE
STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES, ENCUMBRANCES, AND COMMITMENTS
COMPARED WITH APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PERIOD
JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

	Compensation	Fringe Benefits	Operating Expenses	Total
<u>Appropriations</u>				
Current Year	\$6,976,600	\$2,247,500	\$1,351,700	\$10,575,800
<u>Expenditures and Encumbrances</u>				
Salaries				
Full Time Regular	\$6,281,156			\$6,281,156
Part Time Compensation	64,500			64,500
Part Time Temporary Hours	53,999			53,999
Leave Payout	162,319			162,319
Beneflex Opt Out	1,038			1,038
Other Compensation	5,800			5,800
Compensation Journal Entry Adjustment	(18,690)			(18,690)
Fringe Benefits		1,858,227		1,858,227
Operating Expenses				
Telephone - Regular Service/Wireless/Cell Phone		88,590		88,590
CNN - Cable		8,734		8,734
Printing and Reproduction/Printing and Binding Agency		40,937		40,937
Postage		161		161
Books/Newspapers/Periodicals		5,248		5,248
Office Automation Charges		662,600		662,600
Training Costs		1,388		1,388
Conference & Seminar Fees		20,404		20,404
Training-Travel & Lodging		702		702
Travel & Lodging - Non Training		38,364		38,364
Membership Fees/Dues		20,703		20,703
Mileage Reimbursement		249		249
Pool Car Rental		32,425		32,425
Catering/Food		2,305		2,305
Temporary Clerical/Admins		232,693		232,693
Consultants and Studies		19,500		19,500
General Office Supplies/Other Operating Supplies		23,966		23,966
Licenses Tags & Forms		649		649
Software Non-Capital		8,409		8,409
Information Technology Equipment		421		421
Vehicles and Heavy Equipment		13,500		13,500
Car Washes/Gas and Oil		11,001		11,001
Office Equipment Rental/Lease		3,200		3,200
Strategic Initiatives		106,377		106,377
Meals & Miscellaneous Reimbursement		2,204		2,204
Total Expenditures & Encumbrances	\$6,550,123	\$1,858,227	\$1,344,730	\$9,753,079
Unencumbered Balance as of June 30, 2025	\$426,477	\$389,273	\$6,970	\$822,721