

# News Release

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## **Summit County Audit Committee Launches Website**

Today, the Summit County Audit Committee, through its Internal Audit Department, announces the launch of the Internal Audit website at:

**<http://www.co.summit.oh.us/internalaudit/Index.htm>**

In 2000, the voters of Summit County approved a Charter amendment that created an Audit Committee and Internal Audit Department to oversee the operations and performance of the County as a whole. Summit County is the only charter county, of Ohio's 88 counties, allowing the County more flexibility and transparency of operations. Summit County is also the only Ohio county to have created an Internal Audit Department reporting to an Audit Committee.

By legislating the creation of the Audit Committee and Internal Audit Department, Summit County voters stated their desire for the accountability of management and efficiency of operations of their government. By this legislation, the voters notified all Summit County governmental entities receiving any monies from them, that they are subject to audit by the Internal Audit Department to ensure their money is spent prudently and in the best interest of the County.

The Summit County Internal Audit Department (IAD) officially opened for business on July 29, 2002. Since that time, IAD has performed a Countywide risk assessment, preliminary audits, comprehensive audits, follow-up audits, and special projects to address the efficiency and effectiveness of County operations to ensure accountability to the constituents of Summit County.

Bernard F. Zaucha, Director Summit County Internal Audit Department stated, "It has been my honor to lead the Internal Audit Department since its beginning in 2002. Working under the direction of the Audit Committee, I believe we have made a positive impact on the operational performance of all entities we have assisted. We look forward to reporting to Summit County residents that all areas of government have been cooperative in our efforts to address accountability for the efficient use of their money to provide the services they have voiced important to them."

The Audit Committee has posted its approved audit reports on the site for the public's review. Informing the constituents of Summit County about the work internal audit has done in recommending reduction in costs, increased transparency and accountability, and more efficient use of resources fulfills IAD's mission. To review IAD's reports, please access the "Audits/Special Projects" link on the website.

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