



County of Hamilton

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RE: 2010 IMPACT STATEMENT – AUDITOR'S OFFICE

- The proposed General Fund reduction will continue to impact the operation of the Auditor's Finance Department. Payroll, Accounts Payable and Accounting will be the most affected.
- Statutory duties will be performed, but in a less timely manner.
- Reports and services to other entities within Hamilton County government will be performed less frequently or curtailed.
- Response to numerous outside auditors will be less efficient. It is anticipated that six to eight auditors will be present on a daily basis as the 2008 and 2009 audits are prepared.
- Daily interaction with financial institutions and vendors will be less timely, enhancing the possibility of late fees and penalties.
- Response times to public information requests directed to the Finance Department will increase.
- Support work for the Hamilton County Budget Commission could be negatively impacted.
- The Finance Department has maintained high productivity with a reduced staff due to the professionalism, knowledge and wisdom of its employees, aided significantly by improvements in technology. That approach will continue. 2010 would be challenging with existing resources, given the aforementioned duties. In addition, the County has contracted with a new payroll vendor which will require conversion to a new payroll and human resources system. Work has commenced on this effort, but will continue in 2010. Any additional reductions will significantly hamper this effort.
- Finally, as less time is available to review documentation supporting payments the likelihood of fraud increases.