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Dear Mr. Pickering,

Winston County respectfully submits the following schedule of prior audit findings.

AUDIT FINDINGS:

Significant Deficiencies:

1. Winston County Should Establish and Test a Disaster Recovery Process.

Corrective Action Plan:

Winston County will work with DataSystems Management and Secure Networks to develop and implement a disaster recovery plan for our County.

2. Winston County Should Implement a Formal Information Security Policy.

Corrective Action Plan:

Winston County has adopted a new employee handbook which has not been printed as of the date of this letter. The new handbook contains an acceptable use policy for County owned computers and equipment. Each employee of Winston County will be required to sign the acceptable use policy. The Chancery Clerk has sent a list of State Auditor recommendations to Secure Networks representative Shawn Alford for assistance in meeting the requirements.

3. Winston County Needs to Replace Obsolete Computer Hardware and Software.

Corrective Action Plan:

Winston County will replace obsolete computer hardware and software as funds become available.

Control Deficiencies:

4. Winston County Should Strengthen Passwords.

Corrective Action Plan:

The Chancery Clerk has spoken with DataSystems Management regarding changing password parameters to comply with password management best practices and industry standards. DataSystems Management Representative Robert Holt has assured Winston County that this will be implemented soon.

5. Winston County Should Install Network Banners on Its Internal Network.

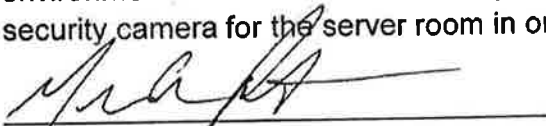
Corrective Action Plan:

The Chancery Clerk has spoken with Secure Networks Representative Shawn Alford regarding the installation of network banners on the Internal Network for Winston County. He is working on this.

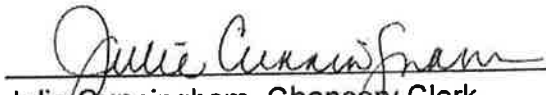
6. Winston County Should Improve Its Server Room Environment Management.

Corrective Action Plan:

Secure Networks representative Shawn Alford is in the process of quoting a price for Winston County on equipment which would be installed in the Server room to monitor environmental conditions in order to protect the server. He also will quote a price on a security camera for the server room in order for us to monitor who enters the room.



Mike Peterson, Board President
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