

CERTIFICATE OF ACHIEVEMENT

The Beaver County Controller's Office was awarded the Certificate of Achievement for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA). The award was presented for the 2002 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. It is given to those governmental units whose annual reports meet the program requirements and it is the highest award in government financial reporting. We are proud to have received such a prestigious award and continue to strive for reporting excellence in order to meet program standards. We believe our current report continues to conform to the Certificate of Achievement program requirements, and we are submitting it to the GFOA.

CONTROLLER'S CLOSING REMARKS

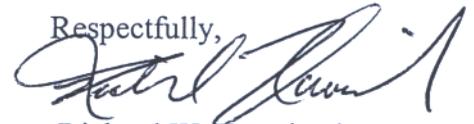
The information that is presented in this report reflects the unified effort of officials and administrators to provide the best possible services to the residents of Beaver County. By exercising prudent business practices and fiscally responsible decision-making, The County is able to offer many programs and extend financial assistance to those individuals that qualify. The administration and management are to accomplish a professional business environment.

The County continues in its efforts to obtain federal funding and funding available through the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania for mandated programs and services.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

The presentation of this report on a timely basis is the result of a cooperative effort of many individuals. I wish to thank my staff and those individuals that assisted in the preparation of this report. This report and additional county information may be reviewed online by visiting our web site at <http://co.beaver.pa.us>.

Respectfully,



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