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COUNTY PAYMENTS AUDITED

DuPage County Auditor Jim Rasins has announced that his office audited over 40,000 vouchers that were submitted for payment from the County's 2003 budget. The amount of the vouchers examined by the County Auditor in 2003 totaled over \$230 million.

The vouchers represent payment requests submitted by County departments and offices for a wide range of purposes.

"The vouchers that were examined included payments for building and highway construction costs, office supplies, bond principal and interest, employee travel, consultant services, and myriad other costs incurred for County operations," Rasins said.

The Auditor examines the vouchers and recommends their payment to the County Board. Items that fall short of the audit standards do not receive the Auditor's recommendation.

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Rasins noted that he returned vouchers totaling almost \$7 million to the submitting departments without a recommendation for payment. He explained that vouchers that fail to meet documentation requirements, request payment for amounts that have been billed to the County multiple times, lack proper authorization, represent amounts that should not be billed to the County, contain calculation errors, or that do not comply with various County expenditure policies, are returned for further explanation, correction, or withdrawal from the payment process.

“The pre-payment audit process provides a level of accountability to the County Board and the taxpayers that expenditures are properly made and represent goods and services received by the County,” the Auditor explained.

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