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### **Mahoning County Receives Financial Award** *Financial Reporting Recognized for Excellence*

**Mahoning County** – Auditor Meacham is pleased to announce that Mahoning County’s Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) has again been awarded the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA).

A CAFR is a report of financial statements for a governmental entity that complies with Ohio Administrative Code that requires reporting on a Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) basis within 150 days of fiscal year end. This report contains the financial statements and other financial and statistical data which ensures the complete and full disclosure of all material financial aspects of Mahoning County for 2018. Ohio law requires independent audits to be performed on all financial operations of the County either by the Auditor of State or an independent public accounting firm.

CAFR’s are judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive “spirit of full disclosure” to clearly communicate its financial story. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

“I thank the entire staff of the Auditor’s Office for their efficient and cooperative work throughout this project and the Auditor of State of Ohio in completing our annual audit and review. I am honored to work with such dedicated and professional people. This is just another example of our commitment to transparency in government,” Meacham stated.

Both reports can be found on the Auditor’s page of the Mahoning County Communicator website at: [www.mahoningcountyoh.gov](http://www.mahoningcountyoh.gov).



**The Government Finance Officers Association  
of the United States and Canada**

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## **AWARD OF FINANCIAL REPORTING ACHIEVEMENT**

*to*

**Ralph Meacham**  
County Auditor  
Mahoning County, Ohio

*The award of Financial Reporting Achievement is presented by the Government Finance Officers Association to the individual(s) designated as instrumental in their government unit achieving a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. A Certificate of Achievement is presented to those government units whose annual financial reports are judged to adhere to program standards and represents the highest award in government financial reporting.*

Executive Director

*Christopher P. Howell*

Date February 26, 2020





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(Chicago, Illinois)--The Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting has been awarded to **Mahoning County** by Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA) for its comprehensive annual financial report (CAFR). The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in the area of governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An Award of Financial Reporting Achievement has been awarded to the individual(s) or department designated by the government as primarily responsible for preparing the award-winning CAFR.

The CAFR has been judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program, which includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the CAFR.

*Government Finance Officers Association (GFOA) advances excellence in government finance by providing best practices, professional development, resources and practical research for more than 20,500 members and the communities they serve.*

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