



**MEDINA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MEDINA COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2008-2007**



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State



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To the Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your Society to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

*Mary Taylor*

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July 21, 2009

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Medina County Agricultural Society  
Medina County  
710 West Smith Road  
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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Medina County Agricultural Society, Medina County, Ohio, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Society has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

While the Society does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require societies to reformat their statements. The Society has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Society as of November 30, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of the Medina County Agricultural Society, Medina County, Ohio, as of November 30, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Society has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 21, 2009, on our consideration of the Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

July 21, 2009



**MEDINA COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
MEDINA COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGE IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

	<b>2008</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Operating Cash Receipts:</b>		
Admissions	\$528,086	\$567,798
Privilege Fees	178,882	184,720
Rentals	144,545	57,813
Sustaining and Entry Fees	21,275	27,110
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	3,153	4,100
Other Operating Receipts	27,467	24,975
 Total Operating Cash Receipts	 903,408	 866,516
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Wages and Benefits	198,118	184,095
Utilities	84,598	73,356
Professional Services	170,465	192,956
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	85,723	86,737
Race Purse	40,943	50,160
Senior Fair	35,597	34,111
Junior Fair	23,240	22,128
Capital Outlay	41,546	81,976
Other Operating Disbursements	326,504	244,513
 Total Operating Cash Disbursements	 1,006,734	 970,032
Deficiency of Operating Cash Receipts Under Operating Cash Disbursements	(103,326)	(103,516)
<b>Non-Operating Cash Receipts (Disbursements):</b>		
State Support	26,148	29,044
County Support	3,300	3,300
Donations/Contributions	48,868	58,000
Investment Income	3,858	6,968
Debt Service	(27,356)	(23,484)
 Net Non-Operating Cash Receipts (Disbursements)	 54,818	 73,828
Deficiency of Cash Receipts Under Cash Disbursements	(48,508)	(29,688)
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	217,124	246,812
<b>Cash Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>\$168,616</b>	<b>\$217,124</b>

*The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.*

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
NOVEMBER 30, 2008 AND 2007**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Medina County Agricultural Society, Medina County, Ohio, (the Society) as a body corporate and politic. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1845 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Medina County Fair during July/August. Medina County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of 30 directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Medina County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society

**Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair, harness racing during fair week and Junior Fair Board Activities. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events including dog and horse shows. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Medina County, Ohio.

Notes 6 and 7, respectively, summarize the Junior Fair Board's and Junior Livestock Sale Committee's financial activity.

The Society's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribe or permits.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

The Society's accounting basis includes investments in its cash balances. Accordingly, this basis does not report investment purchases as disbursements or investment sales as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

**D. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Society's accounting basis records acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment as capital outlay disbursements when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not include these items as assets.

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**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**E. Restricted Support**

Restricted support includes amounts that donors restrict for specific uses.

**F. Income Tax Status**

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

**G. Race Purse**

Harness stake races are held during the Medina County Fair. The Society pays all Sustaining and Entry fees and the required portion of the cash received from the Ohio Fairs Fund as Race Purse to winning horses.

Sustaining and Entry Fees

Horse owners and Home Talent Horseman's Association pay fees to the Society to qualify horses for entry into stake races. They must make payment before a horse can participate in a stake race. The accompanying financial statement report these fees as Sustaining and Entry Fees.

Ohio Fairs Fund

The State of Ohio contributes money to the Society from the Ohio Fairs Fund to supplement the race purse. See Note 3 for additional information.

**H. Pari-mutuel Wagering**

A wagering system totals the amounts wagered and adjusts the payoff to reflect the relative amount bet on different horses and various odds. The total amount bet (also known as the "handle"), less commission, is paid to bettors in accordance with the payoffs, as the pari-mutuel wagering system determines. The Society contracts with a totalizer service to collect bets and provide the pari-mutuel wagering system.

Pari-mutuel wagering commission (the commission) is the Society's share of total pari-mutuel wagers after payment of amounts to winning bettors. The commission is determined by applying a statutory percentage to the total amount bet and is reflected in the accompanying financial statement as Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission. See Note 3 for additional information.

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**2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Society maintains a deposit and investment pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at November 30 was as follows:

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$93,616	\$204,024
Certificates of deposit	75,000	13,100
Total deposits	\$168,616	\$217,124

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**3. HORSE RACING**

State Support Portion of Purse

The financial statements report Ohio Fairs Fund money, received to supplement purse for the years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007 was \$13,848 and \$17,628, as State Support.

Pari-mutuel Wagering

The Society does not record the Total Amount Bet or the Payoff to Bettors in the accompany financial statements, rather, it records the Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission (commission) which is the Society's share of total pari-mutuel wagers after paying winning bettors. The expenses of providing the pari-mutuel wagering system are called Tote Services, and these expenses are included in Professional Service Disbursements. State taxes, which are also paid from Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission, are reflected in Other Operating Disbursements, and the amount remaining is the Society's net portion.

	2008	2007
Total Amount Bet (Handle)	\$15,583	\$20,117
Less: Payoff to Bettors	(12,430)	(16,017)
Parimutuel Wagering Commission	3,153	4,100
Tote Service Set Up Fee	(400)	(400)
Tote Service Commission	(1,396)	(1,876)
Other	(20)	0
State Tax	(427)	(574)
Society Portion	\$910	\$1,250

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**4. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at November 30, 2008 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Boom Lift Note	\$5,911	4.75%

The Boom Lift Note bears an interest rate of 4.75 percent and is payable to Farmer's Savings Bank. The note was entered into on October 15, 2004 and matures on October 15, 2009. The proceeds of the note were used to purchase a boom lift and are collateralized by the boom lift.

Amortization of the above debt is scheduled as follows:

Year ending November 30:	Boom Lift Note	Interest	Total
2009	\$5,911	\$281	\$6,192

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Society provides health coverage for full-time, supervisory employees through an insurance company.

The Medina County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Medina County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711.24. General liability and vehicle coverage is provided by the County Risk Sharing Authority with aggregate limits of \$1,000,000 each and an umbrella policy of \$5,000,000. The Society's Treasurer and Secretary are bonded with coverage of \$100,000 and \$50,000, respectively.

The Society provides worker's compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio worker's compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect through June 30, 2009.

**6. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD**

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of 4-H, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Farm Bureau Youth organization representatives, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Medina County Fair. The Society disbursed \$23,240 and \$22,128 directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities during fiscal years 2008 and 2007 respectively. These expenses are reflected as disbursements in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. Medina County paid the Society \$500 to support Junior Club work during both fiscal year 2008 and 2007. The Junior Fair Board accounts for its activities separately. These accompanying financial statements do not include this activity. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the year ended November 30 follows:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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**6. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD (Continued)**

	2008	2007
Beginning Cash Balance	\$591	\$920
Receipts	495	504
Disbursements	(545)	(833)
Ending Cash Balance	\$541	\$591

**7. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE**

The Junior Livestock Committee is a separate committee charged with running the Junior Livestock Auction. This auction is held during fair week. Children may sell their animals directly to market or through the Medina County's auction. A commission of 3 percent on auction sales covers auction costs. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. The accompanying financial statement does not include the Junior Livestock Committee's activities. The Junior Livestock Committee's financial activity for the year ended November 30 follows:

	2008	2007
Beginning Cash Balance	\$8,876	\$8,540
Receipts	318,408	254,574
Disbursements	(309,444)	(254,238)
Ending Cash Balance	\$17,840	\$8,876

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# Mary Taylor, CPA

## Auditor of State

### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Medina County Agricultural Society  
Medina County  
710 West Smith Road  
Medina, Ohio 44256

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Medina County Agricultural Society, Medina County, Ohio, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated July 21, 2009, wherein we noted the Society followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Society's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Society's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Society's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Society's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Directors. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

July 21, 2009



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**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
AUGUST 11, 2009**