

Southwest Pickaway Fire District
Pickaway County
Regular Audit
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010



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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Southwest Pickaway Fire District, Pickaway County, prepared by Millhuff-Stang, CPA, Inc., for the audit period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Auditor's Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State does not legally require your government 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Auditor's Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Southwest Pickaway Fire District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

November 28, 2012

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Independent Auditor's Report

Fire District Board
Southwest Pickaway Fire District
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Southwest Pickaway Fire District, Pickaway County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District'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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity-wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the District 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 governments to reformat their statements. The District 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 December 31, 2011 and 2010 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2011 and 2010, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fund cash balances as of December 31, 2011 and 2010 of the Southwest Pickaway Fire District, Pickaway County, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

As discussed in Note 6, during 2010 the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 28, 2012, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.



Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang CPA, Inc.

June 28, 2012

Southwest Pickaway Fire District
Pickaway County
Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Cash Balance
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2011

Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$105,127
Intergovernmental	5,792
Earnings on Investments	272
Miscellaneous	<u>7,321</u>
 Total Cash Receipts	 118,512
 Cash Disbursements:	
Current Disbursements:	
Public Safety	55,338
Capital Outlay	<u>16,374</u>
 Total Cash Disbursements	 <u>71,712</u>
 Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	 46,800
 Fund Cash Balance, January 1	 <u>151,897</u>
 Fund Cash Balance, December 31:	
Unassigned	<u>198,697</u>
 Fund Cash Balance, December 31	 <u><u>\$198,697</u></u>

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

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Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements and
Changes in Fund Cash Balance
General Fund
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Cash Receipts:	
Charges for Services	\$204,714
Intergovernmental	300
Earnings on Investments	221
Miscellaneous	<u>3,365</u>
Total Cash Receipts	208,600
Cash Disbursements:	
Current Disbursements:	
Public Safety	69,183
Capital Outlay	<u>5,563</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>74,746</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	133,854
Other Financing Receipts:	
Sale of Assets	<u>17,943</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts	<u>17,943</u>
Net Change in Fund Cash Balance	151,797
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>100</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31:	
Unassigned	<u>151,897</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$151,897</u></u>

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Southwest Pickaway Fire District, Pickaway County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A three-member Fire District Board governs the District. This Board is comprised of one representative from the Village of Williamsport, one representative of the Board of Trustees of Deercreek Township, and one at-large resident from either the Village of Williamsport or Deercreek Township. The District provides fire protection and rescue services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State of Ohio prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

Cash

The District maintains its cash pool in interest-bearing checking accounts with a local commercial bank.

Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following type:

General Fund – The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The District reports only the General Fund.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function, or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Fire District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

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Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are cancelled and re-appropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of the 2011 and 2010 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Fund Balances

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its resources in governmental funds. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable – The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

Restricted – Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed – The Fire District Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Fire District Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Assigned – Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the General Fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the General Fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by the Fire District Board or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State statute.

Unassigned – Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

Property, Plant, and Equipment

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

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Note 2 – Equity in Pooled Cash

The District maintains a cash pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	2011	2010
Demand Deposits	\$198,697	\$151,897

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2011 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$110,481	\$118,512	\$8,031

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$100,476	\$71,712	\$28,764

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2010 follows:

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$172,677	\$226,543	\$53,866

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$111,184	\$74,746	\$36,438

Note 4 – Retirement System

The District's employees and officials belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which includes postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2011 and 2010, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2011.

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Note 5 – Risk Management

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles;
- Errors and omissions.

There has been no significant reduction in coverage and claims have not exceeded coverage in either year.

Note 6 – Change in Accounting Principles

In February 2009, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, which the District has implemented for the year ended December 31, 2010. This pronouncement does not affect the calculation of the District's fund balance but does shift the focus of fund balance reporting from the availability of fund resources for budgeting to the extent to which the District is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in funds can be spent (See Note 1). Fund balances have been classified in the financial statements, as applicable, for the year ended December 31, 2010 in accordance with this pronouncement. This pronouncement also requires that certain funds previously reported as Special Revenue Funds be reclassified to the General Fund. The District has only a General Fund.

Note 7 – Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

The District is not currently party to any lawsuits.

Note 8 – Compliance

The District did not properly encumber funds prior to commitment, which is contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D).

Note 9 – Property, Plant and Equipment

Upon formation of the Southwest Pickaway Fire District, the District took possession of various equipment used for fire protection services previously owned by Deercreek Township and the Village of Williamsport. Additionally, the District took possession of all assets of the Wil-Deer Fire Association, a non-profit organization, which dissolved in 2010. The accounting basis utilized by the District, as described in Note 1, does not require the reporting of these assets or other non-cash transactions.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With *Government Auditing Standards*

Fire District Board
Southwest Pickaway Fire District
P.O. Box 363
Williamsport, Ohio 43164

We have audited the financial statements of the Southwest Pickaway Fire District, Pickaway County, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, and have issued our report thereon dated June 28, 2012, wherein we noted the District followed the accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted, for the year ended December 31, 2010, the District adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*. 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

Management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a material weakness.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a material weakness, which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2011-001.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or another matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2011-002.

We noted certain matters that we reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated June 28, 2012.

The District's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit the District's responses and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Fire District Board, and others within the entity, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



Natalie Millhuff-Stang, CPA
President/Owner
Millhuff-Stang CPA, Inc.

June 28, 2012

Southwest Pickaway Fire District
Pickaway County
Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2011 and 2010

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS
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Finding Number 2011-001

Material Weakness – Financial Reporting

A monitoring system by the District should be in place to prevent or detect misstatements for the accurate presentation of the District's financial statements. During 2011 and 2010, the District improperly classified various receipts and disbursements. Reclassification entries were required to properly present the activity of the District. The District should implement additional monitoring procedures to ensure transactions are properly recorded.

District Response:

In 2010, the District was manual and was being directed by another entity as to their setup. The District is now using UAN and is working to correct classification issues.

Finding Number 2011-002

Noncompliance Citation – Prior Encumbrance of Funds

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no orders or contracts involving the expenditure of money are to be made unless there is a certificate of the fiscal officer that the amount required for the order or contract has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. The statute provides the following exception to this basic requirement:

Then and Now Certificate: This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that she is completing her certification, sufficient funds were available or in the process of collection, to the credit of a proper fund, properly appropriated and free from any previous encumbrance, the taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 for political subdivisions other than counties, may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority upon completion of the "then and now" certificate, provided that the expenditure is otherwise lawful. This does not eliminate any otherwise applicable requirement for approval of expenditures by the taxing authority.

Several of the disbursements tested in 2010 and 2011 had invoice dates preceding the encumbrance date. The District should implement budgetary monitoring procedures to ensure that funds are properly and timely encumbered prior to commitment.

District Response:

The Fiscal Officer is working to get the District to properly utilize purchase orders.

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SOUTHWEST PICKAWAY FIRE DISTRICT

PICKAWAY COUNTY

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
DECEMBER 13, 2012**