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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

B.S.T. & G. Joint Fire District  
Delaware County  
350 W Cherry St  
Sunbury, Ohio 43074

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of B.S.T. & G. Joint Fire District (the District), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report.

Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

### **Cash and Investments**

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2014 balances in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Fund Status Report to the December 31, 2015 balances in the Fund Status Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2016 and 2015 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2016 Richwood and StarOhio Plus bank account balances with the District's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We observed the year-end First Knox bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2016 bank reconciliation without exception.

### **Cash and Investments (Continued)**

5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2016 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. There were no exceptions.
6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 to determine that they:
  - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions.
  - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. There were no exceptions. [2017 OCS 2-6 & 2-8]

### **Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

1. We haphazardly selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2016 and one from 2015.
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to confirm the receipt was allocated to the proper fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions. [2017 OCS 1 - 5]
  - c. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to confirm the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Revenue Ledger Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2016 and 2015. The Revenue Ledger Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected three receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2016 and three from 2015. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the County Detailed Expenditure Ledger from 2016 and five from 2015.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2014.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Receipt Detail Report and Appropriation Ledger Report for evidence of debt issued during 2016 or 2015 or debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2016 or 2015.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2016 and one payroll check for five employees from 2015 from the Wage Detail Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found one instance where an employee was paid for one hour less than the hours recorded on his timecard. Because we did not compare all timecards, our report provides no assurance whether or not other similar errors occurred. We also found one instance where the employee's timesheet did not agree to what he was paid; however, it appears that he was properly compensated.
  - b. We inspected the Payment Register Detail Report to determine the account code(s) to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
  
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2016 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2016. We observed the following:

<b>Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2017	December 29, 2016 & January 13, 2017	\$4,776.32	\$4,776.32
State income taxes	January 15, 2017	January 13, 2017 & January 15, 2017	\$2,364.68	\$2,364.68
Local income tax	January 15, 2017	January 18, 2017	\$176.89	\$176.89
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2017	January 28, 2017	\$2,575.38	\$2,575.38
OP&F retirement	January 31, 2017	January 18, 2017	\$17,242.11	\$17,242.11

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2016 and ten from the year ended 2015 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Payment Register Detail Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D). We found two instances where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was also no evidence that a *Then and Now Certificate* was issued. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a *Then and Now Certificate* is used. Because we did not inspect all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

## Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the *First Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. The amounts on the *Certificate* agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system in 2016. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources of \$1,000,000 for 2015. However, the *First Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$1,039,050. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to amounts recorded on the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2016 and 2015 to determine whether the Trustees appropriated separately for “each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services,” as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found the Trustees approve appropriations in total but do not approve appropriations at the legal level of control. [2017 OCS 1 - 1]
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2016 and 2015. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report in 2015. The Appropriation Status Report recorded appropriations of \$3,052,126 in 2016. However, the approved appropriations reflected \$3,072,093, which is a variance of \$19,967. [2017 OCS 1 - 3]
4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A)(5) and 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015. There were no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations. [2017 OCS 2-2]
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2016 and 2015. We also inquired of management regarding whether the District received new restricted receipts. We observed no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the District to establish a new fund.
7. For funds existing in prior years, inspect the fund activity to determine whether the fund is still being used for the statutorily approved purpose and that all the required funds were established 2017 OCS 1-4. All the required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid were included on the accounting records.
8. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Status Reports to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. The District did not establish these reserves. [2017 OCS 1 – 8]

### Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)

9. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 (I) provides that money paid into a fund must be used for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another. There were no funds having negative cash fund balances. [2017 OCS 1-5]

### Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refile complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included in 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed up on procedure engagements, subsequent to the District's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions. [2017 OCS 1 – 17]

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is to provide assistance in it's the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



**Dave Yost**  
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Columbus, Ohio

August 28, 2017

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**B.S.T. & G. JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**

**DELAWARE 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  
SEPTEMBER 19, 2017**