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We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of Sandusky Regional Planning Commission, Sandusky County, Ohio (the Commission) for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the Commission's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the Commission's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

The Commission's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A) is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

Current Year Observations

1. We noted that the Commission has not adopted a public records policy. Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43 (E)(2) requires all public offices to adopt a public records policy. In adopting a public records policy under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model public records policy developed and provided to the public office by the attorney general under Ohio Rev. Code § 109.43. Failure to adopt a public records policy could lead to noncompliance with the Open Records Laws when handling public records requests. The Commission should adopt a public records policy that is modeled after the example published by the Ohio Attorney General.
2. We noted the Commission does not have an adopted records retention schedule policy. Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2) states, in part, a public office also "shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public." Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule could result in public records being disposed of prematurely. The Commission should implement procedures to provide the appropriate policy is approved to help avoid issues with public records requests.

Current Status of Matters Reported in our Prior Engagement

In a prior audit for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, we noted the Commission did not properly deposit receipts in a timely manner with the County Treasurer as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 9.38. We have determined this matter was corrected for 2019 and 2018.

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Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 13, 2020

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SANDUSKY COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION

SANDUSKY 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

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JULY 30, 2020**