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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Harris-Elmore Public Library's, Ottawa County, Ohio (the Library) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Library. The Library is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Library.

The Board of Trustees (the Board) and the management of the Library have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Library's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in its cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year agreed-upon procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2023 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 Bank Reconciliation Adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balances as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the Library in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

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4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with the Library's financial institutions. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2024 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 Outstanding Payments Report and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
6. We traced interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2024 and 2023 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if they were properly recorded. We found no exceptions.
7. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13, 135.14, 135.144 or 135.145. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13 or 135.14. We found no exceptions.

Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Cash Receipts

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) and the Ottawa County Auditor Local Government Confirmations from 2024 and a total of five from 2023:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above-named reports to the amount recorded in the Receipt Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2024 and 2023. The Receipt Detail Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the Receipt Detail Report to determine whether it included one Public Library Fund receipt per month for 2024 and 2023. We found no exceptions.

Other Receipts

We selected ten other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2024 and ten other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2023 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Revenue Receipt Register Report to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with rates in force during the period, where applicable. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Revenue Receipt Register Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

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Debt

1. The prior agreed-upon procedure documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2022.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Revenue Ledger Reports and Appropriation Ledger Reports for evidence of debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2024 and one payroll check for five employees from 2023 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-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employee's duties as documented in the employee's personnel files and/or minute record. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected all new employees and Board members from 2024 and three new employees and Board members from 2023 and:
 - a. We inspected the employee's personnel files and minute record for the retirement system and federal, state, and local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in *Payroll Cash Disbursements Procedure 2.a.* above to the Employee General Information Report.We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2024 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 2024. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes and Medicare (and Social Security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2025	January 14, 2025	\$3,504	\$3,504
State income taxes	January 15, 2025	January 14, 2025	708	708
Village of Elmore local income tax	January 31, 2025	January 14, 2025	368	368
Village of Genoa local income tax	January 31, 2025	January 14, 2025	260	260
Village of Gibsonburg local income tax	January 31, 2025	January 14, 2025	33	33
School District income tax	January 31, 2025	January 14, 2025	50	50
OPERS retirement	January 31, 2025	January 29, 2025	8,310	8,310

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger Report for the year ended December 31, 2024 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2023 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 redeemed check and description name for EFT/ACH agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Appropriation Ledger Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Appropriation Ledger Report for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and determined that the proceeds from the levy passed under Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.23, were used for the purposes stated in the resolution.

Transfers

We inspected all interfund transfers from 2024 and all from 2023 Revenue Status Reports and Appropriation Status Reports and determined the transfers:

- a. Were properly authorized. We found no exceptions.
- b. Were transferred to the correct fund. We found no exceptions.
- c. Were recorded at the correct amounts. We found no exceptions.

Compliance - Budgetary

Ohio Admin. Code 117-8-02 prohibits spending in excess of budgeted amounts. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 for the General, Memorial Fund, and Genoa Branch funds. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the Library's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with Library management and determined that the Library did not have any public records requests (completed, denied, redacted) during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Library had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inspected the Library's policy manual and determined the Public Records Policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We observed that the Library's poster describing its Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Library as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.

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7. We selected five applications submitted to the Records Commission for one-time disposal of obsolete records, and management's review of the schedules of records retention and dispositions for the engagement period. We inspected the approval by the Records Commission for the five selected and the review of the schedules. This was required by Ohio Rev. Code §149.411. We found no exceptions.
8. We inquired with Library management and determined that the Library did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Library notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared - a file is created following the date of the meeting.
 - b. Filed - placed with similar documents in an organized manner.
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period.
 - d. Open to public inspection - available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
 - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires libraries 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 regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Library:

- a. Filed its 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, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle System. We found no exceptions.
- b. Prepared its financial statements following the prescribed program codes in effect for the period. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Library to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on the Library'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.

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We are required to be independent of the Library and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

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July 1, 2025

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HARRIS-ELMORE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OTTAWA COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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