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Reed Township Seneca County 2776 County Road 27 Bellevue, Ohio 44811-9575

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 a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS 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. Our Report includes an 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.

Betty Montgomery

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

May 27, 2005

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# INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Reed Township Seneca County 2776 County Road 27 Bellevue, Ohio 44811-9575

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Reed Township, Seneca County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township'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. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Government because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township 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.

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Revisions to GAAP would require the Township to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the year ended December 31, 2004. Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present for 2004 (and 2003), the revisions require presenting entity wide statements and also to present its larger (i.e. major) funds separately for 2004. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to reformat its statements. Since this Township does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, 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 year ended December 31, 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2004, or their changes in financial position for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Reed Township, Seneca County, as of December 31, 2004 and 2003, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Township to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Township 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 May 27, 2005, on our consideration of the Township'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.

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

May 27, 2005

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

	Governmental Fund Types									
	G	eneral		pecial evenue		Debt Service		apital rojects		Totals norandum Only)
Cash Receipts:	•		•						•	
Local Taxes	\$	19,962	\$	36,900			•	40.000	\$	56,862
Intergovernmental		38,032		90,752			\$	19,093		147,877
Earnings on Investments Other Revenue		274		393 32						667 32
Other Revenue				32						32
Total Cash Receipts		58,268		128,077				19,093		205,438
Cash Disbursements:										
Current:										
General Government		49,226								49,226
Public Safety		983								983
Public Works		0.000		90,872						90,872
Health		2,832		593						3,425
Debt Service: Redemption of Principal					\$	11,925				11,925
Interest and Fiscal Charges					φ	794				794
Capital Outlay						704		19,093		19,093
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Total Cash Disbursements		53,041		91,465		12,719		19,093		176,318
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		5,227		36,612		(12,719)				29,120
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):										
Transfers-In						12,719				12,719
Transfers-Out		(4,694)		(8,025)						(12,719)
Other Sources		988								988
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		(3,706)		(8,025)		12,719				988
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing										
Receipts Over Cash Disbursements										
and Other Financing Disbursements		1,521		28,587						30,108
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		23,240		30,471				1,957		55,668
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	24,761	\$	59,058			\$	1,957	\$	85,776

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

# COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	Governmental Fund Types								
	6	eneral		pecial evenue		ebt vice	apital rojects		Totals norandum Only)
Cash Receipts:									
Local Taxes	\$	17,680	\$	33,085				\$	50,765
Intergovernmental		49,966		75,791			\$ 18,813		144,570
Earnings on Investments		699		341					1,040
Other Revenue				625			 		625
Total Cash Receipts		68,345		109,842			 18,813		197,000
Cash Disbursements:									
Current:									
General Government		59,758							59,758
Public Safety		1,370							1,370
Public Works				116,915					116,915
Health		4,669							4,669
Debt Service:									
Redemption of Principal					\$	4,725			4,725
Interest and Fiscal Charges						989			989
Capital Outlay							 21,856		21,856
Total Cash Disbursements		65,797		116,915		5,714	 21,856		210,282
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		2,548		(7,073)		(5,714)	(3,043)		(13,282)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):									
Transfers-In						5,714			5,714
Transfers-Out		(5,714)							(5,714)
Other Sources		1,480					 		1,480
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		(4,234)				5,714	 		1,480
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing									
Receipts Under Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements		(1,686)		(7,073)			(3,043)		(11,802)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		24,926		37,544			5,000		67,470
							 ,	<u> </u>	·
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	23,240	\$	30,471			\$ 1,957	\$	55,668

THE NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF THIS STATEMENT.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

## 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 Reed Township, Seneca County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the AVR Fire District to provide fire protection and Attica EMS to provide emergency medical services.

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

## B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements. The Township 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.

## C. Fund Accounting

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

#### 1. General Fund

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

## 2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

<u>Road and Bridge Fund</u> - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

<u>Gasoline Tax Fund</u> - This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

<u>Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund</u> – This fund receives motor vehicle licenses tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003 (Continued)

#### 3. Debt Service Funds

These funds account for resources the Township accumulates to pay note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Fund:

<u>General Note Retirement</u> – This fund receives transfers from other Township funds to pay off a truck loan.

#### 4. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

<u>Issue II Fund</u> - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio to improve Township roads.

#### D. Budgetary Process

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

#### 1. 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 Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

#### 2. 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.

#### 3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2004 and 2003 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

#### E. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003 (Continued)

#### F. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

## 2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Township 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:

	 2004	 2003
Demand deposits	\$ 85,776	\$ 55,668

Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

# 3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2004 and 2003 follows:

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	E	Budgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	F	Receipts	F	Receipts	V	'ariance
General	\$	49,498	\$	59,256	\$	9,758
Special Revenue		93,075		128,077		35,002
Debt Service		12,719		12,719		-
Capital Projects		19,093		19,093		-
Total	\$	174,385	\$	219,145	\$	44,760

2004 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures						
	Ар	propriation	n Budgetary			
Fund Type	Authority		Ex	penditures	V	/ariance
General	\$	72,772	\$	57,735	\$	15,037
Special Revenue		122,991		99,490		23,501
Debt Service		12,719		12,719		-
Capital Projects		21,050		19,093		1,957
Total	\$	229,532	\$	189,037	\$	40,495

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts						
	E	Budgeted		Actual		
Fund Type	I	•		Receipts	V	'ariance
General	\$	66,682	\$	69,825	\$	3,143
Special Revenue		102,755		109,842		7,087
Debt Service		5,714		5,714		-
Capital Projects		18,813		18,813		-
Total	\$	193,964	\$	204,194	\$	10,230

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003 (Continued)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures						
	Ар	propriation	В	udgetary		
Fund Type	Authority		Ex	penditures	V	'ariance
General	\$	91,576	\$	71,511	\$	20,065
Special Revenue		139,151		116,915		22,236
Debt Service		5,714		5,714		-
Capital Projects		23,813		21,856		1,957
Total	\$	260,254	\$	215,996	\$	44,258

Contrary to Ohio law, thirteen percent of expenditure transactions tested were not certified by the fiscal officer at the time the commitment was incurred.

## 4. **PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopt rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

## 5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2004 was as follows:

	P	rincipal	Interest Rate
Ohio Public Works Commission	\$	3,300	0%
Truck Loan		4,500	5%
Total	\$	7,800	

The Ohio Public Works Commission Loan was to fund the reconstruction of Township Road 122. The loan was entered into on July 1, 2000 for \$6,600 at an interest rate of 0%. The Township makes semi-annual payments, and the note is schedule to mature on January 1, 2009. The note is uncollateralized.

The Truck Loan is a note through Sutton Bank for the purchase of a truck with a plow to be used for Township road maintenance. The note was entered into on September 3, 2002 for \$19,500 at an interest rate of 5%. The Township has made extra principal payments which will cause the note to be paid off before the original maturity date of September 3, 2007. The note is collateralized by the full faith and credit of the Township.

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003 (Continued)

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is estimated as follows:

Year ending December 31:	OP\	OPWC Loan		ick Loan
2005	\$	\$ 412		4,125
2006		825		630
2007		825		
2008		825		
2009		413		
Total	\$	3,300	\$	4,755

## 6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2004 and 2003, OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equaling 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

## 7. RISK MANAGEMENT

## **Risk Pool Membership**

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Plan), an unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to approximately 500 Ohio governments (Members).

Pursuant to § 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine, and other coverage's, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements, and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures with A-VII or better rated carriers, except for a 5 percent portion the Plan retains. With policies effective September 1, 2003 and after, the Plan pays the lesser of 5 percent or \$25,000 for casualty losses up to the coverage limit and the lesser of 5 percent or \$50,000 for property losses up to the coverage limit. The individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

The Plan's financial statements (audited by other auditors) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2003 and 2002 (the latest information available) :

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003 (Continued)

	 2003	 2002
Assets	\$ 5,402,167	\$ 5,584,592
Liabilities	 (1,871,123)	 (2,441,793)
Members' Equity	\$ 3,531,044	\$ 3,142,799

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, <u>www.ohioplan.org</u>.



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

Reed Township Seneca County 2776 County Road 27 Bellevue, Ohio 44811-9575

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Reed Township (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated May 27, 2005, wherein we noted the Township followed accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted that the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. 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 Township's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated May 27, 2005, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township'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 an instance of noncompliance we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2004-001. In a separate letter to the Township's management dated May 27, 2005, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomeny

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

May 27, 2005

#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

## FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

## FINDING NUMBER 2004-001

#### **Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D)(1) prohibits a subdivision or taxing entity from making any contract or ordering any expenditure of money unless a certificate signed by the fiscal officer is attached thereto. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet any such contract or expenditure has been lawfully appropriated and is in the treasury, or is in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrance.

There are several exceptions to the standard requirement stated above that a fiscal officer's certificate must be obtained prior to a subdivision or taxing authority entering into a contract or order involving the expenditure of money. The <u>main</u> exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in §§ 5705.41(D)(1) and 5705.41(D)(3), respectively, of the Ohio Revised Code.

1. "Then and Now" certificate – If the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made ("then"), and at the time that the fiscal officer is completing the certification ("now"), that 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 Board can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Board has thirty days from the receipt of the "then and now" certificate to approve payment by ordinance or resolution.

Amounts of less than \$3,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without a resolution or ordinance 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 Board.

- 2. Blanket Certificate Fiscal officers may prepare "blanket" certificates for a certain sum of money not in excess of an amount established by resolution or ordinance adopted by a majority of the members of the legislative authority against any specific line item account over a period not running beyond the end of the current fiscal year. (Prior to September 26, 2003, blanket certificates were limited to \$5,000 and three months.) The blanket certificates may, but need not, be limited to a specific vendor. Only one blanket certificate may be outstanding at one particular time for any one particular line item appropriation.
- 3. Super Blanket Certificate The Board may also make expenditures and contracts for any amount from a specific line-item appropriation account in a specified fund upon certification of the fiscal officer for most professional services, fuel, oil, food items, and any other specific recurring and reasonably predictable operating expense. This certification is not to extend beyond the current year. More than one super blanket certificate may be outstanding at a particular time for any line item appropriation.

Thirteen percent of the transactions tested were not certified by the fiscal officer at the time the commitment was incurred. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

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## FINDING NUMBER 2004-001 (Continued)

Certification is not only required by Ohio law but is a key control in the disbursements process to help assure purchase commitments receive prior approval, and help reduce the possibility of Township funds being over expended or exceeding budgetary spending limitations as set by the Board. To improve controls over disbursements, we recommend all Township disbursements receive prior certification of the Clerk and that the Board periodically review the expenditures made to ensure they are within the appropriations adopted by the Board, certified by the Clerk-Treasurer, and recorded against appropriations.

# SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2002-001	Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(D)	No	Partially corrected. Reported as Finding # 2004-001.
2002-002	Ohio Revised Code §5705.41(B)	Yes	



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**REED TOWNSHIP** 

# SENECA 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 JUNE 30, 2005