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PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
PICKAWAY COUNTY

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To the Park District Council:

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 an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your District 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 adverse 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.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Pickaway County Park District
Pickaway County
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To the Park District Council:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Pickaway County Park District, Pickaway County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. This financial statement is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District has prepared this financial statement 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.

GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements. 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 Districts 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 statement referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 does 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, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance of the Pickaway County Park District, Pickaway County, Ohio as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The District 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 July 31, 2009, on our consideration of the District'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.

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July 31, 2009

**PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

	2008	2007
Cash Receipts:		
Local Contributions	\$9,500	\$0
Earnings on Investments	170	715
Miscellaneous	8,008	0
 Total Cash Receipts	 17,678	 715
Cash Disbursements:		
Current Disbursements:		
Conservation/Recreation:		
Materials and Supplies	0	1,079
Contracts – Services	598	2,584
Capital Outlay	15,015	0
Total Cash Disbursements	15,613	3,663
 Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	 2,065	 (2,948)
 Cash Balance, January 1	 9,586	 12,534
 Cash Balance, December 31	 \$11,651	 \$9,586

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

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 the Pickaway County Park District, Pickaway County, Ohio (the District) as a body corporate and politic. The probate judge of Pickaway County appoints a five-member Park District Council to govern the District. The Council Members are authorized to acquire, develop, protect, maintain, and improve park lands and facilities. The Council Members may convert acquired land into forest reserves. The Council Members are also responsible for activities related to conserving natural resources, including streams, lakes, submerged lands, and swamp lands. The Board may also create parks, parkways, and other reservations and may afforest, develop, improve and protect and promote the use of these assets conducive to the general welfare.

The District's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

This financial statement follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State 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.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Deposit and Investments

As of June, 2008, as the Ohio Revised Code permits, the Pickaway County Treasurer holds the District's deposits as the District's custodian. The County holds the District's assets in its investment pool, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

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 object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District Board must annually approve an appropriation measure and subsequent amendments. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Budgetary Process (Continued)

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year. The District did not use the encumbrance method of accounting, contrary to Ohio law.

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

2. Equity in Pooled Cash and Investments

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of the District's cash and investments as of December 31 was as follows:

	2008	2007
Demand deposits	\$11,651	\$5,386
Certificates of deposit	0	4,200
Total deposits and investments	\$11,651	\$9,586

Beginning in June 2008, the Pickaway County Treasurer became the custodian of the District's funds.

3. Budgetary Activity

Contrary to Ohio Revised Code 5705, which requires the Park District Council to budget each fund annually, the District did not adopt a certificate of estimated resources or appropriation measure. Furthermore, the District did not use the encumbrance method of accounting. Accordingly, all expenditures violated budgetary requirements.

4. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

5. Related Party Transaction

During 2008 the Pickaway County Commissioners contributed \$9,500 to the Park District. These contributions were used to help defray operating cost of the District and to partially finance the purchase of land for a new park.



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

Pickaway County Park District
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121 West Franklin St.
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To the Park District Council:

We have audited the financial statement of the Pickaway County Park District, Pickaway County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated July 31, 2009, wherein we noted the District prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted a certain internal control matter that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated July 31, 2009.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District'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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2008-001 and 2008-002.

We also noted a certain noncompliance or other matter not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated July 31, 2009.

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

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management and the Park District Council. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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July 31, 2009

PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
PICKAWAY COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007

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

FINDING NUMBER 2008-001

**Material Noncompliance
Issuing Purchase Orders**

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41(D) states that no subdivision shall make any contract or give any order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision. The fiscal officer must certify that the amount required to meet such a commitment 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 encumbrance. Further, contracts and orders for expenditures lacking prior certification shall be null and void.

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 main exceptions are: "then and now" certificates, blanket certificates, and super blanket certificates, which are provided for in sections 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 Park District can authorize the drawing of a warrant for the payment of the amount due. The Park District 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 Park District.

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. 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 Park District 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.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS (Continued)
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FINDING NUMBER 2008-001 (Continued)

**Material Noncompliance
Issuing Purchase Orders (Continued)**

To improve controls over disbursements, we recommend that all Park District non-payroll disbursements receive prior certification of the fiscal officer. When that is not possible, a Then and Now Certificate should be executed.

The District did not certify funds prior to incurring the obligation for all disbursements prior to transferring fiscal responsibilities to the Pickaway County Auditor in June 2008. All transactions posted after that time utilized required then and now certificates.

We recommend the Park District certify purchases to which section 5705.41(D) applies. The most convenient certification method is to use purchase orders that include the certification language 5705.41(D) requires to authorize disbursements. The Fiscal Officer should sign the certification at the time the Park District incurs a commitment, and only when the requirements of 5705.41(D) are satisfied. The Fiscal Officer should post approved purchase commitments to the proper appropriation code, to reduce the available appropriation.

Officials Response:

We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

FINDING NUMBER 2008-002

Material Non-Compliance

Budgetary Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.28(B)(2) requires the District to follow material budgetary laws, including Ohio Rev. Code 5705.36 (certification of available resources), Ohio Rev. Code 5705.38 (adopting appropriations), and 5705.41(B) (expenditures cannot exceed appropriations).

The District did not certify available resources or adopt an appropriation measure for 2007 or 2008. By not adopting appropriations, effectively all expenditures made exceeded appropriations.

We recommend the District follow all applicable budgetary requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705, by certifying available resources and adopting an appropriation resolution.

Officials Response:

Since June 2008 when we found out what we needed to do, we have pursued compliance and now are okay to our understanding.

**PICKAWAY COUNTY PARK DISTRICT
PICKAWAY COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2006-001	Ohio Rev. Code 121.22 – District did not provide detail of official actions in Minutes	Yes	
2006-002	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.41(D) – District did not certify availability of funds prior to commitment.	No	Re-Issued as Finding 2008-001
2006-003	Ohio Rev. Code 5705.28 – District did not certify its estimated resources or adopt appropriations.	No	Re-Issued as Finding 2008-002



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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 10, 2009**