



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Directors Champaign County Convention and Visitor's Bureau Champaign County 107 North Main Street Urbana, Ohio 43078

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the management of the Champaign County Convention and Visitors Bureau (the Bureau) agreed, solely to assist the Bureau in evaluating whether it recorded all lodging taxes it received from Champaign County, and to help evaluate whether the Bureau disbursed these lodging taxes for allowable purposes described below for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. The Bureau is responsible for disbursing lodging taxes for allowable purposes. 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*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the Bureau. 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.

Cash

- 1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2014 beginning balance on the January 10, 2014 Reconciliation to the December 31, 2013 ending balance on the 2013 Balance Sheet for the Bureau's account. We noted the amount had a variance of \$14 due to the timing differences of the January Reconciliation completed January 10, 2014 and balance sheet dated December 31, 2013. The bank previously used these dates; however this issue has been resolved. We also agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning balance on the January Reconciliation to the December 31, 2014 ending balance on the 2014 Balance sheet for the Bureau's account. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliation for December 31, 2015 and 2014 to the fund balance report in the December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 Balance Sheet for the Bureau's account. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2015 bank account balance with the Bureau's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balance to the amount appearing in the December 31, 2015 bank reconciliation without exception.

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Cash (Continued)

- 5. We selected all five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2015 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 2015 Account QuickReport, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.

Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed with Champaign County the lodging taxes it paid to the Bureau during the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014. The County confirmed the following amounts:

| Year Ended | Amount | |
|-------------------|-------------|--|
| December 31, 2015 | \$18,821.47 | |
| December 31, 2014 | \$9,748.04 | |

2. We compared the amounts from step **1** to amounts recorded as lodging tax receipts on the Bureau's Account QuickReport as of December 31, 2015 and 2014. We found no exceptions.

Cash Disbursements

1. We inquired of management regarding sources describing allowable purposes or restrictions related to the Bureau's disbursements of lodging taxes. We listed these sources and summarized significant related restrictions below:

Source of Restrictions

- a. The Bureau's Articles of Incorporation
- b. The Bureau's 501(c)(6) Tax Exemption
- c. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5739.09(A)(2)

The Bureau's tax exemption prohibits it from disbursements supporting a candidate's election.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5739.09(A)(2) restricts the Bureau to spending lodging tax "specifically for promotion, advertising, and marketing of the region in which the county is located."

Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 deems any disbursement of public funds (e.g. lodging taxes) for alcohol to be improper.

2. We haphazardly selected forty disbursements of lodging taxes from the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 in addition to all disbursements exceeding \$1,000, and compared the purpose for these disbursements as documented on vendor invoices or other supporting documentation to the sources of restrictions listed in *Cash Disbursements Step 1* above. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice or other supporting documentation described a violation the restrictions listed above.

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We were not engaged to, and did not examine the Bureau's lodging tax receipts and disbursements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the objective of which would have been to opine on lodging tax receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Bureau and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.

Dave Yost

Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

June 3, 2016





CHAMPAIGN COUNTY CONVENTION AND VISITORS BUREAU CHAMPAIGN 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JUNE 23, 2016