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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Union Township Public Library
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Union Township Public Library's (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 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 their 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 for the General account. The Library did not prepare a bank reconciliation for the Building Fund account for 2023 or 2024.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Cash Journal to the December 31, 2022 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Cash Journal to the December 31, 2023 balances in the Cash Journal. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliations adjusted bank balances as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Cash Journal and the financial

statements filed by the Library in the Hinkle System. The financial statements for 2023 did not include beginning fund balances and therefore did not agree to the cash journal or the bank reconciliation for the General fund.

The 2024 bank reconciliation for the General fund agreed to the cash balance reported in the cash journal and the financial statements.

The Library did not prepare a bank reconciliation for the Building Fund account for 2023 or 2024.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with the Library's financial institution and the Ohio Pooled Collateral System. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception for the General fund.
5. We selected 5 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 check register 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 5 receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2024 and a total of 5 from 2023:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above named report to the amount recorded in the Deposits-Receipts by Month report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Deposits-Receipts by Month report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Deposits-Receipts by Month 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 Deposits-Receipts by Month report to determine whether it included 2 real estate tax receipts for 2024 and 2023. The Deposits-Receipts by Month report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the Deposits-Receipts by Month report to determine whether it included 1 Public Library Fund receipt per month for 2024 and 2023. We found no exceptions.

Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 other receipts from the year ended 2023 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Deposits-Receipts by Month report to supporting documentation. Four of ten receipts for 2024 and four of ten receipts for 2023 did not have supporting documentation.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with the rates in force during the audit period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Deposits-Receipts by Month report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit report disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2022.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Deposits-Receipts by Month report and Cash Journal 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 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2024 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 from the Payroll Register and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the payroll register to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the payroll register. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We found no exceptions.
 - d. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 1 new employee from 2023 and:
 - a. We inspected the employees' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Payroll Register.
 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 & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2025	December 31, 2024	\$3,696.26	\$3,696.26
State income taxes	January 15, 2025	December 31, 2024	\$632.76	\$632.76
Local income tax	January 15, 2025	December 31, 2024	\$804.31	\$804.31
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2025	December 28, 2024	\$3,373.74	\$3,373.74

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. From the Cash Journal, we re-footed checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for *public services and programs*, and checks recorded as *facilities operation and maintenance* in the General fund for 2024. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 10 disbursements from the Cash Journal for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 from the year ended 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 canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Cash Journal 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.

Transfers

1. We inspected one interfund transfer from 2024 and two from 2023 on the Cash Journal 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

1. 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 fund. 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 selected the one public records request from the engagement period and inspected the request to determine the following:
 - a. The Library was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
 - b. The Library did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
 - c. The Library did not have any public records requests with redactions 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. The Library did not maintain written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).

5. We inquired with Library management and determined that the Library did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore the public records policy could not be included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We observed that the Library's poster describing their 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.
7. We inquired with Library management and determined that the Library did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
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


1. 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 their 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 their 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.

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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Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

June 10, 2025

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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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