



**JENNINGS TOWNSHIP  
VAN WERT COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT**

**FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999-1998**



**JIM PETRO**  
**AUDITOR OF STATE**  

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jennings Township, Van Wert County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998. 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 generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about 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 that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Jennings Township, Van Wert County, as of December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2000 on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

February 28, 2000



**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$3,976	\$22,310		\$26,286
Intergovernmental	37,063	66,325		103,388
Earnings on Investments	261	408	24	693
Other Revenue	407	5,130		5,537
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Total Cash Receipts	41,707	94,173	24	135,904
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	23,814	111		23,925
Public Safety		8,254		8,254
Public Works		83,432		83,432
Health	5,654	2,973		8,627
Capital Outlay	568	13,586		14,154
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Total Cash Disbursements	30,036	108,356	0	138,392
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	11,671	(14,183)	24	(2,488)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	11,290	41,900	543	53,733
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
	<u>\$22,961</u>	<u>\$27,717</u>	<u>\$567</u>	<u>\$51,245</u>

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

**CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE  
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999**

	<b>Fiduciary Fund Types</b>
	<b>Nonexpendable Trust</b>
<b>Operating Cash Receipts:</b>	
Total Operating Cash Receipts	0
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Supplies and Materials	\$849
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	849
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(849)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,536
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$687</b>

*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 AND SIMILAR FIDUCIARY FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Local Taxes	\$3,891	\$22,056		\$0	\$25,947
Intergovernmental	29,748	63,986	\$35,256		128,990
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	45				45
Earnings on Investments	218	589		25	832
Other Revenue	1,801	2,266			4,067
	<u>35,703</u>	<u>88,897</u>	<u>35,256</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>159,881</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>					
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
Current:					
General Government	22,736	93			22,829
Public Safety		8,847			8,847
Public Works		61,928			61,928
Health	5,087	5,424			10,511
Capital Outlay	351		35,256		35,607
	<u>28,174</u>	<u>76,292</u>	<u>35,256</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>139,722</u>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>					
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	7,529	12,605	0	25	20,159
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	3,761	29,295	0	518	33,574
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$11,290</u>	<u>\$41,900</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$543</u>	<u>\$53,733</u>

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

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCE  
NONEXPENDABLE TRUST FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998**

	<b>Fiduciary Fund Types</b>
	<b>Nonexpendable Trust</b>
<b>Operating Cash Receipts:</b>	
Total Operating Cash Receipts	0
<b>Operating Cash Disbursements:</b>	
Total Operating Cash Disbursements	0
Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	0
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,536
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b>\$1,536</b>

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Jennings Township, Van Wert County, (the Township) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of Middle Point and the Village of Spencerville to provide fire services and the Village of Spencerville Emergency Medical Services, Inc., to provide ambulance 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Cash and Investments**

The Township does not hold any interest in investments.

**D. Fund Accounting**

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

**1. General Fund**

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds are used to 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 Fund:

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

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**  
**(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**3. Capital Project Funds**

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Issue II Fund - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio for resurfacing Township roads.

**4. Trust Funds**

Trust funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. If the agreement requires the Township to maintain the corpus of the trust, the fund is classified as a non-expendable trust fund. Other trust funds are classified as expendable. The Township had the following significant trust funds:

Cemetery Bequest Fund (Morgan Trust and Endowment) - This is a non-expendable trust that maintained amounts donated in perpetuity.

Cemetery Bequest Fund (Harris Trust) - An expendable trust fund.

**E. 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.

A summary of 1999 and 1998 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**  
**(Continued)**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The Township maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Demand deposits	\$51,432	\$54,769
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Total deposits	51,432	54,769
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U.S. Savings Bond	500	500
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Total investments	500	500
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Total deposits and investments	<u>51,932</u>	<u>55,269</u>

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998 follows:

<b>1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b>			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$31,912	\$41,707	\$9,795
Special Revenue	95,192	94,173	(1,019)
Fiduciary	16	24	8
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Total	<u>\$127,120</u>	<u>\$135,904</u>	<u>\$8,784</u>

<b>1999 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b>			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$43,202	\$30,036	\$13,166
Special Revenue	137,091	108,356	28,735
Fiduciary	2,096	849	1,247
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Total	<u>\$182,389</u>	<u>\$139,241</u>	<u>\$43,148</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

<b>1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$29,873	\$35,703	\$5,830
Special Revenue	75,476	88,897	13,421
Capital Projects	0	35,256	35,256
Fiduciary	0	25	25
Total	<u>\$105,349</u>	<u>\$159,881</u>	<u>\$54,532</u>

<b>1998 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b>			
<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$33,653	\$28,174	\$5,479
Special Revenue	98,150	76,292	21,858
Capital Projects	0	35,256	(35,256)
Fiduciary	2,068	0	2,068
Total	<u>\$133,871</u>	<u>\$139,722</u>	<u>(\$5,851)</u>

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

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

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. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 1999 and 1998, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 1999.

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**DECEMBER 31, 1999 AND 1998**  
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**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Vehicles
- Errors and omissions
- Inland Marine
- EDP

The Township also provides dental and life coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL  
REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Jennings Township  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jennings Township, Van Wert County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2000. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 28, 2000.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a 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 in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated February 28, 2000.

This report is intended for the information and use of management and the Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

February 28, 2000



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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  
APRIL 6, 2000**