



**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**



SCIOTO TOWNSHIP  
JACKSON COUNTY

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Scioto Township  
Jackson County  
1021 Van Fossan Road  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Scioto Township, Jackson County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 *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 Scioto Township, Jackson County, as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 April 9, 2003 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 grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees 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.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

April 9, 2003

**SCIOTO TOWNSHIP  
JACKSON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$21,619	\$53,936	\$	\$75,555
Intergovernmental	34,791	77,084	104,987	216,862
Earnings on Investments	147	295		442
Other Revenue	2,764	5,152	2,988	10,904
	<u>59,321</u>	<u>136,467</u>	<u>107,975</u>	<u>303,763</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	70,156			70,156
Public Safety		36,301		36,301
Public Works		67,796		67,796
Health	186			186
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal		4,088	22,981	27,069
Interest and Fiscal Charges		1,221	4,488	5,709
Capital Outlay			71,700	71,700
	<u>70,342</u>	<u>109,406</u>	<u>99,169</u>	<u>278,917</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(11,021)</u>	<u>27,061</u>	<u>8,806</u>	<u>24,846</u>
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>24,090</u>	<u>11,345</u>	<u>(2,817)</u>	<u>32,618</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<b><u>\$13,069</u></b>	<b><u>\$38,406</u></b>	<b><u>\$5,989</u></b>	<b><u>\$57,464</u></b>

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

**SCIOTO TOWNSHIP  
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$23,274	\$55,637	\$	\$78,911
Intergovernmental	40,672	71,474	81,954	194,100
Earnings on Investments	245	245		490
Other Revenue	3,449	2,065		5,514
	<u>67,640</u>	<u>129,421</u>	<u>81,954</u>	<u>279,015</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	75,819			75,819
Public Safety		59,716		59,716
Public Works		111,214		111,214
Health	701			701
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal		7,658	9,551	17,209
Interest and Fiscal Charges		2,958	3,339	6,297
Capital Outlay			113,593	113,593
	<u>76,520</u>	<u>181,546</u>	<u>126,483</u>	<u>384,549</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(8,880)</u>	<u>(52,125)</u>	<u>(44,529)</u>	<u>(105,534)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Proceeds of Notes			25,000	25,000
	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>25,000</u>	<u>25,000</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Sources Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(8,880)	(52,125)	(19,529)	(80,534)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>32,970</u>	<u>63,470</u>	<u>16,712</u>	<u>113,152</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><b>\$24,090</b></u>	<u><b>\$11,345</b></u>	<u><b>(\$2,817)</b></u>	<u><b>\$32,618</b></u>

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



**SCIOTO TOWNSHIP  
JACKSON COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Scioto Township, Jackson 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 and a publicly elected Clerk. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance and fire protection.

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.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. 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 Funds:

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

*Fire Fund*- This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection through contracts with other governmental entities.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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(Continued)**

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

**C. Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**3. Capital Projects Fund**

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Township had the following significant Capital Projects Fund:

*Permanent Improvement Fund* – This fund received monies from permissive sales tax proceeds for permanent improvement projects within the Township.

**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. The Township did not use the encumbrance method of accounting.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**E. 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.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001  
(Continued)**

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH**

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

	2001	2002
Demand deposits	\$32,618	\$57,464

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

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$67,640	\$59,321	(\$8,319)
Special Revenue	132,650	136,467	3,817
Capital Projects	106,954	107,975	1,021
Total	\$307,244	\$303,763	(\$3,481)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$68,000	\$70,342	(\$2,342)
Special Revenue	130,799	109,406	21,393
Capital Projects	107,000	99,169	7,831
Total	\$305,799	\$278,917	\$26,882

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$59,806	\$67,640	\$7,834
Special Revenue	116,108	129,421	13,313
Capital Projects	138,475	106,954	(31,521)
Total	\$314,389	\$304,015	(\$10,374)

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$60,542	\$76,520	(\$15,978)
Special Revenue	118,726	181,546	(62,820)
Capital Projects	89,000	126,483	(37,483)
Total	\$268,268	\$384,549	(\$116,281)

The Township did not encumber funds contrary to Ohio law. Also, contrary to Ohio law, budgetary expenditures exceeded appropriation authority in the all funds for the year ended December 31, 2001. Expenditures also exceeded appropriations at the legal level of control on December 31, 2002 as follows: General Fund-Auditor Fees (\$1,855) and Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund-Supplies (\$412).

**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.

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, 2002 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
General Obligation Note	\$30,820	6.50%
General Obligation Note	15,000	5.99%
Total	\$45,820	

The Township took out a \$50,090 note in 2000 to fund the construction of a new Township Building. The Township took out a \$25,000 note due to budgetary problems with meeting regular payment of monthly bills. The note was originally a one year loan, but was refinanced on December 7, 2002 to extend the loan one more year.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001  
(Continued)**

**5. DEBT (Continued)**

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

Year ending December 31:	<u>General Obligation Notes</u>
2003	\$27,652
2004	11,790
2005	<u>10,881</u>
Total	<u><u>\$50,323</u></u>

**6. 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 2002 and 2001, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and 2002. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability
- Automobile liability
- Errors and omissions

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

Scioto Township  
Jackson County  
1021 Van Fossan Road  
Jackson, Ohio 45640

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Scioto Township, Jackson County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated April 9, 2003. 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 *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 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 such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item number 2002-40704-001 and 2002-40704-002. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the Township in a separate letter dated April 9, 2003.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the 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 April 9, 2003.

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Jackson County  
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Required by *Government Auditing Standards*  
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This report is intended solely 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.

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**Betty Montgomery**  
Auditor of State

April 9, 2003



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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

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

**FINDING NUMBER 2002-40704-001**

**Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) states that no subdivision or taxing unit shall make any contract or order any expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the same has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and no warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon. This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirements:

- A. Then and Now Certificate - This exception provides that, if the fiscal officer can certify that both at the time that the contract or order was made and at the time that he is completing his certification, 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 taxing authority can authorize the drawing of a warrant. The taxing authority has 30 days from the receipt of such certificate to approve payment by resolution or ordinance. If approval is not made within 30 days, there is no legal liability on the part of the subdivision or taxing district.
- B. Amounts of less than \$1,000 may be paid by the fiscal officer without such affirmation of the taxing authority 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 taxing authority.

One hundred percent of expenditures were not certified prior to the purchase commitment being made. By not certifying funds prior to a purchase commitment, this may cause the Township to obligate money it does not have.

We recommend the Township certify funds prior to an obligation being incurred.

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001  
(Continued)**

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

**FINDING NUMBER 2002-40740-002**

**Noncompliance Citation**

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated.

A comparison of expenditures and contract commitments with appropriations noted that at December 31, 2001 expenditures exceeded appropriations at the fund level as follows: General Fund (\$15,978) 26%, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund (\$16,733) 89%, Gasoline Tax Fund (\$16,815) 33%, Road and Bridge Fund (\$3,556) 25%, Fire Fund (\$25,716) 76% and Capital Projects Fund (\$37,482) 42%. Expenditures also exceeded appropriations at the legal level of control on December 31, 2001 as follows: General Fund-Salaries-Clerk (\$940) 9%, General Fund-Auditor Fees (\$688) 137%, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund-Supplies (\$3,194) 127%, Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund-Maintenance (\$11,012) 440%, Gasoline Tax Fund-Salaries (\$1,675) 7%, Road and Bridge Fund-Tools (\$436) 36%, Fire Fund (\$26,357) 82%, and Capital Projects Fund-Contracts (\$34,715) 39%. Expenditures also exceeded appropriations at the legal level of control on December 31, 2002 as follows: General Fund-Auditor Fees (\$1,855) 155% and Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund-Supplies (\$412) 14%.

The Clerk should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Clerk may request the Trustees to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary, such as when the Township receives note proceeds.

SCIOTO TOWNSHIP  
JACKSON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <b><i>Explain:</i></b>
2000-40740-001	Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (B) states that no subdivision is to expend money unless it has been appropriated	No	Not corrected. Reissued as 2002-40740-002





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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  
MAY 15, 2003**