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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Southwest Mercer Fire District
Mercer County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Southwest Mercer Fire District (the District) agreed, solely to assist the Board in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management and the Board are responsible for complying with the compliance requirements. 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 parties specified in this 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.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

Cash and Investments

1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2009 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balance Report to the December 31, 2008 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2010 and 2009 fund cash balances reported in the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balance Report. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2010 bank account balances with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2010 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We tested investments held at December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 to determine that they:
 - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 135.13, 135.14 or 135.144. We found no exceptions.
 - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. We noted no exceptions.

Property Taxes and Intergovernmental

1. We selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2010 and one from 2009.
 - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Receipts Journal. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund(s) as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Receipts Journal to determine whether it included the proper number of tax receipts for 2010 and 2009:
 - a. Two personal property tax receipts
 - b. Two real estate tax receipts

We noted the Receipts Journal included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.

3. We selected four receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2010 and four from 2009.
 - a. We compared the amount from the DTL to the amount recorded in the Receipts Journal. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. We inquired of management, and scanned the Receipts Journal and Appropriation Ledger for evidence of bonded or note debt issued during 2010 or 2009 or outstanding as of December 31, 2010 or 2009. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 2.
2. We obtained a summary of debt activity for 2010 and 2009 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to the general fund payments reported in the Appropriation Ledger. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the District made the payments. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the General fund per the Receipts Journal. The amounts agreed.
4. For new debt issued during 2009, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the District must use the proceeds to purchase a fire truck and related equipment. We scanned the Appropriations Ledger and noted the District purchased a fire truck in March of 2009 and related equipment throughout 2009.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for two employees from 2010 and one payroll check for two employees from 2009 from the Payroll Report and determined whether the following information in the minute record was consistent with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
 - a. Name
 - b. Authorized salary or pay rate
 - c. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding.
 - d. Federal & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding
 - e. Deferred Compensation Authorization

We found no exceptions related to the steps above.

2. We tested the checks we selected in step 1, as follows:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary amount used in computing gross pay 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.
3. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2010 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld during the final withholding period during 2010. We noted the following:

<u>Withholding</u>	<u>Date Due</u>	<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Amount Withheld</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>
Federal income taxes	January 31, 2011	January 19, 2011	\$639.02	\$639.02
Local income tax	February 28, 2011	January 19, 2011	\$ 19.50	\$ 19.50
OPERS retirement (withholding plus employer share)	January 30, 2011	December 16, 2010	\$156.00	\$156.00

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. For the Appropriation Ledger, we re-footed checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for Insurance, for 2010. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed total disbursements (non-payroll and payroll) from the Appropriations Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 to the total disbursements recorded in the check register. We found no exceptions.
3. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2010 and ten from the year ended 2009 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 returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Appropriation Ledger and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total from the *Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available For Expenditures and Balances*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Receipts Journal for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. The amounts agreed.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2010 and 2009 to determine whether, the Trustees appropriated separately for “each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services,” as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriations Ledger for 2010 and 2009. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Ledger.
4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. We noted no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 as recorded in the Appropriations Ledger. We noted no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. We noted the District did not establish these reserves.

Compliance – Contracts & Expenditures

1. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 for procurements requiring competitive bidding under the following statute(s):

Ohio Rev. Code Section 505.376 requires a fire and ambulance district to competitively bid purchases exceeding \$50,000 (other than compensation).

We identified no purchases subject to the aforementioned bidding requirements.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and those charged with governance and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

May 16, 2011

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SOUTHWEST MERCER FIRE DISTRICT

MERCER 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.

Susan Babbitt

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

**CERTIFIED
JUNE 16, 2011**