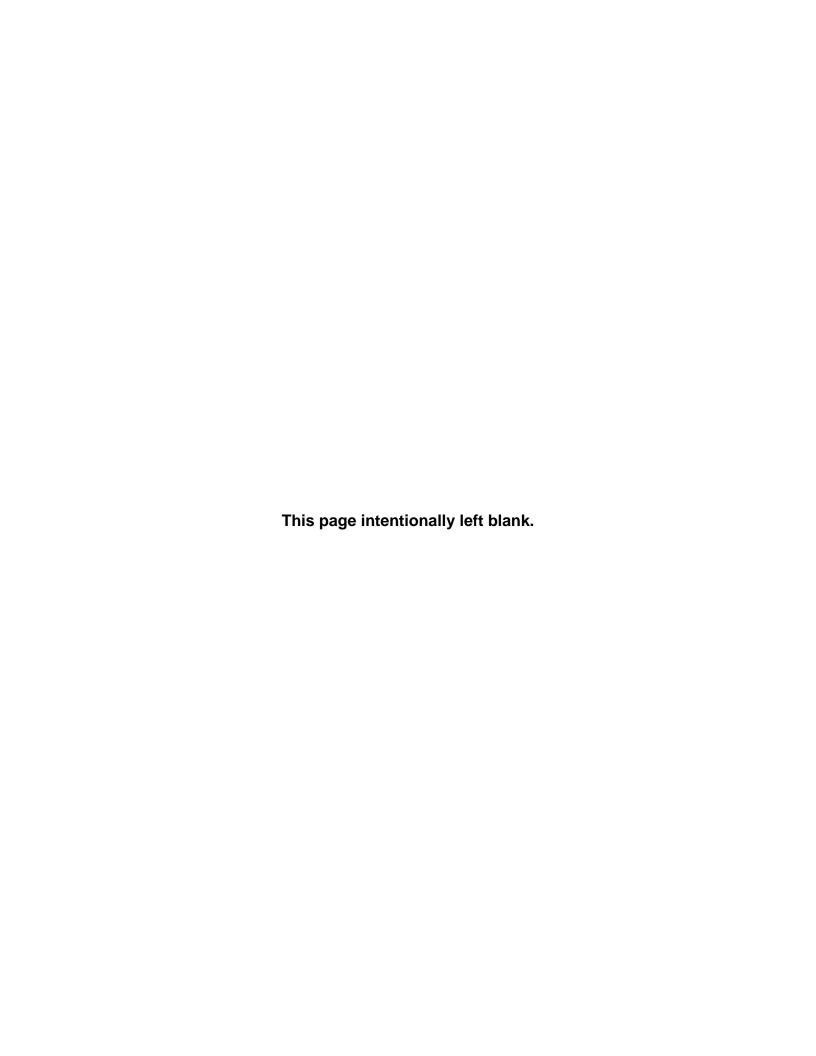




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#### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

East Geauga Joint Fire District Geauga County P.O. Box 1197 Middlefield, Ohio 44062

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Directors and the management of East Geauga Joint 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, 2011 and 2010, 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

- 1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2011 and December 31, 2010 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2010 beginning fund balances recorded in the General Ledger to the December 31, 2009 balances as documented in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2011 and 2010 fund cash balances reported in the Balance Sheet. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2011 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, 2011 bank reconciliation without exception.
- We tested interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2011 and 2010 to determine if they were properly recorded in the accounting records and on each bank statement. We found no exceptions.
- 6. We tested investments held at December 31, 2010 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.

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b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code Section 135.13 or 135.14. We noted no exceptions.

# **Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

- 1. We obtained a confirmation listing from the Geauga County Auditor for all distributions to the District during 2011 and 2010.
  - a. We compared the amount from the confirmation listing to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund 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. We found no exceptions.
- We scanned the General Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts, plus four advances for 2011 and 2010. We noted the General Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.

# **Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

- 1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the General Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2011 and ten from the year ended 2010 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 General 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 scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2011 and 2010 to determine whether the Directors 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.
- 2. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A) (5) and 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010. We noted no instances in which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
- 3. 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, 2011 and 2010 as recorded in the Annual Appropriations Resolution. We noted no instances in which expenditures exceeded appropriations.

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4. We inquired of management and scanned the Annual Appropriations Resolution 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 General Ledger for the years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010 for procurements requiring competitive bidding under the following statutes:
  - a. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 505.37 to 505.42 & 731.14 require a fire district to competitively bid purchases of fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, other fire equipment, appliances, materials, fire hydrants, buildings, or fire-alarm communications equipment or service costs exceeding \$50,000.
  - b. 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, those charged with governance, and others within the District, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

**Dave Yost** Auditor of State

April 24, 2012





#### **EAST GEAUGA JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**

#### **GEAUGA 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 MAY 8, 2012