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**HOCKING HILLS TOURISM ASSOCIATION  
HOCKING COUNTY  
Agreed-Upon Procedures  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2015**

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# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Directors  
Hocking Hills Tourism Association  
13178 St. Rt. 664 South  
Logan, Ohio 43138

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Hocking Hills Tourism Association, Hocking County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2015. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Hocking Hills Tourism Association is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost".

Dave Yost  
Auditor of State

May 12, 2016

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**HOCKING HILLS TOURISM ASSOCIATION  
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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

March 11, 2016

Hocking Hills Tourism Association  
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Logan, Ohio 43138

To the Board of Directors:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the management of the **Hocking Hills Tourism Association** (the Association) agreed, solely to assist the Association in evaluating whether it recorded all lodging taxes it received from Hocking County, and to help evaluate whether the Association disbursed these lodging taxes for allowable purposes described below for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. The Association is responsible for disbursing lodging taxes for allowable purposes. 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 Association. 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.

### Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed with Hocking County the lodging taxes it paid to the Association during the years ending December 31, 2015 and 2014. The County confirmed the following amounts:

Year Ended	Amount
December 31, 2015	\$830,294
December 31, 2014	\$700,210

2. We compared the amounts from step 1 to amounts recorded as lodging tax receipts on the Association's Income by Customer Report from QuickBooks. We found no exceptions.



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## Cash Disbursements

1. We inquired of management regarding sources describing allowable purposes or restrictions related to the Association's disbursements of lodging taxes. We listed these sources and summarized significant related restrictions below:

### Source of Restrictions

- a. The Hocking Hills Tourism Association's Articles of Incorporation
- b. Code of Regulations and By-Laws
- c. Logan Area Chamber of Commerce Resolution dated 9-1-82
- d. Hocking County's Resolution 4-28-83, 12-30-87 and 1-13-94
- e. Contractual Agreement between the County and Association dated 1-12-84 for administration of funds and operation of the Association
- f. Ohio Revised Code Section 5739.09(A)(2)

The Association's tax exemption prohibits it from disbursements supporting a candidate's election.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5739.09(A)(2) restricts the Association to spending lodging tax "specifically for promotion, advertising, and marketing of the region in which the county is located."

Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 deems any disbursement of public funds (e.g. lodging taxes) for alcohol to be improper.

Hocking County Resolutions 4-28-83, 12-20-87 and 1-13-94 permits the Association to spend lodging taxes only as prescribed in the Ohio Revised Code.

The Contractual Agreement dated 1-12-84 permits the Association to spend lodging taxes only as prescribed in the Ohio Revised Code.

Logan Area Chamber of Commerce Resolution dated 9-1-82 permits the Association to spend lodging taxes only as prescribed in the Ohio Revised Code.

2. We haphazardly selected forty disbursements of lodging taxes from the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 in addition to all disbursements exceeding \$1,000, and compared the purpose for these disbursements as documented on vendor invoices or other supporting documentation to the sources of restrictions listed in *Cash Disbursements Step 1* above. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice or other supporting documentation described a violation of the restrictions listed above.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine the Association's lodging tax receipts and disbursements for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the objective of which would have been to opine on lodging tax receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Association and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.



**Perry & Associates**  
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Marietta, Ohio

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**HOCKING HILLS TOURISM ASSOCIATION**

**HOCKING 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  
MAY 24, 2016**