

***JEROMESVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT***

***ASHLAND COUNTY, OHIO***

**AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

**For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**







# Dave Yost • Auditor of State

Board of Trustees  
Jeromesville Community Fire District  
P.O. Box 414  
Jeromesville, Ohio 44840

We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Jeromesville Community Fire District, Ashland County, prepared by Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc., 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 Jeromesville Community Fire District 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 18, 2016

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**JEROMESVILLE COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT  
ASHLAND COUNTY  
Audit Report  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2015 and 2014**

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

Jeromesville Community Fire District  
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P.O. Box 414  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of the Jeromesville Community Fire District (the District) and the Auditor of State 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, 2015 and 2014, 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, 2015 and December 31, 2014 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2014 beginning balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2013 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2015 beginning balances recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2014 balances in the Fund Ledger Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2015 and 2014 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Reports. The amounts agreed.
4. We observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2015 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2015 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January and February bank statements. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. We noted no exceptions.

### **Cash and Investments (Continued)**

6. We tested interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2015 and 2014 to determine if they were properly recorded in the accounting records and on each bank statement. We found no exceptions.
7. We tested investments held at December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 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, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2015 and one from 2014.
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Revenue Receipt Register Report. 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. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We scanned the Revenue Receipt Register Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2015 and 2014. We noted the Revenue Receipts Register Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2015 and five from 2014. We also selected five receipts from the County Auditor's Detail Check Register from 2015 and five from 2014.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Receipt Register Report. 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.

### **Charges for Services**

4. We confirmed the amounts paid from the Certified Ambulance Group, the service organization that performs the emergency medical billings, to the District during 2014 and 2015 with the Certified Ambulance Group. We found no exceptions.
  - a. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

**Debt**

1. From the prior audit documentation, we noted the following lease-purchase agreement outstanding as of December 31, 2013. This amount agreed to the District's January 1, 2014 balances on the summary we used in step 3.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2013:</b>
Lease-Purchase Agreement	\$140,178

2. We inquired of management, and scanned the Revenue Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2015 or 2014 or debt payment activity during 2015 or 2014. All debt noted agreed to the summary we used in step 3.
3. We obtained a summary of lease-purchase debt activity for 2015 and 2014 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to general fund payments reported in the Payment Register Detail Report. We also compared the date the lease payments were due to the date the District made the payments. We found no exceptions.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for five employees from 2015 and one payroll check for five employees from 2014 from the Wage Detail Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We determined whether the account codes to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute records. We also determined whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We scanned the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2015 to determine whether remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2015. We noted the following:

<b>Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$6,204.55	\$6,204.55



State income taxes	January 15, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$427.89	\$427.89
Local income tax (Hillsdale LSD)	January 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$367.42	\$367.42
Local income tax (Northwestern LSD)	January 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	\$23.64	\$23.64
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2016	January 4, 2016	\$151.20	\$151.20

### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2015 and ten from the year ended December 31, 2014 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 Payment Register Detail Report 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 three instances where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was also no evidence that a *Then and Now Certificate* was issued. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a *Then and Now Certificate* is used. Because we did not test all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

### Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources*, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. The amounts on the Certificate did not agree to the amount recorded in the accounting system for the General Fund, the District's only fund. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources of \$236,520 for 2015. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$240,956. The Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e. certified) resources of \$217,154 for 2014. However, the final *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* reflected \$240,021. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to amounts recorded on the *Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources* to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2015 and 2014 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 Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2015 and 2014. The amounts on the appropriation resolutions did not agree to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status report for the General Fund, the District's only fund. The Appropriation Status Report recorded budgeted expenses of \$351,953 for 2015. However, the appropriation resolutions reflected \$347,706. The Appropriation Status Report recorded budgeted expenses of \$335,351 for 2014. However, the appropriation resolutions reflected \$338,795. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report to amounts recorded on the appropriation resolutions to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
4. 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, 2015 and 2014. We noted that appropriations did not exceed 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 Board approved appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014. We noted that expenditures did not exceeded appropriations.
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We scanned the Revenue Receipt Register Report for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2015 and 2014. We also inquired of management regarding whether the District received new restricted receipts. We noted no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the District to establish a new fund.
7. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Status Reports 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.
8. We scanned the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 for negative cash fund balance. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10 (I) provides that money paid into a fund must be used for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another. We noted no negative cash balance for the District's only fund, the General Fund.

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, the Board of Trustees, the Auditor of State, and others within the District, and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

*Charles Harris*

**Charles E. Harris & Associates, Inc.**  
March 26, 2016

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**JEROMESVILLE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY FIRE DISTRICT**

**ASHLAND 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 31, 2016**