



**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, ATHENS COUNTIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS
ON MAJOR CRIMES INVESTIGATIONS UNIT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017-2016



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Fairfield, Hocking, and Athens Counties Council of Governments
on Major Crimes Investigations Unit
Fairfield County
734 South Ewing Street
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Control Board and the management of Fairfield, Hocking, and Athens Counties Council of Governments on Major Crimes Investigations Unit (the MCIU), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the MCIU's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the MCIU. The MCIU is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the MCIU. 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 (Agency Fund of County)

1. Fairfield County is custodian for the MCIU's deposits and therefore the County's deposit and investment pool holds the MCIU's assets. We compared the MCIU's fund balances reported on its December 31, 2017 and 2016 Financial Reports to the balances reported in Fairfield County's accounting records. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the Account Summary Trial Balance Report to the December 31, 2015 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Account Summary Trial Balance Report to the December 31, 2016 balances in the Account Summary Trial Balance Report. We found no exceptions.

Cash (Outside Account)

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2016 beginning fund balances recorded in the financial statements to the December 31, 2015 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the financial statements to the December 31, 2016 balances in the financial statements. We found no exceptions.

Cash (*Outside Account*)

3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2017 and 2016 fund cash balances reported in the financial statements. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the December 31, 2017 bank account balances with the MCIU's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2017 bank reconciliation without exception.

Intergovernmental Receipts

1. We haphazardly selected five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2017 and five from 2016.
 - a. We compared the amount from the above report to the amount recorded in the Account Detail History Revenue Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Account Detail History Revenue Report to determine that these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Account Detail History Revenue Report to confirm whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Over-The-Counter Cash Receipts

We haphazardly selected 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended December 31, 2017 and 10 over-the-counter cash receipts from the year ended 2016 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the Account Detail History Revenue Report. The amounts agreed.
- b. Confirmed the amounts charged complied with court case documentation. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the Account Detail History Revenue Report to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2015.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Account Detail History Revenue Report and Account Detail History Expenditure Report for evidence of debt issued during 2017 or 2016 or debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016. No new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2017 or 2016 was found.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected one payroll check for all employees from 2017 and one payroll check for all employees from 2016 from the Earnings and Deductions Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Earnings and Deductions Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the Account Detail History Expenditure Report to determine whether the fund and account code(s) to which the check was posted were reasonable based on the employees' personnel files. We also inspected the Account Detail History Expenditure Report to determine whether the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. For any new employees selected in procedure 1 we compared the following information in the employees' personnel files 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. Departments and funds to which the check should be charged
 - d. Retirement system participation and payroll withholding
 - e. Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding
 - f. Any other deduction authorizations (deferred compensation, etc.)

We found no exceptions related to procedures a. – f. above.

3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2017 to confirm 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 2017. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2018	December 22, 2017	\$826.84	\$826.84
State income taxes	January 31, 2018	December 22, 2017	\$165.03	\$165.03
Local income tax	January 31, 2018	December 22, 2017	\$110.31	\$110.31
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2018	December 22, 2017	\$1,333.95	\$1,333.95

4. We haphazardly selected and recomputed one termination payment (unused vacation, etc.) using the following information, and agreed the computation to the amount paid as recorded in the Earnings and Deductions Report:
 - a. Accumulated leave records
 - b. The employee's pay rate in effect as of the termination date
 - c. The MCIU's payout policy.

The amount paid was consistent with the information recorded in a. through c. above.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Account Detail History Expenditure Report for the year ended December 31, 2017 and ten from the year ended 2016 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 Account Detail History Expenditure Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
 - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires councils to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, in addition to filing extensions granted for extenuating circumstances, allow for refiling complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System for December 31, 2017 and 2016 fiscal year ends included in 2015-2016 or 2016-2017 agreed-upon procedure engagements, subsequent to the MCIU's deadline where the initial filing was filed on time but incomplete. We confirmed the MCIU filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

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

This report is to provide assistance in in the evaluation of the MCIU's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

August 7, 2018



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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
AUGUST 23, 2018**