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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Ross County Park District
Ross County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of Ross County Park District (the District), on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. 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. Ross County is custodian for the District's deposits, and therefore the County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets. We compared the District's fund balances reported on its December 31, 2019 General Ledger to the balances reported in Ross County's accounting records. The amounts agreed.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the General Ledger to the December 31, 2017 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2019 beginning fund balances recorded in the General Ledger to the December 31, 2018 balances in the General Ledger. We found no exceptions.

Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected all receipts from the County Auditor's DTLs from 2019 and all from 2018:
 - a. We compared the amounts from the above said reports to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the General Ledger to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We confirmed the total amount paid from Ohio Public Works Commission to the District during 2018 with the Ross County Auditor. We found no exceptions.

- a. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
- b. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2017.
2. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2019 or 2018.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2019 and one payroll check for five employees from 2018 from the Audit Trail by Account and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Audit Trail by Account to supporting documentation (timecard, or legislatively 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.
 - c. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and/or minute record. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
 - d. For any new employees selected, we inspected the employees' personnel files and/or minute record for the following information and compared it with the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check:
 - i. Name
 - ii. Authorized salary or pay rate and departments and funds to which the check should be charged
 - iii. Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization and withholding

We found no exceptions related to procedures i. – iii. above.

2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2019 to determine whether remittances were timely charged by the fiscal agent Ross County Auditor, and if the amounts charged agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding, period of 2019. We found the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare	January 31, 2020	January 2, 2020	\$1,767.60	\$1,767.60
State income taxes	January 15, 2020	December 27, 2019	\$433.69	\$433.69
Local income tax	January 31, 2020	January 2, 2020	\$93.10	\$93.10
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2020	January 2, 2020	\$2,667.73	\$2,667.73

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the YTD Audit Trail by Account for the year ended December 31, 2019 and 10 from the year ended 2018 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 Audit Trail by Account 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.
 - d. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section(s) 5705.28(B)(2) and 5705.41(D). We found one instance 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 (s) 5705.28(B) (2) and] 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 inspect all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section(s) 5705.28(B)(2) and 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 for the General and Special funds. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
2. We inspected the Statement of Cash from Revenue and Expense for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018 for negative cash fund balances. 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. No funds had a negative cash fund balances.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the District's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.

2. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any completed public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
4. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
5. We inquired whether the District had a records retention schedule, and observed that it is readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inspected the District's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
8. We inquired that the District's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the District as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
9. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
10. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
11. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the District notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period are to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
12. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.
13. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
 - a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
 - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code Section 121.22(G).

- c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.

We found no exceptions.

Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires these districts 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, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District 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, 2019 and 2018 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

2. For all credit card accounts we obtained:

- copies of existing internal control policies,
- a list(s) of authorized users, and
- a list of all credit card account transactions.

- a. We inspected the established policy(ies) obtained above and determined it is:

- i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
- ii. implemented by the entity.

We found no exceptions.

- b. We selected 1 credit card transaction from each credit card account for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:

- i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
- ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.

We found no exceptions.

- c. We selected 3 credit card statements from each credit card account for testing. For selected statements we inspected documentation to determine that:

- i. No unpaid beginning balance was carried forward to the current billing cycle,
- ii. Ending statement balance was paid in full, and
- iii. Statement contained no interest or late fees.

We found 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*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the *American Institute of Certified Public Accountants*. 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 District'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 the evaluation of the District's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 13, 2020

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ROSS COUNTY PARK DISTRICT

ROSS COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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