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FRANKLIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY  
FRANKLIN COUNTY

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

For the Years Ended November 30, 2020 and 2019

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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountant's Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Franklin County Agricultural Society, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., for the period December 1, 2018 through November 30, 2020. 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 Franklin County Agricultural Society is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
Columbus, Ohio

October 14, 2021

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Franklin County Agricultural Society  
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Franklin County Agricultural Society's (the Society) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Society. The Society is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Society.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Society have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Society's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2020 and 2019, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Additionally, the Auditor of State has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet their purposes. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

**Cash**

1. We recalculated the November 30, 2020 and November 30, 2019 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2018 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded to the November 30, 2018 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the December 1, 2019 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded to the November 30, 2019 balances. We found no exceptions.

3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the November 30, 2020 and 2019 fund cash balance reported in the Trial Balance Report and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. We noted the 2019 bank reconciliation was \$3,388.51 less than the totals reported in the Trial Balance Report and the 2019 Financial Statements.
4. We confirmed the November 30, 2020 bank account balances with the Society's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2020 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2020 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent December bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to November 30. There were no exceptions.
6. We traced interbank account transfers occurring in November of 2020 and 2019 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if they were properly recorded. We found no exceptions.

#### **Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the County Auditor's Vendor Report from 2020 and a total of five from 2019.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above-named 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 account codes. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### **Admission/Grandstand Receipts**

We selected two days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and two days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 recorded in the General Ledger and agreed the receipt amount to the supporting documentation (ticket recapitulation sheets/cash register tapes, etc.). The amounts agreed.

For July 20, 2019, the amount recorded in the general ledger for July 20, 2019 was \$17,120.

- a. The ticket sales recapitulation reported 2,465 tickets sold on that date.
- b. The admission price per ticket was \$7.
- c. Therefore, the recapitulation sheet multiplied by the admission price supports admission receipts of \$17,255 for July 20, 2019, which exceeds the amount recorded by \$135.

#### **Privilege Fee Receipts**

We selected 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.



### **Rental Receipts**

We selected 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2019 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2018.
2. We inquired of management, and inspected the receipt and expenditure records for evidence of loan or credit agreements, and bonded, note, County, or mortgage debt issued during 2020 or 2019 or debt payment activity during 2020 or 2019. We noted that the society did not record the debt proceeds from the promissory note issued during 2020 in the amount of \$299,486.77.
3. We obtained a summary of debt service payments owed during 2020 and 2019 and agreed these payments from the General Ledger to the related debt amortization schedule. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Society made the payments. We found no exceptions.
4. We agreed the amount of debt proceeds from the debt documents to amounts recorded in the Receipt Ledger. We noted that the society did not record the debt proceeds from the promissory note issued during 2020 in the amount of \$299,486.77.
5. For new debt the County issued on behalf of the Society during 2020 and 2019, we inspected the debt legislation, noting the Society must use the proceeds to purchase land. We inspected the expenditure ledger and observed the Society did not properly record any expenditures related to the purchase of the land.

### **Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2020 and one payroll check for five employees from 2019 from the Payroll Detail Report and:
    - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary).
      - i. We inspected the employees' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
      - ii. We agreed these items to the information used to compute gross and net pay related to this check.
- We found no exceptions.

2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended November 30, 2020 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and that the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2020. We observed 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)	December 31, 2020	November 19, 2020	\$1,078.37	\$1,078.37
State income taxes	December 15, 2020	November 19, 2020	\$65.33	\$65.33
City of Hillard income tax	December 31, 2020	November 19, 2020	\$71.38	\$71.38
Jonathan Adler LSD tax	December 31, 2020	November 19, 2020	\$15.65	\$15.65

**Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the General Ledger Report for the year ended November 30, 2020 and 10 from the year ended November 30, 2019 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 Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Based on the nature of the expenditure, the account coding is reasonable. We found no exceptions.

**Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the Society's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) 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 Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed, redacted or denied public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Society had a records retention schedule, and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. 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.
5. We inspected the Society'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.
6. We observed that the Society's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Society as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.

7. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society 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).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Society notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. 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.
11. 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 § 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.We found no exceptions.

#### **Other Compliance**

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires Societies 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 Entity 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 November 30, 2020 and 2019 in the Hinkle system. Financial information was filed on February 23, 2021 for the year ended November 30, 2020 and October 22, 2020 for the year ended November 30, 2019 which was not within the allotted timeframe.

We were engaged by the Society to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Society'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.

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We are required to be independent of the Society and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.  
Piketon, Ohio  
August 27, 2021

# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**FRANKLIN COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**FRANKLIN 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.



**Certified for Release 11/4/2021**

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