



OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County
Knox County
201 North Mulberry Street
Mount Vernon, Ohio 43050

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Public Library of Mount Vernon and Knox County's (the Library) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Library. The Library is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Library.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Library have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Library's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. 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 December 31, 2021 and December 31, 2020 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances for General Fund, Debt Service, Capital Project Fund, Gift & Memorial Book, and Endowment funds recorded in the Bank Report to the December 31, 2019 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, 2021 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the Bank Report to the December 31, 2020 balances in the Bank Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2021 and 2020 bank reconciliation totals as of December 31, 2021 and 2020 to the total fund cash balances reported in the Bank Report and the financial statements filed by the Library in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2021 bank account balances with the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS). We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2021 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2021 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statements. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
6. We traced interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2021 and 2020 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if they were properly recorded. We found no exceptions.

Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Receipts

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* and the County Auditor's DTL from 2021 and a total of five from 2020:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above named report to the amount recorded in the Revenue Trail Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Trail Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Revenue Trail Report 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 inspected the Revenue Trail Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for each County plus 4 advances from Knox County for 2021 and 2020. The Revenue Trail Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the Revenue Trail Report to determine whether it included one Public Library Fund receipt per month for 2021 and 2020. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we observed the following note was outstanding as of December 31, 2019. This amount agreed to the Library's January 1, 2020 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.

Issue	Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2019:
Facilities Note Series 2014	\$90,000

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Revenue Trail Report and Check Report for evidence of debt issued during 2021 or 2020 or debt payment activity during 2021 or 2020. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of note debt activity for 2021 and 2020 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to debt service fund payments reported in the Check Report. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Library made the payments. We found no exceptions.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2021 and one payroll check for five employees from 2020 from the Payroll History Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Payroll History 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.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the as required by statute. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2021 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 2021. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	\$6,372.86	\$6,372.86
State income taxes	January 15, 2022	January 4, 2022	\$2,272.34	\$2,272.34
Mount Vernon Income Tax	January 15, 2022	January 3, 2022	\$1,120.88	\$1,120.88
Gambier Village Income Tax	January 15, 2022	January 10, 2022	\$226.83	\$226.83
Fredericktown Income Tax	January 15, 2022	January 11, 2022	\$355.82	\$355.82
Danville Village Income Tax	January 15, 2022	January 11, 2022	\$204.77	\$204.77
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2022	January 5, 2022	\$13,142.78	\$13,142.78

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the Check Report for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 10 from the year ended 2020 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 Check 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.
2. We inspected the Check Report for the year ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 and determined that the proceeds from the levy passed under Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.23, were used for the purposes stated in the resolution.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. Ohio Admin. Code 117-8-02 prohibits spending in excess of budgeted amounts. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020 for the General, Debt Service, Capital Project, Gifts and Memorial Book, and Endowment funds. Contrary to Ohio Admin. Code 117-8-02, expenditures in fiscal year 2021 within the Debt Service fund and Capital Project fund exceeded total appropriations by \$12,257 and \$32,453 respectively in fiscal year 2021. In fiscal year 2020, expenditures within the Debt Service fund and Capital Project fund exceeded total appropriations by \$12,929 and \$15,488 respectively; contrary to Ohio Admin. Code 117-8-02.

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 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 selected all public records request from the engagement period and inspected the request to determine the following:
 - a. The Library was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
 - b. The Library did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
 - c. The Library did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Library has a records retention policy, and observed that it is readily available to the public as required by Ohio 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 Library'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 Library's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Library as required by Ohio Rev. Code 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with the Library management and determined that the Library did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inspected individual proof of attendance and determined whether each elected official in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code 149.43(E)(1) successfully attended a certified three-hour Public Records Training for each term of office as required by Ohio Rev. Code 109.43(B). We found no exceptions.
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Library 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.

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 requestWe 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 Section 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 libraries 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 Library 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, 2021 and 2020 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

Related Party Transactions

1. We inquired with management and identified the following Related Party Transaction: The Fiscal Officer's son-in-law, Jacob Newton was contracted to make educational videos for the children's virtual story-time during COVID-19.
2. We confirmed the transactions with other party. We found no exceptions.
3. We obtained supporting evidence for the Related Party Transactions identified in procedure 1. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Library to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the 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 Library'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.

We are required to be independent of the Library 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.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Keith Faber". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

September 13, 2022

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PUBLIC LIBRARY OF MOUNT VERNON AND KNOX COUNTY

KNOX 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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