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**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
ATHENS COUNTY**

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS**

Regional Planning Commission  
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To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Regional Planning Commission, Athens County, Ohio (the Commission), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Commission's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Commission prepares its financial statement on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the cash balance and reserves for encumbrances of the Regional Planning Commission, Athens County, as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 21, 2002, on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Commissioners and other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code. and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**Jim Petro**  
Auditor of State

May 21, 2002

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**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
ATHENS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCE  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

	<b>2001</b>	<b>2000</b>
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>		
Contributions from Athens County	\$ 115,476	\$ 120,073
Subdivisions	2,525	3,425
Refunds and Reimbursements	1,615	917
Other Receipts	1,155	774
Total Cash Receipts	120,771	125,189
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>		
Salaries	84,136	81,682
Supplies	2,730	4,155
Equipment	49	2,695
Contracts - Repair	14,555	
Contracts - Services	19,759	15,660
Advertising	1,274	1,080
Travel	1,441	1,890
Public Employee's Retirement	10,127	9,972
Workers' Compensation	1,104	1,103
Insurances	11,064	11,146
Contract Services - Utilities	1,577	1,857
Other	1,370	1,371
Total Cash Disbursements	149,186	132,611
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(28,415)	(7,422)
Cash Balance, January 1	39,114	46,536
<b>Cash Balance, December 31</b>	<b>\$ 10,699</b>	<b>\$ 39,114</b>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$ 3,785	\$ 8,456

*The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.*

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ATHENSAN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Regional Planning Commission, Athens County (the Commission), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the right and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Commission is directed by a twenty-one member Board. The Board consists of representatives from participating subdivisions, County Commissioners, and appointed citizens. The Commission administers land use and building regulations. The participating subdivisions are:

City of Athens	City of Nelsonville	Village of Albany
Village of Amesville	Village of Buchtel	Village of Chauncey
Village of Coolville	Village of Glouster	Village of Jacksonville
Village of Trimble	Athens County	

The Commission's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Commission is financially accountable.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

This financial statement follows the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Cash and Investments**

As required by Ohio Revised Code, the Athens County Treasurer is the custodian of the Commission's monies. The Commission's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the County Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

**D. Budgetary Process**

The Commission prepares an annual budget.

**1. Appropriations**

The Board annually approves appropriations and subsequent amendments. Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function or object level of control. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

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ATHENS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

**3. Encumbrances**

The Commission reserves (encumbers) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**E. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statement.

**F. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the Commission's basis of accounting.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2001 and 2000 follows:

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$ 139,774	\$ 120,771	\$ (19,003)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures		
Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
\$ 158,274	\$ 152,971	\$ 5,303

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts		
Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
\$ 125,188	\$ 125,189	\$ 1

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ATHENS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)**

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis		
Appropriation	Expenditures	
Authority	Budgetary	
	Expenditures	Variance
\$ 148,054	\$ 141,067	\$ 6,987

**4. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Commission's employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, members of PERS contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Commission contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for 2001 and from January 1, 2000, through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced the employer contribution rate to 8.13%, effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The Commission has paid all employer contributions required through December 31, 2001.

**5. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Athens County Commissioners maintain comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for liability, real property, building contents, and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90% coinsured. The Commission is covered by these policies.

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS ON COMPLIANCE AND ON  
INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Commissioners:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Regional Planning Commission, Athens County, Ohio (the Commission), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated May 21, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Commission's financial statement is free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Commission's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted a matter involving the internal control over financial reporting that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Commission in a separate letter dated May 21, 2002.

Regional Planning Commission  
Athens County  
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May 21, 2002



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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  
JUNE 6, 2002**