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WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY

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Logan County
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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August 3, 2009

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Washington Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Washington Township, Logan County (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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. The Township processes its financial transactions with the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to audit the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and as requested, operates UAN. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require townships to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Washington Township, Logan County, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 3, 2009, on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



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August 3, 2009

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property Taxes and Other Local Taxes	\$80,043	\$175,059		\$255,102
Intergovernmental	98,226	171,172	\$32,196	301,594
Special Assessments		16,413		16,413
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	10,285	6,681		16,966
Earnings on Investments	12,280	3,545		15,825
Miscellaneous	36	1,381		1,417
Total Cash Receipts	<u>200,870</u>	<u>374,251</u>	<u>32,196</u>	<u>607,317</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	108,294	57		108,351
Public Safety		144,421		144,421
Public Works	550	204,668		205,218
Health	11,500	500		12,000
Conservation/Recreation	500			500
Capital Outlay	5,600	102,611	32,196	140,407
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>126,444</u>	<u>452,257</u>	<u>32,196</u>	<u>610,897</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	74,426	(78,006)		(3,580)
Other Financing Receipts:				
Sale of Fixed Assets		465		465
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements	74,426	(77,541)		(3,115)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>388,083</u>	<u>624,396</u>		<u>1,012,479</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$462,509</u>	<u>\$546,855</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$1,009,364</u>

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE
PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008

Cash Receipts:

Earnings on Investments	<u>\$44</u>
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>1,358</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$1,402</u></u>

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

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Project</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property Taxes and Other Local Taxes	\$72,286	\$171,296		\$243,582
Intergovernmental	71,343	154,907	\$45,732	271,982
Special Assessments		16,685		16,685
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	11,305	6,302		17,607
Earnings on Investments	25,179	7,073		32,252
Miscellaneous	2,111	2,006		4,117
Total Cash Receipts	<u>182,224</u>	<u>358,269</u>	<u>45,732</u>	<u>586,225</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	102,750	87		102,837
Public Safety		129,703		129,703
Public Works	2,143	179,050		181,193
Health	9,798	620		10,418
Capital Outlay	300	35,900	31,268	67,468
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>114,991</u>	<u>345,360</u>	<u>31,268</u>	<u>491,619</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	67,233	12,909	14,464	94,606
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements):				
Sale of Fixed Assets		8,609		8,609
Transfers In		14,464		14,464
Transfers Out			(14,464)	(14,464)
Total Other Financing (Disbursements)		<u>23,073</u>	<u>(14,464)</u>	<u>8,609</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	67,233	35,982		103,215
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>320,850</u>	<u>588,414</u>		<u>909,264</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$388,083</u></u>	<u><u>\$624,396</u></u>	<u><u>\$0</u></u>	<u><u>\$1,012,479</u></u>

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

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE
PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2007

Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>\$1,358</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$1,358</u></u>

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

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Washington Township, Logan County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees Township directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, police, fire, and emergency medical service protection.

The Township participates in two jointly governed organizations and a public entity risk pool. Note 7 and 8 to the financial statements provides additional information for these entities. These organizations are:

Jointly Governed Organizations:

Indian Lake EMS Ambulance District provides emergency medical services to local governments.

Indian Joint Fire District provides fire protection to local governments.

Public Entity Risk Pool:

Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township is financially accountable.

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

The Township values certificates of deposit at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Township classifies its funds into the following types:

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LOGAN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

1. General Fund

The General Fund reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose trusts or for capital projects) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Road and Bridge Fund – This fund receives property tax revenues which are used for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund – This fund receives gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads.

Police District Fund – This fund receives property tax money to pay for police services within the Township.

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

Public Works Fund – This fund accounts for Issue II money spent on behalf of the Township maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Miscellaneous Capital Projects Fund – This fund accounts for Logan County Sales Tax money spent on behalf of the Township maintaining and repairing Township roads.

4. Fiduciary Funds (Trust Funds)

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs. The Township has the following Fiduciary Fund:

Private Purpose Trust Fund(Brownlie Bequest Fund) – This fund has permanent principal amount of \$1,000 and the interest generated from the principal is used for grave upkeep and flowers as specified by the donor.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2008 and 2007 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The Township maintains a cash pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	2008	2007
Demand Deposits	\$1,008,766	\$1,011,837
Certificates of Deposit	2,000	2,000
Total Deposits	\$1,010,766	\$1,013,837

Deposits: Deposits up to \$100,000 are insured by (1) Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2008 and 2007 follows:

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$208,328	\$200,870	(\$ 7,458)
Special Revenue	400,117	374,716	(25,401)
Capital Projects	42,070	32,196	(9,874)
Fiduciary	20	44	24
Total	\$650,535	\$607,826	(\$42,709)

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 477,129	\$126,444	\$350,685
Special Revenue	830,889	452,257	378,632
Capital Projects	42,070	32,196	9,874
Fiduciary	359		358
Total	<u>\$1,350,447</u>	<u>\$610,897</u>	<u>\$739,549</u>

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$186,645	\$182,224	(\$ 4,421)
Special Revenue	388,949	381,342	(7,607)
Capital Projects	45,732	45,732	
Fiduciary	10		(10)
Total	<u>\$621,336</u>	<u>\$609,298</u>	<u>(\$12,038)</u>

2007 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 303,369	\$114,991	\$188,378
Special Revenue	780,739	345,360	435,379
Capital Projects	45,732	45,732	
Fiduciary	300		300
Total	<u>\$1,130,140</u>	<u>\$506,083</u>	<u>\$624,057</u>

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

5. TRANSFER

In 2006, the Township did not receive \$14,464 of anticipated Issue II money. As a result the Special Revenue Road and Bridge Fund incurred this expenditure. During 2007, the State of Ohio reimbursed the Township for this expenditure. To show accountability, the accompanying financial statements show this money being receipted in the Capital Projects Fund and then being transferred to the Special Revenue Road and Bridge Fund to reimburse the fund that made the original expenditure.

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The Township's employees and part-time police officers belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plans' benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2008 and 2007, OPERS members contributed 10% and 9.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% and 13.85%, respectively, of the participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2008.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

The Township belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio townships. OTARMA provides property and casualty coverage for its members. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP). Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

Casualty Coverage

For an occurrence prior to January 1, 2006, OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence, including claim adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. For an occurrence on or subsequent to January 1, 2006, the Pool retains casualty risk up to \$350,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$350,000 are reinsured with APEEP in an amount not to exceed \$2,650,000 for each claim and \$10,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect up to \$10,000,000 in additional coverage with the General Reinsurance Corporation, through contracts with OTARMA.

If losses exhaust PEP's retained earnings, APEEP provides *excess of funds available* coverage up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000 (prior to January 1, 2006) or \$3,000,000 (on or subsequent to January 1, 2006).

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Property Coverage

Through 2004, OTARMA retained property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsured losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$500 million per occurrence.

Beginning in 2005, Travelers reinsures specific losses exceeding \$250,000 up to \$600 million per occurrence. This amount increased to \$300,000 in 2007. For 2007, APEEP reinsures members for specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to \$300,000 per occurrence, subject to an annual aggregate loss payment. Travelers provides aggregate stop-loss coverage based upon the combined members' total insurable values. If the stop loss is reached by payment of losses between \$100,000 and \$250,000 in 2006, or \$100,000 and \$300,000 in 2007, Travelers will reinsure specific losses exceeding \$100,000 up to their \$600 million per occurrence limit. The aggregate stop-loss limit for 2007 was \$2,014,548.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreements do not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31, 2007 and 2006 (the latest information available):

	<u>2007</u>	<u>2006</u>
Assets	\$43,210,703	\$42,042,275
Liabilities	(13,357,837)	(12,120,661)
Net Assets	<u>\$29,852,866</u>	<u>\$29,921,614</u>

At December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively, liabilities above include approximately \$12.5 million and \$11.3 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$11.6 million and \$10.8 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$8,000. This payable includes the subsequent year's contribution due if the Township terminates participation, as described in the last paragraph below.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007
(Continued)**

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Contributions to OTARMA

2006	\$11,186
2007	\$8,237
2008	\$8,195

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they provide written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.

8. JOINTY-GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS

A. Indian Lake EMS Ambulance District

The Indian Lake EMS Ambulance District, Logan County, is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by an appointed four-member Board of Trustees who are from the participating subdivisions, Stokes Township, Washington Township, the Village of Lakeview, and the Village of Russells Point. The District provides ambulance services to the citizens within the District. Financial information can be obtained from Joanna Pittenger, Indian Lake EMS Ambulance District, 301 N. Oak Street P.O. Box 6, Lakeview, Ohio 43331.

B. Indian Joint Fire District

Indian Joint Fire District, Logan County, (the District), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by a self appointing three-member Board of Trustees. The District was formed on July 27, 1988, from the merger of the Fire Districts of Washington Township and the Village of Russells Point. Financial information can be obtained from Barbara Henschen, Clerk, Indian Joint Fire District, 320 SR 708 P.O. Box 61, Russells Point, Ohio 43348-0061.

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Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Washington Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Washington Township, Logan County (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2008 and 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated August 3, 2009, wherein we noted the Township prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. However, *Government Auditing Standards* permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
(Continued)**

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We did note a certain matter that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated August 3, 2009.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matter that we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We did note a certain noncompliance or other matter that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated August 3, 2009.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the management, and the Board of Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



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Auditor of State

August 3, 2009

**WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP
LOGAN COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2008 AND 2007**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2006-001	Proper Classification of Revenue	Yes	
2006-002	Fund Classifications	Yes	Funds were reclassified in the prior audit
2006-003	Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.10, revenue derived for a particular purpose is to be paid into a special fund	No	Reported in a separate letter to management of the Township.



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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
SEPTEMBER 3, 2009