REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000



Jim Petro Auditor of State

STATE OF OHIO

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Airport Authority Hardin County 1040 West Franklin Street Kenton, Ohio 43326

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statement of the Airport Authority, Hardin County, (the Authority) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Authority's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 Authority 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 fund cash balance of the Airport Authority, Hardin County, as of December 31, 2000, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 22, 2001, on our consideration of the Authority's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, and contracts. 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 this audit.

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

Jim Petro Auditor of State

February 22, 2001

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

Cash Receipts:	
State Grants	\$89,412
County Revenue	57,500
Sale of Fuel	30,182
Hanger Rent	15,191
Land Rent	2,500
Interest	1,630
Other	7,400
Total Cash Receipts	203,815
Cash Disbursements:	
Fuel	26,086
Utilities	3,171
Supplies	2,385
Services	51,019
Grants	92,934
Taxes	4,203
Other	11,356
Total Cash Disbursements	191,154
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	12,661
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	37,487
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$50,148

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

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Airport Authority, Hardin County, (the Authority) is a body corporate and politic established in the manner provided by the Ohio Revised Code Section 308 to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Authority is directed by an seven-member Board of Trustees, appointed by the Hardin County Board of Commissioners. The Authority is responsible for the safe and efficient operation and maintenance of the airport. For financial reporting purposes the Authority is considered a component unit on the financial statements of Hardin County.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow 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.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

The checking account is valued at cost. The Authority did not have any investments.

D. 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 statements.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

The carrying amount of cash at December 31 follows:

<u>2000</u>

Demand deposits \$50,148

Deposits: Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or (2) collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Authority has obtained commercial insurance through a private carrier for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability.

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

Airport Authority Hardin County 1040 West Franklin Street Kenton, Ohio 43326

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statement of the Airport Authority, Hardin County, Ohio (the Authority), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated February 22, 2001. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards 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 Authority'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*. However, we noted a certain immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Authority in a separate letter dated February 22, 2001.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Authority'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 other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Authority in a separate letter dated February 22, 2001. Airport Authority Hardin County Report of Independent Accountants on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Governmental Auditing Standards* Page 2

This report is intended for the information and use of management, Board of Trustees, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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February 22, 2001



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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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED APRIL 3, 2001