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**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
SANDUSKY COUNTY**

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Commission'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 *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 statements 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 statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Commission as of December 31, 2001 and 2000, and its combined 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 April 3, 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 management and the 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

April 3, 2002

**REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
SANDUSKY COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Fees Charged to Subdivisions	\$40,997		\$40,997
Deed Transfer Fees	1,103		1,103
Other Receipts	3,000		3,000
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Total Cash Receipts	45,100		45,100
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Cash Disbursements:			
Salaries	35,273		35,273
Supplies	64		64
Travel	800		800
Public Employee's Retirement	5,726		5,726
Worker's Compensation	53		53
Other	2,977		2,977
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Total Disbursements	44,893		44,893
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Total Receipts Over Disbursements	207		207
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	39,971	\$1,000	40,971
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$40,178	\$1,000	\$41,178
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Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$5		\$5
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

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CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	
Cash Receipts:			
Fees Charged to Subdivisions	\$39,607		\$39,607
Deed Transfer Fees	828		828
Other Receipts	9,000		9,000
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Total Cash Receipts	49,435		49,435
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Cash Disbursements:			
Salaries	34,246		34,246
Supplies	153		153
Equipment	88		88
Travel	700		700
Public Employee's Retirement	5,649		5,649
Worker's Compensation	27		27
Other	4,873		4,873
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Total Disbursements	45,736		45,736
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Total Receipts Over Disbursements	3,699		3,699
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	36,272	\$1,000	37,272
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Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$39,971	\$1,000	\$40,971
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Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31			
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SANDUSKY COUNTY**

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Regional Planning Commission, Sandusky County, (the Commission) 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 Board consists of representatives from participating political subdivisions, the county commissioners, and appointed citizens. The Commission formulates and reviews plans affecting long and short term social, economic, and governmental development within the region. The participating subdivisions are:

Sandusky County	Sandusky Township	City of Fremont
Ballville Township	Scott Township	Village of Burgoon
Green Creek Township	Washington Township	Village of Helena
Jackson Township	Woodville Township	Village of Gibsonburg
Madison Township	City of Bellevue	Village of Green Springs
Rice Township	City of Clyde	Village of Lindsey
Riley Township		

The Commission's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Commission 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. 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Sandusky 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. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Commission had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Accumulated Sick Leave Benefits Fund: This money is set aside for future severance pay.

E. Budgetary Process

The Commission budgets each fund annually.

1. Appropriations

The Board annually approves appropriations. Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function 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.

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 2.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

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

G. 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 basis of accounting the Commission uses.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

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2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$43,436	\$45,100	\$1,664
Special Revenue	27,000		(27,000)
Total	\$70,436	\$45,100	(\$25,336)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$76,336	\$44,898	\$31,438

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$44,000	\$49,435	\$5,435

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$51,631	\$45,736	\$5,895

3. 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, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Commission contributed an amount equal to 13.55 % of participants' gross salaries through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced employer contributions to 8.13% effective July 1, 2000. The Commission has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Commission is covered under the Sandusky County insurance policy.

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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 Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the Sandusky County Regional Planning Commission (the Commission) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated April 3, 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 statements are 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 statements 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 Commission in a separate letter dated April 3, 2002.

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Jim Petro
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April 3, 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
MAY 9, 2002**