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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center Ross County 182 Cattail Road Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Ross County, Ohio (the Center) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Center'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 Center 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 accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Ross County, Ohio as of December 31, 2001 and December 31, 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 June 26, 2002 on our consideration of the Center'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.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, 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

June 26, 2002

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

	Governmental Fund Types					
	General		Capital Projects		(M	Totals emorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:						
Intergovernmental	\$	127,779	\$	3,566,000	\$	3,693,779
Charges for Services		479,181		-		479,181
Earnings on Investments		-		69,375		69,375
Other Revenue				19,065		19,065
Total Cash Receipts		606,960		3,654,440		4,261,400
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
Salaries - Employees		466,467		-		466,467
Supplies		13,987		-		13,987
Contract Repairs		23,639		-		23,639
Contract Services		-		372,962		372,962
Travel and Expenses		1,758		-		1,758
Fringes		127,086		-		127,086
Other Expenses		77,320			-	77,320
Total Cash Disbursements		710,257		372,962		1,083,219
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		(103,297)		3,281,478		3,178,181
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements):						
Advance from Ross County		20,000				20,000
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)		20,000				20,000
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing						
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements		(83,297)		3,281,478		3,198,181
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		86,591		7,487		94,078
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	3,294	\$	3,288,965	\$	3,292,259
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	2,172	\$		\$	2,172

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

STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000

	Governmental Fund Types					
	General		Capital Projects		Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:						
Intergovernmental	\$	201,193	\$	-	\$	201,193
Charges for Services		540,040		-		540,040
Other Revenue		3,267		403		3,670
Total Cash Receipts		744,500		403		744,903
Cash Disbursements:						
Current:						
Salaries - Employees		456,207		-		456,207
Supplies		12,838		-		12,838
Equipment		4,467		-		4,467
Capital Construction		56,500		-		56,500
Contract Repairs		7,727		-		7,727
Contract Services		1,490		-		1,490
Travel and Expenses		2,276		-		2,276
Fringes		122,232		-		122,232
Other Expenses		90,350				90,350
Total Cash Disbursements		754,087				754,087
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements		(9,587)		403		(9,184)
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements						
and Other Financing Disbursements		(9,587)		403		(9,184)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1		96,178		7,084		103,262
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$	86,591	\$	7,487	\$	94,078
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	\$	3,735	\$		\$	3,735

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCAIL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Ross County, (the Center) 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 Center is directed by a seven-member Board of Trustees appointed by the member counties. Member county juvenile courts use the Center to detain delinquent, unruly, dependent, neglected, or abused children, or juvenile traffic offenders until final disposition.

The Center's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Center 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

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code, the Center's cash is held and invested by the Ross County Treasurer, who acts as custodian for the Center's monies. The Center's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The Center uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Center 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.

2. Capital Projects Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects. The Center had the following significant capital project fund:

New Detention Center Construction Fund - The Center received payments from each member county for the construction of a new Detention Center.

NOTES TO THE FINANCAIL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

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 level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. 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. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Center to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual 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 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 Center's basis of accounting.

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

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

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$626,867	\$626,960	\$93
Capital Projects	3,566,000	3,654,440	88,440
Total	\$4,192,867	\$4,281,400	\$88,533

NOTES TO THE FINANCAIL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY (Continued)

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Budgeted	Actual	_				
Fund Type	Expenditures	Expenditures	Variance				
General	\$712,921	\$712,429	\$492				
Capital Projects	414,882	372,962	41,920				
Total	\$1,127,803	\$1,085,391	\$42,412				

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$730,107	\$744,500	\$14,393
Capital Projects	0	403	403
Total	\$730,107	\$744,903	\$14,796

2000 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Expenditures	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$810,900	\$757,822	\$53,078
Capital Projects	22,316	0	22,316
Total	\$833,216	\$757,822	\$75,394

3. ROSS COUNTY ADVANCE

Ross County, a member of the Center, advanced \$20,000 to the Center for general operating expenses in anticipation of a grant from the Ohio Department of Youth Services. No interest or other fees are to accrue on this loan. As of December 31, 2001, the monies have not been returned to Ross County.

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Center'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 Center 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 Center has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

NOTES TO THE FINANCAIL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000 (Continued)

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The Center has obtained commercial insurance from Neil Coleman Insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

6. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

On March 2, 2002 the Center entered into several construction contracts totaling \$4,793,300 for the construction of a new detention center. The participating Counties have provided monies on a pro-rata share to meet the construction cost.



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center, Ross County, Ohio (the Center) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 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 Center'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*. However, we noted an instance of noncompliance that does not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the Center in a separate letter dated June 26, 2002.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Center'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 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 Center in a separate letter dated June 26, 2002.

South Central Ohio Regional Juvenile Detention Center Ross County Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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

JIM PETRO Auditor of State

June 26, 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED JULY 30, 2002