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Betty Montgomery**

FARMER TOWNSHIP
DEFIANCE COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Farmer Township
Defiance County
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Farmer Township, Defiance County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. 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 audits.

We conducted our audits 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 audits 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 audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township 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 of the Township as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, 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 May 2, 2003, 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 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 audits.

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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.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 2, 2003

**FARMER TOWNSHIP
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$15,352	\$44,393		\$59,745
Intergovernmental	102,222	74,923	\$20,771	197,916
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		5,090		5,090
Earnings on Investments	1,244	2,060		3,304
Other Revenue	2,116	11,354	12,942	26,412
	<u>120,934</u>	<u>137,820</u>	<u>33,713</u>	<u>292,467</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
	<u>120,934</u>	<u>137,820</u>	<u>33,713</u>	<u>292,467</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	66,695	1,036		67,731
Public Safety	439	15,575		16,014
Public Works	16,446	86,273		102,719
Health		9,122		9,122
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal		6,243		6,243
Interest and Fiscal Charges		999		999
Capital Outlay		156,907	19,333	176,240
	<u>83,580</u>	<u>276,155</u>	<u>19,333</u>	<u>379,068</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
	<u>83,580</u>	<u>276,155</u>	<u>19,333</u>	<u>379,068</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>37,354</u>	<u>(138,335)</u>	<u>14,380</u>	<u>(86,601)</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt:				
Loan Proceeds		90,000		90,000
Sale of Fixed Assets		1,302		1,302
Transfers-In		287		287
Transfers-Out	(287)			(287)
Other Sources		343		343
	<u>(287)</u>	<u>91,932</u>		<u>91,645</u>
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)				
	<u>(287)</u>	<u>91,932</u>		<u>91,645</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	37,067	(46,403)	14,380	5,044
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	35,919	127,906	12,194	176,019
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u><u>\$72,986</u></u>	<u><u>\$81,503</u></u>	<u><u>\$26,574</u></u>	<u><u>\$181,063</u></u>

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

**FARMER TOWNSHIP
DEFIANCE 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>			<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$15,513	\$43,614		\$59,127
Intergovernmental	58,751	71,502	\$1,220	131,473
Licenses, Permits, and Fees		12,100		12,100
Earnings on Investments	3,453	3,096		6,549
Other Revenue	4,065	69,582	10,974	84,621
	<u>81,782</u>	<u>199,894</u>	<u>12,194</u>	<u>293,870</u>
Total Cash Receipts				
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	75,664	13,218		88,882
Public Safety	449	7,422		7,871
Public Works	14,180	59,559		73,739
Health		9,134		9,134
Capital Outlay	25,000	111,005		136,005
	<u>115,293</u>	<u>200,338</u>		<u>315,631</u>
Total Cash Disbursements				
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	<u>(33,511)</u>	<u>(444)</u>	<u>12,194</u>	<u>(21,761)</u>
Other Financing Receipts:				
Other Sources		2,525		2,525
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(33,511)	2,081	12,194	(19,236)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>69,430</u>	<u>125,825</u>		<u>195,255</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$35,919</u>	<u>\$127,906</u>	<u>\$12,194</u>	<u>\$176,019</u>

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

**FARMER TOWNSHIP
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Farmer Township, Defiance County, (the Township) 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 Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and fire protection services.

The Township's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the Township 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. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash that is restricted as to use. The Township 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. Special Revenue Funds

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

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

Fire District Fund - This fund receives property tax money for maintaining fire protection services for the Township's residents.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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3. Capital Project Funds

These funds are used to account for receipts that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund:

Local Public Works Commission Fund – The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio to repair various Township roads.

D. 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 or function 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. 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 2002 and 2001 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 statements.

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 Township's basis of accounting.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001
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2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH

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

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$181,063	\$176,019

Deposits are either (1) insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or (2) collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 or 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$122,924	\$120,934	(\$1,990)
Special Revenue	\$242,832	\$229,752	(\$13,080)
Capital Projects	19,848	33,713	13,865
Total	\$385,604	\$384,399	(\$1,205)

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$110,645	\$83,867	\$26,778
Special Revenue	\$272,475	\$276,155	(\$3,680)
Capital Projects	515	19,333	(18,818)
Total	\$383,635	\$379,355	\$4,280

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$78,770	\$81,782	\$3,012
Special Revenue	187,107	202,419	15,312
Capital Projects	10,974	12,194	1,220
Total	\$276,851	\$296,395	\$19,544

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$147,450	\$115,293	\$32,157
Special Revenue	297,288	200,338	96,950
Total	\$444,738	\$315,631	\$129,107

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4. COMPLIANCE

The Township did not credit homestead and rollback revenue related to the road and bridge and fire levies to the Road and Bridge Fund and Fire District Fund, respectively. Rollback exemption revenue associated with the tax increment financing service payments from VanderMade Dairies, LLC, was not credited to the Tax Equivalent Fund. Three permissive motor vehicle license tax receipts were not posted to the Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund. These situations violate Ohio Revised Code § 5705.10.

Changes were made to the legally adopted appropriations without Board approval in the Fire District Fund, the Water Tanker Debt Service Fund, and the Local Public Works Commission Fund in 2002, contrary to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.40.

Expenditures exceeded appropriations in 2002 in the Fire District Fund by \$87,840 and in the Local Public Works Commission Fund by \$18,818, contrary to Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41 (B).

The Township did not establish the Tax Equivalent Fund, nor credit the tax increment financing revenue from VanderMade Dairies, LLC, to this fund, contrary to Township Resolution No. 129015 § 5.

5. PROPERTY TAX

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

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.

6. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2002 was as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>
General Obligation Loan	<u>\$83,904</u>	3.325%

The Township received a \$90,000 loan for the purchase of a new water tanker for the Volunteer Fire Department.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

Year ending December 31:	General Obligation Loan
2003	\$14,483
2004	14,483
2005	14,483
2006	14,483
2007	14,484
2008-2009	21,726
Total	\$94,142

7. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS 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 2002 and 2001, members of OPERS contributed 8.5% of their wages. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

8. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

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

OTARMA retains casualty risks up to \$250,000 per occurrence. Claims exceeding \$250,000 are reinsured with APEEP up to \$1,750,000 per claim and \$5,000,000 in the aggregate per year. Governments can elect additional coverage, from \$2,000,000 to \$10,000,000, which the General Reinsurance Corporation will reinsure.

If losses exhaust OTARMA's retained earnings, APEEP covers OTARMA losses up to \$5,000,000 per year, subject to a per-claim limit of \$2,000,000.

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DEFIANCE COUNTY**

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Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks including automobile physical damage up to \$100,000 on any specific loss. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures specific losses exceeding \$100,000. The Travelers Indemnity Company also provides aggregate excess coverage for property including automobile physical damage subject to an annual stop loss. When the stop loss is reached in any year, The Travelers Indemnity Company provides coverage in excess of \$10,000.

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.

Financial Position

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

<u>Casualty Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$23,703,776	\$22,684,383
Liabilities	9,379,003	8,924,977
Retained Earnings	<u>\$14,324,773</u>	<u>\$13,759,406</u>

<u>Property Coverage</u>	<u>2001</u>	<u>2000</u>
Assets	\$5,011,131	\$4,156,784
Liabilities	647,667	497,831
Retained Earnings	<u>\$4,363,464</u>	<u>\$3,658,953</u>



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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' 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 Farmer Township, Defiance County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated May 2, 2003. We conducted our audits 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 Township'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 audits and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2002-001, 2002-002, 2002-003, and 2002-004. We also noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated May 2, 2003.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Township'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 Township in a separate letter dated May 2, 2003.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

May 2, 2003

FARMER TOWNSHIP
DEFIANCE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001

FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS

FINDING NUMBER 2002-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.10 states that all revenue derived from a special levy is to be credited to a special fund for the purpose for which the levy was made and that all revenue derived from a source other than the general property tax and which the law prescribes shall be used for a particular purpose is to be paid into a special fund for such purpose.

- The Township did not credit homestead and rollback revenue related to the Road and Bridge Fund and Fire District Fund to these funds in 2001 or 2002. These revenues were instead booked in to the General Fund both years.
- Rollback exemption revenue associated with the tax increment financing service payments from VanderMade Dairies, LLC, was not credited to the Tax Equivalent Fund in 2001 and 2002. This revenue was posted to the Road and Bridge Fund both years.
- In 2002, three permissive motor vehicle license tax receipts were improperly credited to the Local Public Works Commission Fund. These receipts should have been booked in the Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund.

These mispostings caused the fund balance to be over or (under) stated by the following amounts each year:

Fund	2001	2002
General Fund	\$6,077	\$5,621
Road and Bridge Fund	(1,728)	(1,026)
Fire District Fund	(3,130)	(3,157)
Permissive Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund		(681)
Local Public Works Commission Fund		681
Tax Equivalent Fund	(1,219)	(1,438)

Adjustments were subsequently made to the 2001 and 2002 financial statements to correct these amounts. The Township has adjusted its records to properly reflect the above noted fund balance adjustments in the respective funds.

In addition, in 2001 six intergovernmental receipts were posted in the improper fund while two of these receipts were also credited to the incorrect line item. In 2002, five intergovernmental receipts were booked to the improper fund and two other intergovernmental receipts were posted to the inappropriate line item.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-002

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.40 provides that appropriations measures may be amended or supplemented as long as the entity complies with the same provisions of the law as are used in making the original appropriation. The legally adopted appropriations varied with the appropriation modifications posted by the Clerk in the following funds by the following amounts:

Fiscal Year	Fund	Approved Appropriations	Posted Appropriations	Variance Overstated/ (Understated)
2002	Fire District Fund	\$67,359	\$157,359	\$90,000
2002	Water Tanker Debt Service Fund		7,242	7,242
2002	Local Public Works Commission Fund	515	27,941	27,426

In addition, immaterial differences between approved appropriations and appropriation amounts posted in the Township's ledgers were noted in the Fire District Fund in 2001 and the General Fund in 2002. This condition may result in a deficit spending situation. The Clerk should only make modifications to the appropriation ledger based on formally documented approval of the Board.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-003

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41 (B) states that no subdivision or taxing unit is to expend money unless it has been appropriated. For 2002, the following funds were found to have expenditures which exceeded appropriations by the following amounts:

Fund	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
Fire District Fund	\$67,359	\$155,199	(\$87,840)
Local Public Works Commission Fund	515	19,333	(18,818)

Allowing expenditures to exceed appropriations could result in deficit spending. Management should regularly monitor budgets to make sure that there are sufficient appropriations to fund anticipated expenditures.

FINDING NUMBER 2002-004

Noncompliance Citation

Township Resolution No. 129015 § 5, dated January 29, 2001, required the establishment of a Public Improvement Tax Increment Equivalent Fund (the "Tax Equivalent Fund") into which payment in lieu of taxes made by VanderMade Dairies, LLC, is to be credited. The Township did not establish this fund as set forth in the above mentioned resolution approving these annual service payments nor was the tax increment financing (TIF) revenue of \$10,974 and \$12,942 received during 2001 and 2002, respectively, booked in such a fund.

The Township has established the Tax Equivalent Fund and has adjusted its records to reflect the TIF revenue received to this fund to properly account for this revenue. In the future, the Township should account for such revenue in the same manner. The financial statements have been adjusted to reflect this revenue in the Tax Equivalent Fund.

**FARMER TOWNSHIP
DEFIANCE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; Explain:
2000-40120-001	Ohio Revised Code § 135.18, securing inadequate collateral to cover Township deposits.	Yes	
2000-40120-002	Ohio Revised Code § 5705.39, appropriations exceeded estimated resources in the Road and Bridge Fund in 2000.	Yes	
2000-40120-003	Ohio Revised Code § 5705.41 (B), expenditures exceeded appropriations in the Local Public Works Commission Fund in 2000.	No	Not corrected. Reissued as finding number 2002-003.
2000-40120-004	Budgeted receipts and expenditures posted to the accounting system differed from those amounts approved by the Board.	No	Partially corrected. Reissued as finding number 2002-002 for budgeted expenditures and in the management letter for estimated receipts.



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FARMER TOWNSHIP

DEFIANCE COUNTY

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 5, 2003**