

Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

Board of Trustees Jackson Township

We have reviewed the Independent Auditor's Report of Jackson Township, Wyandot County, prepared by Holbrook & Manter for the audit period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2002. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. Jackson Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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July 9, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Trustees Jackson Township Wyandot County 14370 State Highway 37 Forest, Ohio 45843

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jackson Township, Wyandot County, Ohio, (the Township) as of and for the years ended 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 of America. 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 and reserve for encumberances of Jackson Township, Wyandot County, as of December 31, 2002 and December 31, 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 June 6, 2003 on our consideration of the Government'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 other officials authorized to receive this report under Section 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Saluron & Master

Certified Public Accountants

June 6, 2003 Marion, Ohio

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<u>JACKSON TOWNSHIP</u> <u>WYANDOT COUNTY</u> <u>COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES</u> <u>IN FUNDS CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002</u>

			_		(Memorandum Only)
		General	-	Special Revenue	-	Total
Cash receipts:						
Local taxes	\$	9,348	\$	6,078	\$	15,426
Licenses, permits and fees		255		1,610		1,865
Intergovernmental		19,657		105,744		125,401
Interest		473		405		878
Miscellaneous	_	0	-	600	-	600
Total cash receipts		29,733	-	114,437	-	144,170
Cash disbursements:						
Current:						
Public health services		2,667		1,500		4,167
Public safety		9,900		0		9,900
Public works		0		132,829		132,829
General government		29,245		0		29,245
Capital outlay		2,000	-	7,925	-	9,925
Total cash disbursements		43,812	-	142,254	-	186,066
Excess of cash receipts over(under) cash disbursements	(14,079)	-	(27,817)	_	(41,896)
Total other financing receipts (uses)		4,585	-	0	-	4,585
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2002		53,111	-	64,625	-	117,736
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2002	\$	43,617	\$	36,808	\$	80,425
Reserve for encumbrances, December 31, 2002	\$	747	\$	889	\$	1,636

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

<u>JACKSON TOWNSHIP</u> <u>WYANDOT COUNTY</u> <u>COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS AND CHANGES</u> <u>IN FUNDS CASH BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES</u> <u>FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001</u>

			_		(]	Memorandum Only)
	_	General	_	Special Revenue	_	Total
Cash receipts:						
Local taxes	\$	9,718	\$	6,222	\$	15,940
Licenses, permits and fees		270		700		970
Intergovernmental		35,015		119,608		154,623
Interest		1,703		2,109		3,812
Miscellaneous		0	-	100	_	100
Total cash receipts	_	46,706	-	128,739	_	175,445
Cash disbursements:						
Current:						
Public health services		2,968		751		3,719
Public safety		6,861		0		6,861
Public works		0		114,057		114,057
General government		30,477		0		30,477
Capital outlay		4,000	-	5,925	_	9,925
Total cash disbursements	_	44,306	-	120,733	_	165,039
Excess of cash receipts over(under) cash disbursements	_	2,400	-	8,006	_	10,406
Total other financing receipts (uses)	_	579	-	0	_	579
Fund cash balances, January 1, 2001	_	50,132	-	56,619	_	106,751
Fund cash balances, December 31, 2001	\$_	53,111	\$	64,625	\$_	117,736
Reserve for encumbrances, December 31, 2001	\$_	223	\$	403	\$_	626

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:-

Description of the Entity - Jackson Township, Wyandot 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 three publicly-elected Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services.

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

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.

<u>Fund Accounting</u> - 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:

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required by law or contract to be restricted.

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:

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund

This fund receives motor vehicle tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing township roads.

<u>Gasoline Tax Fund</u> This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing township roads.

Cemetery Fund

This fund receives money from fees and services used to maintain the general upkeep of the cemetery.

Road and Bridge Tax Fund

This fund receives personal property tax money for maintaining and repairing township roads and bridges.

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:- (continued)

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

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. 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.

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.

Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

<u>Property</u>, <u>Plant and Equipment</u></u> - Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE 2 - EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS:-

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

	 2002	_	2001
Demand deposits	\$ 80,425	\$	117,736
Total Deposits	\$ 80,425	\$	117,736

Deposits - The Township's deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. As of December 31, 2002 and 2001, deposits over \$100,000 were adequately collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:-

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 was as follows:

2002 Budgeted VS. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		udgeted Receipts	 Actual Receipts	Variance
General		\$ 21,647	\$ 34,318	\$ 12,671
Special Revenue		 60,650	 114,437	 53,787
	Total	\$ 82,297	\$ 148,755	\$ 66,458

2002 Budgeted VS. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type		Appropriation Authority		Budgetary xpenditures	 Variance
General	\$	74,523	\$	43,812	\$ 30,711
Special Revenue		175,784		142,254	 33,530
Тс	otal \$	250,307	\$	186,066	\$ 64,241

NOTE 3 - BUDGETARY ACTIVITY:- (continued)

2002 Budgeted VS. Actual Receipts

Fund Type		udgeted Receipts	_	Actual Receipts	_	Variance
General		\$ 21,287	\$	47,285	\$	25,998
Special Revenue		 60,750		128,739	_	67,989
	Total	\$ 82,037	\$	176,024	\$_	93,987

2002 Budgeted VS. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	-	Appropriation Authority		Budgetary xpenditures	Variance
General	\$	71,281	\$	44,306	\$ 26,975
Special Revenue		168,092		120,733	 47,359
Total	\$	239,373	\$	165,039	\$ 74,334

NOTE 4 - 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.

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT SYSTEMS:-

The Township'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 post-retirement 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, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries for the same period. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

NOTE 6 - OPERATING LEASE:-

Jackson Township entered into a lease agreement with Municipal Services Group, Inc., for the lease of a township dump truck. The lease is renewed automatically for one year when the township makes the annual payment of \$9,925 at the beginning of the Township's fiscal year. Either party may terminate this lease at the end of the last rental term for which rent has been paid.

NOTE 7 - RISK MANAGEMENT:-

The Township is a member of the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (the Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the Township's policy. The pool may assess supplemental premiums. The following risks are covered by the Pool:

-Comprehensive property and general liability -Vehicles -Commercial Inland Marine



Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Required by Government Auditing Standards

Board of Trustees Jackson Township Wyandot County 14370 State Highway 37 Forest, Ohio 45843

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Jackson Township, Wyandot County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and December 31, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 2003. We conducted our audits 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 Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, 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 matter 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 of 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.

We noted other matters involving compliance that we have reported to the Management of the Township in a separate letter dated June 6, 2003.

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

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Certified Public Accountants

June 6, 2003 Marion, Ohio

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JACKSON TOWNSHIP

WYANDOT 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 Babbett

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

CERTIFIED AUGUST 5, 2003