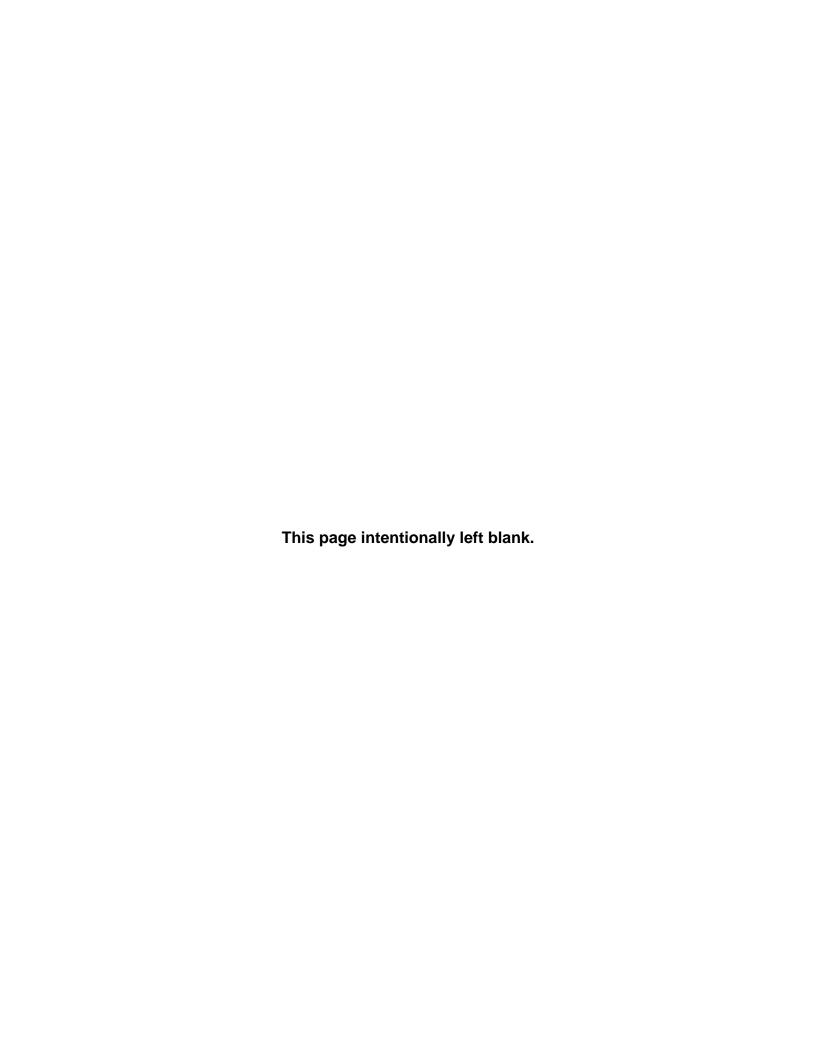




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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Hanover Township Butler County 2595 Old Oxford Road Hamilton, Ohio 45013

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002. 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 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.

The Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). Government Auditing Standards considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. However, Government Auditing Standards permits the Auditor of State to audit and opine on this entity, because Ohio Revised Code § 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code §§ 117.11(B) and 115.56 mandate the Auditor of State to audit Ohio governments.

We believe that our audit provides 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, 2003 and 2002, 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 November 18, 2004 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 audit.

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Butty Montgomery

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 \S 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

November 18, 2004

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2003

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Local Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses, Permits, and Fees	\$31,857 335,315	\$292,510 315,251 71,822 79,300	\$22,890	\$347,257 650,566 71,822 79,300
Fines, Fermits, and Fees Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties Earnings on Investments Other Revenue	2,153 5,346 62,506	1,130 57,650		2,153 6,476 120,156
Total Cash Receipts	437,177	817,663	22,890	1,277,730
Cash Disbursements: Current:				
General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Conservation - Recreation	253,488 420,100 1,761 3,779 2,100	59,194 438,421 73,728 5,766		253,488 479,294 440,182 77,507 7,866
Debt Service: Redemption of Principal Interest and Fiscal Charges Capital Outlay	84,389	126,445	14,400 8,490	14,400 8,490 210,834
Total Cash Disbursements	765,617	703,554	22,890	1,492,061
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements	(328,440)	114,109	0	(214,331)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt: Sale of Notes Advances-In	80,000 5,000	5,000		80,000 10,000
Advances-Out Other Sources	(5,000) 50	(5,000)		(10,000) 50
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	80,050	0	0	80,050
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(248,390)	114,109	0	(134,281)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	403,966	324,106		728,072
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$155.576</u>	\$438.215	\$0	\$593.791

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

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

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Local Taxes Intergovernmental Charges for Services Licenses, Permits, and Fees Fines, Forfeitures, and Penalties Earnings on Investments Other Revenue	\$26,011 321,987 0 0 1,837 6,955 102,419	\$248,854 288,977 44,056 69,604 0 1,440 83,821	\$20,584	\$295,449 610,964 44,056 69,604 1,837 8,395 186,240
Total Cash Receipts	459,209	736,752	20,584	1,216,545
Cash Disbursements: Current: General Government Public Safety Public Works Health Conservation - Recreation Debt Service: Redemption of Principal Interest and Fiscal Charges Capital Outlay	286,929 209,090 2,273 5,702 1,721	34,659 434,208 128,248 175	134,444 8,313	286,929 243,749 436,481 133,950 1,896 134,444 8,313 265,981
Total Cash Disbursements	506,755	862,231	142,757	1,511,743
Total Cash Receipts (Under) Cash Disbursements	(47,546)	(125,479)	(122,173)	(295,198)
Other Financing Receipts and (Disbursements): Proceeds from Sale of Public Debt: Sale of Bonds Transfers-In Transfers-Out Other Sources	181,100 (192,173) 3,481	70,000 0	122,173 0	181,100 192,173 (192,173) 3,481
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(7,592)	70,000	122,173	184,581
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(55,138)	(55,479)	0	(110,617)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	459,104	379,585	0	838,689
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$403,966	\$324,106	\$0	\$728,072

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio (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 road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Butler County Sheriffs to provide police 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. Cash and Deposits

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

The Township uses fund accounting to segregate cash and deposits that are 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 Fund:

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

3. Debt Service Fund

The debt service fund is used to accumulate resources for the payment of bonds and note indebtedness.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (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. 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. The Township did not encumber all commitments required by Ohio law.

A summary of 2003 and 2002 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

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.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND DEPOSITS

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

	2003	2002
Demand deposits	\$493,791	\$628,072
Certificates of deposit	100,000	100,000
Total deposits	\$593,791	\$728,072

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2003 and 2002 follows:

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$518,810	\$517,227	\$1,583
Special Revenue	788,494	817,663	(29,169)
Debt Service	22,890	22,890	0
Total	\$1,330,194	\$1,357,780	(\$27,586)

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$843,338	\$765,617	\$77,721
Special Revenue	1,112,102	703,554	408,548
Debt Service	22,890	22,890	0
Total	\$1,978,330	\$1,492,061	\$486,269

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Budgeted	Actual	_
Receipts	Receipts	Variance
\$595,249	\$643,790	\$48,541
891,524	806,752	(84,772)
142,758	142,757	(1)
\$1,629,531	\$1,593,299	(\$36,232)
	Receipts \$595,249 891,524 142,758	Receipts Receipts \$595,249 \$643,790 891,524 806,752 142,758 142,757

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$881,252	\$698,928	\$182,324
Special Revenue	1,256,581	862,231	394,350
Debt Service	142,758	142,757	1
Total	\$2,280,591	\$1,703,916	\$576,675

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by 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.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

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.

5. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2003 was as follows:

	Principal	Interest Rate
Firetruck Acquisition Bonds	\$166,700	4.95%
Land Acquisition Bonds	80,000	5.00%
Total	\$246,700	

The Township issued bonds in December 2002, to pay off general obligation notes for the acquisition of a fire truck. The bonds will be repaid in bi-monthly installments, with an interest rate of 4.95%, over a ten year period, maturing in December 2012. The bonds are secured by a pledge of the faith, credit and revenue of the Board of Trustees.

The Township issued bonds in October 2003, for the acquisition of land for park use. The bonds will be repaid in yearly installments, with an interest rate of five percent, over a ten year period, maturing in April 2013. The bonds are secured by a pledge of the faith, credit and revenue of the Board of Trustees.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

	Fire Truck Acquisition	Land Acquisition	
	Bonds	Bonds	Total
Year ending December 31:			
2004	\$23,166	\$9,822	\$32,988
2005	23,211	11,600	34,811
2006	23,114	11,200	34,314
2007	23,180	10,800	33,980
2008	23,204	10,400	33,604
2009 – 2013	92,729	46,000	138,729
Total	\$208,604	\$99,822	\$308,427

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's certified fire fighters belong to the Police and Fire Pension Fund (OP&F). Other employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. OP&F and PERS are cost-sharing, multiple-employer plans. These plans provide 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. Members of OP&F participants contributed 10% of their wages. The Township contributed an amount equal to 24% of their wages to OP&F. PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2003.

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Government belongs to the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority (OTARMA), a risk-sharing pool available to Ohio local governments. 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 claim, including loss adjustment expenses. OTARMA pays a percentage of its contributions to APEEP. APEEP reinsures claims exceeding \$250,000, 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 from the General Reinsurance Corporation.

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.

Property Coverage

OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss with an annual aggregate of \$1,250,000 for 2002. There is no aggregate for 2003 and future accident years. Beginning in 2003, OTARMA retains property risks, including automobile physical damage, up to \$100,000 on any specific loss in any one occurrence. The Travelers Indemnity Company reinsures losses exceeding \$100,000. APEEP's Guarantee Fund pays losses and loss adjustment expenses exceeding operating contributions.

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 township.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002 (Continued)

7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)

Liabilities

Retained earnings

Financial Position

OTARMA's financial statements (audited by other accountants) conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31 2003 and 2002:

Casualty Coverage	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Assets	\$27,792,223	\$23,757,036
Liabilities	(11,791,300)	<u>(9,197,512)</u>
Retained earnings	<u>\$16,000,923</u>	<u>\$14,559,524</u>
Property Coverage	<u>2003</u>	2002
Assets	\$6,791,060	\$6,596,996

(750,956)

\$6,040,104

(1,204,326)

\$5,392,670



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

Hanover Township Butler County 2595 Old Oxford Road Hamilton, Ohio 45013

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Hanover Township, Butler County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report whereon dated November 18, wherein we noted that the Township's financial transactions were processed using the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN). Government Auditing Standards considers this service to impair the independence of the Auditor of State to conduct the audit of the Township because the Auditor of State designed, developed, implemented, and, as requested, operates UAN. 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 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 audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2003-001. However, we noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated November 18, 2004.

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 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 November 18, 2004.

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Hanover Township Butler County Independent Accountants' 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.

Betty Montgomery Auditor of State

Butty Montgomery

November 18, 2004

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

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

FINDING NUMBER 2003-001

Noncompliance Citation

Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41(D), prohibits a subdivision or taxing unit from making any contract or order involving the expenditure of money unless there is attached thereto a certificate of the fiscal officer of the subdivision that the amount required to meet the obligation has been lawfully appropriated for such purpose and is in the treasury or in the process of collection to the credit of an appropriate fund free from any previous encumbrances. Every such contract made without such a certificate shall be null and void and not warrant shall be issued in payment of any amount due thereon.

This section also provides two "exceptions" to the above requirements:

- A. If no certificate is furnished as receipt of the clerk's certificate that a sufficient sum was appropriated and free of any previous encumbrances, the Board of Trustees may authorize the issuance of a warrant in payment of amount due upon such contract or order by resolution within thirty (30) days from the receipt of such certificate.
- B. If the amount involved is less than one thousand dollars (\$3000 effective 4/7/03), the clerk may authorize it to be paid without affirmation of the Board of Trustees, if such expenditure is otherwise valid.

Forty three percent of expenditures tested for the audit period were not properly certified, and neither of the two exceptions above applied. Failure to properly certify the availability of funds can result in overspending funds and negative cash fund balances.

We recommend the Township properly utilize the encumbrance method of accounting by obtaining approved purchase orders, which contain the Clerk's certification that the amount required to meet the obligation has been lawfully appropriated and authorized, prior to making a commitment.

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002

Finding	Finding	Fully	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid;
Number	Summary	Corrected?	Explain:
2001-40409-001	ORC Section 5705.09(F) Establishment of special fund for each class of revenue	No	Partially corrected; Reissued as recommendation #2 in the Management Letter
2001-40409-002	ORC Section 5705.41(D) Certification of the availability of funds	No	Not Corrected; Reissued as Finding 2003-001



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HANOVER TOWNSHIP BUTLER 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED DECEMBER 7, 2004