



**Auditor of State  
Betty Montgomery**



**MASSIE TOWNSHIP  
WARREN COUNTY**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT**

Massie Township  
Warren County  
10555 East State Route 73  
Waynesville, Ohio 45068

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Massie Township, Warren County (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, Section 117.101 requires the Auditor of State to provide UAN services, and Ohio Revised Code, Sections 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 and reserves for encumbrances 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 July 9, 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.

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

July 9, 2004

**MASSIE TOWNSHIP  
WARREN COUNTY**

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$18,038	\$95,949	\$0	\$113,987
Intergovernmental	21,771	68,989	0	90,760
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,969	0	0	2,969
Earnings on Investments	2,450	2,667	121	5,238
Other Revenue	265	1,999	0	2,264
	<u>45,493</u>	<u>169,604</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>215,218</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>				
	45,493	169,604	121	215,218
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	52,532	0	0	52,532
Public Safety	2,906	51,584	0	54,490
Public Works	0	50,066	0	50,066
Health	263	0	0	263
Capital Outlay	0	7,410	0	7,410
	<u>55,701</u>	<u>109,060</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>164,761</u>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>				
	55,701	109,060	0	164,761
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>(10,208)</u>	<u>60,544</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>50,457</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>76,218</u>	<u>273,295</u>	<u>2,759</u>	<u>352,272</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><b>\$66,010</b></u>	<u><b>\$333,839</b></u>	<u><b>\$2,880</b></u>	<u><b>\$402,729</b></u>

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

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Local Taxes	\$17,420	\$92,368	\$0	\$109,788
Intergovernmental	71,147	63,942	0	135,089
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,070	0	0	2,070
Earnings on Investments	2,858	1,295	121	4,274
Other Revenue	432	3,390	0	3,822
	<u>93,927</u>	<u>160,995</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>255,043</u>
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>				
	<u>93,927</u>	<u>160,995</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>255,043</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
Current:				
General Government	57,209	0	0	57,209
Public Safety	0	39,930	0	39,930
Public Works	0	28,800	0	28,800
Health	38	0	0	38
Capital Outlay	0	44,359	0	44,359
	<u>57,247</u>	<u>113,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>170,336</u>
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>				
	<u>57,247</u>	<u>113,089</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>170,336</u>
<b>Total Receipts Over Disbursements</b>	<u>36,680</u>	<u>47,906</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>84,707</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>39,538</u>	<u>225,389</u>	<u>2,638</u>	<u>267,565</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u><u>\$76,218</u></u>	<u><u>\$273,295</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,759</u></u>	<u><u>\$352,272</u></u>

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

**MASSIE TOWNSHIP  
WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2003 AND 2002**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

Massie Township, Warren 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'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**

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

**D. Fund Accounting**

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:

**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:

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

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

*Fire District Levy Fund* - This fund receives real estate property tax monies to maintain Township fire engines and ambulances.

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

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**3. Fiduciary Fund (Trust Fund)**

This fund is used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements. The Township had the following fiduciary fund:

*Cemetery Bequest Fund* – This fund is used by the township for cemetery related expenditures.

**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, 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. Unencumbered 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 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 INVESTMENTS**

The Township maintains a cash and investments 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:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2002</u>
Demand deposits	\$384,403	\$335,277
Certificates of deposit	18,326	16,995
Total deposits	<u>\$402,729</u>	<u>\$352,272</u>

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

**2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)**

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

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

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

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$37,627	\$45,493	\$7,866
Special Revenue	168,462	169,604	1,142
Fiduciary	122	121	(1)
Total	\$206,211	\$215,218	\$9,007

2003 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$60,810	\$55,701	\$5,109
Special Revenue	196,820	109,060	87,760
Fiduciary	0	0	0
Total	\$257,630	\$164,761	\$92,869

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$70,588	\$93,927	\$23,339
Special Revenue	158,656	160,995	2,339
Debt Service	122	121	(1)
Total	\$229,366	\$255,043	\$25,677

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$61,805	\$57,247	\$4,558
Special Revenue	209,405	113,089	96,316
Fiduciary	100	0	100
Total	\$271,310	\$170,336	\$100,974

**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.

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

**4. PROPERTY TAX (Continued)**

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. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township 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 2003 and 2002, 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.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

**Commercial Insurance**

The Township has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The Township is uninsured for the following risks:

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

**7. COMPLIANCE**

In 2003, the township did not submit the annual appropriations to the county auditor.



## **Auditor of State Betty Montgomery**

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

Massie Township  
Warren County  
10555 East State Route 73  
Waynesville, Ohio 45068

To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Massie Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and have issued our report thereon dated July 9, 2004. 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 one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which is included in the schedule of findings as item 2003-001. We also noted certain immaterial instances of noncompliance that we have reported to management of the Township in a separate letter dated July 9, 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. However we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the township's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as item 2003-001.

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. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not believe that the reportable condition described above is a material weakness. We also 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 Township in a separate letter dated July 9, 2004.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Board of Trustees, 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

July 9, 2004

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**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**

**Material Noncompliance Citation/Reportable Condition**

Ohio Rev. Code, Section 5705.39, states that no appropriation measure shall become effective until the county auditor files with the appropriating authority a certificate that the total appropriations from each fund, taken together with all other outstanding appropriations, do not exceed such official estimate or amended official estimate.

In 2003, the township did not submit the annual appropriations to the county auditor.





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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  
AUGUST 12, 2004**