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**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
ALLEN COUNTY**

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Richland Township  
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7722 Grismore Road  
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To the Board of Trustees:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

*Mary Taylor*

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February 8, 2010

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Richland Township  
Allen County  
7722 Grismore Road  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Richland Township, Allen County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 processes its financial transactions with 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 audit 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Township has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP requires presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Township does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require townships to reformat their statements. The Township has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, 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 Richland Township, Allen County, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The Township has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 8, 2010, 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 grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Taylor".

**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

February 8, 2010

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
ALLEN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$47,232	\$207,412		\$254,644
Charges for Services	37,681			37,681
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	2,425	3,588		6,013
Intergovernmental	67,639	189,903		257,542
Earnings on Investments	2,721	390		3,111
Miscellaneous	2,999	1,937		4,936
Total Cash Receipts	<u>160,697</u>	<u>403,230</u>		<u>563,927</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>				
<b>Current:</b>				
General Government	131,672			131,672
Public Safety	13,009	156,999		170,008
Public Works		176,741		176,741
Health	10,291	4,068		14,359
Capital Outlay		24,807		24,807
<b>Debt Service:</b>				
Redemption of Principal		26,891	\$16,759	43,650
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges		10,741	502	11,243
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>154,972</u>	<u>400,247</u>	<u>17,261</u>	<u>572,480</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>5,725</u>	<u>2,983</u>	<u>(17,261)</u>	<u>(8,553)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):</b>				
Sale of Fixed Assets	1,860			1,860
Transfers-In			17,261	17,261
Transfers-Out	(17,261)			(17,261)
Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)	<u>(15,401)</u>		<u>17,261</u>	<u>1,860</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(9,676)	2,983		(6,693)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>313,177</u>	<u>161,461</u>		<u>474,638</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$303,501</u>	<u>\$164,444</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$467,945</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$7,850</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$7,850</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES  
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2008**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>				<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Capital Projects</u>	
<b>Cash Receipts:</b>					
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$49,816	\$219,041			\$268,857
Charges for Services	28,097				28,097
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	1,550	3,928			5,478
Intergovernmental	111,314	162,826		\$77,397	351,537
Earnings on Investments	10,028	1,528			11,556
Miscellaneous	3,126	492			3,618
<b>Total Cash Receipts</b>	<u>203,931</u>	<u>387,815</u>		<u>77,397</u>	<u>669,143</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements:</b>					
<b>Current:</b>					
General Government	124,804				124,804
Public Safety	15,620	145,201			160,821
Public Works		219,071			219,071
Health	10,136	4,333			14,469
Capital Outlay		381,134		77,397	458,531
<b>Debt Service:</b>					
Redemption of Principal			\$15,857		15,857
Interest and Other Fiscal Charges			1,404		1,404
<b>Total Cash Disbursements</b>	<u>150,560</u>	<u>749,739</u>	<u>17,261</u>	<u>77,397</u>	<u>994,957</u>
<b>Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements</b>	<u>53,371</u>	<u>(361,924)</u>	<u>(17,261)</u>		<u>(325,814)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements):</b>					
Sale of Notes		220,000			220,000
Sale of Fixed Assets		6,800			6,800
Transfers-In			17,261		17,261
Transfers-Out	(17,261)				(17,261)
<b>Total Other Financing Receipts / (Disbursements)</b>	<u>(17,261)</u>	<u>226,800</u>	<u>17,261</u>		<u>226,800</u>
<b>Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over / (Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements</b>	36,110	(135,124)			(99,014)
<b>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</b>	<u>277,067</u>	<u>296,585</u>			<u>573,652</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>	<u>\$313,177</u>	<u>\$161,461</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$474,638</u>
<b>Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31</b>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

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

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
ALLEN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Richland Township, Allen County, (the Township) as a body corporate and politic. A publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees directs the Township. The Township provides road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, fire protection and emergency medical services. The Township contracts with the Village of Bluffton to provide fire services.

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

**B. Accounting Basis**

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Township recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements 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 the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

The Township's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

**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 reports all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**2. Special Revenue Funds**

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from private-purpose 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 Levy Fund** - This fund receives property tax money and is used for the maintenance and operations of the Volunteer Fire Department.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008  
(Continued)**

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

**3. Debt Service Funds**

These funds account for resources the Township accumulates to pay bond and note debt. The Township had the following significant Debt Service Funds:

**General Retirement Fund** – This fund receives money from transfers from the General Fund that are used to pay the Township's indebtedness.

**4. Capital Project Funds**

These funds account for receipts restricted to acquiring or constructing major capital projects (except those financed through enterprise or trust funds). The Township had the following significant capital project fund during 2008:

**Issue I Fund** - The Township received a grant from the State of Ohio to repair roadways.

**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 unencumbered 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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2009 and 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**F. Property, Plant, and Equipment**

The Township records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

**G. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008  
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**2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

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

	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Demand deposits	\$467,945	\$474,638

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation; or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township; or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending follows:

**2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$141,374	\$162,557	\$21,183
Special Revenue	407,545	403,230	(4,315)
Capital Projects	17,261	17,261	
Total	\$566,180	\$583,048	\$16,868

**2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$199,195	\$172,233	\$26,962
Special Revenue	477,762	408,097	69,665
Debt Service	17,261	17,261	
Total	\$694,218	\$597,591	\$96,627

**2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Budgeted Receipts</b>	<b>Actual Receipts</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$138,299	\$203,931	\$65,632
Special Revenue	646,853	614,615	(32,238)
Debt Service	17,261	17,261	
Capital Projects	86,073	77,397	(8,676)
Total	\$888,486	\$913,204	\$24,718

**2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures**

<b>Fund Type</b>	<b>Appropriation Authority</b>	<b>Budgetary Expenditures</b>	<b>Variance</b>
General	\$ 197,304	\$ 167,821	\$ 29,483
Special Revenue	827,091	749,739	77,352
Debt Service	17,261	17,261	
Capital Projects	86,073	77,397	8,676
Total	\$1,127,729	\$1,012,218	\$115,511

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008  
(Continued)**

**4. PROPERTY TAX**

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include homestead and rollback amounts the State pays as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, 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, 2009 was as follows:

	<b>Principal</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>
Ambulance Loan	\$ 9,821	4.1%
Fire Truck Loan	193,109	4.91%
Total	\$202,930	

The Ambulance Loan was for the purchase of a new ambulance during 2005. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$8,630 including interest. The interest rate on this loan is variable and is calculated at 68.1 percent of the bank's prime rate: While amortization of this debt was calculated based on a projected interest rate of 6 percent, the actual rate charged through December 31, 2009 has always been less than 6 percent. A final payment of the entire unpaid balance will be due on June 24, 2010.

The Fire Truck Loan was for the purchase of a new fire truck during 2008. The loan will be repaid in semiannual installments of \$18,816 including interest of 4.914%, with payments beginning on March 15, 2009 and with the final payment of the unpaid balance with interest due September 15, 2015.

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

<b>Year ending December 31:</b>	<b>Fire Truck Loan</b>	<b>Ambulance Loan</b>	<b>Total</b>
2010	\$ 37,632	\$10,018	\$ 47,650
2011	37,632		37,632
2012	37,632		37,632
2013	37,632		37,632
2014	37,632		37,632
2015	37,092		37,092
Total	\$225,252	\$10,018	\$235,270

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP  
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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008  
(Continued)**

**6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes the benefits for the plan, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2009 and 2008, OPERS members contributed 10 percent of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Township is exposed to various risks of property and casualty losses, and injuries to employees.

The Township insures against injuries to employees through the Ohio Bureau of Worker's Compensation.

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. American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc. (APRCO), a division of York Insurance Services Group, Inc. (York), functions as the administrator of OTARMA and provides underwriting, claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for OTARMA. OTARMA is a member of the American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by APRCO. Member governments pay annual contributions to fund OTARMA. OTARMA pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the members' deductibles.

**A. Casualty and Property Coverage**

APEEP provides OTARMA with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2008, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$100,000 for property claims.

The aforementioned casualty and property reinsurance agreement does not discharge OTARMA's primary liability for claims payments on covered losses. Claims exceeding coverage limits are the obligation of the respective government.

Property and casualty settlements did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

**B. 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, 2008 and 2007 (the latest information available):

	<u>2008</u>	<u>2007</u>
Assets	\$40,737,740	\$43,210,703
Liabilities	(12,981,818)	(13,357,837)
Net Assets	<u>\$27,755,922</u>	<u>\$29,852,866</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008  
(Continued)**

**7. RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

At December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively, liabilities above include approximately \$12.1 and \$12.5 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets and retained earnings above also include approximately \$10.9 and \$11.6 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 950 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2008 and 2007, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. The Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$6,416.

Based on discussions with OTARMA, the expected rates OTARMA charges to compute member contributions, which are used to pay claims as they become due, are not expected to change significantly from those used to determine the historical contributions detailed below. By contract, the annual liability of each member is limited to the amount of financial contributions required to be made to OTARMA for each year of membership.

<b>Contributions to OTARMA</b>	
2007	\$6,289
2008	7,081
2009	7,460

After completing one year of membership, members may withdraw on each anniversary of the date they joined OTARMA provided they provide written notice to OTARMA 60 days in advance of the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's budgetary contribution. Withdrawing members have no other future obligation to the pool. Also upon withdrawal, payments for all casualty claims and claim expenses become the sole responsibility of the withdrawing member, regardless of whether a claim occurred or was reported prior to the withdrawal.



# Mary Taylor, CPA

Auditor of State

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Richland Township  
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To the Township Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of Richland Township, Allen County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated February 8, 2010, wherein we noted the Township prepared its financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We also noted the Township uses the Auditor of State's Uniform Accounting Network (UAN) to process its financial transactions. *Government Auditing Standards* considers this service to impair the Auditor of State's independence to audit the Township. 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 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 the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the Township's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the Township's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

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**Internal Control over Financial Reporting  
(Continued)**

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated February 8, 2010.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect 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 an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the Management and Township Board of Trustees. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.



**Mary Taylor, CPA**  
Auditor of State

February 8, 2010



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Auditor of State

**RICHLAND TOWNSHIP**

**ALLEN 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  
MARCH 23, 2010**