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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Ansonia Area Joint Ambulance District Darke County PO Box 736 Ansonia, Ohio 45303

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, with which the Board of Trustees and the management of Ansonia Area Joint Ambulance District (the District) agreed, solely to assist the Board in evaluating receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. Management is responsible for recording transactions; and management and the Board are responsible for complying with the compliance requirements. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

#### Cash

- 1. We tested the mathematical accuracy of the December 31, 2010 and December 31, 2009 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed the January 1, 2009 beginning fund balances recorded in the Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Change in Fund Cash Balance to the December 31, 2008 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2010 and 2009 fund cash balances reported in the Statement of Cash Receipts, Cash Disbursements, and Change in Fund Cash Balance. The amounts agreed.
- 4. We confirmed the December 31, 2010 bank account balance with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions.

#### Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

- 1. We selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2010 and one from 2009.
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Financial Report. It was noted that the amounts were posted at net rather than at gross. We recommend that the entity post the tax receipts at gross and then post the corresponding deduction as expenditures to the entity's ledgers.

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#### Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts (Continued)

- b. We determined whether the receipt was allocated to the proper fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
- c. We determined whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
- 2. We scanned the Financial Report to determine whether it included the proper number of tax receipts for 2010 and 2009:
  - a. Two personal property tax receipts for 2009 and one personal property tax receipt in 2010.
  - b. Two real estate tax receipts

We noted the Financial Report included the proper number of tax settlement receipts for each year.

- 3. We selected two receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2010 and four from 2009.
  - a. We compared the amount from the DTL to the amount recorded in the Financial Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We determined whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We determined whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### Debt

1. We inquired of management, and scanned the Financial Report for evidence of bonded or note debt issued during 2010 and 2009 or outstanding as of December 31, 2010 or 2009. We noted no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2010 or 2009.

#### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- 1. For the Check Register, we refooted checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for *Public Safety*, for 2010. We found no exceptions.
- 2. We agreed total disbursements (non-payroll and payroll) from the Check Register for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 to the total disbursements recorded on the Financial Report. We found no exceptions.
- 3. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Check Register for the year ended December 31, 2010 and ten from the year ended 2009 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Check Register and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

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#### **Compliance – Budgetary**

- 1. We compared the total from the Certificate of the Total Amount From All Sources Available For Expenditures and Balances required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Ledger the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. The amounts on the Certificate did not agree to the amount recorded in the accounting system. The entity did not use a Revenue Ledger to record budgeted (i.e. certified) resources for the General Fund in 2010 and 2009. The fiscal officer should use a Revenue Ledger to record the budgeted and actual amount and periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Ledger to amounts recorded on the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to assure they agree, along with comparing the actual revenue to the Check Register. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
- 2. We scanned the appropriation measures adopted for 2010 and 2009 to determine whether, the Trustees appropriated separately for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
- 3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Ledger for 2010 and 2009 for the General fund. The District did not record appropriations other than filing appropriations with the County Auditor. Appropriations should be recorded and routinely compared to actual activity to prevent overspending funds.
- 4. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 for the General Fund. We noted that General Fund appropriations for 2009 exceeded certified resources by \$688, contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.39. The Trustees should not pass appropriations exceeding certified resources. Allowing this to occur could cause the District to incur fund balance deficits.
- 5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 as recorded in the Appropriation Resolution. We noted that General Fund expenditures for 2010 exceeded total appropriations by \$4,584 and 2009 expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$30,949, contrary to Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B). The Fiscal Officer should not certify the availability of funds and should deny payment requests exceeding appropriations. The Fiscal Officer may request the Trustees to approve increased expenditure levels by increasing appropriations and amending estimated resources, if necessary, and if resources are available.
- 6. We inquired of management and scanned the Appropriation Ledger to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code 5705.13. We noted the District did not establish these reserves.

We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the District's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and those charged with governance and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Jare Yost

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April 6, 2011



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ANSONIA AREA JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT

DARKE 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 MAY 24, 2011

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