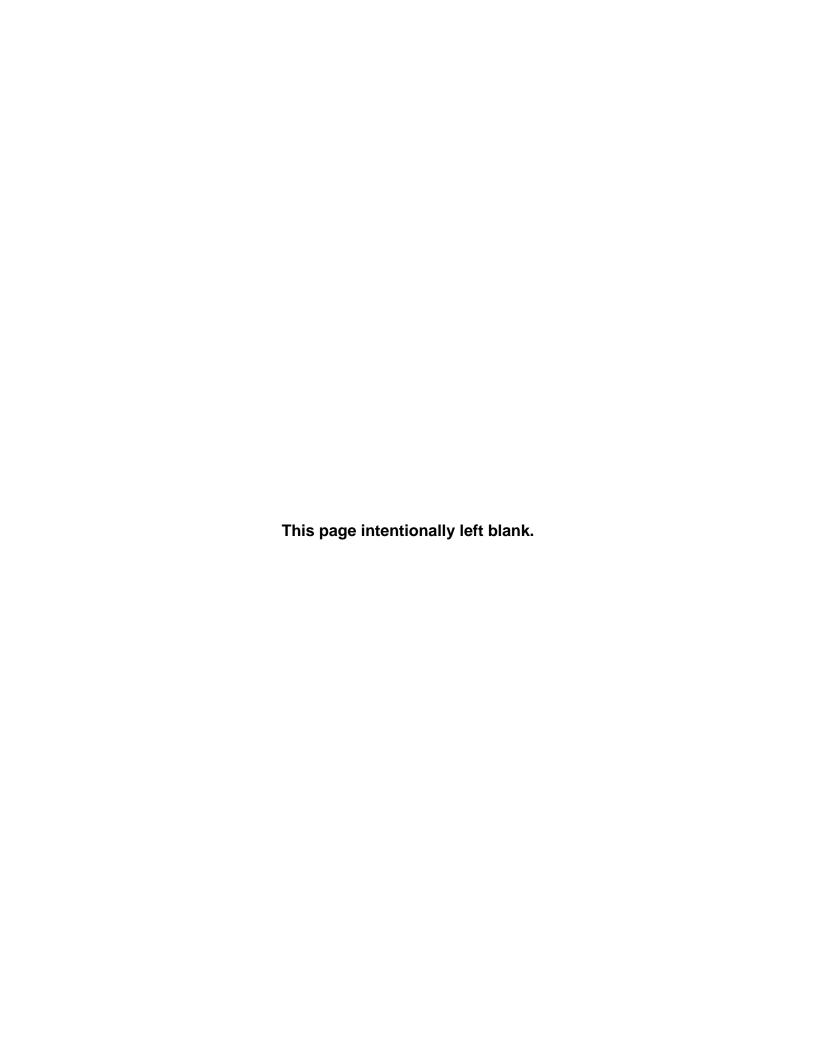




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Highland County General Health District Highland County 1487 North High St Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

To the Members of the Board:

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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 11, 2011

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Highland County General Health District Highland County 1487 North High St Suite 400 Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

To the Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Highland County General Health District, Highland County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District'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. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the District 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 require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the District 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 Districts to reformat their statements. The District 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, 2010 and 2009 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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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 the Highland County General Health District, Highland County, as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The District 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 May 11, 2011, on our consideration of the District'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.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 11, 2011

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2010

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Intergovernmental Inspection Fees Permits Other Fees Licenses Contractual Services Miscellaneous	\$828,961 21,336 40,574 179,971 1,181 54,000 7,758	\$4,188 1,372 98,992 200	\$0_	\$828,961 21,336 44,762 181,343 100,173 54,000 7,958
Total Cash Receipts	1,133,781	104,752	0	1,238,533
Cash Disbursements: Current Disbursements: Health: Salaries Supplies Remittances to State Equipment Contracts - Repair Contracts - Services Travel Insurance Utilities Advertising & Printing PERS Workers' Compensation & DWR Other Debt Service Principal Interest	564,007 54,647 133,589 17,713 5,479 29,087 18,165 22,830 35,180 431 110,124 9,035 14,026	61,790 195 9,458 4,130 8,211 1,231 6,709	87,500 7,875	625,797 54,842 143,047 17,713 5,479 29,087 22,295 22,830 35,180 431 118,335 10,266 20,735 0 87,500 7,875
Total Disbursements	1,014,313	91,724	95,375	1,201,412
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	119,468	13,028	(95,375)	37,121
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out	(120,000)		120,000	120,000 (120,000)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(120,000)	0	120,000	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Fund Cash Balances, January 1	(532) <u>340,914</u>	13,028 37,509	24,625 50,429	37,121 428,852
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$340.382	\$50.537	\$75.054	\$465.973
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$1,097	\$36	\$0	\$1,133

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, 2009

	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts: Intergovernmental Inspection Fees Permits Other Fees Licenses Contractual Services Miscellaneous	\$812,172 17,931 29,878 149,019 420 37,309 8,335	\$3,899 1,611 97,446 281	\$0_	\$812,172 17,931 33,777 150,630 97,866 37,309 8,616
Total Cash Receipts	1,055,064	103,237	0	1,158,301
Cash Disbursements: Current Disbursements: Health: Salaries Supplies Remittances to State Equipment Contracts - Repair Contracts - Services Travel Utilities Insurance Advertising & Printing Public Employees Retirement Workers' Compensation & DWR Other Debt Service Principal Interest	547,769 62,991 23,161 4,302 4,164 16,078 17,667 31,528 27,613 212 107,791 10,340 35,904	74,160 61 9,041 4,669 10,428 1,052 1,789	21,000 5,880	621,929 63,052 32,202 4,302 4,164 16,078 22,336 31,528 27,613 212 118,219 11,392 37,693 0 21,000 5,880
Total Disbursements	889,520	101,200	26,880	1,017,600
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	165,544	2,037	(26,880)	140,701
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements): Transfers-In Transfers-Out	(76,880)		76,880	76,880 (76,880)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(76,880)	0	76,880	0
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Fund Cash Balances, January 1	88,664 252,250	2,037 35,472	50,000 429	140,701 288,151
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$340,914	\$37,509	\$50,429	<u>\$428,852</u>
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$1,514	\$59	\$0	\$1,573

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009

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 the Highland County General Health District, Highland County, Ohio (the District), as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The Board is appointed by the Highland County Health District Advisory Council which consists of representatives of Highland County Villages, Cities, Townships, and Highland County Commissioners. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and issues health-related licenses and permits.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District 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 District 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

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Highland County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District 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 District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

<u>Restaurant Fund</u> - This fund receives receipts for licenses for food establishments and food service operations.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

3. Debt Service Fund

This fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for and the payment of principal, interest, and related costs.

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund 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 District Board 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 District 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 2010 and 2009 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The District 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.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

2. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2010 and 2009 follows:

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,382,858	\$1,133,781	(\$249,077)
Special Revenue	127,714	104,752	(22,962)
Debt Service	170,430	120,000	(50,430)
Total	\$1,681,002	\$1,358,533	(\$322,469)

2010 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,347,069	\$1,135,410	\$211,659
Special Revenue	125,558	91,760	33,798
Debt Service	170,430	95,375	75,055
Total	\$1,643,057	\$1,322,545	\$320,512

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,166,416	\$1,055,064	(\$111,352)
Special Revenue	9,471	103,237	93,766
Debt Service	25,000	76,880	51,880
Total	\$1,200,887	\$1,235,181	\$34,294

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	_
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,132,296	\$967,914	\$164,382
Special Revenue	136,833	101,259	35,574
Debt Service	26,880	26,880	0
Total	\$1,296,009	\$1,096,053	\$199,956
Total	\$1,296,009	\$1,096,053	\$199,9

3. Intergovernmental Funding

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2010 AND 2009 (Continued)

3. Intergovernmental Funding (Continued)

The County Commissioners serve as a special taxing authority for a special levy outside the tenmill limitation to provide the District with sufficient funds for health programs. The levy generated \$452,304 in 2010 and \$456,175 in 2009. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

4. Retirement Systems

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2010 and 2009, OPERS members contributed 10%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2010.

5. Risk Management

Commercial Insurance

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

6. Debt

On June 9, 2009, The Highland County Commissioners issued \$175,000 in Building Improvement Bonds for the purpose of refunding the 2008 Bond Anticipation Notes. The Bonds are general obligations of Highland County (the County) and are backed by the full faith and credit of the County. The District has agreed to pay the debt service on the notes from the general revenues; however, currently there is no formal written agreement between the two parties.

At December 31, 2010, the District owed a total of \$87,500 to the Highland County Commissioners for principal on the County Building Improvement Bonds.

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

Highland County General Health District Highland County 1487 North High St Suite 400 Hillsboro, Ohio 45133

To the District Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Highland County General Health District, Highland County, Ohio (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, and have issued our report thereon dated May 11, 2011. 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 District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District'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*.

Highland County General Health District Highland County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

We did note certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the District's management in a separate letter dated May 11, 2011.

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

Dave Yost Auditor of State

May 11, 2011



HIGHLAND COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

HIGHLAND 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 MAY 31, 2011