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FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Franklin Township
Warren County
P.O. Box 364
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To the Board of Trustees:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements and related notes of Franklin Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the Township's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we express no opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinion.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Township prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the Township does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, or changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined cash balances of Franklin Township, Warren County as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 1.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 4, 2015, 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 4, 2015

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$349,247	\$408,257		\$757,504
Charges for Services				0
Licenses, Permits and Fees	140,306	118,188		258,494
Fines and Forfeitures				0
Intergovernmental	129,924	320,706		450,630
Special Assessments		37,023		37,023
Earnings on Investments	221	61		282
Miscellaneous	27,869	81,563	19,000	128,432
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>647,567</u>	<u>965,798</u>	<u>19,000</u>	<u>1,632,365</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	376,994			376,994
Public Safety	37,536	166,335		203,871
Public Works	5,972	405,504		411,476
Health	14,937	211,741		226,678
Human Services		113,915		113,915
Conservation-Recreation	49,129			49,129
Other				0
Capital Outlay	126,364	39,190	15,030	180,584
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement				0
Interest and Fiscal Charges				0
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>610,932</u>	<u>936,685</u>	<u>15,030</u>	<u>1,562,647</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>36,635</u>	<u>29,113</u>	<u>3,970</u>	<u>69,718</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>522,557</u>	<u>458,802</u>	<u>15,461</u>	<u>996,820</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	487,914	19,431	507,345
Committed	0	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	559,192	1	0	559,193
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$559,192</u>	<u>\$487,915</u>	<u>\$19,431</u>	<u>\$1,066,538</u>

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

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014

Operating Cash Receipts	
Earnings on Investments	<u>\$72</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Receipts</i>	<u>72</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<u>72</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	72
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>54,590</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$54,662</u></u>

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

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$349,807	\$389,009		\$738,816
Charges for Services				0
Licenses, Permits and Fees	142,656	112,650		255,306
Fines and Forfeitures				0
Intergovernmental	130,622	309,820	43,396	483,838
Special Assessments		41,641		41,641
Earnings on Investments	195	124		319
Miscellaneous	43,487	125,402	13,250	182,139
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>666,767</u>	<u>978,646</u>	<u>56,646</u>	<u>1,702,059</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government	351,545			351,545
Public Safety	81,862	171,438		253,300
Public Works	5,860	428,946		434,806
Health	15,967	191,552		207,519
Human Services		113,359		113,359
Conservation-Recreation	47,864			47,864
Other				0
Capital Outlay	20,094	90,630	41,958	152,682
Debt Service:				
Principal Retirement				0
Interest and Fiscal Charges				0
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>523,192</u>	<u>995,925</u>	<u>41,958</u>	<u>1,561,075</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>143,575</u>	<u>(17,279)</u>	<u>14,688</u>	<u>140,984</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>378,982</u>	<u>476,081</u>	<u>773</u>	<u>855,836</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31				
Nonspendable	0	0	0	0
Restricted	0	458,800	15,462	474,262
Committed	0	0	0	0
Assigned	0	0	0	0
Unassigned (Deficit)	522,557	2	(1)	522,558
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$522,557</u></u>	<u><u>\$458,802</u></u>	<u><u>\$15,461</u></u>	<u><u>\$996,820</u></u>

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

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY

COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (CASH BASIS)
PRIVATE PURPOSE TRUST FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2013

Operating Cash Receipts	
Earnings on Investments	<u>\$79</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Receipts</i>	<u>79</u>
<i>Total Operating Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Operating Income (Loss)</i>	<u>79</u>
<i>Total Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	79
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>54,511</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$54,590</u></u>

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

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013**

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 Franklin Township, Warren 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, and cemetery maintenance. The Township contracts with the City of Franklin for fire protection services.

The Township participates in one joint venture, one jointly governed organization and the Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority public entity risk pool. These organizations are:

Joint Venture:

The Township is involved in a joint venture pertaining to a joint recreation facility owned by the City of Franklin and Franklin Township. See Note 7 for additional information.

Jointly Governed Organization:

The Joint Emergency Medical Services District is a jointly governed organization that provides emergency medical services to the Village of Carlisle and Franklin Township. See Note 8 for additional information.

Public Entity Risk Pool:

The Township participates in 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. See Note 6 for additional information.

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 permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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.

The Township values U.S. Treasury Notes at cost. STAR Ohio is recorded at share values that STAR Ohio reports.

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 accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. 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.

Cemetery Fund - This fund receives fees from sale of cemetery plots to pay for the maintenance and upkeep of the Township cemetery.

3. Capital Project Funds

These funds account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.. The Township had the following significant Capital Project Funds:

LOEB Foundation Grant – This fund is used to record the related receipts and expenditures of benefits received from the local grant for fire equipment.

Emergency Preparedness and Response Grant – This fund received Assistance to Firefighters Grant money which was used to pay for needed repairs and upgrades to the fire equipment.

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WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

4. Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

The Township's private purpose trust funds are for the benefit of individual cemetery lots.

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 object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. 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 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 2014 and 2013 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the Township must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental-fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

1. Nonspendable

The Township classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

2. Restricted

Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

3. Committed

Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The Township must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

4. Assigned

Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by Township Trustees or a Township official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

5. Unassigned

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The Township applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

G. 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.

H. 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.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

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:

	2014	2013
Demand deposits	\$862,119	\$790,872
Certificates of deposit	11,053	0
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	43,664	54,645
Total deposits	916,836	845,517
STAR Ohio	203,773	203,706
Total investments	203,773	203,706
Total deposits and investments	\$1,120,609	\$1,049,223

Deposits: Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

3. Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2014 and 2013 follows:

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$647,567	\$647,567	\$0
Special Revenue	965,798	965,798	0
Capital Projects	10,000	19,000	9,000
Fiduciary	80	72	(8)
Total	\$1,623,445	\$1,632,437	\$8,992

2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,066,380	\$625,999	\$440,381
Special Revenue	1,312,986	940,993	371,993
Capital Projects	34,135	34,030	105
Fiduciary	1,400	0	1,400
Total	\$2,414,901	\$1,601,022	\$813,879

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

3. Budgetary Activity (Continued)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$666,828	\$666,767	(\$61)
Special Revenue	978,779	978,646	(133)
Capital Projects	56,646	56,646	0
Fiduciary	79	79	0
Total	\$1,702,332	\$1,702,138	(\$194)

2013 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$953,734	\$534,721	\$419,013
Special Revenue	1,342,805	1,029,160	313,645
Capital Projects	54,169	41,958	12,211
Fiduciary	1,400	0	1,400
Total	\$2,352,108	\$1,605,839	\$746,269

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.

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2014 and 2013, OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the Township contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2014.

**FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

6. 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. York Risk Pooling Services, Inc. (formally known as American Risk Pooling Consultants, Inc.) (York or Management), functions as the administrator of the Pool and provides underwriting claims, loss control, risk management, and reinsurance services for the Pool. 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 and Property Coverage

The Pool is a member of American Public Entity Excess Pool (APEEP), which is also administered by York. APEEP provides the Pool with an excess risk-sharing program. Under this arrangement, OTARMA retains insured risks up to an amount specified in the contracts. At December 31, 2014, OTARMA retained \$350,000 for casualty claims and \$250,000 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.

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, 2013 and 2014:

	2013	2014
Assets	\$34,954,286	\$35,970,263
Liabilities	<u>8,486,363</u>	<u>8,912,432</u>
Net Position	\$26,467,923	\$27,057,831

At December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively, the liabilities above include approximately \$7.9 and \$8.2 million of estimated incurred claims payable. The assets above also include approximately \$7.4 and \$7.2 million of unpaid claims to be billed to approximately 957 member governments in the future, as of December 31, 2013 and 2014, respectively. These amounts will be included in future contributions from members when the related claims are due for payment. As of December 31, 2014, the Township's share of these unpaid claims collectible in future years is approximately \$18,000.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013
(Continued)**

6. Risk Management (Continued)

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.

Contributions to OTARMA	
2013	2014
\$34,607	\$34,828

After one year of membership, a member may withdraw on the anniversary of the date of joining OTARMA, if the member notifies OTARMA in writing 60 days prior to the anniversary date. Upon withdrawal, members are eligible for a full or partial refund of their capital contributions, minus the subsequent year's 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.

7. Joint Ventures

The Township is involved in a joint venture pertaining to a joint recreation facility owned by the City of Franklin and Franklin Township. The facility is managed by a board of 10 trustees, five appointed by each of the participating governments. The City and the Township each commit approximately \$25,000 per year plus upkeep and expenses.

8. Jointly Governed Organizations

The Joint Emergency Medical Services District (JEMS) is a jointly governed organization, which provides ambulance services to the City of Carlisle and Franklin Township. Each of the political subdivisions appoints one member of the board of trustees. JEMS owns and operates assets in its own name. JEMS has authority to levy taxes and approve its own budget. Funding for operations comes from the participants in the District, charges for services and a tax levy.



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

Franklin Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of Franklin Township, Warren County, Ohio (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 4, 2015 wherein we noted the Township followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. .

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinion on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

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 a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider material weaknesses. However, unidentified material weaknesses may exist.

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, opining 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*.

Purpose of this Report

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Township's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Dave Yost
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

September 4, 2015

FRANKLIN TOWNSHIP
WARREN COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2014

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2012-001	Posting of financial activity	No	Reissued as management letter comment
2012-002	Properly encumbering funds	No	Reissued as management letter comment

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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
OCTOBER 13, 2015**