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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Trustees
Destination Geauga
Gauga County
14907 N. State Rd., P.O. Box 846
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, to which the management of the Destination Geauga agreed, solely to assist Destination Geauga in evaluating whether it recorded all lodging taxes it received from Gauga County, and to help evaluate whether Destination Geauga disbursed these lodging taxes for allowable purposes described below for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014. Destination Geauga is responsible for disbursing lodging taxes for allowable purposes. 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 Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of Destination Geauga. 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.

Cash Receipts

1. We confirmed with Gauga County the lodging taxes it paid to Destination Geauga during the years ending June 30, 2015 and 2014. The County confirmed the following amounts:

Year Ended	Amount
June 30, 2015	\$57,812
June 30, 2014	\$58,671

2. We compared the amounts from step 1 to amounts recorded as lodging tax receipts on Destination Geauga's cash receipts journal. We found no exceptions.

Cash Disbursements

1. We inquired of management regarding sources describing allowable purposes or restrictions related to Destination Geauga's disbursements of lodging taxes. We listed these sources and summarized significant related restrictions below:

Source of Restrictions

- a. Destination Geauga's Articles of Incorporation
- b. Destination Geauga's 501(c)(6) Tax Exemption
- c. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5739.09(A)(2).

Destination Geauga's tax exemption prohibits it from disbursements supporting a candidate's election.

Ohio Rev. Code Section 5739.09(A)(2) restricts Destination Geauga to spending lodging tax "specifically for promotion, advertising, and marketing of the region in which the county is located.

Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 deems any disbursement of public funds (e.g. lodging taxes) for alcohol to be improper.

2. We haphazardly selected forty disbursements of lodging taxes from the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014 in addition to all disbursements exceeding \$1,000. We compared the purpose for these disbursements as documented on vendor invoices or other supporting documentation to the sources of restrictions listed in *Cash Disbursements Step 1* above. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice or other supporting documentation described a violation the restrictions listed above.

We were not engaged to, and did not examine Destination Geauga's lodging tax receipts and disbursements for the years ended June 30, 2015 and 2014, the objective of which would have been to opine on lodging tax receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Destination Geauga and is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than the specified party.



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February 8, 2016



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DESTINATION GEAUGA

GEAUGA 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

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FEBRUARY 23, 2016**