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**PORT AUTHORITY OF SPRINGFIELD
CLARK COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Port Authority of Springfield
Clark County
76 East High Street
Springfield, Ohio 45502

To the Board of Directors:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements of the General Fund, and related notes of the Port Authority of Springfield, Clark County, (the Authority) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014.

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 Authority'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 Authority'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 opinions.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the Authority 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 Authority 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 Authority as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, 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 cash balances of Port Authority of Springfield, Clark County, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and its 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 3 to the 2015 financial statement, the Authority is experiencing financial difficulties. Note 3 describes Management's plans regarding these matters. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. This matter does not affect our opinion on these financial statements.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 23, 2016, on our consideration of the Authority'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 Authority's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 23, 2016

**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
CLARK COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015**

	<u>General</u>
Cash Receipts:	
Investment Income	\$ <u>4,089</u>
Total Cash Receipts	<u>4,089</u>
Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Contracts - Services	118
Miscellaneous Fees	<u>511,100</u>
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>511,218</u>
Total Receipts Under Disbursements	<u>(507,129)</u>
Fund Cash Balance, January 1	<u>540,112</u>
Assigned	<u>32,983</u>
Fund Cash Balance, December 31	\$ <u><u>32,983</u></u>

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

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**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
CLARK COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
DECEMBER 31, 2015**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The Port Authority of Springfield, Ohio, (the Authority) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The Authority was created by the City of Springfield, Ohio (City) according to the Ohio Revised Code chapter 4582. The Authority is directed by a seven member Board of Directors appointed by the City. The majority of the directors shall be residents of the City of Springfield or shall have had their businesses or places of employment within the City for a period of at least three years immediately preceding their appointment. The Authority's primary source of revenue is investment earnings.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

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 Authority 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. Cash and Investments

As permitted by the Ohio Revised Code, the City's Treasurer holds the Authority's cash as custodian for the Authority. The Authority's assets are held in the City's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

D. Fund Accounting

The Authority uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The Authority classifies its funds into the following type:

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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 or function level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. Appropriation authority includes current year appropriations plus encumbrances carried over from the prior year (if any). The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year-end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Authority to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year-end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

F. Fund Balance

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

1. Nonspendable

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

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

Authority Board members can commit amounts via formal action (resolution). The Authority must adhere to these commitments unless the Authority Board members 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. In the General Fund, assigned amounts represent intended uses established by Authority Board members or a Authority 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.

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

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2015 follows:

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</u>		<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	
General	\$ 0	4,089	\$ 4,089

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>2015 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</u>		<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	
General	\$ 540,112	511,218	\$ 28,894

3. MANAGEMENT'S PLAN

At December 31, 2015, the Port Authority had a general fund balance of \$32,983 and there were Board discussions of giving the remaining balance to the City of Springfield, as there were no opportunities for additional funding. In January 2016, the Board approved to enter into a \$30,000 contract with a firm to seek additional funding.

The Board Members decided to keep Port Authority operating in the sense that it provides an additional economic development tool that could be utilized in the future to assist in potential development projects in downtown and/or one of our industrial parks.

Although it does not maintain any operating funds, the Port Authority has no overhead costs other than auditing and insurance expense. The Mayor and City Commissioners wish to provide basic funding support to allow the Port Authority to continue in a limited capacity until such time it gains additional funding support from the State of Ohio or is able to assist in future redevelopment or new construction project within the City of Springfield.

The Board will coordinate with the City and other development officials in the community to continue to advocate for funding from the State of Ohio and stand ready to assist in future economic development projects within the City of Springfield.

As of September 30, 2016 the Port Authority had a balance of \$2,957.

**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
CLARK COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGE IN FUND CASH BALANCE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014**

	General
Cash Receipts:	
Investment Income	\$ 5,527
Other Receipts	68,188
 Total Cash Receipts	 73,715
 Cash Disbursements:	
Current:	
Contracts - Services	3,224
Miscellaneous Fees	145,495
Total Cash Disbursements	148,719
 Total Receipts Under Disbursements	 (75,004)
 Fund Cash Balance, January 1	 615,116
 Assigned	 540,112
 Fund Cash Balance, December 31	 \$ 540,112

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**THE PORT AUTHORITY OF SPRINGFIELD, OHIO
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	<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>	
General	\$ 0	73,715	\$ 73,715

<u>Fund Type</u>	<u>2014 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</u>		<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Appropriation Authority</u>	<u>Budgetary Expenditures</u>	
General	\$ 615,000	148,719	\$ 466,281

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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

Port Authority of Springfield
Clark County
76 East High Street
Springfield, Ohio 45502

To the Board of Directors:

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 the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements of the General Fund of the Port Authority of Springfield, Clark County, (the Authority) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 23, 2016 wherein we noted the Authority followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. We also noted the Authority is experiencing financial difficulties as discussed in Note 3 to the 2015 financial statement.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the Authority's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the Authority'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 Authority'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 Authority'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 Authority's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Authority's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dave Yost". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping "D" and "Y".

Dave Yost
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

December 23, 2016



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PORT AUTHORITY OF SPRINGFIELD

CLARK 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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JANUARY 26, 2017**