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BASIC AUDIT REPORT

Robert Patrick, Chief Executive Officer
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Medina County
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We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of the Wadsworth Community Improvement Corporation, Medina County, Ohio (the CIC) for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

Our procedures were designed solely to satisfy the audit requirements of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A). Because our procedures were not designed to opine on the CIC's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the CIC's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2020 and 2019.

The CIC's management is responsible for preparing and maintaining its accounting records and related documents. Our responsibility under Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.11(A) is to examine, analyze and inspect these records and documents.

Based on the results of our procedures, we found the following significant compliance or accounting issues to report.

Current Year Observations

1. **Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F)** requires every public body to, by rule, establish a reasonable method whereby any person may determine the time and place of all regularly scheduled meetings and the time, place, and purpose of all special meetings

The CIC did not notify the general public and news media of when and where meetings were to be held.

Policies and procedures should be established and implemented to verify that all Board meetings are held in accordance with the Ohio Sunshine Laws. Failure to do so could result in the Court declaring actions taken null and void and the CIC being subject to significant penalties for breach of the Sunshine Law.

2. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2)** states all public offices shall adopt a public records policy in compliance with this section for responding to public records requests. In adopting a public records policy under this division, a public office may obtain guidance from the model public records policy developed and provided to the public office by the attorney general under section 109.43 of the Revised Code. Except as otherwise provided in this section, the policy may not limit the number of public records that the public office will make available to a single person, may not limit the number of public records that it will make available during a fixed period of time, and may not establish a fixed period of time before it will respond to a request for inspection or copying of public records, unless that period is less than eight hours.

The public office shall distribute the public records policy adopted by the public office under this division to the employee of the public office who is the records custodian or records manager or otherwise has custody of the records of that office. The public office shall require that employee to acknowledge receipt of the copy of the public records policy. The public office shall create a poster that describes its public records policy and shall post the poster in a conspicuous place in the public office and in all locations where the public office has branch offices. The public office may post its public records policy on the internet web site of the public office if the public office maintains an internet web site. A public office that has established a manual or handbook of its general policies and procedures for all employees of the public office shall include the public records policy of the public office in the manual or handbook.

The CIC does not have a public records policy in place.

The CIC shall create a Public Records Policy and complete the aforementioned requirements.

3. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2)** requires a public office also to have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public. The CIC does not have a current records retention schedule readily available to the public.

The CIC shall create a records retention schedule and make it readily available for the public to view.

4. **Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C)** requires the minutes of regular or special meetings of any public body to be promptly prepared, filed, and maintained, and open to public inspection. The CIC did not prepare or maintain meeting minutes during the engagement period.

The CIC shall prepare and maintain minutes for all regular and special meetings. In addition, minutes shall document executive sessions and other formal action by the governing board.



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Columbus, Ohio

March 21, 2022

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WADSWORTH COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT CORPORATION

MEDINA COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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