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## **BASIC AUDIT REPORT**

Fitchville Township Huron County 1579 Fitchville River Road South New London, Ohio 44851-9223

We have completed certain procedures in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.01(G) to the accounting records and related documents of Fitchville Township, Huron County, Ohio (the Township) for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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 Township's financial statements, we did not follow *generally accepted auditing standards*. We do not provide any assurance on the Township's financial statements, transactions or balances for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

The Township'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 issue to report.

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### **Current Year Observation**

We noted the Township does not have an adopted records retention schedule. It therefore cannot have a copy of said policy available to the public. **Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2)** states, in part, a public office also "shall have available a copy of its current records retention schedule at a location readily available to the public." Failure to have and follow a records retention schedule could result in public records being disposed of prematurely. The Township should implement procedures to provide the appropriate policy is approved to help avoid issues with public records requests.

The Ohio History Connection provides suggested records retention schedules to aid local governments in creating and adopting their own records retention schedule. Information regarding these model retention schedules is available at the following web address: <a href="https://www.ohiohistory.org/research/local-government-records-program/local-retention-schedules-forms/#rc">https://www.ohiohistory.org/research/local-government-records-program/local-retention-schedules-forms/#rc</a>.

Keith Faber Auditor of State Columbus, Ohio

July 19, 2023



# FITCHVILLE TOWNSHIP

## **HURON 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.



Certified for Release 8/1/2023

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