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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Pike County Agricultural Society's (the Society) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Society. The Society is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Society.

The Board Members and the management of the Society have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Society's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. 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.

For the purposes of performing these procedures, this report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

## Cash

1. We recalculated the November 30, 2024 and November 30, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the December 1, 2022 beginning fund balances for the fund recorded to the November 30, 2022 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures. We found that December 1, 2022 didn't agree to November 30, 2022 due to a voided check in the amount of \$2,115. We also agreed the December 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded to the November 30, 2023 balances. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliation as of November 30, 2024 and 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the General ledger and the financial statements filed by the Society in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.
4. We confirmed the November 30, 2024 bank account balance with the Society's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the November 30, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.

5. We selected 5 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the November 30, 2024 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent December bank statement . We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to November 30. We found no exceptions.
6. We selected 1 (all) reconciling credit (such as deposits in transit) from the November 30, 2024 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We were unable to trace the credit to the subsequent bank statements. We found an outstanding deposit at November 30, 2024, was outstanding greater than a year with no supporting documentation. We brought this to management's attention. This was deleted from the reconciliation on September 18, 2025.
  - b. We agreed the credit amounts to the General Ledger and determined they were dated prior to November 30. We found an outstanding deposit at November 30, 2024, was outstanding greater than a year with no supporting documentation. We brought this to management's attention.

#### **Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts**

We selected a total of 5 receipts from the Distribution Transaction Detail Report (State DTL) and the County Auditor's DTLs from 2024 and a total of 5 from 2023.

- a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. We inspected the General Ledger to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper account codes. We found no exceptions.
- c. We inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### **Admission/Grandstand Receipts**

We selected 2 days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2024 and 2 days of admission/grandstand cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 recorded in the General Ledger and agreed the receipt amount to the supporting documentation (ticket recapitulation sheets/cash register tapes, etc.). The amounts agreed.

#### **Privilege Fee Receipts**

We selected 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2024 and 10 privilege fee cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.
- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

#### **Rental Receipts**

We selected 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2024 and 10 rental cash receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 recorded in the duplicate cash receipts book and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount to the amount recorded in the General Ledger. The amounts agreed.
- b. Agreed the rate charged with rates in force during the period. We found no exceptions.

- c. Inspected the General Ledger to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Pari-mutuel Wagering Commission Receipts and Disbursements**

We obtained copies of race schedules approved by the Board Members. We selected 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2024 and 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2023 and performed the following procedures:

- a. Traced Pari-mutuel wagering Commission receipts to the liability report and to cash receipt ledger postings. The Society records the State Tax expense, and the net owed to the Totalizer, but does not record the gross amount of commissions on their ledgers.
- b. Traced disbursement to ledger postings for totalizer service and pari-mutuel state tax disbursement and agreed amounts to the liability report. We were unable to trace totalizer payments totaling \$272.82 to the ledger for 2023. We brought this to the Society attention, and they issued a check to totalizer in amount of \$272.82 on July 2, 2025. However, because we did not inspect all pari-mutuel wagering commission receipts and disbursements, our report provides no assurance regarding whether or not other similar errors occurred.

### **Sustaining and Entry (Purse) Receipts and Disbursements**

We obtained copies of race schedules approved by the Board Members. We selected 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2024 and 1 race day from the year ended November 30, 2023 and performed the following procedures:

- a. Traced authorized race dates to the cash receipt ledger postings and determined whether there are purse receipt postings for each authorized race day. The cash receipts ledger reported wagering receipts for the authorized dates.
- b. Traced authorized race dates to the cash disbursement ledger postings and determined whether there were purse disbursement postings for each authorized race day. The cash disbursements ledger reported wagering disbursements for the authorized dates. The Society contracts with Fast Fair Chex for purse payouts.

### **Other Receipts**

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2024 and 10 other receipts from the year ended November 30, 2023 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the General Ledger to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Inspected the General Ledger to determine the receipt was posted to the proper fund and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of November 30, 2022.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the receipt and expenditure records for evidence of loan or credit agreements, and bonded, note, County, or mortgage debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023.

### **Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected 10 disbursements from the General Ledger for the year ended November 30, 2024 and 10 from the year ended November 30, 2023 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the General Ledger and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Based on the nature of the expenditure, the account coding is reasonable. We found no exceptions.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the Society's Public Records Policy to determine the policy was in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(2) and 149.43(B)(7)(c) and did not limit the number of responses that may be made to a particular person, limit the number of responses during a specified period of time, or establish a fixed period of time before it will respond unless that period is less than eight hours. We found no exceptions.
2. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any completed, denied or redacted public records requests during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Society had a records retention schedule and observed that it was readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2). We found no exceptions.
4. We inspected written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
5. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a policy manual during the engagement period therefore it could not be included in a policy manual as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have a public records poster displayed during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Society management and determined that the Society did not have any elected officials subject to the Public Records Training requirements during the engagement period as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 149.43(E)(1) and 109.43(B).
9. We inspected the public notices for the public meetings held during the engagement period and determined the Society notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
  - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
  - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner

- c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
  - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.
- We found no exceptions.

11. We inspected the minutes from the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G) and determined the following:
- a. Executive sessions were only held at regular or special meetings.
  - b. The purpose for the meetings and going into an executive session (when applicable) correlated with one of the matters listed in Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(G).
  - c. Formal governing board actions were adopted in open meetings.
- We found no exceptions.

### Other Compliance

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires Societies to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies, regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the Society filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy within the allotted timeframe for the years ended November 30, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Society to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination, or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Society's receipts, disbursements, balances and compliance with certain laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Society and to meet our ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the ethical requirements established by the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* related to our agreed upon procedures engagement.

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Ohio Auditor of State



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Chief Deputy Auditor

September 22, 2025





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**PIKE COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY**

**PIKE 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 10/7/2025**

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