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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Tuscarawas County Public Library's, Tuscarawas County, Ohio (the Library), receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 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 Library. The Library is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Library.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Library have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Library's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 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 and Investments

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2023 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the YTD Fund Report to the December 31, 2022 balances in the documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2024 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the YTD Fund Report to the December 31, 2023 balances in the YTD Fund Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2024 and 2023 bank reconciliation of December 31, 2024 and 2023 to the total fund cash balances reported in the YTD Fund Report and the financial statements filed by the Library in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

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### **Cash and Investments (Continued)**

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2024 bank account balances with the Library's financial institutions and the Ohio Pooled Collateral System. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 reconciling debits from the general account and five from the payroll account (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2024 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statements. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.
6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023 to determine that they:
  - a. Were of a type authorized by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 135.13, 135.14, 135.144 or 135.145. We found no exceptions.
  - b. Mature within the prescribed time limits noted in Ohio Rev. Code § 135.13 or 135.14. We found no exceptions.

### **Property Taxes and Intergovernmental Cash Receipts**

1. We selected a total of 5 receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes*, the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) and the Tuscarawas County AP Disbursements with Description Report 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 Data & Information Technology Audit (DITA) Receipt\_Detail Report. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the DITA Receipt\_Detail Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper funds. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the DITA Receipt\_Detail Report to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the DITA Receipt\_Detail Report to determine whether it included 2 real estate tax receipts for 2024 and 2023. The DITA Receipt\_Detail Report included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the DITA Receipt\_Detail Report to determine whether it included 1 Public Library Fund receipt per month for 2024 and 2023. We found no exceptions.

### **Debt**

1. From the prior agreed-upon procedures documentation, we observed the following note was outstanding as of December 31, 2022. The outstanding balance is included in the "Summary Debt Table - Carry Forward Balance" column in the summary chart in procedure 3.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the DITA Receipt\_Detail Report and DITA Check\_Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2024 or 2023 or debt payment activity during 2024 or 2023. All debt agreed to the summary used in procedure 3.

### Debt (Continued)

3. From the summary of outstanding debt for 2024 and 2023 below:
  - a. We agreed the principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to Building and Repair Fund payments reported in the DITA Check\_Detail Report and included the total principal payments for both years in the table below. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the Library made the payments. We found no exceptions.
  - c. Based on the principal payments made, we agreed the outstanding balance to the debt amortization schedule and included the outstanding balance in the summary table below. We found no exceptions.
  - d. For any outstanding debt listed in the table below, we obtained the debt agreement and confirmed the Library was in compliance with its debt covenants. The Library did not have any debt covenants that would result in modification of terms or cancellation of the debt.

Summary Debt Table			
Debt Issued	Carry Forward Balance 1/1/2023	Total Principal Payments 2023/2024	Outstanding Balance 12/31/2024
2018 Library Facilities Note	\$1,909,403	\$1,097,735	\$811,668

### Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2024 and 1 payroll check for 5 employees from 2023 from the Detail Check Register Report:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Detail Check Register Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected 3 new employees and Board of Trustees from 2024 and 3 new employees and Board of Trustees from 2023 and:
  - a. We inspected the employees'/Board of Trustees' personnel files and minute record for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
  - b. We agreed the items in a. above to the Detailed Check Register Report. We found no exceptions.
3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2024 to confirm remittances were timely paid, and if the amounts paid agreed to the amounts withheld, plus the employer's share where applicable, during the final withholding period of 2024. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2025	December 23, 2024	\$10,717	\$10,717

### Payroll Cash Disbursements (Continued)

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
State income taxes	January 15, 2025	December 23, 2024	\$2,281	\$2,281
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2025	January 8, 2025	\$21,677	\$21,677
Tuscarawas Local Income Tax	January 31, 2025	December 23, 2024	\$282	\$282
Bolivar Local Income Tax	January 31, 2025	December 26, 2024	\$217	\$217
New Philadelphia City Local Income Tax	January 15, 2025	December 26, 2024	\$1,719	\$1,719
Sugarcreek Local Income Tax	January 31, 2025	December 23, 2024	\$340	\$340
Strasburg Local Income Tax	January 31, 2025	January 31, 2025	\$67	\$67

We found no exceptions.

### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

- We selected 10 disbursements from the DITA Check\_Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2024 and 10 from the year ended 2023 and determined whether:
  - The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - 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 DITA Check\_Detail Report and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.
- We inspected the DITA Check\_Detail Report for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and determined that the proceeds from the levy passed under Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.23, were used for the purposes stated in the resolution.

### Transfers

We inspected all interfund transfers from 2024 and all from 2023 on the DITA Exp\_Transfers Report and DITA Rev\_Transfers Report and the transfers:

- Were properly authorized. We found no exceptions.
- Were transferred to the correct fund. We found no exceptions.
- Were recorded at the correct amounts. We found no exceptions.

### Compliance – Budgetary

- Ohio Admin. Code 117-8-02 prohibits spending in excess of budgeted amounts. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations plus any carryover appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 General Fund, Gifts, Grants and Sponsorships Fund, and the Mobile Services Fund. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.

### **Sunshine Law Compliance**

1. We obtained and inspected the Library'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 selected 5 public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
  - a. The Library was compliant and responded to the request in accordance with their adopted policy as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(1). We found no exceptions.
  - b. The Library did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
  - c. The Library did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the Library 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 inspected the Library's policy manual and determined the public records policy was included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
6. We inquired with Library management and determined the Library's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the Library as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
7. We inquired with Library management and determined the Library did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with Library management and determined that the Library 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 Library 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.

### Sunshine Law Compliance (Continued)

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

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires libraries 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 Library

- a. 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 December 31, 2024 and 2023 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.
- b. Prepared their financial statements following the prescribed program codes in effect for the period. We found no exceptions.

We were engaged by the Library to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with the attestation standards established by the AICPA and the 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 Library'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 Library 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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April 16, 2025

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## **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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