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Betty Montgomery**

FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Fairfield Township
Huron County
P.O. Box 118
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fairfield Township, Huron County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the Township prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of the Township as of December 31, 2002 and 2001, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 3, 2003 on our consideration of the Township's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audits.

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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

June 3, 2003

**FAIRFIELD TOWNSHIP
HURON COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$ 16,075	\$ 48,454	\$ -	\$ 64,529
Intergovernmental	24,282	68,755		93,037
Charges for Services	23,274			23,274
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	6,436			6,436
Earnings on Investments	1,264	1,913	121	3,298
Other Revenue	7,926	1,366		9,292
Total Cash Receipts	<u>79,257</u>	<u>120,488</u>	<u>121</u>	<u>199,866</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	44,048			44,048
Public Safety	23,185			23,185
Public Works	20	69,476		69,496
Health	8,957	228		9,185
Capital Outlay	1,000	2,811		3,811
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>77,210</u>	<u>72,515</u>		<u>149,725</u>
Total Receipts Over Disbursements	2,047	47,973	121	50,141
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	22,206	100,026	2,561	124,793
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 24,253</u>	<u>\$ 147,999</u>	<u>\$ 2,682</u>	<u>\$ 174,934</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$ 2,400</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,400</u>

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

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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			Totals (Memorandum Only)
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Fiduciary Funds</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Local Taxes	\$ 14,840	\$ 44,283	\$ -	\$ 59,123
Intergovernmental	27,358	67,891		95,249
Charges for Services	20,243			20,243
Licenses, Permits, and Fees	4,628			4,628
Earnings on Investments	2,219	3,454	117	5,790
Other Revenue	7,821	2,480		10,301
Total Cash Receipts	<u>77,109</u>	<u>118,108</u>	<u>117</u>	<u>195,334</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	50,035			50,035
Public Safety	22,961			22,961
Public Works	180	102,730		102,910
Health	7,173	1,739	1,184	10,096
Capital Outlay	716	25,012		25,728
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>81,065</u>	<u>129,481</u>	<u>1,184</u>	<u>211,730</u>
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(3,956)</u>	<u>(11,373)</u>	<u>(1,067)</u>	<u>(16,396)</u>
Other Financing Disbursements:				
Other Uses	(966)			(966)
Total Other Financing Disbursements	<u>(966)</u>			<u>(966)</u>
Excess of Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements Over Cash Receipts	(4,922)	(11,373)	(1,067)	(17,362)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>27,128</u>	<u>111,399</u>	<u>3,628</u>	<u>142,155</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 22,206</u>	<u>\$ 100,026</u>	<u>\$ 2,561</u>	<u>\$ 124,793</u>
Reserve for Encumbrances, December 31	<u>\$ 230</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 244</u>

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

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2002 AND 2001**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Fairfield Township, Huron County, (the Township) 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 Township is directed by a publicly-elected three-member Board of Trustees. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance, cemetery maintenance, and fire protection services.

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

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Cash and Investments

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost.

D. Fund Accounting

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

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.

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds are used to account for proceeds from specific sources (other than from trusts) that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The Township had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

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Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives a portion of the state levied gasoline tax money to pay for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund - This fund receives a portion of the state levied motor vehicle license tax to pay for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

3. Fiduciary Funds (Trust and Agency Funds)

These funds are used to account for resources restricted by legally binding trust agreements and funds for which the Township is acting in an agency capacity. The Township had the following fiduciary fund:

Cemetery Bequest Fund - This fund receives interest from a bequest left to the Township which is to help upkeep the cemetery.

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, function or object level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2002 and 2001 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

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2. EQUITY IN POOLED CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The Township maintains a cash and investments pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

	2002	2001
Demand deposits	\$ 172,534	\$ 122,393
Certificates of deposit	2,400	2,400
Total deposits	\$ 174,934	\$ 124,793

Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by securities specifically pledged by the financial institution to the Township.

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2002 and 2001 follows:

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 80,391	\$ 79,257	\$ (1,134)
Special Revenue	119,233	120,488	1,255
Fiduciary	120	121	1
Total	\$ 199,744	\$ 199,866	\$ 122

2002 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 102,597	\$ 79,610	\$ 22,987
Special Revenue	219,258	72,515	146,743
Fiduciary	2,681	2,681	2,681
Total	\$ 324,536	\$ 152,125	\$ 172,411

2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 74,717	\$ 77,109	\$ 2,392
Special Revenue	119,299	118,108	(1,191)
Fiduciary	181	117	(64)
Total	\$ 194,197	\$ 195,334	\$ 1,137

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2001 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 101,845	\$ 82,261	\$ 19,584
Special Revenue	230,699	129,495	101,204
Fiduciary	3,809	1,184	2,625
Total	\$ 336,353	\$ 212,940	\$ 123,413

4. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

The County is responsible for assessing property, and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the Township.

5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2002 and 2001, OPERS members contributed 8.5 percent of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 13.55 percent of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2002.

6. RISK MANAGEMENT

Risk Pool Membership

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the Plan), an unincorporated non-profit association with over 600 governmental entity members providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services.

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Pursuant to § 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is deemed a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverages, modified for each member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the member's deductible.

The Plan uses conventional insurance coverages and reinsures these coverages 100 percent, rather than using a risk pool of member funds to pay individual and collective losses. Therefore, the individual members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts which vary from member to member.

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL
CONTROL REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

Fairfield Township
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P.O. Box 118
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fairfield Township, Huron County, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2002 and 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated June 3, 2003. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Township's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audits and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audits, we considered the Township's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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June 3, 2003



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HURON 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

**CERTIFIED
JULY 3, 2003**