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**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING, AND PERRY
MULTI-COUNTY DETENTION DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry
Multi-County Detention District
923 Liberty Center Drive
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

To the Joint Board of Commissioners:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry Multi-County Detention District, Fairfield County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 2, the accompanying financial statements and notes follow the cash accounting basis. This is a comprehensive accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry Multi-County Detention District, Fairfield County, Ohio, as of December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the years then ended in conformity with the accounting basis Note 2 describes.

As described in Note 4, during the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the District revised its statement presentation comparable to the requirements of Government Accounting Standard No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 31, 2005, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

Management's discussion and analysis is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information the Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) requires. We have applied certain limited procedures, consisting principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measuring and presenting the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

August 31, 2005

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MULTI-COUNTY DETENTION DISTRICT
FAIRFIELD COUNTY**

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004 AND 2003
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This discussion and analysis of Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry Multi-County Detention District's (the District) financial performance provides an overall review of the District's financial activities for the years ended December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, within the limitations of the District's cash basis accounting. Readers should also review the basic financial statements and notes to enhance their understanding of the District's financial performance.

Highlights

Key highlights for 2004 were as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities increased \$83,937 or 14 percent as compared to 2003. The increase was due to the opening of the juvenile detention facility.

The District's primary source of receipts are member county contributions. These receipts represent 86 percent of the total cash received for governmental activities during the year. A small portion of these receipts in 2004 are presented as program receipts because they were specific to construction expenditures for the facility. Member county contributions increased \$1,706,603 as compared to 2003 to fund the operations of the facility.

Key highlights for 2003 were as follows:

Net assets of governmental activities decreased \$1,466,782 or 71 percent. The decrease was due to significant expenditures related to construction of the juvenile detention facility.

Program specific receipts in the form of member county contributions specifically for construction expenditures, intergovernmental, and interest accounted for \$2,523,382 in receipts or 94 percent of all receipts. The District had \$4,159,074 in disbursements. Of the total, \$4,057,967 or 98% were for the construction of the juvenile detention facility.

Using the Basic Financial Statements

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, as applicable to the District's cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities provide information about the cash activities of the District as a whole.

Fund financial statements provide a greater level of detail. Funds are created and maintained on the financial records of the District as a way to segregate money whose use is restricted to a particular specified purpose. These statements present the District's two funds in separate columns.

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

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Basis of Accounting

The basis of accounting is a set of guidelines that determine when financial events are recorded. The District has elected to present its financial statements on a cash basis of accounting. This basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles. Under the District's cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements are recorded when cash is received or paid.

As a result of using the cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable) are not recorded in the financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this report, the reader must keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the cash basis of accounting.

Reporting the District as a Whole

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities reflect how the District did financially during 2004 and 2003, within the limitations of cash basis accounting. The statement of net assets presents the cash balances of the governmental activities of the District at year end. The statement of activities compares cash disbursements with program receipts for each governmental program activity. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts. The comparison of cash disbursements with program receipts identifies how each governmental function draws from the District's general receipts.

These statements report the District's cash position and the changes in cash position. Keeping in mind the limitations of the cash basis of accounting, you can think of these changes as one way to measure the District's financial health. Over time, increases or decreases in the District's cash position is one indicator of whether the District's financial health is improving or deteriorating. When evaluating the District's financial condition, you should also consider other non-financial factors as well such as the condition of the District's capital assets and infrastructure, the extent of the District's debt obligations, the reliance on non-local financial resources for operations and the need for continued growth in the major local revenue sources.

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities present governmental activities, which includes all the District's services. Member County contributions, state grants and tuition receipts finance most of these activities. Benefits provided through governmental activities are not necessarily paid for by the people receiving them. The District has no business-type activities.

Reporting the District's Funds

Fund financial statements provide detailed information about the District's major funds - not the District as a whole. The District establishes separate funds to better manage its many activities and to help demonstrate that money that is restricted as to how it may be used is being spent for the intended purpose. All of the District's funds are governmental.

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Governmental Funds - The District's activities are reported in governmental funds. The governmental fund financial statements provide a detailed view of the District's governmental operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or less financial resources that can be spent to finance the District's programs. The District's significant governmental funds are presented on the financial statements in separate columns. The District has only two funds which are both presented as majors. The District has no non-major funds (funds whose activity or balances are not large enough to warrant separate reporting). Because the District reports on a cash basis, the total of the governmental funds matches governmental activities and no reconciliation is required.

The District as a Whole

Table 1 provides a summary of the District's net assets for 2004 compared to 2003 and 2002 on a cash basis:

(Table 1)
Net Assets

	Governmental Activities		
	2004	2003	2002
Assets			
Cash	\$ 692,658	\$ 608,721	\$ 2,075,503
Total Assets	692,658	608,721	2,075,503
Net Assets			
Restricted for:			
Capital Outlay	199,091	439,811	1,992,483
Unrestricted	493,567	168,910	83,020
Total Net Assets	\$ 692,658	\$ 608,721	\$ 2,075,503

As mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities increased \$83,937 or 14 percent during 2004. The primary reason for the increase in cash balances was due to the opening of the juvenile detention facility. Member county contributions increased \$1,706,603 as compared to 2003 to fund operations of the facility.

Also as mentioned previously, net assets of governmental activities decreased \$1,466,782 or 70 percent during 2003. The primary reason for the decrease in cash balances were was due to significant expenditures related to construction of the juvenile detention facility.

Table 2 reflects the changes in net assets in 2004 and 2003. Since the District did not prepare financial statements in this format for 2002, a comparative analysis of government-wide data has not been presented. In future years, when prior year information is available, a comparative analysis will be presented.

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(Table 2)
Changes in Net Assets

	Governmental Activities	
	2004	2003
Receipts:		
Program Receipts:		
Charges for Services and Sales	\$284,995	\$0
Operating Grants and Contributions	40,229	0
Capital Grants, Interest and Contributions	83,867	2,523,382
Total Program Receipts	409,091	2,523,382
General Receipts:		
Member County Contributions	1,942,508	168,910
Miscellaneous	9,431	0
Total General Receipts	1,951,939	168,910
Total Receipts	2,361,030	2,692,292
Disbursements:		
General Government:		
Personal Services	1,127,218	81,499
Fringe Benefits	441,622	19,608
Materials and Supplies	166,770	0
Contractual Services	162,178	3,846
Total General Government	1,897,788	104,953
Capital Outlay	379,305	4,054,121
Total Disbursements	2,277,093	4,159,074
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets	83,937	(1,466,782)
Net Assets, January 1, 2004	608,721	2,075,503
Net Assets, December 31, 2004	\$692,658	\$608,721

In 2004, program receipts represent only 17 percent of total receipts and are comprised of charges for services, including tuition reimbursements and rental income, member county contributions specifically for construction expenditures, intergovernmental, and interest.

General receipts represent 83 percent of the District's total receipts, and of this amount, over 99 percent are member county contributions for the operation of the facility.

Disbursements for General Government represent the costs of operating the District. General Government disbursements represented 83 percent of total disbursements and are comprised of employee wages and benefits, materials and supplies, and contractual services.

In 2003, program receipts represent 94 percent of total receipts and are comprised of member county contributions specifically for construction expenditures, restricted intergovernmental receipts, and interest for the construction of the juvenile detention facility.

General receipts represent 6 percent of the District's total receipts and consist solely of member county contributions for the operation of the facility.

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Capital outlay disbursements represented 97 percent of total disbursements. These disbursements were for the construction of the facility.

Governmental Activities

If you look at the Statement of Activities for 2004 on page 10 and for 2003 on page 16, you will see that the first column lists the major disbursements of the District. The next column identifies the amount of these disbursements. In 2004, the major program disbursements for governmental activities were: Personal Services and benefits, which accounted for 69 percent of total disbursements, and capital outlay, which accounted for 17 percent of total disbursements. In 2003, the major program disbursements for governmental activities were capital outlay, which accounted for 97 percent of all disbursements. The next three columns of the Statement entitled Program Receipts identify amounts paid by people who are directly charged for the service and grants and contributions received by the District that must be used to provide a specific service. The net Receipt (Disbursement) column compares the program receipts to the cost of the service. This "net cost" amount represents the cost of the service which ends up being paid from money provided by member county contributions. These net costs are paid from the general receipts which are presented at the bottom of the Statement. A comparison between the total cost of services and the net cost is presented in Table 3.

(Table 3)

	Governmental Activities			
	Total Cost Of Services	Net Cost of Services	Total Cost Of Services	Net Cost of Services
	2004	2004	2003	2003
General Government:				
Personal Services	\$1,127,218	(\$936,536)	\$81,499	(\$81,499)
Fringe Benefits	441,622	(366,943)	19,608	(19,608)
Materials and Supplies	166,770	(138,566)	0	0
Contractual Services	162,178	(138,506)	3,846	(3,846)
Capital Outlay	379,305	(287,451)	4,054,121	(1,530,739)
Total Expenses	\$2,277,093	(\$1,868,002)	\$4,159,074	(\$1,635,692)

In 2004, the dependence upon member county contributions for facility operations is apparent as over 82 percent of governmental activities are supported through these general receipts.

In 2003, 61 percent of disbursements were supported by program receipts. The remaining 39 percent of governmental activities were supported by fund balance.

The District's Funds

In 2004, total governmental funds had receipts of \$2,361,030 and disbursements of \$2,277,093. The fund balance of the General Fund increased \$324,657 as a result of member county contributions for the operation of the facility, tuition reimbursements, and rental income. The fund balance of the Construction Fund decreased \$240,720 as the District finalized construction of the facility.

In 2003, total governmental funds had receipts of \$2,692,292 and disbursements of \$4,159,074. The fund balance of the Construction Fund decreased \$1,635,692 as a result of significant capital outlay disbursements for the construction of the facility. The General Fund was new in 2003 and ended with a fund balance of \$168,910 as member counties contributed funds to begin District operations. The General Fund did not have any disbursements.

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General Fund Budgeting Highlights

The District's budget is prepared according to Ohio law which requires the District estimate receipts, approve appropriations, and encumber funds. The most significant budgeted fund is the General Fund.

The District did not begin budgeting receipts and disbursements until 2004 when the District began operations. The District did not amend budgeted receipts and appropriations during the year. Actual receipts were \$155,197 less than anticipated due to tuition reimbursements and rental income. Final disbursements were budgeted at \$2,432,358 while actual disbursements were \$1,975,438. Materials and supplies expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$42,820.

Capital Assets and Debt Administration

Capital Assets

The District does not currently keep track of its capital assets and infrastructure.

Debt

At December 31, 2004, the District had no outstanding debt.

Contacting the Government's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to reflect the District's accountability for the monies it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to Lori Lovas, Fiscal Officer and Human Services Director, 923 Liberty Center Drive, Lancaster, Ohio 43130.

**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING AND PERRY
MULTI-COUNTY DETENTION DISTRICT**

*Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis
December 31, 2004*

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	<u>\$692,658</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$692,658</u></u>
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	\$199,091
Unrestricted	<u>493,567</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$692,658</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004*

	Program Cash Receipts			Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets	
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services and Sales	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants Interest and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental Activities					
General Government					
Personal Services	\$1,127,218	\$164,533	\$26,149	\$0	(\$936,536)
Fringe Benefits	441,622	64,461	10,218	0	(366,943)
Materials and Supplies	166,770	24,342	3,862	0	(138,566)
Contractual Services	162,178	23,672	0	0	(138,506)
Capital Outlay	379,305	7,987	0	83,867	(287,451)
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u>2,277,093</u>	<u>284,995</u>	<u>40,229</u>	<u>83,867</u>	(1,868,002)
		General Receipts			
		Member County Contributions			1,942,508
		Miscellaneous			<u>9,431</u>
		<i>Total General Receipts</i>			1,951,939
		Change in Net Assets			83,937
		<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>			<u>608,721</u>
		<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>			<u><u>\$692,658</u></u>

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**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING, AND PERRY
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*Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2004*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Construction Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash	\$493,567	\$199,091	\$692,658
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$493,567</u>	<u>\$199,091</u>	<u>\$692,658</u>
Fund Balances			
Reserved:			
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$22,932	\$159,457	\$182,389
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, Reported in:			
General Fund	470,635	0	470,635
Capital Projects Funds	0	39,634	39,634
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$493,567</u>	<u>\$199,091</u>	<u>\$692,658</u>

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*Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004*

	General	Construction Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts			
Charges for Services	\$284,995	\$0	\$284,995
Member County Contributions	1,942,508	78,658	2,021,166
Intergovernmental	40,229	0	40,229
Interest	0	5,209	5,209
Miscellaneous	9,431	0	9,431
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>2,277,163</u>	<u>83,867</u>	<u>2,361,030</u>
Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government			
Personal Services	1,127,218	0	1,127,218
Fringe Benefits	441,622	0	441,622
Materials and Supplies	166,770	0	166,770
Contractual Services	162,178	0	162,178
Total General Government	<u>1,897,788</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,897,788</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>54,718</u>	<u>324,587</u>	<u>379,305</u>
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>1,952,506</u>	<u>324,587</u>	<u>2,277,093</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	324,657	(240,720)	83,937
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>168,910</u>	<u>439,811</u>	<u>608,721</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$493,567</u>	<u>\$199,091</u>	<u>\$692,658</u>

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**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING, AND PERRY
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*Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Receipts				
Charges for Services	\$406,982	\$406,982	\$284,995	(\$121,987)
Member County Contributions	1,942,501	1,942,501	1,942,508	7
Intergovernmental	81,677	81,677	40,229	(41,448)
Miscellaneous	1,200	1,200	9,431	8,231
<i>Total receipts</i>	<u>2,432,360</u>	<u>2,432,360</u>	<u>2,277,163</u>	<u>(155,197)</u>
Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government				
Personal Services	1,236,738	1,236,738	1,127,218	109,520
Fringe Benefits	716,151	716,151	441,622	274,529
Materials and Supplies	123,950	123,950	166,770	(42,820)
Contractual Services	233,350	233,350	180,918	52,432
Total General Government	<u>2,310,189</u>	<u>2,310,189</u>	<u>1,916,528</u>	<u>393,661</u>
Capital Outlay	<u>122,169</u>	<u>122,169</u>	<u>58,910</u>	<u>63,259</u>
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>2,432,358</u>	<u>2,432,358</u>	<u>1,975,438</u>	<u>456,920</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	2	2	301,725	301,723
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	<u>168,910</u>	<u>168,910</u>	<u>168,910</u>	<u>0</u>
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	<u>\$168,912</u>	<u>\$168,912</u>	<u>\$470,635</u>	<u>\$301,723</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING, AND PERRY
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*Statement of Net Assets - Cash Basis
December 31, 2003*

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets	
Cash	<u>\$608,721</u>
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u><u>\$608,721</u></u>
Net Assets	
Restricted for:	
Capital Outlay	\$439,811
Unrestricted	<u>168,910</u>
<i>Total Net Assets</i>	<u><u>\$608,721</u></u>

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**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING, AND PERRY
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*Statement of Activities - Cash Basis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003*

	<u>Cash Disbursements</u>	<u>Program Cash Receipts</u>	<u>Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets</u>
		<u>Capital Grants, Interest and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities			
General Government			
Personal Services	\$81,499	\$0	(\$81,499)
Fringe Benefits	19,608	0	(19,608)
Contractual Services	3,846	0	(3,846)
Capital Outlay	<u>4,054,121</u>	<u>2,523,382</u>	<u>(1,530,739)</u>
<i>Total Governmental Activities</i>	<u><u>\$4,159,074</u></u>	<u><u>\$2,523,382</u></u>	<u><u>(\$1,635,692)</u></u>
General Receipts			
Member County Contributions			<u>168,910</u>
<i>Total General Receipts</i>			168,910
Change in Net Assets			(1,466,782)
<i>Net Assets Beginning of Year</i>			<u>2,075,503</u>
<i>Net Assets End of Year</i>			<u><u>\$608,721</u></u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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*Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2003*

	<u>General</u>	<u>Construction Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash	\$168,910	\$439,811	\$608,721
<i>Total Assets</i>	<u>\$168,910</u>	<u>\$439,811</u>	<u>\$608,721</u>
Fund Balances			
Reserved:			
Reserved for Encumbrances	\$0	\$362,367	\$362,367
Unreserved:			
Undesignated, Reported in:			
General Fund	168,910	0	168,910
Capital Projects Funds	0	77,444	77,444
<i>Total Fund Balances</i>	<u>\$168,910</u>	<u>\$439,811</u>	<u>\$608,721</u>

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*Statement of Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003*

	General	Construction Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Receipts			
Member County Contributions	\$168,910	\$145,653	\$314,563
Intergovernmental	0	2,298,265	2,298,265
Interest	0	79,464	79,464
<i>Total Receipts</i>	<u>168,910</u>	<u>2,523,382</u>	<u>2,692,292</u>
Disbursements			
Current:			
General Government			
Personal Services	0	81,499	81,499
Fringe Benefits	0	19,608	19,608
Materials and Supplies	0	0	0
Contractual Services	0	3,846	3,846
Total General Government	<u>0</u>	<u>104,953</u>	<u>104,953</u>
Capital Outlay	0	4,054,121	4,054,121
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,159,074</u>	<u>4,159,074</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	168,910	(1,635,692)	(1,466,782)
<i>Fund Balances Beginning of Year</i>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,075,503</u>	<u>2,075,503</u>
<i>Fund Balances End of Year</i>	<u>\$168,910</u>	<u>\$439,811</u>	<u>\$608,721</u>

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

**FAIRFIELD, HOCKING, LICKING, AND PERRY
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*Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes
In Fund Balance - Budget and Actual -Budget Basis
General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2003*

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
Receipts				
Member County Contributions	\$0	\$0	\$168,910	\$168,910
<i>Total Receipts</i>	0	0	168,910	168,910
Disbursements				
Current:				
General Government				
Personal Services	0	0	0	0
Fringe Benefits	0	0	0	0
Materials and Supplies	0	0	0	0
Contractual Services	0	0	0	0
Total General Government	0	0	0	0
Capital Outlay	0	0	0	0
<i>Total Disbursements</i>	0	0	0	0
<i>Net Change in Fund Balance</i>	0	0	168,910	168,910
<i>Fund Balance Beginning of Year</i>	0	0	0	0
Prior Year Encumbrances Appropriated	0	0	0	0
<i>Fund Balance End of Year</i>	\$0	\$0	\$168,910	\$168,910

See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Reporting Entity

The Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry Multi-County Detention District, Fairfield County, Ohio (the District) was created on September 22, 2000 in accordance with 2151.343 of the Ohio Revised Code. The District is a body politic and corporate established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is a joint venture operated by Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry Counties for the purpose of providing short-term care in a secure facility for juveniles who are accused, pending court action, adjudicated, or awaiting transfer to another facility.

The District is operated by a twelve-member Joint Board of Commissioners and a twelve-member Board of Trustees. The Joint Board of Commissioners consists of all of the Commissioners from the four counties in the District. The Joint Board of Commissioners exercises total control over the operation of the District, including budgeting, appropriation, contracting, and designating management. The Joint Board of Commissioners appoints the Board of Trustees to operate the District.

The District's purpose is to not accumulate significant financial resources or experience fiscal stress that would cause additional financial benefit to, or burden on, the counties involved.

Jointly Governed and Other Related Organization. A jointly governed organization is a regional government or other multi-governmental arrangement that is governed by representatives from each of the governments that create the organization, but that is not a joint venture because the participants do not retain an ongoing financial interest or responsibility. The District participates in the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA), a public entity risk pool. Note 12 to the basic financial statements provide additional information for this entity.

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

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

As discussed further in Note 2C, these financial statements are presented on a cash basis of accounting. This cash basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Generally accepted accounting principles include all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, which have been applied to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting. In the government-wide financial statements, Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied, to the extent they are applicable to the cash basis of accounting, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case GASB prevails. The following are the more significant of the District's accounting policies.

A. Basis of Presentation

The District's basic financial statements consist of government-wide financial statements, including a statement of net assets and a statement of activities, and fund financial statements which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net assets and the statement of activities display information about the District as a whole. These statements include the financial activities of the District. The activities of the District are considered governmental.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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(Continued)**

Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Governmental activities generally are financed through charges for services, member county contributions, intergovernmental revenues or other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of net assets presents the cash balance of the governmental activities of the District at year-end. The statement of activities compares disbursements with program receipts for each of the District's governmental activities. Disbursements are reported by function. A function is a group of related activities designed to accomplish a major service or regulatory program for which the District is responsible. Program receipts include charges paid by the recipient of the program's goods or services and grants and contributions, including interest restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. General receipts are all receipts not classified as program receipts, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct disbursements with program receipts identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing on a cash basis or draws from the District's general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements

During the year, the District segregates transactions related to certain District functions or activities in separate funds to aid financial management and to demonstrate legal compliance. Fund financial statements are designed to present financial information of the District at this more detailed level. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

B. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to maintain its financial records during the year. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds are used to segregate resources that are restricted as to use. All of the District's funds are governmental.

Governmental Funds

The District classifies funds financed primarily from intergovernmental receipts (e.g. grants), and other non-exchange transactions as governmental funds. The District's major governmental funds are the General Fund and Construction Fund. The General Fund is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in the Construction Fund. The General Fund balance is available to the District for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred according to the general laws of Ohio. The Construction Fund accounts for grants and other resources whose use is restricted to a particular purpose.

C. Basis of Accounting

The District's financial statements are prepared using the cash basis of accounting. Receipts are recorded in the District's financial records and reported in the financial statements when cash is received rather than when earned and disbursements are recorded when cash is paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

As a result of the use of this cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) are not recorded in these financial statements.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

D. Budgetary Process

All funds are legally required to be budgeted and appropriated. The major documents prepared are the tax budget, the certificate of estimated resources, and appropriations, all of which are prepared on the budgetary basis of accounting. The tax budget demonstrates a need for existing or increased tax rates. The certificate of estimated resources establishes a limit on the amount the District's Joint Board of Commissioners may appropriate.

Appropriations are the Joint Board of Commissioners authorization to spend resources and sets limits on expenditures plus encumbrances at the level of control selected by the Joint Board of Commissioners. The legal level of control has been established at the fund/function level for all funds.

The certificate of estimated resources may be amended during the year if projected increases or decreases in revenue are identified by the District's Fiscal Officer. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the certificate of estimated resources when the original appropriations were adopted. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts on the budgetary statements reflect the amounts on the amended certificated of estimated resources in effect at the time final appropriations were passed by the Joint Board of Commissioners.

Appropriations are subject to amendment throughout the year with the restriction that appropriations cannot exceed estimated resources. The amounts reported as the original budgeted amounts reflect the first appropriation for that fund that covered the entire year, including amounts automatically carried forward from prior years. The amounts reported as the final budgeted amounts represent the final appropriation amounts passed by the Joint Board of Commissioners during the year.

E. Cash and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Fairfield County Treasurer holds the District's cash as custodian for the District. The District's assets are held in the County's cash and investment pool, and are valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

F. Capital Assets

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

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District's cash basis of accounting.

H. Employer Contributions to Cost-Sharing Pension Plans

The District recognizes the disbursement for their employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plans when they are paid. As described in Notes 8 and 9, the employer contributions include portions for pension benefits and for postretirement health care benefits.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

I. Net Assets

Net assets are reported as restricted when there are limitations imposed on their use either through enabling legislation or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, or laws or regulations of other governments. Net assets restricted for capital outlay include resources restricted for capital projects relating to the construction of the detention center facility.

The District's policy is to first apply restricted resources when an obligation is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

J. Fund Balance Reserves

The District reserves any portion of fund balances which is not available for appropriation or which is legally segregated for a specific future use. Unreserved and undesignated fund balance indicates that portion of fund balance which is available for appropriation in future periods. Fund balance reserves have been established for encumbrances.

Note 3 - Compliance

In 2004, the following account had expenditures plus encumbrances in excess of appropriations contrary to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.41 (B):

<u>General Fund:</u>	<u>Excess</u>
Materials and Supplies	\$42,820

The District will monitor expenditures and appropriations more closely.

Note 4 - Change in Reporting Presentation

For the years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003, the District revised its financial statement presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*.

Note 5 - Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budgetary basis as provided by law is based upon accounting for certain transactions on the basis of cash receipts, disbursements, and encumbrances. The Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual - Budget Basis for the General Fund is presented on the budgetary basis to provide a meaningful comparison of actual results with the budget. The difference between the budgetary basis and the cash basis is outstanding year-end encumbrances are treated as expenditures (budgetary basis) rather than as a reservation of fund balance (cash basis). The encumbrances outstanding at year-end (budgetary basis) amounted to \$22,932 for the General Fund.

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Note 6 - Funding

The Joint Board of Commissioners has the responsibility for funding the District in accordance with one of the following methods:

1. In proportion to the number of children from such county who are maintained in the home during the year;
2. By a levy submitted to the Joint Board of Commissioners under Division (A) of Section 5705.19 of the Ohio Revised Code and approved by the electors of the District;
3. In proportion to the taxable property of each county, as shown on the tax duplicate; and
4. In any combination of the above.

Note 7 - Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to or destruction of assets, and natural disasters. By contracting with the County Risk Sharing Authority (CORSA) for liability and property insurance, the District has addressed these various types of risk.

The CORSA program has a \$2,500 deductible. General liability insurance is maintained in the amount of \$1,000,000 for each occurrence, \$5,000,000 umbrella, and no annual aggregate.

Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District participates in the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS administers three separate pension plans. The traditional plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The member-directed plan is a defined contribution plan in which the member invests both member and employer contributions (employer contributions vest over five years at 20 percent per year). Under the member directed plan, members accumulate retirement assets equal to the value of the member and vested employer contributions plus any investment earnings.

The combined plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that has elements of both a defined benefit and a defined contribution plan. Under the combined plan, employer contributions are invested by the retirement system to provide a formula retirement benefit similar to the traditional plan benefit. Member contributions, whose investment is self-directed by the member, accumulate retirement assets in a manner similar to the member directed plan.

OPERS provides retirement, disability, survivor and death benefits and annual cost of living adjustments to members of the traditional and combined plans. Members of the member directed plan do not qualify for ancillary benefits. Authority to establish and amend benefits is provided by Chapter 145 of the Ohio Revised Code. OPERS issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to OPERS, 277 East Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215-4642 or by calling (614) 222-6705 or (800) 222-7377.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, the members of all three plans were required to contribute 8.5 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District's contribution rate for pension benefits for 2004 was 13.55 percent. The Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions.

The District's required contributions for pension obligations to the traditional plan for the years ended December 31, 2004, 2003, and 2002 were \$147,623, \$11,728, and \$7,700 respectively; 91.8 percent has been contributed for 2004, and 100 percent has been contributed for 2003 and 2002.

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Note 8 - Defined Benefit Pension Plans (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System

The District contributes to the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio (STRS Ohio), a cost-sharing multiple-employer public employee retirement system. STRS Ohio provides retirement and disability benefits to members and death and survivor benefits to beneficiaries. STRS Ohio issues a stand-alone financial report that may be obtained by writing to STRS Ohio, 275 East Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215-3371, by calling (614) 227-4090, or by visiting the STRS Ohio web site at www.strsoh.org.

New members have a choice of three retirement plans, a Defined Benefit (DB) Plan, a Defined Contribution (DC) Plan, and a Combined Plan. The DB plan offers an annual retirement allowance based on final average salary times a percentage that varies based on years of service, or an allowance based on member contributions and earned interest matched by STRS Ohio funds times an actuarially determined annuity factor. The DC Plan allows members to place all their member contributions and employer contributions equal to 10.5 percent of earned compensation into an investment account. Investment decisions are made by the member. A member is eligible to receive a retirement benefit at age 50 and termination of employment. The Combined Plan offers features of both the DC Plan and the DB Plan. In the Combined Plan, member contributions are invested by the member, and employer contributions are used to fund the defined benefit payment at a reduced level from the regular DB Plan. DC and Combined Plan members will transfer to the Defined Benefit Plan during their fifth year of membership unless they permanently select the DC or Combined Plan. Existing members with less than five years of service as of June 30, 2001, were given the option of making a one time irrevocable decision to transfer their account balances from the existing DB Plan into the DC Plan or the Combined Plan. This option expired on December 31, 2001. Benefits are established by Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code.

A DB or Combined Plan member with five or more years credited service who becomes disabled may qualify for a disability benefit. Eligible spouses and dependents of these active members who die before retirement may qualify for survivor benefits. Members in the DC Plan who become disabled are entitled only to their account balance. If a member dies before retirement benefits begin, the member's designated beneficiary is entitled to receive the member's account balance.

For the year ended December 31, 2004, plan members were required to contribute 9.3 percent of their annual covered salaries. The District was required to contribute 14 percent; 13 percent was the portion used to fund pension obligations. Contribution rates are established by the State Teachers Retirement Board, upon recommendations of its consulting actuary, not to exceed statutory maximum rates of 10 percent for members and 14 percent for employers. Chapter 3307 of the Ohio Revised Code provides statutory authority for member and employer contributions. The District's required contributions for pension obligations for the year ended December 31, 2004 was \$9,990. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2004.

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Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits

A. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The OPERS provides postretirement health care coverage to age and service retirees with ten or more years of qualifying Ohio service credit with either the traditional or combined plans. Health care coverage for disability recipients and primary survivor recipients is available. Members of the member-directed plan do not qualify for postretirement health care coverage. The health care coverage provided by the retirement system is considered an Other Postemployment Benefit as described in *GASB Statement No. 12*. A portion of each employer's contribution to the traditional or combined plans is set aside for the funding of postretirement health care based on authority granted by State statute. The 2004 local government employer contribution rate was 13.55 percent of covered payroll; 4.00 percent of covered payroll was the portion that was used to fund health care.

Benefits are advance-funded using the entry age normal actuarial cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions, based on OPERS's latest actuarial review performed as of December 31, 2003, include a rate of return on investments of 8.00 percent, an annual increase in active employee total payroll of 4.00 percent compounded annually (assuming no change in the number of active employees) and an additional increase in total payroll of between .50 percent and 6.3 percent based on additional annual pay increases. Health care premiums were assumed to increase between 1.00 and 6.00 percent annually for the next eight years and 4.00 percent annually after eight years.

All investments are carried at market. For actuarial valuation purposes, a smoothed market approach is used. Assets are adjusted to reflect 25 percent of unrealized market appreciation or depreciation on investment assets annually.

The number of active contributing participants in the traditional and combined plans was 369,885. Actual employer contributions for 2004 which were used to fund postemployment benefits were \$43,579. The actual contribution and the actuarially required contribution amounts are the same. OPERS's net assets available for payment of benefits at December 31, 2003, (the latest information available) were \$10.5 billion. The actuarially accrued liability and the unfunded actuarial accrued liability were \$26.9 billion and \$16.4 billion, respectively.

On September 9, 2004, the OPERS Retirement Board adopted a Health Care Preservation Plan (HCPP) with an effective date of January 1, 2007. The HCPP restructures OPERS' health care coverage to improve the financial solvency of the fund in response to increasing health care costs.

B. State Teachers Retirement System

STRS Ohio provides comprehensive health care benefits to retired teachers and their dependents. Benefits include hospitalization, physicians' fees, prescription drugs and reimbursement of monthly Medicare premiums. Benefit provisions and the obligations to contribute are established by the system based on authority granted by State statute. The system is on a pay-as-you-go basis.

All STRS Ohio benefit recipients and sponsored dependents are eligible for health care coverage. The STRS Ohio Board has statutory authority over how much, if any, of the health care costs will be absorbed by STRS Ohio. Most benefit recipients pay a portion of the health care cost in the form of a monthly premium. By law, the cost of coverage paid from STRS Ohio funds is included in the employer contribution rate, currently 14 percent of covered payroll. During 2004, the STRS Ohio Board allocated employer contributions equal to 1 percent of covered payroll to the Health Care Reserve Fund.

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Note 9 - Postemployment Benefits (Continued)

B. State Teachers Retirement System (Continued)

STRS Ohio pays health care benefits from the Health Care Stabilization Fund. The balance in the Fund was \$3.1 billion at June 30, 2004. For the year ended June 30, 2004, net health care costs paid by STRS Ohio were \$268,739,000 and STRS Ohio had 111,853 eligible benefit recipients.

Note 10 - Construction and Contractual Commitments

At December 31, 2004, the District had contractual commitments for the construction of a juvenile detention facility. The amount of each contract is as follows:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Purchase Commitment</u>	<u>Amounts Paid as of 12/31/04</u>	<u>Amounts Remaining On Contracts</u>
Drummond Construction	\$3,350,775	\$3,211,708	\$139,067
Gutridge Plumbing	614,932	614,929	3
Howard's Sheet Metal	768,000	761,531	6,469
Accurate Electric Construction	<u>934,221</u>	<u>934,221</u>	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$5,667,928</u>	<u>\$5,522,389</u>	<u>\$145,539</u>

Note 11 - Public Entity Risk Pool

The County Risk Sharing Authority, Inc. (CORSA) is a shared risk pool among forty-one counties in Ohio. CORSA was formed as an Ohio non-profit corporation for the purpose of establishing the CORSA Insurance/Self-Insurance Program, a group primary and excess insurance/self-insurance and risk management program. Members agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by CORSA. The coverage includes comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance, and public officials' errors and omissions liability insurance.

Each member has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, which will be cast by a designated representative. An elected board of not more than nine trustees manages the affairs of the Corporation. Only County Commissioners of member counties are eligible to serve on the board. No county may have more than one representative on the board at any time. Each member's control over the budgeting and financing of CORSA is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of trustees. CORSA has issued certificates of participation in order to provide adequate cash reserves. The certificates are secured by the members' obligations to make coverage payments to CORSA. The participating members have no responsibility for the payment of the certificates. The District does not have an equity interest in CORSA. The District's payment for insurance to CORSA in 2004 was \$17,115. No payment was made in 2003.



Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry
Multi-County Detention District
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To the Joint Board of Commissioners:

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of Fairfield, Hocking, Licking, and Perry Multi-County Detention District, Fairfield County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2004, and December 31, 2003, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 31, 2005, wherein we noted the District revised its financial statement presentation comparable to the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standard No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures in order to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable 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 caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*. In a separate letter to the District's management dated August 31, 2005, we reported other matters related to noncompliance we deemed immaterial.

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We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the Joint Board of Commissioners, and the Board of Trustees. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Betty Montgomery". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Betty Montgomery
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August 31, 2005



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FAIRFIELD 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
OCTOBER 11, 2005**