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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Grove City Area Convention and Visitors Bureau
Franklin County
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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Grove City Area Convention & Visitor Bureau's (the Bureau) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2020 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the Bureau. The Bureau is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2020 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the Bureau.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the Bureau have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the Bureau's receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2020, 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, 2020 bank reconciliation. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2020 beginning fund balances for each fund recorded in the cash journal to the December 31, 2019 balances in the documentation in the prior year agreed upon procedures working papers. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2020 fund cash balances reported in the Fund Status Report. The amounts agreed.

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4. We observed the year-end bank balances on the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2020 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected 5 reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2020 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the Payment Register Detail report to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31.
6. We inspected investments held at December 31, 2020 to determine that they were of a type authorized by the Bureau. We found no exceptions.

Cash Receipts

1. We summarized lodging taxes the City of Grove City's Detail Expense Report reported as payments to the Bureau during the year ending December 31, 2020. The total reported disbursements were as follows:

| Year Ended | Amount |
|-------------------|-----------|
| December 31, 2020 | \$309,828 |

2. We compared the amounts from step 1 to amounts recorded as lodging tax receipts on the Bureau's Bed Tax Income Journal. We found no exceptions.

Cash Disbursements

1. We inquired of management regarding sources describing allowable purposes or restrictions related to the Bureau's disbursements of lodging taxes. We listed these sources and summarized significant related restrictions below:

Source of Restrictions

- a. The Bureau's Articles of Incorporation
- b. The Bureau's 501(c)(6) Tax Exemption
- c. City of Grove City Ordinance C123-88

The Bureau's tax exemption prohibits it from disbursements supporting a candidate's election.

Auditor of State Bulletin 2003-005 concludes that disbursement of public funds (e.g. lodging taxes) for alcohol are generally improper. However, Auditor of State Bulletin 2014-003 explains when sales of alcohol at public events are permissible.

Ordinance C123-88 permits the Bureau to spend lodging taxes only for the promotion and publicizing of the City of Grove City as a desirable location for conventions, trade shows and similar events to encourage the patronage and business of cultural, educational, religious, professional, sports and other activities to utilize the City of Grove City.

We selected 10 disbursements of lodging taxes from the General Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2020 and compared the purpose for these disbursements as documented on vendor invoices or other supporting documentation to the sources of restrictions listed in *Cash Disbursements Step 1* above. We found no instances where the purpose described on the invoice or other supporting documentation described a violation the restrictions listed above.

We were engaged by the Bureau 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 of the Bureau's lodging tax receipts and disbursements for the years ended December 31, 2020 , the objective of which would have been to opine on lodging tax receipts and disbursements or provide a conclusion. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that we would have reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Bureau 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.



Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

March 24, 2022

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FRANKLIN COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

This is a true and correct copy of the report, which is required to be filed pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in the Office of the Ohio Auditor of State in Columbus, Ohio.



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