



**BLOOM-SCIPIO JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT
dba EASTERN SENECA JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT
SENECA COUTNY**

AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

FINAL AUDIT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022



INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Bloom-Scipio Joint Ambulance District
dba Eastern Seneca Ambulance District
Seneca County
5900 North Township Road 175
Republic, Ohio 44867

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on Bloom-Scipio Joint Ambulance District dba Eastern Seneca Ambulance District, Seneca County, Ohio’s (the District) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to those transactions and balances, included in the information provided to us by the management of the District. The District is responsible for the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2022 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District.

The Board of Trustees and the management of the District have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of providing assistance in the evaluation of the District’s receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in their cash-basis accounting records for the year ended December 31, 2022, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances. No other party acknowledged the appropriateness of the procedures. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of the report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

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

The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

Cash

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balance for the General Fund recorded in the Fund Ledger Report to the December 31, 2021 balances in the prior year documentation in the prior Basic Audit working papers. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the 2022 bank reconciliation adjusted UAN Balances and Adjusted Bank Balance as of December 31, 2022 to the total fund cash balance reported in the Fund Status Report and the financial statements filed by the District in the Hinkle System. The amounts agreed.

4. We observed the year-end bank balance on the financial institution's website. The balance agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balance to the amount appearing in the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected both reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
 - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register and determined the debits were dated prior to December 31. We found no exceptions.

Property Taxes Receipts

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* from 2022:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above named report to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger Report. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger Report to determine these receipts were allocated to the proper fund as required by Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger Report to determine whether the receipt was recorded proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Revenue Ledger Report to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2022. The Revenue Ledger Report included the proper number of tax receipts for the year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior audit documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2021.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Receipt Register Report and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2022 or debt payment activity during 2022. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2022.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2022 from the Wage Withholdings Detail Report and:
 - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
 - b. We inspected the fund and account code to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files and minute record. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected the one new Trustee from 2022 and:
 - a. We inspected the Board of Trustees' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State and Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Employee General Information Report. We found no exceptions.

3. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2022 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 2022. We observed the following:

Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)	Date Due	Date Paid	Amount Due	Amount Paid
Federal income taxes and Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2023	December 27, 2022	\$195.44	\$195.44
State income taxes	January 15, 2023	December 21, 2022	16.84	16.84
Local income tax	January 31, 2023	December 21, 2022	32.75	32.75
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2023	December 21, 2022	246.00	246.00

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

We selected 10 disbursements from the Payment Register Detail Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 and determined whether:

- a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
- b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
- c. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(D). We found no exceptions.

Compliance – Budgetary

1. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total approved appropriations (Ohio Rev. Code §§ 5705.38 and 5705.40) plus any carryover appropriations for the year ended December 31, 2022 for the General fund. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected the Fund Ledger Report for the year ended December 31, 2022 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10 (l) provides that money paid into a fund must be used for the purposes for which such fund is established. As a result, a negative fund cash balance indicates that money from one fund was used to cover the expenses of another. There were no funds having negative cash fund balances.

Sunshine Law Compliance

1. We obtained and inspected the District'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 both public records requests from the engagement period and inspected each request to determine the following:
 - a. The District 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 District did not have any denied public records requests during the engagement period.
 - c. The District did not have any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired whether the District 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 inquired with District management if there was written evidence that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). No such written evidence was provided.
5. We inspected the District's policy manual and determined the Public Records Policy was not included as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
6. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have a Public Records Policy displayed in all the branches of the District as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2).
7. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any applications for record disposal submitted to the Records Commission during the engagement period.
8. We inquired with District management and determined that the District 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 District notified the general public and news media of when and where meetings during the engagement period were to be held as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(F). We found no exceptions.
10. We inspected the minutes of public meetings during the engagement period in accordance with Ohio Rev. Code § 121.22(C) and determined whether they were:
 - a. Prepared – a file is created following the date of the meeting
 - b. Filed – placed with similar documents in an organized manner
 - c. Maintained - retained, at a minimum, for the engagement period
 - d. Open to public inspection – available for public viewing or request.We found no exceptions.

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

Other Compliance

Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 requires Districts 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 District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy, within the allotted timeframe for the year ended December 31, 2022 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

Closeout of Operations Procedures

We inspected the Board's approval to dissolve the District and documented the effective date of the dissolution as December 31, 2022. We found no exceptions.

Cash

1. We observed the District's bank balance on the financial institution's website as of the date of dissolution.
2. We observed the check written on January 9, 2023 to Seneca County Joint Ambulance District from the District reducing the bank balance to \$0. We agreed the restricted fund balance of the District to the appropriate fund posting in Seneca County Joint Ambulance District's Receipt Detail Report.

Capital Assets

1. We obtained a list of the Capital Assets, including a description and location, to be transferred from the District to Seneca County Joint Ambulance District.
2. We inquired and documented that the District transferred all real and personal property, in accordance with the agreements between the District and Seneca County Joint Ambulance District.

We were engaged by the District 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 District'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.

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We are required to be independent of the District 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.

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

Keith Faber
Auditor of State
Columbus, Ohio

August 1, 2023

OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**BLOOM-SCIPIO JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT DBA EASTERN SENECA JOINT AMBULANCE
DISTRICT**

SENECA 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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