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We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Western Joint Ambulance District's (the District) receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 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 years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 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 years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021, 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 and December 31, 2021 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2021 beginning fund balance for the General Fund recorded in the financial statements to the December 31, 2020 balance in the prior year documentation in the prior year Agreed-Upon Procedures working papers. We found the 2020 ending fund balance exceeded the 2021 beginning fund balance by \$43,601. We also agreed the January 1, 2022 beginning fund balance for the General fund recorded in the financial statements to the December 31, 2021 balance in the financial statements. We found the 2021 ending fund balance exceeded the 2022 beginning fund balance by \$27,933.
3. We agreed the 2022 and 2021 bank reconciliation as of December 31, 2022 and 2021 to the total fund cash balances reported in the manual accounting system and in the financial statements filed by the District in the Hinkle System. The financial statements ending fund balance for 2021 was \$1,051 less than the bank reconciliation. The financial statements ending fund balance for 2022 was \$21,848 more than the bank reconciliation.

4. We confirmed the December 31, 2022 bank account balance with the District's financial institution. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation without exception.
5. We selected all reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) from the December 31, 2022 bank reconciliation:
 - a. We traced the 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, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts

1. We selected a total of five receipts from the County Auditor Detail Transaction of the Subsidiary Accounts report from 2022 and a total of five from 2021:
 - a. We compared the amount from the above named reports to the amount recorded in the Income Ledgers. The amounts agreed.
 - b. We inspected the Income Ledgers 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 Income Ledgers to determine whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the Income Ledgers to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2022 and 2021. The Income Ledgers included the proper number of tax receipts for each year. We found no exceptions.

Other Receipts

We selected 10 other receipts from the year ended December 31, 2022 and all other receipts from the year ended 2021 and:

- a. Agreed the receipt amount recorded in the Income Ledgers to supporting documentation. The amounts agreed.
- b. Inspected the Income Ledgers to determine the receipt was posted to the proper funds, and was recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

Debt

1. The prior agreed-upon procedures documentation disclosed no debt outstanding as of December 31, 2020.
2. We inquired of management and inspected the Income Ledgers and Check Register for evidence of debt issued during 2022 or 2021 or debt payment activity during 2022 or 2021. There were no new debt issuances, nor any debt payment activity during 2022 or 2021.

Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2022 and one payroll check for five employees from 2021 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 recomputed gross and net pay and agreed it to the amount recorded in the payroll register. We found no exceptions.
 - c. We inspected the fund and account codes to which the check was posted to determine the posting was allowable based on the employees' duties as documented in the employees' personnel files. We found no exceptions.
 - d. We confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We selected all new employees from 2022 and all new employees from 2021 and:
- a. We inspected the employees' personnel files for the Retirement system, Federal, State & Local income tax withholding authorization.
 - b. We agreed the items in a above to the Payroll Register.

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 & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system) | January 31, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | \$1,757.93 | \$1,757.93 |
| Ohio State income taxes | January 15, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | 300.96 | 300.96 |
| Indiana State Income Taxes | January 20, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | 39.71 | 39.71 |
| Dearborn Local income tax | January 15, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | 9.18 | 9.18 |
| Reading Local Income Tax | January 15, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | 5.44 | 5.44 |
| Harrison Local Income Tax | January 15, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | 16.32 | 16.32 |
| Southwest Local School District Local Income Tax | January 15, 2023 | December 29, 2022 | 25.16 | 25.16 |
| OPERS retirement | January 30, 2023 | January 6, 2023 | \$5,788.18 | \$5,788.18 |

We found no exceptions.

Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. From the Check Register, we re-footed checks recorded as General Fund disbursements for *security of persons and property*, for 2022 and 2021. We found no exceptions for 2022. The recalculated total for 2021 was \$219 more than the Check Register total.
2. We selected 10 disbursements from the Check Register for the year ended December 31, 2022 and 10 from the year ended 2021 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 canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Check Register 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 years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021. Expenditures did not exceed appropriations.
2. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code § 5705.10 (I) 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 balance.

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 inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have any completed or denied public records requests or any public records requests with redactions during the engagement period.
3. We inquired with District management and determined that the District did not have a records retention schedule during the engagement period and therefore could not make it readily available to the public as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(B)(2).
4. We inquired whether written evidence was maintained that the Public Records Policy was provided to the records custodian/manager as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). No 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 observed that the District's poster describing their Public Records Policy was displayed conspicuously in all branches of the District as required by Ohio Rev. Code § 149.43(E)(2). We found no exceptions.
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

1. 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 years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021 in the Hinkle system. We found no exceptions.

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.

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

December 18, 2023

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WESTERN JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT

HAMILTON 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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