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**HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HOLMES COUNTY
REGULAR AUDIT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 - 2023**



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Holmes County General Health District
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Holmes County General Health District, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. Based upon this review, we have accepted these reports in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code. The Auditor of State did not audit the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we are unable to express, and do not express an opinion on them.

Our review was made in reference to the applicable sections of legislative criteria, as reflected by the Ohio Constitution, and the Revised Code, policies, procedures and guidelines of the Auditor of State, regulations and grant requirements. The Holmes County General Health District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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Tiffany L Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

July 28, 2025

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HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
85 N. Grant Street, Suite B
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To the Board:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the Holmes County General Health District, Holmes County, Ohio (the District), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the *Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District, as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements (Continued)

- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 25, 2025, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

April 25, 2025

**HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HOLMES COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	General	Special Revenue	Combined Total
Cash Receipts			
Charges for Services	\$ 2,550	\$ 147,356	\$ 149,906
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	87,461	757,312	844,773
Intergovernmental:			
Subsidies	236,013	-	236,013
Grants	22,500	958,163	980,663
Other	256,192	164,470	420,662
Miscellaneous	-	2	2
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>604,716</u>	<u>2,027,303</u>	<u>2,632,019</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Personnel Expenses	487,340	1,208,112	1,695,452
Travel/Conference	6,241	14,300	20,541
Materials and Supplies	31,879	76,832	108,711
Office Space	46,205	1,853	48,058
Equipment	4,200	300,875	305,075
Contract Services	16,977	240,983	257,960
Administration	50,164	240,930	291,094
State Fees	36,307	36,518	72,825
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>679,313</u>	<u>2,120,403</u>	<u>2,799,716</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(74,597)</u>	<u>(93,100)</u>	<u>(167,697)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Transfers In	-	45,155	45,155
Transfers Out	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>(15,155)</u>	<u>(45,155)</u>
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(30,000)</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(104,597)</u>	<u>(63,100)</u>	<u>(167,697)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>484,840</u>	<u>473,827</u>	<u>958,667</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 380,243</u>	<u>\$ 410,727</u>	<u>\$ 790,970</u>

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

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Holmes County General Health District, Holmes County, Ohio (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and health-related licenses and permits.

Public Entity Risk Pool

The District belongs to the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP), a public entity risk pool. Note 6 to the financial statements provides 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

Basis of Presentation

The District's financial statements consist of a combined statement of receipts, disbursements and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types, which is organized on a fund type basis.

Fund Accounting

The District uses funds 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. The funds of the District are presented below:

General Fund The general fund accounts for and reports all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another 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.

Special Revenue Funds These funds account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted to disbursement for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

Sewage Program Fund This fund accounts for and reports monies received from charges for services, fines, licenses, and permits for the purpose of providing sewage programs to the County.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The District recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred. Budgetary presentations report budgetary expenditures when a commitment is made (i.e., when an encumbrance is approved).

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
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For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund annually.

Appropriations Budgetary disbursements (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the object level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

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

Encumbrances The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when individual commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2024 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

Capital Assets

The District records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

Accumulated Leave

District employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

Fund Balance

Fund balance is divided into five classifications based primarily on the extent to which the District must observe constraints imposed upon the use of its governmental fund resources. The classifications are as follows:

Nonspendable The District classifies assets as *nonspendable* when legally or contractually required to maintain the amounts intact. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the District and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

Restricted Fund balance is *restricted* when constraints placed on the use of resources are either externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or is imposed by law through constitutional provisions.

Committed The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends the resolution. Committed fund balance also incorporates contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed to satisfy contractual requirements.

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

Unassigned Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund and includes amounts not included in the other classifications. In other governmental funds, the unassigned classification is used only to report a deficit balance.

The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2024, follows:

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 761,424	\$ 604,716	\$ (156,708)
Special Revenue	2,989,505	2,072,458	(917,047)
Total	<u>\$ 3,750,929</u>	<u>\$ 2,677,174</u>	<u>\$ (1,073,755)</u>

2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 733,826	\$ 709,313	\$ 24,513
Special Revenue	3,056,023	2,135,558	920,465
Total	<u>\$ 3,789,849</u>	<u>\$ 2,844,871</u>	<u>\$ 944,978</u>

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Holmes County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 5 – Intergovernmental Funding

Intergovernmental Funding

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

Note 6 – Risk Management

The District is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31 (latest available information):

	2023
Cash and investments	\$43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	\$19,743,401

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2024, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities

The District may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the District's financial condition. Management is not aware of any pending litigation.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 10 – Fund Balance

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end, the District had none of the above fund balances.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue fund would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

Note 11 – Ohio Department of Health Receipts

The following table shows Federal grant receipts that were received during 2024 for grants that were passed through the Ohio Department of Health to the Health District:

Grant	AL Number	Amount Received
Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	\$ 138,767
Creating Healthy Communities	93.991	7,455
Tobacco Use Prevention	93.387	73,350
Falls Prevention	93.991	110,000
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	73,988
Community Health Worker	93.391	9,500
COVID-19 Enhanced Operations	93.323	66,965
Get Vaccinated Ohio	93.268	13,483
Public Health Workforce	93.967	205,301
COVID-19 Bridge	93.268	8,700
Total		<u><u>\$ 707,509</u></u>

**HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HOLMES COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General	Special Revenue	Combined Total
Cash Receipts			
Charges for Services	\$ -	\$ 255,889	\$ 255,889
Fines, Licenses, and Permits	100,612	397,994	498,606
Intergovernmental:			
Subsidies	236,564	-	236,564
Grants	31,131	607,093	638,224
Other	194,018	167,154	361,172
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>562,325</u>	<u>1,428,130</u>	<u>1,990,455</u>
Cash Disbursements			
Personal Expenses	415,111	1,032,068	1,447,179
Travel/Conference	5,473	10,110	15,583
Materials and Supplies	27,525	69,509	97,034
Office Space	35,708	-	35,708
Equipment	-	24,290	24,290
Contract Services	16,632	297,341	313,973
Administration	43,431	70,330	113,761
State Fees	39,392	37,801	77,193
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>583,272</u>	<u>1,541,449</u>	<u>2,124,721</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(20,947)</u>	<u>(113,319)</u>	<u>(134,266)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)			
Transfers In	-	37,144	37,144
Transfers Out	(35,000)	(2,144)	(37,144)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(35,000)</u>	<u>35,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(55,947)</u>	<u>(78,319)</u>	<u>(134,266)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1 (Restated - See Note 12)</i>	<u>540,787</u>	<u>552,146</u>	<u>1,092,933</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 484,840</u>	<u>\$ 473,827</u>	<u>\$ 958,667</u>

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Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
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Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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The District applies restricted resources first when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which either restricted or unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) amounts are available. Similarly, within unrestricted fund balance, committed amounts are reduced first followed by assigned, and then unassigned amounts when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 10.

Note 3 – Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023, follows:

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 664,142	\$ 562,325	\$ (101,817)
Special Revenue	2,430,901	1,465,274	(965,627)
Total	<u>\$ 3,095,043</u>	<u>\$ 2,027,599</u>	<u>\$ (1,067,444)</u>

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Disbursements			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Disbursements	Variance
General	\$ 635,106	\$ 618,272	\$ 16,834
Special Revenue	2,554,990	1,543,593	1,011,397
Total	<u>\$ 3,190,096</u>	<u>\$ 2,161,865</u>	<u>\$ 1,028,231</u>

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Holmes County Treasurer is custodian for the District's deposits. The County's deposit and investment pool holds the District's assets, valued at the Treasurer's reported carrying amount.

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 5 – Intergovernmental Funding

Intergovernmental Funding

The County apportions the excess of the District's appropriations over other estimated receipts among the townships and municipalities composing the District, based on their taxable property valuations. The County withholds the apportioned excess from property tax settlements and distributes it to the District. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

Note 6 – Risk Management

The District is a member of the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (The Pool). The Pool assumes the risk of loss up to the limits of the District's policy. The Pool covers the following risks:

- General liability and casualty
- Public official's liability
- Cyber
- Law enforcement liability
- Automobile liability
- Vehicles
- Property
- Equipment breakdown

The Pool reported the following summary of assets and actuarially-measured liabilities available to pay those liabilities as of December 31:

	2023
Cash and investments	\$43,996,442
Actuarial liabilities	\$19,743,401

Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District's employees belong to the Ohio Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). OPERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes this plan's benefits, which include postretirement healthcare and survivor and disability benefits.

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. OPERS members contributed 10% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2023, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

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Note 9 – Contingent Liabilities

The District may be a defendant in lawsuits. Although management cannot presently determine the outcome of any suit, management believes that the resolution of these matters will not materially adversely affect the District's financial condition. Management is not aware of any pending litigation.

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 10 – Fund Balance

Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilities effective cash planning and control. At year end, the District had none of the above fund balances.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted and committed amounts in the special revenue fund would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

Note 11 – Ohio Department of Health Receipts

The following table shows Federal grant receipts that were received during 2023 for grants that were passed through the Ohio Department of Health to the Health District:

Grant	AL Number	Amount Received
Women, Infants, and Children	10.557	\$ 134,461
Injury Prevention	93.991	90,000
Public Health Workforce	93.967	81,700
Get Vaccinated Ohio	93.268	29,222
COVID-19 Enhanced Operations	93.323	58,520
COVID-19 Vaccination - CN22	93.268	26,908
Community Health Worker	93.391	50,250
Tobacco Use Prevention and Cessation	93.759	30,950
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	93.069	76,007
Total		<u>\$ 578,018</u>

Note 12 – Restatement of Beginning Fund Balance

Due to an error correction, the District decreased its beginning fund cash position at January 1, 2023 in the Special Revenue Fund by \$650. The effect of the restatement on the beginning fund cash balance is reflected in the chart below.

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Note 12 – Restatement of Beginning Fund Balance (Continued)

	12/31/2022		
	As Previously Reported	Error Correction	1/1/2023 As Restated
Governmental Funds			
General Fund	\$ 540,787	\$ -	\$ 540,787
Special Revenue Funds	<u>552,796</u>	<u>(650)</u>	<u>552,146</u>
Total Governmental Funds	<u>\$ 1,093,583</u>	<u>\$ (650)</u>	<u>\$ 1,092,933</u>



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

Holmes County General Health District
Holmes County
85 N. Grant Street, Suite B
Millersburg, Ohio 44654

To the Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements of the **Holmes County General Health District**, Holmes County, Ohio (the District) and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 2025, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of audit findings as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a material weakness.

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Report on Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

April 25, 2025

**HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT
HOLMES COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

**FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS**

FINDING NUMBER 2024-001

Material Weakness

Financial Reporting

The District is responsible for establishing procedures and controls to help prevent and detect errors in financial reporting. A deficiency in internal control exists when the design of operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. In this case, the internal controls over the preparation and review of the District's financial statements did not operate as designed.

During the course of the audit, we identified the following misstatements in the financial statements that were not initially identified by the District's internal control over financial reporting:

- In 2024, Transfers Out in the General Fund were misclassified as Administrative expenditures in the General Fund.
- In 2023, Transfers Out in the Special Revenue Funds were misclassified as Administrative expenditures in the Special Revenue Funds.
- In 2023, Transfers Out in the General Fund were misclassified as Personnel Expense in the General Fund.
- In 2024, Transfers Out in the Special Revenue Funds were misclassified as Grant Refunds in the Special Revenue Funds.
- In 2024 and 2023, Transfers In in the Special Revenue Funds were misclassified as Miscellaneous revenue in the Special Revenue Funds.
- In 2023, State Fees expenditures in the General and Special Revenue Funds were misclassified as Administrative expenditures in the General and Special Revenue Funds.
- In 2023, Contract Services in the General and Special Revenue Funds were misclassified as Personnel Expense in the General and Special Revenue Funds.

Not posting receipts and disbursements accurately resulted in the financial statements requiring several reclassifications. The Financial Statements reflect all reclassifications.

To help ensure the District's financial statements and notes to the financial statements are complete and accurate, the District should adopt policies and procedures to help identify and correct errors and omissions. In addition, the District should review the financial statements and notes prior to submission for audit.

Officials' Response – We did not receive a response from Officials to this finding.

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



HOLMES COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT

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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.



Certified for Release 8/7/2025

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