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VAN WERT COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT  
VAN WERT COUNTY

REGULAR AUDIT

FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023





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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the Van Wert County General Health District, prepared by BHM CPA Group, Inc., 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 Van Wert County General Health District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER  
Ohio Auditor of State

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

**August 27, 2025**

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***VAN WERT COUNTY***  
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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Van Wert County General Health District  
Van Wert County  
1179 Westwood Drive, Suite 300  
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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 Van Wert County General Health District, Van Wert 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 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 the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *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.



- 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 June 6, 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.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.  
Portsmouth, Ohio  
June 6, 2025

**Van Wert County General Health District**  
*Van Wert County*  
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*All Governmental Fund Types*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2024*

	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Charges for Services	\$0	\$397,127	\$397,127
Fines, Licenses and Permits	920	121,563	122,483
Fees	65,837	98,106	163,943
Intergovernmental:			
Apportionments	427,995	0	427,995
Grants	0	202,326	202,326
Other	57,872	233,471	291,343
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>552,624</u>	<u>1,052,593</u>	<u>1,605,217</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Health:			
Salaries	259,361	569,450	828,811
PERS	51,217	67,946	119,163
Medicare	4,881	6,602	11,483
Insurance	124,980	51,224	176,204
Vaccine Supploe	0	221,494	221,494
Supplies	7,563	36,252	43,815
Equipment	950	5,185	6,135
Contract Services	82,936	167,478	250,414
Fees	0	3,971	3,971
Rentals	41,580	0	41,580
Travel	6,570	12,874	19,444
Liability/Bond	7,025	0	7,025
State Remittance	29,578	10,106	39,684
Training Accreditation	5,600	0	5,600
Accreditation Supplies	1,306	0	1,306
Other	0	10,839	10,839
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>623,547</u>	<u>1,163,421</u>	<u>1,786,968</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(70,923)</u>	<u>(110,828)</u>	<u>(181,751)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Transfers In	15,936	19,884	35,820
Transfers Out	0	(35,820)	(35,820)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>15,936</u>	<u>(15,936)</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(54,987)</u>	<u>(126,764)</u>	<u>(181,751)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>101,840</u>	<u>676,547</u>	<u>778,387</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$46,853</u></u>	<u><u>\$549,783</u></u>	<u><u>\$596,636</u></u>

*See accompanying notes to the basic financial statements*

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**Note 1 – Reporting Entity**

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the General Health District, Van Wert County, (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, and public health nursing services, and the District issues health-related licenses and permits.

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 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 or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

**Public Health Emergency Preparedness-** This fund is used for implementation of Emergency needs, as well as salary coverage for the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator.

**Get Vaccinated Ohio-** This fund is used to help cover the cost of vaccinations for children and adults, and any informational needs for public knowledge of the Health Departments services.

**Public Health Workforce-** These funds cover expenses for employment retention, supplies needed for office use, Equity trainings, and maintaining Accreditation status within the Health Department.

**COVID 19-** This fund was used to supplement salaries during peak COVID outbreak timeframes. The remaining funds were dispersed into the General and Nursing funds. Time and effort worksheets were filled out and maintained by the Director of Nursing.

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***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 Board 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.

***Budgetary Process***

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

**Appropriations** Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function or 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:

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**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.

**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 11.

**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	\$595,051	\$568,560	(\$26,491)
Special Revenue	\$802,950	\$1,072,477	\$269,527
Total	<u>\$1,398,001</u>	<u>\$1,641,037</u>	<u>\$243,036</u>

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2024 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$628,895	\$623,547	\$5,348
Special Revenue	\$1,338,983	\$1,199,241	\$139,742
Total	<u>\$1,967,878</u>	<u>\$1,822,788</u>	<u>\$145,090</u>

**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments**

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Van Wert 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.

**Note 5 – Intergovernmental Funding and Property Taxes**

***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**

**Insurance**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2024, the District was part of Van Wert County who contracted with the Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc. (which is part of the Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC)) for liability, property and crime insurance (See Note 9).

For 2024, the District's full-time employees were included with the County for workers' compensation. The County participated in the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program provided by the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC), a workers' compensation insurance purchasing pool (See Note 9).

***Commercial Insurance***

The District has obtained commercial insurance for general liability.

The District's full-time employees are covered under the County's health insurance and dental coverage through a private carrier.

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**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The District 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 percent of their gross salaries, and the District contributed an amount equaling 14 percent 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.

**Note 9 – Insurance Pools**

**Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc.**

The Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc., (the Pool) is an Ohio nonprofit corporation established by five counties for the purpose of establishing a risk-sharing insurance program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by the Pool. Coverage includes comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance, and public officials' error and omissions liability insurance.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Pool are managed by an elected board of not more than five trustees. 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 county's control over the budgeting and financing of the Pool is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of trustees. Effective December 1, 2005, the Entity joined a Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC) (super pool) which consists of seven (7) pool risk groups including the Agency.

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**The County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Corporation**

Van Wert County participated in the Group Retrospective Rating plan ("Group Retro") which is a performance-based incentive program designed to reward a group of similar employers who are effectively managing safety and workers' comp claims. This reward is in the form of rebates which are based upon the group achieving lower than average claims experience in a given year. Group Retro guidelines are outlined in OAC 4123-17-73 and 68. Each group is organized through a BWC-certified sponsor who is responsible for screening potential group retro members based upon safety and claims management criteria established by the Group. The group sponsor must provide education and communication to group members on safety and reducing workplace injuries, and must submit a safety plan each year to be approved by the BWC.

**Note 10 – Contingent Liabilities**

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 11 – Fund Balances**

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 facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the District had no outstanding encumbrances.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed.



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	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Charges for Services	\$0	\$474,759	\$474,759
Fines, Licenses and Permits	61,755	93,690	155,445
Intergovernmental:			
Apportionments	427,995	0	427,995
Grants	0	373,074	373,074
Other	54,248	2,055	56,303
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>543,998</u>	<u>943,578</u>	<u>1,487,576</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current:			
Health:			
Salaries	266,107	416,792	682,899
Fringe	54,197	48,739	102,936
Supplies	10,821	343,041	353,862
Contract Services	79,386	149,812	229,198
Equipment	4,991	25,736	30,727
Travel	14,853	10,231	25,084
Rental	38,115	0	38,115
Other	0	743	743
Insurance	115,084	37,203	152,287
State Remit	26,127	10,047	36,174
Training	5,600	0	5,600
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>615,281</u>	<u>1,042,344</u>	<u>1,657,625</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>(71,283)</u>	<u>(98,766)</u>	<u>(170,049)</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</b>			
Transfers In	0	175	175
Transfers Out	(175)	0	(175)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(175)</u>	<u>175</u>	<u>0</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	<u>(71,458)</u>	<u>(98,591)</u>	<u>(170,049)</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1, as restated</i>	<u>173,298</u>	<u>775,138</u>	<u>948,436</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$101,840</u></u>	<u><u>\$676,547</u></u>	<u><u>\$778,387</u></u>

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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.

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**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.

**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 11.

**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	\$496,995	\$543,998	\$47,003
Special Revenue	\$732,710	\$943,753	\$211,043
Total	<u>\$1,229,705</u>	<u>\$1,487,751</u>	<u>\$258,046</u>

2023 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$658,819	\$615,456	\$43,363
Special Revenue	\$1,191,258	\$1,042,344	\$148,914
Total	<u>\$1,850,077</u>	<u>\$1,657,800</u>	<u>\$192,277</u>

**Note 4 – Deposits and Investments**

As required by the Ohio Revised Code, the Van Wert 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.

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**Note 5 – Intergovernmental Funding and Property Taxes**

***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**

**Insurance**

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. During 2023, the District was part of Van Wert County who contracted with the Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc. (which is part of the Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC)) for liability, property and crime insurance (See Note 9).

For 2023, the District's full-time employees were included with the County for workers' compensation. The County participated in the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Workers' Compensation Group Retro Program provided by the County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Corporation (CCAOSC), a workers' compensation insurance purchasing pool (See Note 9).

***Commercial Insurance***

The District has obtained commercial insurance for general liability.

The District's full-time employees are covered under the County's health insurance and dental coverage through a private carrier.

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

The District 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 percent of their gross salaries, and the District contributed an amount equaling 14 percent of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

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**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.

**Note 9 – Insurance Pools**

**Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc.**

The Midwest Pool Risk Management Agency, Inc., (the Pool) is an Ohio nonprofit corporation established by five counties for the purpose of establishing a risk-sharing insurance program. Member counties agree to jointly participate in coverage of losses and pay all contributions necessary for the specified insurance coverage provided by the Pool. Coverage includes comprehensive general liability, automobile liability, certain property insurance, and public officials' error and omissions liability insurance.

Each member county has one vote on all matters requiring a vote, to be cast by a designated representative. The affairs of the Pool are managed by an elected board of not more than five trustees. 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 county's control over the budgeting and financing of the Pool is limited to its voting authority and any representation it may have on the board of trustees. Effective December 1, 2005, the Entity joined a Public Entity Risk Consortium (PERC) (super pool) which consists of seven (7) pool risk groups including the Agency.

**The County Commissioners' Association of Ohio Service Corporation**

Van Wert County participated in the Group Retrospective Rating plan ("Group Retro") which is a performance-based incentive program designed to reward a group of similar employers who are effectively managing safety and workers' comp claims. This reward is in the form of rebates which are based upon the group achieving lower than average claims experience in a given year. Group Retro guidelines are outlined in OAC 4123-17-73 and 68. Each group is organized through a BWC-certified sponsor who is responsible for screening potential group retro members based upon safety and claims management criteria established by the Group. The group sponsor must provide education and communication to group members on safety and reducing workplace injuries, and must submit a safety plan each year to be approved by the BWC.

**Note 10 – Contingent Liabilities**

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.

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**Note 11 – Fund Balances**

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 facilitate effective cash planning and control. At year end the District had no outstanding encumbrances.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed.

**Note 12 – Restatement of Fund Cash Balance**

The District increased/decreased their beginning fund cash position at January 1, 2023 in the general fund and special revenue funds due to \$1,116 and 4,884 in overstatement errors from the prior audited financial statements. The effect of the adjustment on beginning fund cash balance is reflected in the chart below.

	12/31/2022 As Previously Reported	Error Correction <u>Correction 1</u>	1/1/2023 As Restated
<b>Governmental Funds</b>			
General Fund	\$174,464	(\$1,166)	\$173,298
Special Revenue Funds	<u>780,022</u>	<u>(4,884)</u>	<u>775,138</u>
<b>Total Governmental Funds</b>	<u>\$954,486</u>	<u>(\$6,050)</u>	<u>\$948,436</u>





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

Van Wert County General Health District  
Van Wert County  
1179 Westwood Drive, Suite 300  
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

To the Board:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the 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 Van Wert County General Health District, Van Wert County, Ohio (The District) and have issued our report thereon dated June 6, 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

***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.

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BHM CPA Group, Inc.  
Portsmouth, Ohio  
June 6, 2025

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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information:
2022-001	Material Weakness – Financial Reporting	Partially Corrected	Reissued as a Management Letter comment

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**VAN WERT COUNTY GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT**

**VAN WERT 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.



**Certified for Release 9/9/2025**

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