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KNOX COUNTY  
Agreed-Upon Procedures  
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017**

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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures* of the Bladensburg Joint Fire District, Knox County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the period January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2018. Based upon this review, we have accepted this report in lieu of the audit required by Section 117.11, Revised Code

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. Bladensburg Joint Fire District is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Keith Faber".

Keith Faber  
Auditor of State  
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August 8, 2019

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KNOX COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

June 20, 2019

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Board of Trustees and the management of **Bladensburg Joint Fire District**, Knox County (the District) and the Auditor of State, on the receipts, disbursements and balances recorded in the District's cash basis accounting records for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, 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, 2018 and 2017 and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances included in the information provided to us by the District. The sufficiency of the procedures is solely the responsibility of the parties specified in this 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.

This report only describes exceptions exceeding \$10.

### Cash

1. We recalculated the December 31, 2018 and December 31, 2017 bank reconciliations. We found no exceptions.
2. We agreed the January 1, 2017 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2016 balances in the prior year audited statements. We found no exceptions. We also agreed the January 1, 2018 beginning fund balances recorded in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances to the December 31, 2017 balances in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. We found no exceptions.
3. We agreed the totals per the bank reconciliations to the total of the December 31, 2018 and 2017 fund cash balances reported in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Fund Balances. The amounts agreed.
4. We observed the year-end bank balances at the financial institution's website. The balances agreed. We also agreed the confirmed balances to the amounts appearing in the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation without exception.

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### **Cash (Continued)**

5. We selected five reconciling debits (such as outstanding checks) haphazardly from the December 31, 2018 bank reconciliation:
  - a. We traced each debit to the subsequent January bank statement. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We traced the amounts and dates to the check register, to determine the debits were dated prior to December 31. There were no exceptions.
6. We traced interbank account transfers occurring in December of 2018 and 2017 to the accounting records and bank statements to determine if they were properly recorded. We found no exceptions.

### **Property Taxes, Intergovernmental and Other Confirmable Cash Receipts**

1. We haphazardly selected a property tax receipt from one *Statement of Semiannual Apportionment of Taxes* (the Statement) for 2018 and one from 2017:
  - a. We traced the gross receipts from the *Statement* to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to confirm the receipt was allocated to the proper funds as required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.05-.06 and 5705.10. We found no exceptions.
  - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to confirm whether the receipt was recorded in the proper year. The receipt was recorded in the proper year.
2. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether it included two real estate tax receipts for 2018 and 2017. The Revenue Ledger included the proper number of tax receipts for each year.
3. We haphazardly selected a sample of five receipts from the State Distribution Transaction Lists (DTL) from 2018 and five from 2017. We also haphazardly selected five receipts from the Knox County Auditor's Cross Reference Report by Vendor Number from 2018 and five from 2017.
  - a. We compared the amount from the above reports to the amount recorded in the Revenue Ledger. The amounts agreed.
  - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine that these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions. However, we noted Rollback Receipts were improperly classified as Property Tax instead of Intergovernmental and Manufactured Homes Receipts were improperly classified as Intergovernmental instead of Property Tax.
  - c. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.

### **Charges for Services**

1. We confirmed the amounts paid from Ohio Billing and Med Bill, the service organizations that performed the squad billings to the District during 2018 and 2017, with the Revenue Ledger. We noted a variance of \$626.04 in 2017 between the service organizations confirmations and the District's Revenue Ledger. We found no other exceptions.
  - a. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether these receipts were allocated to the proper fund. We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the Revenue Ledger to determine whether the receipts were recorded in the proper year. We found no exceptions.



**Debt**

1. From the audit documentation, we observed the following loan was outstanding as of December 31, 2016. This amount agreed to the District's January 1, 2017 balances on the summary we used in procedure 3.

<b>Issue</b>	<b>Principal outstanding as of December 31, 2016:</b>
Truck Loan	\$86,624

2. We inquired of management, and inspected the Revenue Ledger and Payment Register Detail Report for evidence of debt issued during 2018 or 2017 or debt payment activity during 2018 or 2017. All debt agreed to the summary we used in procedure 3.
3. We obtained a summary of loan debt activity for 2018 and 2017 and agreed principal and interest payments from the related debt amortization schedule to debt service fund payments reported in the Appropriation Ledger. We also compared the date the debt service payments were due to the date the District made the payments. We found no exceptions.

**Payroll Cash Disbursements**

1. We selected one payroll check for five employees from 2018 and one payroll check for five employees from 2017 from the Wage Detail Report and:
  - a. We compared the hours and pay rate, or salary recorded in the Wage Detail Report to supporting documentation (timecard, legislatively or statutorily-approved rate or salary). We found no exceptions.
  - b. We inspected the Wage Detail Report to determine the fund and account code to which the check was posted to determine the posting was reasonable based on the employees' duties as documented in the minute record. We also confirmed the payment was posted to the proper year. We found no exceptions.
2. We inspected the last remittance of tax and retirement withholdings for the year ended December 31, 2018 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 2018. We observed the following:

<b>Withholding (plus employer share, where applicable)</b>	<b>Date Due</b>	<b>Date Paid</b>	<b>Amount Due</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
Federal income taxes & Medicare (and social security, for employees not enrolled in pension system)	January 31, 2019	December 28, 2018	\$ 2,010.72	\$ 2,010.72
State income taxes	January 31, 2019	December 26, 2018	\$ 93.69	\$ 93.69
OPERS retirement	January 30, 2019	December 28, 2018	\$ 168.96	\$ 168.96

### Non-Payroll Cash Disbursements

1. We haphazardly selected ten disbursements from the Appropriation Ledger for the year ended December 31, 2018 and ten from the year ended 2017 and determined whether:
  - a. The disbursements were for a proper public purpose. We found no exceptions.
  - b. The check number, date, payee name and amount recorded on the returned, canceled check agreed to the check number, date, payee name and amount recorded in the Appropriation Ledger and to the names and amounts on the supporting invoices. We found no exceptions.
  - c. The payment was posted to a fund consistent with the restricted purpose for which the fund's cash can be used. We found no exceptions.
  - d. The fiscal officer certified disbursements requiring certification or issued a *Then and Now Certificate*, as required by Ohio Rev Code Section 5705.41(D). We found one instance where the certification date was after the vendor invoice date, and there was also no evidence that a Then and Now Certificate was issued. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(D) requires certifying at the time of a commitment, which should be on or before the invoice date, unless a Then and Now Certificate is used. Because we did not inspect all disbursements requiring certification, our report provides no assurance whether or not additional similar errors occurred.

### Compliance – Budgetary

1. We compared the total estimated receipts from the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.36(A)(1), to the amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report for the General, Fire and Rescue Ambulance and EMS Service, General (Bond)(Note) Retirement Funds for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. The amounts on the Certificate agreed to the amount recorded in the accounting system, except for the General Fund. In 2018, the Revenue Status Report recorded budgeted (i.e.certified) resources for the General Fund of \$206,901. However, the final Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources reflected \$216,911. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Revenue Status Report to amounts recorded on the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.
2. We inspected the appropriation measures adopted for 2018 and 2017 to determine whether, the Trustees appropriated separately for "each office, department, and division, and within each, the amount appropriated for personal services," as is required by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.38(C). We found no exceptions.
3. We compared total appropriations required by Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.38 and 5705.40, to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Report for 2018 and 2017. The amounts on the Appropriation Resolutions agreed to the amounts recorded in the Appropriation Status Reports, except for the General Fund. In 2018, the Appropriation Status Report reported General Fund appropriation of \$443,812. However, the Appropriation Resolution reported General Fund appropriation of \$439,012. In 2017, the Appropriation Status Report reported General Fund appropriation of \$500,662. However, the Appropriation Resolution reported General Fund appropriation of \$405,542. The fiscal officer should periodically compare amounts recorded in the Appropriation Resolution to the amounts recorded on the Appropriation Status Report to assure they agree. If the amounts do not agree, the Trustees may be using inaccurate information for budgeting and monitoring purposes.

**Compliance – Budgetary (Continued)**

4. Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.36(A)(5) and 5705.39 prohibits appropriations from exceeding the certified resources. We compared total appropriations to total certified resources for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. There were no funds for which appropriations exceeded certified resources.
5. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.41(B) prohibits expenditures (disbursements plus certified commitments) from exceeding appropriations. We compared total expenditures to total appropriations for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 as recorded in the Appropriation Status Report. There were no funds for which expenditures exceeded appropriations.
6. Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 requires establishing separate funds to segregate externally-restricted resources. We inspected the Revenue Ledger for evidence of new restricted receipts requiring a new fund during December 31, 2018 and 2017. We also inquired of management regarding whether the District received new restricted receipts. We observed no evidence of new restricted receipts for which Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.09 would require the District to establish a new fund.
7. For funds existing in prior years, inspect the fund activity to determine whether the fund is still being used for the statutorily approved purpose and that all the required funds were established. All the required funds were established and no funds for which the statutorily approved purpose was no longer valid were included on the accounting records.
8. We inspected the 2018 and 2017 Revenue Ledgers and Appropriation Status Reports for evidence of interfund transfers exceeding \$1,000 which Ohio Rev. Code Sections 5705.14-.16 restrict. We found no evidence of transfers these Sections prohibit, or for which Section 5705.16 would require approval by the Tax Commissioner (effective after June 30, 2017) or Court of Common Pleas (effective through June 30, 2017).
9. We inquired of management and inspected the Appropriation Status Report to determine whether the District elected to establish reserve accounts permitted by Ohio Rev. Code Section 5705.13. The District did not establish these reserves.
10. We inspected the Cash Summary by Fund Report for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 for negative cash fund balances. Ohio Rev. Code Section 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 balances.

**Other Compliance**

1. Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 requires Districts to file their financial information in the HINKLE system within 60 days after the close of the fiscal year. This statute also permits the Auditor of State to extend the deadline for filing a financial report and establish terms and conditions for any such extension. Auditor of State established policies regarding the filing of complete financial statements, as defined in AOS Bulletin 2015-007 in the Hinkle System. We confirmed the District filed their complete financial statements, as defined by AOS Bulletin 2015-007 and Auditor of State established policy, within the allotted timeframe for the year ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 in the Hinkle system. There were no exceptions.

**Other Compliance (Continued)**

2. For all credit card accounts we obtained:
  - copies of existing internal control policies,
  - a list of authorized users, and
  - a list of all credit card account transactions.
- a. We inspected the established policy obtained above and determined it is:
  - i. in compliance with the HB 312 statutory requirements, and
  - ii. implemented by the entity.We found no exceptions.
- b. We selected 3 credit card transactions for testing. For selected transactions we inspected documentation to determine that:
  - i. Use was by an authorized user within the guidelines established in the policy, and
  - ii. Each transaction was supported with original invoices and for a proper public purpose.

We noted one transaction was not supported with a receipt. No other exceptions noted.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' attestation standards and applicable attestation engagement standards included in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, 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.

This report is to provide 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, 2018 and 2017, and certain compliance requirements related to these transactions and balances and is not suitable for any other purpose.



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**BLADENSBURG JOINT FIRE DISTRICT**

**KNOX COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

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

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
AUGUST 20, 2019**