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MID COUNTY JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Mid County Joint Ambulance District  
Ottawa County  
P.O. Box 88  
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To the Board of Trustees:

### ***Report on the Financial Statements***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Mid County Joint Ambulance District, Ottawa County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018.

### ***Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for preparing and fairly presenting these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### ***Auditor's Responsibility***

Our responsibility is to opine on these financial statements based on our audit. We audited in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require us to plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit requires obtaining evidence about financial statement amounts and disclosures. The procedures selected depend on our judgment, including assessing the risks of material financial statement misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. In assessing those risks, we consider internal control relevant to the District's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not to the extent needed to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of management's accounting policies and the reasonableness of their significant accounting estimates, as well as our evaluation of the overall financial statement presentation.

We believe the audit evidence we obtained is sufficient and appropriate to support our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the District prepared these financial statements using the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements.

Although the effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory accounting basis and GAAP are not reasonably determinable, we presume they are material.

Though the District does not intend these statements to conform to GAAP, auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America require us to include an adverse opinion on GAAP. However, the adverse opinion does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. Our opinion on this accounting basis is in the *Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting* paragraph below.

***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* paragraph, the financial statements referred to above 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, 2019 and 2018, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

***Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements by fund type, and related notes of Mid County Joint Ambulance District, Ottawa County, Ohio as of December 31, 2019 and 2018, for the years then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit, described in Note 2.

***Emphasis of Matter***

As discussed in Note 9 to the financial statements, the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District. We did not modify our opinion regarding this matter.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 7, 2020 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. That report describes the scope of our internal control testing over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing, and does not opine on 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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Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 7, 2020

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**Mid County Joint Ambulance District**  
*Ottawa County*  
**Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and**  
**Changes In Fund Balances (Regulatory Cash Basis)**  
*All Governmental Fund Types*  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2019**

	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$384,847		\$384,847
Charges for Services		\$302,313	302,313
Intergovernmental	35,890		35,890
Earnings on Investments	2,067		2,067
Miscellaneous	171,211		171,211
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>594,015</u>	<u>302,313</u>	<u>896,328</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current Disbursements:			
Public Safety	303,428	\$302,313	605,741
<i>Excess Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	<u>290,587</u>		<u>290,587</u>
<b>Other Financing Receipts</b>			
Sale of Capitals Assets	300		300
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	290,887		290,887
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>639,984</u>		<u>639,984</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Assigned	906,371		906,371
Unassigned	24,500		24,500
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$930,871</u>		<u>\$930,871</u>

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

## Mid County Joint Ambulance District

Ottawa County

Notes to the Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2019

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### Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of Mid County Joint Ambulance District, Ottawa County, Ohio (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A three-member Board of Trustees governs the District. Each political subdivision within the District appoints one member. Those subdivisions are Salem Township, the Village of Oak Harbor and the Village of Rocky Ridge. The District provides rescue services within the District and by contract to areas outside the District.

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 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 expenditure for specified purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Fund:

**Ambulance and Emergency Medical Services Fund** The ambulance and emergency medical services fund is used to account for revenues derived from ambulance and emergency medical services fees.

#### *Basis of Accounting*

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-03 (D). 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 Rev. Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code Section 117-2-03 (D) permit.

**Mid County Joint Ambulance District**  
*Ottawa County*  
*Notes to the Financial Statements*  
*For the Year Ended December 31, 2019*

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***Budgetary Process***

The Ohio Revised Code requires each fund be budgeted 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 Board of Trustees must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

***Estimated Resources*** Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered 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 carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2019 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.

***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.

***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*** Trustees can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Trustees amend 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*. Governmental funds other than the general fund report all fund balances as *assigned* unless they are restricted or committed. In the general fund, *assigned* amounts represent intended uses established by District Trustees or a District official delegated that authority by resolution, or by State Statute.

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*Ottawa County*

*Notes to the Financial Statements*

*For the Year Ended December 31, 2019*

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**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.

**Note 3 – Budgetary Activity**

Budgetary activity for the year ended December 31, 2019 follows:

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$573,435	\$594,315	\$20,880
Special Revenue	182,000	302,313	120,313
Total	<u>\$755,435</u>	<u>\$896,628</u>	<u>\$141,193</u>

2019 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$1,093,106	\$327,926	\$765,180
Special Revenue	302,313	302,313	
Total	<u>\$1,395,419</u>	<u>\$630,239</u>	<u>\$765,180</u>

**Note 4 – Deposits**

The District maintains a deposits pool all funds use. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits at December 31 was as follows:

	2019
Demand deposits	<u>\$609,486</u>
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	<u>321,385</u>
Total deposits	<u>\$930,871</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized through the Ohio Pooled Collateral System (OPCS), a collateral pool of eligible securities deposited with a qualified trustee and pledged to the Treasurer of State to secure the repayment of all public monies deposited in the financial institution.

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*Ottawa County*  
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*For the Year Ended December 31, 2019*

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**Note 5 – Taxes**

***Property Taxes***

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the Trustees adopted tax rates. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable non-business, owner occupancy, and homestead exemption credits and/or homestead and rollback deductions. The financial statements include these credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as intergovernmental receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to pay semiannually, the first half is due December 31. The second half payment is due the following June 20.

Public utilities are also taxed on personal and real property located within the District.

The County is responsible for assessing property and for billing, collecting, and distributing all property taxes on behalf of the District.

**Note 6 – Risk Management**

***Workers' Compensation***

The District participates in a group rating for Worker's Compensation coverage through the Ohio Rural Water Association. The District's third party administrator is CompManagement.

***Commercial Insurance***

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions.

**Note 7 – Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

***Ohio Public Employees Retirement System***

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, 2019.

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*Ottawa County*  
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**Note 8 – Postemployment Benefits**

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**Note 9 – Subsequent Event**

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District. The impact on the District's future operating costs, revenues, and any recovery from emergency funding, either federal or state, cannot be estimated.

**Note 10 – Compliance**

Contrary to Ohio law, the District's controls over Special Revenue Fund ambulance and emergency medical services charges for services receipts were not in place in operating effectively.

**Note 11 - Miscellaneous Receipts**

General fund miscellaneous receipts consisted primarily of a donation from an estate.

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
<b>Cash Receipts</b>			
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$383,712		\$383,712
Charges for Services		\$202,859	202,859
Intergovernmental	33,260		33,260
Earnings on Investments	1,092		1,092
Miscellaneous	5,660		5,660
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>423,724</u>	<u>202,859</u>	<u>626,583</u>
<b>Cash Disbursements</b>			
Current Disbursements:			
Public Safety	<u>335,759</u>	<u>\$202,859</u>	<u>538,618</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	87,965		87,965
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>552,019</u>		<u>552,019</u>
<b>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</b>			
Assigned	519,671		519,671
Unassigned	<u>120,313</u>		<u>120,313</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u><u>\$639,984</u></u>		<u><u>\$639,984</u></u>

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Special Revenue	182,700	202,859	20,159
Total	\$563,050	\$626,583	\$63,533

2018 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$912,210	\$358,019	\$554,191
Special Revenue	202,859	202,859	
Total	\$1,115,069	\$560,878	\$554,191

**Note 4 – Deposits**

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	2018
Demand deposits	\$319,334
Other time deposits (savings and NOW accounts)	320,650
Total deposits	\$639,984

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**Note 10 – Compliance**

Contrary to Ohio law, the District's controls over Special Revenue Fund ambulance and emergency medical services charges for services receipts were not in place in operating effectively.



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

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the Comptroller General of the United States’ *Government Auditing Standards*, the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements by fund type of Mid County Joint Ambulance District, Ottawa County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated July 7, 2020 wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(D) permit. We also noted the financial impact of COVID-19 and the ensuing emergency measures will impact subsequent periods of the District.

***Internal Control Over Financial Reporting***

As part of our financial statement audit, we considered the District’s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures appropriate in the circumstances to the extent necessary to support our opinions on the financial statements, but not to the extent necessary to opine on the effectiveness of the District’s internal control. Accordingly, we have not opined on it.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in a reasonable possibility that internal control will not prevent or detect and timely correct a material misstatement of the District’s financial statements. 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 internal control deficiencies that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Therefore, unidentified material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings that we consider a material weakness. We consider finding 2019-001 to be a material weakness.

***Compliance and Other Matters***

As part of reasonably assuring whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, opining on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards* which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings as items 2019-001.

***Purpose of this Report***

This report only describes the scope of our internal control and compliance testing and our testing results, and does not opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed under *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.



Keith Faber  
Auditor of State

Columbus, Ohio

July 7, 2020

**MID COUNTY JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT  
OTTAWA COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS  
DECEMBER 31, 2019 AND 2018**

<b>FINDINGS RELATED TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GAGAS</b>
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**FINDING NUMBER 2019-001**

**Noncompliance Citation and Material Weakness**

**Ohio Rev. Code § 505.721** provides in part that “a board of trustees of a joint ambulance district may establish reasonable charges for the use of ambulance or emergency medical services.” “Charges collected under this section shall be kept in a separate fund designated as the ambulance and emergency medical services fund, and shall be appropriated and administered by the Board. The moneys in the fund shall be used for the payment of the costs of the management, maintenance, and operation of ambulance and emergency medical services in the district.”

In our audit engagement letter, as required by AU-C Section 210, Terms of Engagement, paragraph .06, management acknowledged its responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of their financial statements; this responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining internal control relevant to preparing and fairly presenting financial statements free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error as discussed in AU-C Section 210 paragraphs .A14 & .A16.

The District incorrectly recorded \$302,313 and \$202,859 of ambulance and/or emergency medical services revenue in the general fund for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Given the sources of the revenue, this should have been recorded in the ambulance and emergency medical services fund. Additionally, the District used the proceeds from these charges in accordance with the provisions above; however the disbursements were also incorrectly paid from the general fund. Corresponding disbursements in the amounts of \$302,313 and \$202,859 should have been recorded in the ambulance and emergency medical services fund for the years ended December 31, 2019 and 2018, respectively. Audit adjustments are reflected in the financial statements and notes to the financial statements correcting the misstatements.

The lack of controls over the posting of financial transactions decreases the reliability of financial data at year-end and can result in undetected errors and irregularities. The District should implement controls to help ensure all transactions are reviewed to help ensure posting to the proper funds.

**Officials’ Response:**

We did not receive a response from Officials to the finding reported above.

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# OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



**MID COUNTY JOINT AMBULANCE DISTRICT**

**OTTAWA 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  
JULY 30, 2020**