



**Auditor of State
Betty Montgomery**

**BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BUTLER COUNTY**

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Butler County Agricultural Society
Butler County
960 Four Mile Creek Road
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To the Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

October 18, 2006

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Butler County Agricultural Society
Butler County
960 Four Mile Creek Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Butler County Agricultural Society, Butler County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Society has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Revisions to GAAP would require the Society to reformat its financial statement presentation and make other changes effective for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004. While the Society does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to the new GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require governments to reformat their statements. The Society has elected not to reformat its statements. Since the Society does not use GAAP to measure financial statement amounts, the following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Society as of November 30, 2005 and 2004, or its changes in financial position or cash flows for the year then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of the Butler County Agricultural Society, Butler County, as of November 30, 2005 and 2004, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The aforementioned revision to generally accepted accounting principles also requires the Society to include Management's Discussion and Analysis for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004. The Society has not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the financial statements.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 18, 2006, on our consideration of the Society'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. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.



Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

October 18, 2006

**BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BUTLER COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004**

	2005	2004
Operating Receipts:		
Admissions	\$333,911	\$353,305
Privilege Fees	114,449	117,042
Rentals	88,427	94,649
Other Operating Receipts	17,463	26,213
Total Operating Receipts	554,250	591,209
Operating Disbursements:		
Wages and Benefits	74,858	74,297
Utilities	54,241	59,946
Professional Services	25,732	31,079
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	215,462	220,412
Senior Fair	78,525	87,399
Junior Fair	14,861	15,122
Capital Outlay	0	58,355
Other Operating Disbursements	353,544	84,186
Total Operating Disbursements	817,223	630,796
Deficiency of Operating Receipts Under Operating Disbursements	(262,973)	(39,587)
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):		
State Support	6,740	7,134
County Support	15,000	20,000
Restricted Support	297,384	21,028
Unrestricted Support	12,165	15,600
Investment Income	2,082	1,305
Debt Service	(1,353)	(734)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	332,018	64,333
Excess of Receipts Over Disbursements	69,045	24,746
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	193,082	168,336
Cash Balance, End of Year	\$262,127	\$193,082

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

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**BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BUTLER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Butler County Agricultural Society, Butler County, Ohio (the Society), as a body corporate and politic. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1851 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Butler County Fair during July. Butler County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of 10 directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Butler County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

Reporting Entity

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. This includes the annual fair. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events including trade shows and horse shows. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Butler County, Ohio.

Notes 11 and 12, respectively, summarize the Junior Fair Board's and Junior Livestock Sale Committee's financial activity.

The Society's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

This financial statement follows the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. This basis recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

This statement includes adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribe or permits.

C. Cash and Investments

The Society's accounting basis includes investments in its cash balances. Accordingly, this basis does not report investment purchases as disbursements or investment sales as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

D. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Society's accounting basis records acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment as capital outlay disbursements when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not include these items as assets.

**BUTLER COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY
BUTLER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Restricted Support

Restricted support includes amounts that donors restrict for specific uses.

F. Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

2. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The carrying amount of cash and investments at November 30, 2005 and 2004 follows:

	2005	2004
Demand deposits	\$62,127	\$156,300
Certificates of deposit	200,000	0
Total Deposits	262,127	156,300
 Money Market Funds	 0	 36,782
Total Investments	0	36,782
 Total deposits and investments	 \$262,127	 \$193,082

Deposits: The Federal Depository Insurance Corporation insures up to \$100,000 of the Society's bank balance. The remainder was collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

Investments: The Society invested funds in money market accounts with local banking institutions during 2004.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Society provides health coverage for full-time, supervisory employees through an insurance company.

The Butler County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Butler County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711.24. A private company provides general liability and vehicle insurance, with limits of \$1,000,000. This policy includes crime coverage for employee dishonesty with limits of liability of \$50,000. The Society's general manager is bonded with coverage of \$25,000.

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect through August 2006.

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BUTLER COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004
(Continued)**

4. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE

Junior Fair Livestock Sale began running through the Ag Societies' books beginning in fiscal year ending November 30, 2005. The Junior Livestock Committee is a separate committee charged with running the Junior Livestock Auction. This auction is held during fair week. Children may sell their animals directly to market or through the Butler County's auction. A commission of 2% percent on auction sales covers auction costs. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. The accompanying financial statement for the year ended November 30, 2004 does not include the Junior Livestock Committee's activities. The Junior Livestock Committee's (unaudited) financial activity for the year ended November 30, 2004 follows:

Beginning Cash Balance	\$ 5,595
Receipts	5,934
Disbursements	<u>(4,587)</u>
Ending Cash Balance	<u><u>\$ 6,942</u></u>

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Auditor of State Betty Montgomery

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

Butler County Agricultural Society
Butler County
960 Four Mile Creek Road
Hamilton, Ohio 45013

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Butler County Agricultural Society, Butler County, Ohio (the Society), as of and for the years ended November 30, 2005 and 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated October 18, 2006, wherein we noted the Society follows accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes rather than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting to determine our auditing procedures to express our opinion on the financial statements and not to opine on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts material to the financial statements we audited may occur and not be timely detected by employees when performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider material weaknesses. In a separate letter to the Society's management dated October 18, 2006, we reported other matters involving internal control over financial reporting we did not deem reportable conditions.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Society'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, providing an opinion 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Butler County Agricultural Society
Butler County
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Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Required by *Government Auditing Standards*
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We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and Board of Directors. It is not intended for anyone other than these specified parties.

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Betty Montgomery
Auditor of State

October 18, 2006

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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
NOVEMBER 30, 2005 AND 2004**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain:</i>
2003-001	Failure to deposit money within 24 hours.	Yes	
2003-002	Failure to use purchase orders.	No	Partially Corrected. Reissued as a Management Letter Comment.



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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
NOVEMBER 9, 2006**