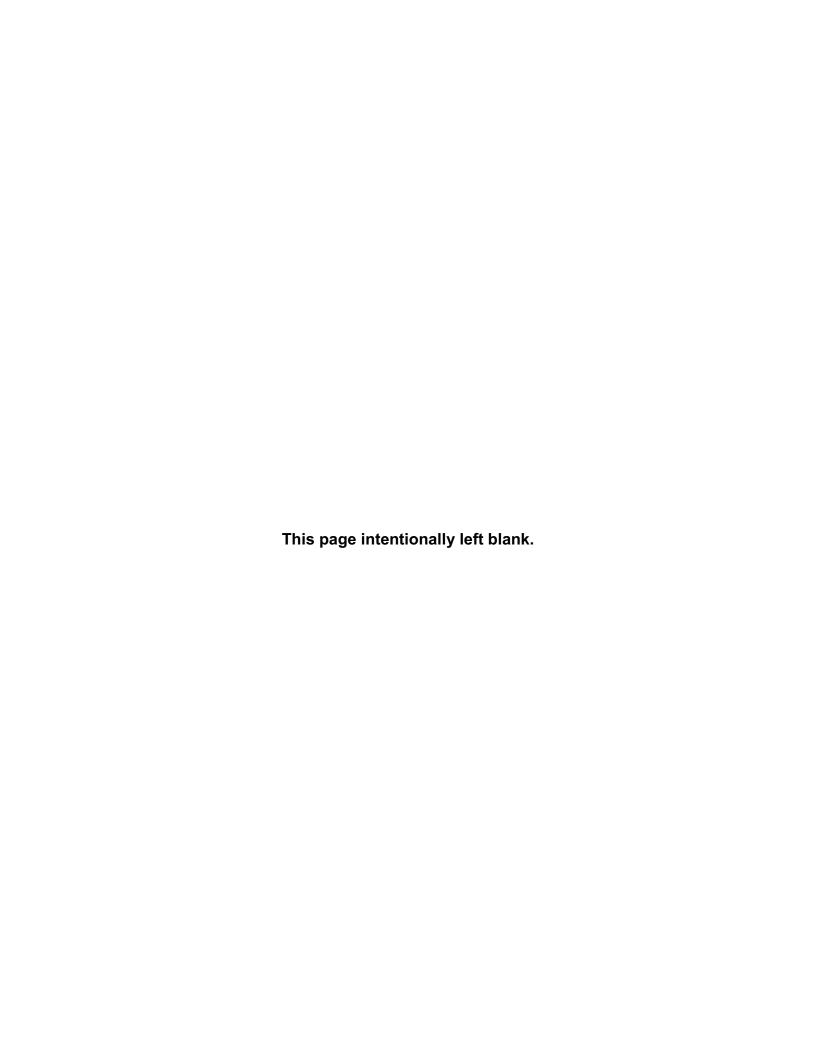




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Geauga County Combined Health District Geauga County 470 Center Street, Building 8 Chardon, Ohio 44024

To the Members of the Board:

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 an 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 adverse 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA
Auditor of State

August 15, 2007

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Geauga County Combined Health District Geauga County 470 Center Street, Building 8 Chardon, Ohio 44024

To the Members of the Board:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Geauga County Combined Health District, Geauga County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District'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 District 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.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the District's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the District does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require Districts to reformat their statements. The District has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. 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 December 31, 2006 and 2005 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the District as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances and reserves for encumbrances of Geauga County Combined Health District, Geauga County, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

The District 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 August 15, 2007, 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. 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.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

August 15, 2007

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2006

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
Cash Receipts:				
Fines and Fees	\$308,580	\$49,386	\$357,966	
Licenses and Permits	588,932	256,484	845,416	
Intergovernmental Revenue	433,377	365,370	798,747	
Other Receipts	196,925	2,117	199,042	
Total Cash Receipts	1,527,814	673,357	2,201,171	
Cash Disbursements:				
Salaries	902,706	201,799	1,104,505	
Supplies	50,691	201,100	50,691	
Equipment	61,107		61,107	
Contracts - Repair	9,172		9,172	
State Remittance	-,	38,486	38,486	
Advertising and printing	4,319	,	4,319	
Travel and Expenses'	31,871	1,770	33,641	
Ohio Public employee's retirement	119,565	26,938	146,503	
Hospitalization	203,800	30,183	233,983	
Worker's compensation	17,800	4,836	22,636	
Project Fund Disbursements	,	381,948	381,948	
Other Expenses	127,945	33,158	161,103	
Total Disbursements	1,528,976	719,118	2,248,094	
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	(1,162)	(45,761)	(46,923)	
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Transfer In		100,000	100,000	
Reimbursements	506		506	
Other receipts	5,902	1,720	7,622	
Transfer Out	(100,000)		(100,000)	
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	(93,592)	101,720	8,128	
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing				
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements				
and Other Financing Disbursements	(94,754)	55,959	(38,795)	
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,170,771	254,588	1,425,359	
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$1,076,017	\$310,547	\$1,386,564	
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$60,603	\$9,896	\$70,499	

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

COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2005

	Governmental Fund Types		
	General	Special Revenue	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts:			
Fines and Fees	\$257,750	\$65,305	\$323,055
Licenses and Permits	546,642	241,080	787,722
Intergovernmental Revenue	439,478	404,975	844,453
Other Receipts	267,010	2,209	269,219
Total Cash Receipts	1,510,880	713,569	2,224,449
Cash Disbursements:			
Salaries	800,130	221,653	1,021,783
Supplies	48,051		48,051
Equipment	86,815		86,815
Contracts - Repair	9,274		9,274
State Remittance		42,518	42,518
Advertising and printing	3,538		3,538
Travel and Expenses	37,678	1,331	39,009
Ohio Public employee's retirement	104,411	29,646	134,057
Hospitalization	138,050	36,701	174,751
Worker's compensation	10,406	2,963	13,369
Project Fund Disbursements		423,634	423,634
Other Expenses	179,611	9,723	189,334
Total Disbursements	1,417,964	768,169	2,186,133
Total Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	92,916	(54,600)	38,316
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):			
Reimbursements	843		843
Other sources	11,271	1,115	12,386
Other Uses	0	0	0
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	12,114	1,115	13,229
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing			
Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements			
and Other Financing Disbursements	105,030	(53,485)	51,545
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	1,065,741	308,073	1,373,814
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	\$1,170,771	\$254,588	\$1,425,359
Reserves for Encumbrances, December 31	\$25,077	\$2,516	\$27,593

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

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005

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 Geauga County Combined Health District, Geauga County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. Board members are appointed by the District's Advisory Council for a term of 5 years. Empowered by Section 3709.97, Ohio Revised Code, the Combined Health District consists of 1 City, 5 Villages and 16 Townships. The Chief Executive Officer of each constituent political subdivision serves on the District Advisory Council. The Health Commissioner presides over the County Health Department and reports to the Board at its regular meeting each month. The District's services include communicable disease investigations, immunization clinics, inspections, public health nursing services and issues health-related licenses and permits.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

B. Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. 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 adequately disclose material matters the Auditor of State's accounting basis requires.

C. Cash

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

D. Fund Accounting

The District uses fund accounting to segregate cash and investments that are restricted as to use. The District classifies its funds into the following types:

1. General Fund

The General Fund accounts for all financial resources except those restricted by law or contract.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005 (Continued)

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

These funds account for proceeds from specific sources that are restricted to expenditure for specific purposes. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

<u>Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Fund</u> - This is a Federal grant fund accounts for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

<u>Food Service Fund</u> – This fund receives fee and license revenue for the health inspections of food establishments.

E. Budgetary Process

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

1. Appropriations

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the fund, function level of control, and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. The County Budget Commission must also approve the annual appropriation measure and amendments thereto. Unencumbered appropriations lapse at year end.

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus unencumbered cash as of January 1.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are carried over, and need not be reappropriated.

A summary of 2006 and 2005 budgetary activity appears in Note 2.

F. Property, Plant, and Equipment

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

G. Accumulated Leave

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005 (Continued)

2. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005 follows:

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,681,073	\$1,534,222	(\$146,851)
Special Revenue	667,815	775,077	107,262
Total	\$2,348,888	\$2,309,299	(\$39,589)

2006 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

	Appropriation	Budgetary	
Fund Type	Authority	Expenditures	Variance
General	\$2,311,778	\$1,689,579	\$622,199
Special Revenue	797,263	729,014	68,249
Total	\$3,109,041	\$2,418,593	\$690,448

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

	Budgeted	Actual	
Fund Type	Receipts	Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,730,606	\$1,522,994	(\$207,612)
Special Revenue	680,611	714,684	34,073
Total	\$2,411,217	\$2,237,678	(\$173,539)

2005 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Appropriation	Budgetary	
Authority	Expenditures	Variance
\$2,222,285	\$1,443,041	\$779,244
834,006	770,685	63,321
\$3,056,291	\$2,213,726	\$842,565
	Authority \$2,222,285 834,006	Authority Expenditures \$2,222,285 \$1,443,041 834,006 770,685

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 2006 AND 2005 (Continued)

3. 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.

The County Commissioners serve as a special taxing authority for a special levy outside the ten mill limitation to provide the District with sufficient funds for health programs. The levy generated \$390,075 in 2006 and \$381,143 in 2005. The financial statements present these amounts as intergovernmental receipts.

4. RETIREMENT SYSTEM

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

The Ohio Revised Code also prescribes contribution rates. For 2006 and 2005, OPERS members contributed 9 and 8.5%, respectively, of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 13.7 and 13.55%, respectively, of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2006.

5. RISK MANAGEMENT

Commercial Insurance

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

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

The District also provides health insurance and dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.



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

Geauga County Combined Health District Geauga County 470 Center Street, Building 8 Chardon, Ohio 44024

To the Members of the Board:

We have audited the combined financial statements of the Geauga County Combined Health District, Geauga County, Ohio (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 and have issued our report thereon dated August 15, 2007, wherein we noted the District followed 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 District's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not to opine on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the District's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the District's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with its applicable accounting basis, such that there is more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a more-than-inconsequential financial statement misstatement.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies resulting in more than a remote likelihood that the District's internal control will not prevent or detect a material financial statement misstatement.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all internal control deficiencies that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

Geauga County Combined Health District Geauga County Independent Accountants' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Required by *Government Auditing Standards* Page 2

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, 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*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, and the Members of the Board. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

Mary Taylor, CPA Auditor of State

Mary Taylor

August 15, 2007



COMBINED HEALTH DISTRICT

GEAUGA 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.

CLERK OF THE BUREAU

Susan Babbitt

CERTIFIED SEPTEMBER 11, 2007