

**FOX TOWNSHIP
CARROLL COUNTY
Regular Audit
December 31, 2009 and 2008**

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Board of Trustees
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We have reviewed the *Independent Accountants' Report* of Fox Township, Carroll County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2009. 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.

The financial statements in the attached report are presented in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State. Due to a February 2, 2005 interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), modifications were required to the *Independent Accountants' Report* on your financial statements. While the Auditor of State 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. The attached report includes an opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the statements are misstated under the non-GAAP regulatory basis. The *Independent Accountants' Report* also includes an opinion on the financial statements using the regulatory format the Auditor of State permits.

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. Fox Township is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

May 28, 2010

Fox Township
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of **Fox Township, Carroll County, Ohio**, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Township'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 1B, the Township 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 Township's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Township 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 the State permits, but does not require Townships to reformat their statements. The Township 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, 2009 and 2008 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Township as of December 31, 2009 and 2008 or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the combined fund cash balances of Fox Township, Carroll County, as of December 31, 2009 and 2008, and its combined cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1B describes.

The Township 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 May 28, 2010, on our consideration of the Township'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.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Perry & Associates CPAs A.C.".

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Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

**FOX TOWNSHIP
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**COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN FUND CASH BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2009**

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>		<u>Fiduciary Fund Type</u>	<u>Totals (Memorandum Only)</u>
	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Agency</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 15,476	\$ 70,551	\$ -	\$ 86,027
Intergovernmental	16,767	120,629	-	137,396
Total Cash Receipts	<u>32,243</u>	<u>191,180</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>223,423</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	17,026	-	-	17,026
Public Safety	-	23,445	-	23,445
Public Works	753	147,423	-	148,176
Health	6,550	-	-	6,550
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	-	5,781	-	5,781
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	243	-	243
Capital Outlay	-	100	-	100
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>24,329</u>	<u>176,992</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>201,321</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	7,914	14,188	-	22,102
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>357</u>	<u>47,189</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>53,046</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 8,271</u>	<u>\$ 61,377</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 75,148</u>

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

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	<u>General</u>	<u>Special Revenue</u>	<u>Agency</u>	
Cash Receipts:				
Property and Other Local Taxes	\$ 15,743	\$ 71,404	\$ -	\$ 87,147
Intergovernmental	18,039	123,163	-	141,202
Earnings on Investments	2	31	-	33
Miscellaneous	424	-	1,000	1,424
Total Cash Receipts	<u>34,208</u>	<u>194,598</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>229,806</u>
Cash Disbursements:				
Current:				
General Government	27,779	-	-	27,779
Public Safety	-	23,912	-	23,912
Public Works	697	156,787	-	157,484
Health	6,179	-	-	6,179
Debt Service:				
Redemption of Principal	-	9,132	-	9,132
Interest and Fiscal Charges	-	874	-	874
Capital Outlay	-	8,025	-	8,025
Other	-	-	1,000	1,000
Total Cash Disbursements	<u>34,655</u>	<u>198,730</u>	<u>1,000</u>	<u>234,385</u>
Total Cash Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements	<u>(447)</u>	<u>(4,132)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,579)</u>
Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements):				
Advance-In	6,500	8,037	1,537	16,074
Advance-Out	(6,500)	(8,037)	(1,537)	(16,074)
Total Other Financing Receipts/(Disbursements)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Cash Receipts and Other Financing Receipts Over/(Under) Cash Disbursements and Other Financing Disbursements	(447)	(4,132)	-	(4,579)
Fund Cash Balances, January 1	<u>804</u>	<u>51,321</u>	<u>5,500</u>	<u>57,625</u>
Fund Cash Balances, December 31	<u>\$ 357</u>	<u>\$ 47,189</u>	<u>\$ 5,500</u>	<u>\$ 53,046</u>

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

**FOX TOWNSHIP
CARROLL COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Description of the Entity

Fox Township, Carroll County (the Township), is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. A publicly elected three-member Board of Trustees direct the Township. The Township provides general governmental services, including road and bridge maintenance (public works). The Township contracts with Fox Township Volunteer Fire Department to provide fire protection services.

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

B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized 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 prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

C. Deposits

The Township Fiscal Officer invests all available funds of the Township in a checking account.

D. Fund Accounting

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

1. General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

D. Fund Accounting (Continued)

2. Special Revenue Funds

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

Gasoline Tax Fund - This fund receives gasoline tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining, and repairing Township roads and bridges.

Fire Special Levy Fund - This fund receives property tax money to provide fire protection services for Township residents.

Road Levy Fund - This fund receives property tax money for constructing, maintaining and repairing Township roads.

3. Fiduciary Fund

Fiduciary funds include private purpose trust funds and agency funds. Trust funds account for assets held under a trust agreement for individuals, private organizations, or other governments which are not available to support the Township's own programs.

Agency funds are purely custodial in nature and are used to hold resources for individuals, organizations or other governments. The Township disburses these funds as directed by the individual, organization or other government. The Township's agency fund accounts for:

Road Bond Fund - This fund receives monies from various mining and logging companies for use of Township roads. These monies are held in escrow in the event that road repairs would be necessary after the mining and logging has been completed.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires that each fund (except certain agency funds) be budgeted annually.

1. Appropriations

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

2. Estimated Resources

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also approve estimated resources.

3. Encumbrances

The Ohio Revised Code requires the Township 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 2009 and 2008 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

F. Property, Plant and Equipment

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

2. EQUITY IN POOLED DEPOSITS

The Township maintains a deposit pool used by all funds. The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits. The carrying amount of cash at December 31 was as follows:

	<u>2009</u>	<u>2008</u>
Demand Deposits	<u>\$ 75,148</u>	<u>\$ 53,046</u>

Deposits are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY

Budgetary activity for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 follows:

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 32,000	\$ 32,243	\$ 243
Special Revenue	189,457	191,180	1,723
Total	<u>\$ 221,457</u>	<u>\$ 223,423</u>	<u>\$ 1,966</u>

2009 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 32,357	\$ 24,329	\$ 8,028
Special Revenue	232,074	176,992	55,082
Total	<u>\$ 264,431</u>	<u>\$ 201,321</u>	<u>\$ 63,110</u>

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts

Fund Type	Budgeted Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$ 34,209	\$ 34,208	\$ (1)
Special Revenue	194,254	194,598	344
Total	<u>\$ 228,463</u>	<u>\$ 228,806</u>	<u>\$ 343</u>

2008 Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures

Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 35,012	\$ 34,655	\$ 357
Special Revenue	245,573	198,730	46,843
Total	<u>\$ 280,585</u>	<u>\$ 233,385</u>	<u>\$ 47,200</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
(Continued)**

4. DEBT

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2009 was as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding 12/31/07</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding 12/31/08</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Principal Outstanding 12/31/09</u>
General Obligation Note	Purchase of Dump Truck	\$ 14,913	\$ 9,132	\$ 5,781	\$ 5,781	\$ -

The General Obligation Note was issued in 2007 to finance the purchase of a new backhoe. The note was issued for \$43,000 at an interest rate of 5.56% with payments of \$10,006.68 made annually. The Township's taxing authority collateralized the note. The note was paid off in full in 2009.

5. PROPERTY TAX

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which rates are adopted by Board of Trustees. The State Board of Tax Equalization adjusts these rates for inflation. Property taxes are also reduced for applicable homestead and rollback deductions. Homestead and rollback amounts are then paid by the State, and are reflected in the accompanying financial statements as Intergovernmental Receipts. Payments are due to the County by December 31. If the property owner elects to make semiannual payment, 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 Township.

Tangible personal property tax is assessed by the property owners, who must file a list of such property to the County by each April 30.

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

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

The Township's elected officials and employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multi-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including post retirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2009 and 2008, members of PERS contributed 10% of their gross salaries. The Township contributed an amount equal to 14% of participants' gross salaries. The Township has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2009.

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008
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7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Township belongs to the Ohio Government Risk Management Plan (the "Plan"), a non-assessable, unincorporated non-profit association providing a formalized, jointly administered self-insurance risk management program and other administrative services to over 550 Ohio governments ("Members")

Pursuant to Section 2744.081 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Plan is a separate legal entity. The Plan provides property, liability, errors and omissions, law enforcement, automobile, excess liability, crime, surety and bond, inland marine and other coverage's, modified for each Member's needs. The Plan pays judgments, settlements and other expenses resulting from covered claims that exceed the Member's deductible.

The Plan issues its own policies and reinsures the Plan with A- VII or better rated carriers, except for the 15% casualty and the 10% property portions the Plan retains. The Plan retains the lesser of 15% or \$37,500 of casualty losses and the lesser of 10% or \$100,000 of property losses.

Individual Members are only responsible for their self-retention (deductible) amounts, which vary from member to member.

Plan members are responsible to notify the Plan of their intent to renew coverage by their renewal date. If a member chooses not to renew with the Plan, they have no other financial obligation to the Plan, but still need to promptly notify the Plan of any potential claims occurring during their membership period. The former member's covered claims, which occurred during their membership period, remain the responsibility of the Plan.

Settlement amounts did not exceed insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

The Pool's audited financial statements conform with generally accepted accounting principles, and reported the following assets, liabilities and retained earnings at December 31: 2008 and 2007 (the latest information available):

	2008	2007
Assets	\$10,471,114	\$11,136,455
Liabilities	<u>(5,286,781)</u>	<u>(4,273,553)</u>
Members' Equity	<u>\$5,184,333</u>	<u>\$6,862,902</u>

You can read the complete audited financial statements for The Ohio Government Risk Management Plan at the Plan's website, www.ohioplan.org.

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

May 28, 2010

Fox Township
Carroll County
10075 Salineville Road
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the financial statements of **Fox Township, Carroll County**, (the Township) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated May 28, 2010, wherein we noted the Township 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 Township's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Township's internal control over financial reporting.

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 more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Township's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Township's basic 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 also noted certain matters not requiring inclusion in this report that we reported to the Township's management in a separate letter dated May 28, 2010.

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

Respectfully Submitted,



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.

**FOX TOWNSHIP
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**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
DECEMBER 31, 2009 AND 2008**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Fully Corrected?	Not Corrected, Partially Corrected; Significantly Different Corrective Action Taken; or Finding No Longer Valid; <i>Explain</i>
2007-001	ORC Section 5705.41(D) – Properly encumbering expenditures	Yes	N/A
2007-002	ORC Section 5705.41(B) – Expenditures exceeded appropriations.	Yes	N/A
2007-003	Proper posting of receipts and expenditures	No	Partially Corrected; Moved to Management Letter



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Auditor of State

FOX TOWNSHIP

CARROLL 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
JUNE 15, 2010**