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**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY**

**REGULAR AUDIT
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024-2023**



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District Board of Health
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We have reviewed the *Independent Auditor's Report* of the District Board of Health, Hocking County, prepared by Perry & Associates, Certified Public Accountants, A.C., for the audit period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024. 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.

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. The District Board of Health is responsible for compliance with these laws and regulations.

KEITH FABER
Ohio Auditor of State

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Tiffany L. Ridenbaugh, CPA, CFE, CGFM
Chief Deputy Auditor

December 15, 2025

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**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

District Board of Health
Hocking County
350 State Route 664 N
Logan, Ohio 43138

To the Board:

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Unmodified and Adverse Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the District Board of Health, Hocking County, Ohio (the District), which comprises the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances, receipts and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions which Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit, described in Note 2.

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* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements 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, 2024 and 2023, or the changes in financial position thereof for the years then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are required to be independent of the District, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

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

As described in Note 2 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the District on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C), which is an accounting basis other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP), to satisfy these requirements. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 2 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03(C) permit. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and the financial audit standards in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the District's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 24, 2025, 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's 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.



Perry & Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

July 24, 2025

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property Taxes	\$ 847,062	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 847,062
Services and Fees	401,628	478,910	-	880,538
Intergovernmental				
Apportionments	84,881	-	-	84,881
Grants	16,356	578,299	-	594,655
Other	19,376	-	-	19,376
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>1,369,303</u>	<u>1,057,209</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,426,512</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Health:				
Salaries and Wages	479,517	657,708	-	1,137,225
Fringe Benefits	-	121,601	-	121,601
Supplies	291,412	44,499	-	335,911
Equipment	4,810	-	-	4,810
Contracts - Services and Repair	31,595	2,851	75,408	109,854
Telephone	6,871	2,259	-	9,130
Travel and Expenses	3,437	9,994	-	13,431
Public Employees Retirement	80,114	32,556	-	112,670
Medicare	6,847	2,273	-	9,120
Hospitalization	124,068	46,266	-	170,334
Remittance to State	24,135	34,463	-	58,598
Rent and Utilities	30,932	11,180	-	42,112
Other Expenses	-	18,227	-	18,227
Auditor and Treasurer Fees	18,628	-	-	18,628
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>1,102,366</u>	<u>983,877</u>	<u>75,408</u>	<u>2,161,651</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>266,937</u>	<u>73,332</u>	<u>(75,408)</u>	<u>264,861</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Transfers In	18,275	-	400,000	418,275
Transfers Out	(400,000)	(18,275)	-	(418,275)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(381,725)</u>	<u>(18,275)</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	(114,788)	55,057	324,592	264,861
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>1,556,300</u>	<u>1,062,794</u>	<u>632,483</u>	<u>3,251,577</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,441,512</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,851</u>	<u>\$ 957,075</u>	<u>\$ 3,516,438</u>

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

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 1 – Reporting Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the District Board of Health, Hocking County, (the District) as a body corporate and politic. A five-member Board and a Health Commissioner govern the District. The District's services include inspection and licensing of food establishments, inspections of sewer and water systems, inspection and licensing of solid waste facilities, tuberculosis screening, inspection of trailer parks, birth and death certificates, administration of public health nursing programs and other related services.

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 combined statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in fund balances (regulatory cash basis) for all governmental fund types 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 or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The District had the following significant Special Revenue Funds:

Sewage Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sewer service costs.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Fund – This is a Federal grant fund and accounts for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Capital Project Funds These funds account for and report the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The District had the following significant capital project funds:

Public Health Contingency Fund – This fund receives money from transfers from the General Fund to provide funds for capital improvements to the District's facilities and allow monies to be available for nuisance abatement.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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).

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund 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 District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2024 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.

Accumulated Leave

District employees earn sick and vacation time that can be used for time off. In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment or retirement, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. The financial statements do not include a liability for unpaid leave.

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. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the District and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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 The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends 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.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Balance (Continued)

Assigned Assigned fund balances are intended for specific purposes but do not meet the criteria to be classified as *restricted* or *committed*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 11.

Note 3 - Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2024 follows:

Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts				
Fund Type	Estimated Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance	
General	\$ 1,177,500	\$ 1,387,578	\$	210,078
Special Revenue	1,008,989	1,057,209		48,220
Capital Projects	-	400,000		400,000
Total	<u>\$ 2,186,489</u>	<u>\$ 2,844,787</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>658,298</u>

Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures				
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance	
General	\$ 1,774,157	\$ 1,502,366	\$	271,791
Special Revenue	1,492,976	1,002,152		490,824
Capital Projects	300,000	75,408		224,592
Total	<u>\$ 3,567,133</u>	<u>\$ 2,579,926</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>987,207</u>

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

Note 5 - Intergovernmental Funding and Property Taxes

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.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 5 - Intergovernmental Funding and Property Taxes (Continued)

Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the District is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division 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 credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Other 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 taxing district.

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

Note 6 – Subrecipients

The District passes certain federal awards received from Ohio Department of Health to other government or not-for profit agencies (subrecipients). As a subrecipient, the District has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

The following identifies pass thru amounts as of December 31, 2024:

Fund 710 WIC

Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service
Ohio Department of Health
WIC
AL# 10.557
Project Number: 03710011WA1624
Total Money Received: \$206,026

Fund 064 Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
PHI
AL# 93.074
Project Number: 03710012PH1424
Total Money Received: \$111,900

Fund 860 TUPFC

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
Tobacco Use and Prevention and Cessation
AL# 93.283
Sub H.B. 49
Project Number: 03710014TU0724
Total Money Received: \$110,125

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 6 – Subrecipients (Continued)

Fund 985 COVID-19 Enhanced Operations

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
COVID-19 Enhanced Operations
Project Number: 03710012EO0324
Total Money Received: \$32,315

Fund 725 Public Health Workforce

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
Public Health Workforce
Project Number: 03710012WF0224
Total Money Received: \$117,933

Note 7 - Risk Management

The Hocking County Commissioners maintain comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents, and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90% coinsured. The District is covered by these policies.

Note 8 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District's 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% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2024.

Note 9 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2024, the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2024, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 10 - Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

Note 11 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the District cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies which cannot be spent for five years and the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. The District had no outstanding encumbrances as of December 31, 2024.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. The fund balance of capital projects funds are restricted, committed, or assigned. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue and capital projects funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

Note 12 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021, while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2024, the District received COVID-19 funding. The District will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.

During 2024, the District received \$32,315 as an on-behalf of grant from another government. These amounts are recorded in the COVID-19 Special Revenue Fund.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY**

**COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (REGULATORY CASH BASIS)
ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

	General	Special Revenue	Capital Projects	Totals (Memorandum Only)
Cash Receipts				
Property Taxes	\$ 822,588	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 822,588
Services and Fees	370,980	454,271	-	825,251
Intergovernmental	120,777	633,728	-	
<i>Total Cash Receipts</i>	<u>1,314,345</u>	<u>1,087,999</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,647,839</u>
Cash Disbursements				
Current:				
Health:				
Salaries and Wages	455,284	614,856	-	1,070,140
Fringe Benefits	-	120,253	-	120,253
Supplies	326,648	56,572	-	383,220
Contracts - Services and Repair	33,382	-	65,404	98,786
Telephone	4,410	3,119	-	7,529
Travel and Expenses	4,474	11,348	-	15,822
Public Employees Retirement	61,008	25,724	-	86,732
Medicare	6,288	1,769	-	8,057
Hospitalization	125,347	34,079	-	159,426
Remittance to State	24,676	32,178	-	56,854
Rent and Utilities	25,534	15,105	-	40,639
Other Expenses	-	27,972	-	27,972
Auditor and Treasurer Fees	18,007	-	-	18,007
<i>Total Cash Disbursements</i>	<u>1,085,058</u>	<u>942,975</u>	<u>65,404</u>	<u>2,093,437</u>
<i>Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements</i>	<u>229,287</u>	<u>145,024</u>	<u>(65,404)</u>	<u>(445,598)</u>
Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)				
Transfers In	18,242	-	100,000	118,242
Transfers Out	(100,000)	(18,242)	-	(118,242)
<i>Total Other Financing Receipts (Disbursements)</i>	<u>(81,758)</u>	<u>(18,242)</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Cash Balances</i>	147,529	126,782	34,596	308,907
<i>Fund Cash Balances, January 1</i>	<u>1,408,771</u>	<u>936,012</u>	<u>597,887</u>	<u>2,942,670</u>
<i>Fund Cash Balances, December 31</i>	<u>\$ 1,556,300</u>	<u>\$ 1,062,794</u>	<u>\$ 632,483</u>	<u>\$ 3,251,577</u>

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Sewage Fund – This fund receives charges for services from residents to cover sewer service costs.

Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) Fund – This is a Federal grant fund and accounts for the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program.

Moms Quit for Two – This fund accounts for the grant funds awarded by the Ohio Department of Health for this particular program, restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Public Health Emergency Response – This fund accounts for the grant funds awarded by the Ohio Department of Health for this particular program, restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Tobacco Prevention – This fund accounts for the grant funds awarded by the Ohio Department of Health for this particular program, restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023**

Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Fund Accounting (Continued)

COVID-19 – This fund accounts for the grant funds awarded for COVID-19 relief for this particular program, restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Capital Project Funds These funds account for and report the financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The District had the following significant capital project funds:

Public Health Contingency Fund – This fund receives money from transfers from the General Fund to provide funds for capital improvements to the District's facilities and allow monies to be available for nuisance abatement.

Basis of Accounting

These financial statements follow the accounting basis permitted by the financial reporting provisions of Ohio Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C). This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Board 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 Revised Code Section 117.38 and Ohio Administrative Code Section 117-2-03 (C) permit.

Budgetary Process

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to budget each fund 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 District Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

Estimated Resources Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1. The County Budget Commission must also 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 canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2023 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.

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.

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HOCKING COUNTY
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Note 2 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

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. For regulatory purposes, nonspendable fund balance includes unclaimed monies that are required to be held for five years before they may be utilized by the District and the nonspendable portion of the corpus in permanent funds.

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 The Board can *commit* amounts via formal action (resolution). The District must adhere to these commitments unless the Board amends 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*. For regulatory purposes, assigned fund balance in the general fund is limited to encumbrances outstanding at year end.

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.

For regulatory purposes, limited disclosure related to fund balance is included in Note 12.

Note 3 - Budgetary Activity

Budgetary activity for the year ending December 31, 2023 follows:

Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts			
Fund Type	Estimated Receipts	Actual Receipts	Variance
General	\$1,155,000	\$1,332,587	\$ 177,587
Special Revenue	1,125,145	1,087,999	(37,146)
Capital Projects	-	100,000	100,000
Total	\$2,280,145	\$2,520,586	\$ 240,441

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HOCKING COUNTY
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Note 3 - Budgetary Activity (Continued)

Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures			
Fund Type	Appropriation Authority	Budgetary Expenditures	Variance
General	\$ 1,620,000	\$ 1,185,058	\$ 434,942
Special Revenue	1,158,504	961,217	197,287
Capital Projects	300,000	65,404	234,596
Total	\$ 3,078,504	\$ 2,211,679	\$ 866,825

Note 4 – Deposits and Investments

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

Note 5 - Intergovernmental Funding and Property Taxes

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.

Property Taxes

Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 preceding the October 1 date for which the taxing authority of the subdivision to whose jurisdiction the District is subject adopts rates. The State Department of Taxation, Division 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 credits and/or deduction amounts the State pays as Other 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 taxing District.

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

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Note 6 – Subrecipients

The District passes certain federal awards received from Ohio Department of Health to other government or not-for profit agencies (subrecipients). As a subrecipient, the District has certain compliance responsibilities, such as monitoring its subrecipients to help assure they use these subawards as authorized by laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements, and that subrecipients achieve the award's performance goals.

The following identifies pass thru amounts as of December 31, 2023

Fund 710 WIC

Department of Agriculture Food and Nutrition Service
Ohio Department of Health
WIC
AL# 10.557
Project Number: 03710011WA1623
Total Money Received: \$204,838

Fund 064 Public Health Emergency Preparedness

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
PHI
AL# 93.074
Project Number: 03710012PH1423
Total Money Received: \$174,319

Fund 860 TUPFC

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
Tobacco Use and Prevention and Cessation
AL# 93.283
Sub H.B. 49
Project Number: 03710014TU0723
Total Money Received: \$78,050

Fund 985 COVID-19 Enhanced Operations

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
COVID-19 Enhanced Operations
Project Number: 03710012EO0323
Total Money Received: \$33,558

Fund 725 Public Health Workforce

Department of Health and Human Services
Ohio Department of Health
Public Health Workforce
Project Number: 03710012WF0223
Total Money Received: \$142,963

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Note 7 – Interfund Balances

Outstanding advances at December 31, 2023 consisted of \$40,000 advanced to the Public Health Workforce Fund and \$10,000 advanced to the COVID-19 Fund from the General Fund to provide working capital for operations.

Note 8 - Risk Management

The Hocking County Commissioners maintain comprehensive insurance coverage with private carriers for real property, building contents, and vehicles. Vehicle policies include liability coverage for bodily injury and property damage. Real property and contents are 90% coinsured. The District is covered by these policies.

Note 9 – Defined Benefit Pension Plans

Ohio Public Employees Retirement System

The District's 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% of their gross salaries and the District contributed an amount equaling 14% of participants' gross salaries. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2023.

Note 10 – Postemployment Benefits

OPERS offers a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit postemployment plan. OPERS offers a health reimbursement arrangement (HRA) allowance to benefit recipients meeting certain age and service credit requirements. The HRA is an account funded by OPERS that provides tax-free reimbursement for qualified medical expenses such as monthly post-tax insurance premiums, deductibles, co-insurance, and co-pays incurred by eligible benefit recipients and their dependents. For calendar year 2023 the portion of OPERS employer contributions allocated to health care was 0 percent for members in the traditional pension plan and 2 percent for members in the combined plan. For 2023, the portion of employer contributions OPERS allocated to health care for members in the member-directed plan was 4.0 percent; however, a portion of the health care rate was funded with reserves.

Note 11 - Contingent Liabilities

Amounts grantor agencies pay to the District are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor, principally the federal government. The grantor may require refunding any disallowed costs. Management cannot presently determine amounts grantors may disallow. However, based on prior experience, management believes any refunds would be immaterial.

Note 12 – Fund Balances

Included in fund balance are amounts the District cannot spend, including the balance of unclaimed monies which cannot be spent for five years and the unexpendable corpus of the permanent funds. Encumbrances are commitments related to unperformed contracts for goods or services. Encumbrance accounting is utilized to the extent necessary to assure effective budgetary control and accountability and to facilitate effective cash planning and control. The District had no outstanding encumbrances as of December 31, 2023.

The fund balance of special revenue funds is either restricted or committed. These restricted, committed, and assigned amounts in the special revenue and capital projects funds would include the outstanding encumbrances. In the general fund, outstanding encumbrances are considered assigned.

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Note 13 – COVID-19

The United States and the State of Ohio declared a state of emergency in March of 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Ohio's state of emergency ended in June 2021, while the national state of emergency ended in April 2023. During 2023, the District received COVID-19 funding. The District will continue to spend available COVID-19 funding consistent with the applicable program guidelines.

During 2023, the District received \$33,558 as an on-behalf of grant from another government. These amounts are recorded in the COVID-19 Special Revenue Fund.

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

District Board of Health
Hocking County
350 State Route 664 N
Logan, Ohio 43138

To the Board:

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the cash balances, receipts, and disbursements for each governmental fund type as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements of the District Board of Health, Hocking County (District) and have issued our report thereon dated July 24, 2025, wherein we noted the District followed financial reporting provisions Ohio Rev. Code § 117.38 and Ohio Admin. Code 117-2-03(C) permit.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the District's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. 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 deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the District's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the District's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



Perry and Associates
Certified Public Accountants, A.C.
Marietta, Ohio

July 24, 2025

**DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH
HOCKING COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023**

Finding Number	Finding Summary	Status	Additional Information
2022-001	Financial Reporting	Corrected	N/A

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OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE KEITH FABER



HOCKING COUNTY DISTRICT BOARD OF HEALTH

HOCKING COUNTY

AUDITOR OF STATE OF OHIO CERTIFICATION

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



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