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EXAMINATION REPORT
OF
JACKSON TOWNSHIP
BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA
January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF JACKSON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY, INDIANA

We have examined the schedules of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances of Jackson Township (Township), for the period of January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2005. The Township's management is responsible for the schedules. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the schedule of receipts, disbursements, and cash and investment balances and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash transactions of the Township for the years ended December 31, 2003, 2004, and 2005, based on the criteria set forth in the uniform compliance guidelines established by the Indiana State Board of Accounts.

STATE BOARD OF ACCOUNTS

June 13, 2006

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
SCHEDULES OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CASH AND INVESTMENT BALANCES
ALL GOVERNMENTAL AND FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES
As Of And For The Years Ended December 31, 2003, 2004, And 2005

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-03 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-03 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| General | \$ 11,449 | \$ 11,689 | \$ 9,814 | \$ 13,324 |
| Dog | 727 | 453 | 370 | 810 |
| Township Assistance | 37,813 | 6,491 | 13,512 | 30,792 |
| Firefighting | 71,559 | 20,244 | 20,482 | 71,321 |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Payroll Withholdings | - | 333 | 333 | - |
| Totals | <u>\$ 121,548</u> | <u>\$ 39,210</u> | <u>\$ 44,511</u> | <u>\$ 116,247</u> |

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-04 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-04 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| General | \$ 13,324 | \$ 10,569 | \$ 10,698 | \$ 13,195 |
| Dog | 810 | 426 | 510 | 726 |
| Township Assistance | 30,792 | 11,710 | 14,706 | 27,796 |
| Firefighting | 71,321 | 11,799 | 22,092 | 61,028 |
| Library | - | 2,165 | 1,911 | 254 |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Payroll Withholdings | - | 363 | 229 | 134 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 116,247</u> | <u>\$ 37,032</u> | <u>\$ 50,146</u> | <u>\$ 103,133</u> |

| | Cash and Investments 01-01-05 | Receipts | Disbursements | Cash and Investments 12-31-05 |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Funds: | | | | |
| General | \$ 13,195 | \$ 12,572 | \$ 10,212 | \$ 15,555 |
| Dog | 726 | 452 | 426 | 752 |
| Township Assistance | 27,796 | 9,200 | 21,273 | 15,723 |
| Firefighting | 61,028 | 12,401 | 23,850 | 49,579 |
| Library | 254 | 2,950 | 1,978 | 1,226 |
| Fiduciary Fund: | | | | |
| Payroll Withholdings | 134 | 363 | 134 | 363 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 103,133</u> | <u>\$ 37,938</u> | <u>\$ 57,873</u> | <u>\$ 83,198</u> |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the schedules.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
NOTES TO SCHEDULES

Note 1. Introduction

The Township was established under the laws of the State of Indiana. The Township provides the following services: public safety, health and social services, culture and recreation, and general administrative services.

Note 2. Fund Accounting

The Township uses funds to report on its cash and investments and the results of its operations on a cash basis. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain governmental functions or activities.

Note 3. Budgets

The operating budget is initially prepared and approved at the local level. In addition, funds for which property taxes are levied are subject to final approval by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance.

Note 4. Property Taxes

Property taxes levied are collected by the County Treasurer and are distributed to the Township in June and December. State statute (IC 6-1.1-17-16) requires the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance to establish property tax rates and levies by February 15. These rates were based upon the preceding year's March 1 (lien date) assessed valuations adjusted for various tax credits. Taxable property is assessed at 100% of the true tax value (determined in accordance with rules and regulations adopted by the Indiana Department of Local Government Finance). Taxes may be paid in two equal installments which become delinquent if not paid by May 10 and November 10, respectively. All property taxes collected by the County Treasurer and available for distribution were distributed to the Township on or prior to December 31 of the year collected.

Note 5. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Township to invest in securities including, but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
EXAMINATION RESULT AND COMMENT

CONDITION OF RECORDS

The following deficiencies relating to the recordkeeping were noted:

- (1) The individual fund balances did not total to the control balances which were reconciled to the depository balances.

The total balances in all funds must agree with the control. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 3)

At all times, the manual and/or computerized records, subsidiary ledgers, control ledger, and reconciled bank balance should agree. If the reconciled bank balance is less than the subsidiary or control ledgers, then the responsible official or employee may be held personally responsible for the amount needed to balance the fund. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

- (2) There were several posting errors. These errors included omissions, postings for incorrect amounts, and postings to the control account not posted to any fund.

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

- (3) The Township Trustees Annual Reports contained numerous errors.

Governmental units should file accurate reports required by federal and state agencies. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Townships, Chapter 13)

JACKSON TOWNSHIP, BLACKFORD COUNTY
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on June 13, 2006, with Marie Wrightsman, Trustee; and Pamela Shroyer, Chairman of the Township Board. The officials concurred with our finding.