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**Claiborne County, Mississippi**  
Audited Financial Statements  
and Special Reports  
For the Year Ended  
September 30, 2015

**Fortenberry & Ballard, PC**  
Certified Public Accountants

## **Claiborne County Location in Mississippi**



Claiborne County was established on January 27, 1802 from Jefferson County. The County was name in honor of William C. Claiborne, first governor of Louisiana and second governor or Mississippi Territory. The County seat is located in Port Gibson. The bordering Counties are: Warren, Hinds, Copiah, Jefferson and Tensas Parish (Louisiana - west). According to the 2010 census, the population was 9,604.

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**  
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## FINANCIAL REPORT

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Claiborne County, Mississippi

**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Claiborne County, Mississippi (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise basic financial statements of the County's primary government as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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 *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental activities	Unmodified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Road Fund	Unmodified
Debt Service Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified

### **Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit**

Management has not included the Claiborne County Medical Center. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the Claiborne County Medical Center to be presented as a discretely presented component unit, thus increasing the component unit's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, revenues, and expenses, and changing its net position. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, net position, revenues, and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component unit has not been determined.

### **Adverse Opinion**

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of Claiborne County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2015, or the changes in financial position or cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Unmodified Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Claiborne County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2015, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the County adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension*

*Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68.* As a result, net position as of October 1, 2014, has been restated. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of the County's Contributions, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules and corresponding notes, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### *Omission of Required Supplementary Information*

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

### *Supplementary Information*

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations (Circular A-133) is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information mentioned above is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

*Other Information*

The Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 10, 2016, on our consideration of the Claiborne County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 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 Claiborne County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC  
June 10, 2016

Certified Public Accountants

## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**Exhibit 1

Statement of Net Position

September 30, 2015

	Primary <u>Government</u> Governmental <u>Activities</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 1,554,437
Property tax receivable	3,851,586
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$336,870)	106,380
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$99,823)	179,378
Loans receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$125,000)	1,195,411
Intergovernmental receivables	175,180
Other receivables	1,311
Capital assets:	
Land and construction in progress	1,074,556
Other capital assets, net	<u>11,493,858</u>
Total Assets	<u>19,632,097</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension related	<u>1,483,902</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>1,483,902</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Claims payable	324,941
Intergovernmental payables	69,939
Amounts held in custody for others	59,393
Accrued interest payable	74,747
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year:	
Capital debt	569,444
Non-capital debt	396,490
Due in more than one year:	
Capital debt	6,282,258
Non-capital debt	2,177,223
Net pension liability	<u>8,181,780</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>18,136,215</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Property taxes	<u>3,851,586</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>3,851,586</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	5,716,712
Restricted:	
Expendable:	
Public safety	240,463
Public works	142,864
Health and welfare	30,284
Culture and recreation	916
Economic development	599
Unrestricted	<u>(7,003,640)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (871,802)</u>

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

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Exhibit 2

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenues and Changes in Net Position
					Primary Governmental Activities
<u>Primary government:</u>					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 4,663,210	290,593	26,145	445,939	(3,900,533)
Public safety	2,720,818	112,515	211,414		(2,396,889)
Public works	2,307,916	430	1,462,297	74,681	(770,508)
Health and welfare	1,389,247		1,182,574		(206,673)
Culture and recreation	364,956	26,965			(337,991)
Conservation of natural resources	49,484				(49,484)
Economic development and assistance	173,398				(173,398)
Interest on long-term debt	475,588				(475,588)
Pension expense	993,903				(993,903)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>13,138,520</u>	<u>430,503</u>	<u>2,882,430</u>	<u>520,620</u>	<u>(9,304,967)</u>
General revenues:					
Property taxes				\$ 3,721,836	
Road & bridge privilege taxes				118,199	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				4,464,898	
Unrestricted interest income				5,501	
Miscellaneous				101,196	
Total General Revenues				<u>8,411,630</u>	
Changes in Net Position					<u>(893,337)</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as originally reported					6,351,362
Prior Period Adjustments					<u>(6,329,827)</u>
Net Position - Beginning, as restated					21,535
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ (871,802)</u>

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

	Major Funds				
	General Fund	Road Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>					
Cash	\$ 1,004,272	1,964	69,577	478,624	1,554,437
Property tax receivable	1,708,122	240,763	1,454,292	448,409	3,851,586
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$336,870)				106,380	106,380
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$99,823)	179,378				179,378
Loans receivable (net of allowance \$125,000)	405,411			790,000	1,195,411
Intergovernmental receivables	43,734			131,446	175,180
Other receivables	1,311				1,311
Due from other funds		10,862	22,609	6,837	40,308
Advances to other funds	1,406,790	74,278	13,543		1,494,611
Total Assets	<u>4,749,018</u>	<u>327,867</u>	<u>1,560,021</u>	<u>1,961,696</u>	<u>8,598,602</u>
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>					
Liabilities:					
Claims payable	187,419	21,266		116,256	324,941
Intergovernmental payables	65,823				65,823
Due to other funds	44,424				44,424
Advances from other funds	42,267	1,289,426	100,000	45,554	1,477,247
Amounts held in custody for others	59,393				59,393
Total Liabilities	<u>399,326</u>	<u>1,310,692</u>	<u>100,000</u>	<u>161,810</u>	<u>1,971,828</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources:					
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	1,708,122	240,763	1,454,292	448,409	3,851,586
Unavailable revenue - solid waste user fees				106,380	106,380
Unavailable revenue - fines	179,378				179,378
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>1,887,500</u>	<u>240,763</u>	<u>1,454,292</u>	<u>554,789</u>	<u>4,137,344</u>
Fund balances:					
Nonspendable:					
Advances	1,406,790				1,406,790
Loans receivable	405,411			790,000	1,195,411
Restricted for:					
Public safety				240,463	240,463
Public works				219,949	219,949
Health and welfare				30,284	30,284
Culture and recreation				916	916
Economic development and assistance				599	599
Unassigned	649,991	(1,223,588)	5,729	(37,114)	(604,982)
Total Fund Balances	<u>2,462,192</u>	<u>(1,223,588)</u>	<u>5,729</u>	<u>1,245,097</u>	<u>2,489,430</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 4,749,018</u>	<u>327,867</u>	<u>1,560,021</u>	<u>1,961,696</u>	<u>8,598,602</u>

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

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Exhibit 3-1

Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2015

	<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,489,430
Amounts reported for governmental services in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets are used in governmental activities and are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation.	12,568,414
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Accounts receivable	106,380
Fines receivable	179,378
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current-period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(9,425,415)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(74,747)
Deferred outflows/inflows of resources related to pension reported in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	1,483,902
Net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(8,181,780)
Advances made in prior period from/to funds for other than governmental activities are not available to pay in current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(17,364)
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Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>(871,802)</u></u>

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

CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Exhibit 4

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Major Funds				Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Road Fund	Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 1,910,963	139,783	1,231,521	439,569	3,721,836
Road and bridge privilege taxes		118,199			118,199
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	117,534			2,759	120,293
Fines and forfeitures	191,518				191,518
Intergovernmental revenues	5,163,363	837,999	500,000	1,366,586	7,867,948
Charges for services	33,965			84,727	118,692
Interest income	3,609	59	564	1,269	5,501
Miscellaneous revenues	83,017	6,229		25,879	115,125
Total Revenues	<u>7,503,969</u>	<u>1,102,269</u>	<u>1,732,085</u>	<u>1,920,789</u>	<u>12,259,112</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	4,784,486				4,784,486
Public safety	2,598,455			168,633	2,767,088
Public works		1,476,208		687,882	2,164,090
Health and welfare	679,208			710,039	1,389,247
Culture and recreation	319,727			6,932	326,659
Conservation of natural resources	49,484				49,484
Economic development and assistance	113,715			11,699	125,414
Debt service:					
Principal	29,662		1,197,894	257,562	1,485,118
Interest	5,395		460,530	5,751	471,676
Other			6,250		6,250
Total Expenditures	<u>8,580,132</u>	<u>1,476,208</u>	<u>1,664,674</u>	<u>1,848,498</u>	<u>13,569,512</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(1,076,163)</u>	<u>(373,939)</u>	<u>67,411</u>	<u>72,291</u>	<u>(1,310,400)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>					
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	9,864				9,864
Compensation for loss of capital assets	12,675				12,675
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>22,539</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,539</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	<u>(1,053,624)</u>	<u>(373,939)</u>	<u>67,411</u>	<u>72,291</u>	<u>(1,287,861)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>3,515,816</u>	<u>(849,649)</u>	<u>(61,682)</u>	<u>1,172,806</u>	<u>3,777,291</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ <u>2,462,192</u>	<u>(1,223,588)</u>	<u>5,729</u>	<u>1,245,097</u>	<u>2,489,430</u>

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

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Exhibit 4-1

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds \$ (1,287,861)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of capital assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. In the current period, these amounts are:

Capital outlay additions	607,898	
Depreciation expense	<u>(649,642)</u>	(41,744)

In the statement of activities, only the gain on the sale of assets is reported, while in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increases financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the cost of the assets sold.

Capital outlay retirements	(370,299)	
Accumulated depreciation retired	<u>333,831</u>	(36,468)

The issuance of long-term debt provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however has any effect on net position.

Payments of debt principal		1,485,119
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Some items reported in the statement of activities related to the implementation of GASB 68 are not reported as revenues/expenditures in the Governmental Funds.

These activities include:

Recording pension expense for the current year	(993,903)	
Recording of contributions made prior to the measurement date	397,174	
Recording of contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	<u>123,365</u>	(473,364)

Some items reported in the statement of activities do not provide or require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as revenues/expenditures in governmental funds. These activities include:

Change in accrued interest payable	2,338	
Change in compensated absences	19,397	
Change in deferred revenue - fines receivable	<u>(543,389)</u>	(521,654)

An adjustment recognizing interfund balance eliminations except for outstanding advances existing between governmental and fiduciary funds.

(17,364)

Rounding difference		<u>(1)</u>
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**Change in net position of governmental activities** \$ (893,337)

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

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities  
September 30, 2015

Exhibit 5

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 186,977
Due from other funds	4,116
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>191,093</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Amounts held in custody for others	\$ 12,247
Intergovernmental payables	161,482
Advances from other funds	17,364
Total Liabilities	\$ <u><u>191,093</u></u>

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

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

## **Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended September 30, 2015

### (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

#### A. Financial Reporting Entity

Claiborne County, Mississippi (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi. The County is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Claiborne County, Mississippi to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component units which have significant operational or financial relationships to the County.

Management has chosen to omit from these financial statements the following component unit which has significant operational or financial relationship with the County. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include the data of this component unit necessary for reporting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- Claiborne County Medical Center

State law pertaining to County government provides for the independent election of County officials. The following elected and appointed officials are all part of the County legal entity and therefore are reported as part of the primary government financial statements.

- Board of Supervisors
- Chancery Clerk
- Circuit Clerk
- Justice Court Clerk
- Purchase Clerk
- Tax Assessor/Collector
- Sheriff

#### B. Individual Component Unit Disclosure

Certain component units, although legally separate from the primary government, are nevertheless so intertwined with the primary government that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government. Therefore, this component unit is reported as if it was part of the primary government. The following component unit's balances and transactions are blended with the balances and transaction of the primary government.

- Claiborne County Port Commission was formed, as authorized by Code Section 59-7-103, to maintain, develop and regulate harbor related improvements.

## **Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended September 30, 2015

### **C. Basis of Presentation**

The County's basic financial statements consists of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, fund financial statements and accompanying note disclosures which provide a detailed level of financial information.

#### **Government-Wide Financial Statements**

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information concerning the County as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the County at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program, or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other revenues not classified as program revenues, are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

#### **Fund Financial Statements:**

Fund financial statements of the County are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Funds are organized into governmental and fiduciary. Major individual Governmental Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

## Claiborne County, Mississippi

Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the year ended September 30, 2015

### D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The Government-wide and Fiduciary Funds (excluding agency funds) financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic assets used, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Shared revenues are recognized when the provider government recognizes the liability to the County. Grants are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements have satisfied. Agency funds have no measurement focus, but use the accrual basis of accounting.

Governmental fund financial statements are presented using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are both measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Available means collected in the current period or within 60 days after year end to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Measurable knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the related fund liabilities are incurred. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recognized only when payment is due. Property taxes, state appropriations and federal awards are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

The County reports the following major Governmental Funds:

General Fund- This fund is accounts for and report all financial resources not accounted and reported in another fund.

Road Fund - This fund is to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for road maintenance.

Debt Service Fund - This fund is used to account for resources accumulated and used for the payment of long-term debt principal, interest and related costs of borrowing used for County projects.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

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Special Revenue Funds - These funds are used to 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.

Debt Service Funds - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Capital Projects Funds - These funds are used to account for and report 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.

### FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

Agency Funds - These funds account for various taxes, deposits and other monies collected or held by the County, in a purely custodial capacity, until distributed to other governmental units or designated beneficiaries.

#### E. Account Classifications

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the board classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

#### F. Deposits and Investments

State law authorizes the County to invest in interest bearing time certificates of deposit for periods of fourteen days to one year with depositories and in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or any county, municipality or school district of this state. Further, the County may invest in certain repurchase agreements.

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally three months or less). Investments in governmental securities are stated at fair value. However, the County did not invest in any governmental securities during the fiscal year.

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### G. Receivables

Receivables are reported net of allowances for uncollectible accounts, where applicable.

### H. Interfund Transactions and Balances

Transactions between funds that are representative of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements and transactions that have not resulted in the actual transfer of cash at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds." Noncurrent portions of interfund receivables and payables are reported as "advances to/from other funds." Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a nonspendable fund balance account in the General Fund, if applicable, to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. However, this is not applicable to advances reported in other governmental funds, which are reported, by definition, as restricted, committed, or assigned. Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

### I. Capital Assets

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the (applicable) governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. Capital assets include significant amounts of infrastructure which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition. The extent to which capital assets, other than infrastructure, costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation are not readily available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend their respective lives are not capitalized; however, improvements are capitalized. Interest expenditures are not capitalized on capital assets.

Governmental accounting and financial reporting standards allow governments meeting certain criteria to elect not to report major infrastructure assets retroactively. Claiborne County meets this criteria and has so elected. Therefore, the major general infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, are not reported in the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure

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assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

Capitalization thresholds (dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives are used to report capital assets in the government-wide statements and Proprietary Funds. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land. A full year's depreciation expense is taken for all purchases and sales of capital assets during the year. The following schedule details those thresholds and estimated useful lives:

	<u>Capitalization Thresholds</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ 0	n/a
Infrastructure	0	20-50 years
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

\* Leased property capitalization policy and estimated useful life will correspond with the amounts for the asset classification, as listed above.

### J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

Deferred outflow related to pensions - This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred outflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 18 for additional details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Property tax for future reporting period/unavailable revenue - property taxes - Deferred inflows of resources should be reported when resources associated with

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imposed nonexchange revenue transactions are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which property taxes are levied.

Unavailable revenue – solid waste user fees and fines – When an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available, the government should report a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available.

#### K. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

#### L. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities are the unmatured principal of bonds, loans, notes or other forms of noncurrent or long-term general obligation indebtedness. Long-term liabilities are not limited to liabilities from debt issuances, but may also include liabilities on lease-purchase agreements and other commitments.

In the government-wide financial statements long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities, Statement of Net Position.

#### M. Equity Classifications

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components:

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and

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regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

### Net Position Flow Assumption:

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

### Fund Financial Statements:

Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Government fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the County:

*Nonspendable fund balance* includes amounts that cannot be spent. This includes amounts that are either not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties are restricted, committed or assigned) or amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as a principal balance of a permanent fund.

*Restricted fund balance* includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Unassigned fund balance* is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

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### Fund Balance Flow Assumption:

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

### N. Property Tax Revenues

Numerous statutes exist under which the Board of Supervisors may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the County. Restrictions associated with property tax levies vary with the statutory authority. The amount of increase in certain property taxes is limited by state law. Generally, this restriction provides that these tax levies shall produce no more than 110% of the amount which resulted from the assessments of the previous year.

The Board of Supervisors, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien on March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require property taxes to be recognized at the levy date if measurable and available. All property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Motor vehicle and mobile home taxes do not meet the measurability and collectibility criteria for property tax recognition because the lien and due date cannot be established until the date of original purchase occurs.

### O. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds

Intergovernmental revenues, consisting of grants, entitlements and shared revenues, are usually recorded in Governmental Funds when measurable and available. However, the "available" criterion applies for certain federal grants and shared revenues when the expenditure is made because expenditure is the prime factor for determining eligibility. Similarly, if cost sharing or matching requirements exist, revenue recognition depends on compliance with these requirements.

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### P. Compensated Absences

The County has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee personal leave. No payment is authorized for accrued major medical leave. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require accrual of accumulated unpaid employee benefits as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements. In fund financial statements, Governmental Funds report the compensated absence liability payable only if the payable has matured, for example an employee resigns or retires.

### Q. Changes in Accounting Standards

Claiborne County implemented the following standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in the current fiscal year as required: GASB Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*. The provisions of these standards have been incorporated into the financial statements and notes.

### (2) Prior Period Adjustment

A summary of the significant fund equity adjustments is as follows:

#### Exhibit 2 - Statement of Activities

Explanation	Amount
1. Implementation of GASB 68 and 71:	
Net pension liability (measurement date)	\$ (6,348,141)
Deferred outflows - contributions after measurement date	123,627
Total prior period adjustment related to GASB 68 and 71	<u>(6,224,514)</u>
2. Correction of capital assets	<u>(105,313)</u>
Total Prior Period Adjustments	<u><u>\$ (6,329,827)</u></u>

### (3) Deposits

The carrying amount of the county's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2015, was \$1,554,437 in the governmental funds and \$186,977 in the fiduciary funds. The bank balance was \$2,039,207. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a

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program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The county does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the County. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the County.

### (4) Interfund Transactions and Balances

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2015:

#### A. Due From/To Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Road Fund	General Fund	\$ 10,862
Debt Service Fund	General Fund	22,609
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	6,837
Fiduciary Funds	General Fund	4,116
Total		<u>\$ 44,424</u>

The receivables represent advalorem revenue collected September 2015 and settled the following month.

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B. Advances To/From Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Debt service Fund	\$ 100,000
General Fund	Road Fund	1,289,426
General Fund	Fiduciary Funds	17,364
Debt Service Fund	Other Governmental Funds	13,543
Road Fund	General Fund	42,267
Road Fund	Other Governmental Funds	32,011
Total		<u>\$ 1,494,611</u>

Amounts payable to general fund are loans to other funds to be repaid. Amounts payable to all other Funds are prior period posting errors to wrong fund.

(5) Intergovernmental Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2015 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Legislative Credit	\$ 43,733
Family Health Center Grant	30,284
State of Mississippi	101,163
Total	<u>\$ 175,180</u>

(6) Loans Receivable

At September 30, 2015, loan receivable balances consisted of:

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Description	Date of Inception	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Amount
Hospital Loan	07-06-01	0%	N/A	\$ 60,000
Hospital Loan	07-11-01	0%	N/A	65,000
Port Gibson Apartments, LLC	03-13-01	various	09-50	410,000
Pattison Apartment Homes, LLC	07-02-03	1%	07-53	380,000
Hospital Loan	03-09-04	0%	N/A	76,666
Hospital Loan	09-14-12	0%	N/A	28,745
Hospital Loan	09-28-12	0%	N/A	105,000
Hospital Loan	10-12-12	0%	N/A	95,000
Hospital Loan	11-27-12	0%	N/A	<u>100,000</u>
Sub-total				\$ 1,320,411
Less: Allowance for Doubtful Accounts				<u>(125,000)</u>
Total				<u>\$ 1,195,411</u>

### (7) Capital Assets

Capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2015, was as follows:

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### Governmental activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2014	Additions	Deletions	Completed Construction	Adjustments	Balance Sept. 30, 2015
Non-depreciable capital assets:						
Land	\$ 1,029,556				45,000	1,074,556
Construction in progress	73,493	505,992		(579,485)		0
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>1,103,049</u>	<u>505,992</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(579,485)</u>	<u>45,000</u>	<u>1,074,556</u>
Depreciable capital assets:						
Infrastructure	4,943,670					4,943,670
Buildings	9,367,024			579,485	(447,973)	9,498,536
Improvements other than buildings	1,761,786					1,761,786
Mobile equipment	3,761,132	80,388	364,062		(27,996)	3,449,462
Furniture and equipment	825,008	21,518	6,237		(23,782)	816,507
Property under capital leases	292,337					292,337
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>20,950,957</u>	<u>101,906</u>	<u>370,299</u>	<u>579,485</u>	<u>(499,751)</u>	<u>20,762,298</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:						
Infrastructure	939,382	98,878			78,139	1,116,399
Buildings	4,077,940	225,004			(395,196)	3,907,748
Improvements other than buildings	546,225	70,476			(9,094)	607,607
Mobile equipment	2,889,951	183,203	327,656		(7,170)	2,738,328
Furniture and equipment	743,305	19,449	6,175		(3,217)	753,362
Property under capital leases	105,264	52,632			(12,900)	144,996
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>9,302,067</u>	<u>649,642</u>	<u>333,831</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(349,438)</u>	<u>9,268,440</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>11,648,890</u>	<u>(547,736)</u>	<u>36,468</u>	<u>579,485</u>	<u>(150,313)</u>	<u>11,493,858</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 12,751,939</u>	<u>(41,744)</u>	<u>36,468</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(105,313)</u>	<u>12,568,414</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the functions as follows:

	<u>Amount</u>
Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 71,108
Public safety	258,775
Public works	205,911
Culture and recreation	53,740
Economic development	60,108
Total depreciation expense	<u>\$ 649,642</u>

Adjustments were made to correctly present capital assets.

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### (8) Claims and Judgments

#### Risk Financing.

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The County pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2015, to January 1, 2016. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

### (9) Capital Leases

#### As Lessee:

The County is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2015:

Classes of Property	Governmental Activities
Mobile equipment	\$ 292,337
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(144,996)
Leased property under capital leases	\$ <u>147,341</u>

### (10) Defined Benefit Pension Plan

#### *General Information about the Pension Plan*

County County, Mississippi contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by state law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

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Benefits Provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions. At September 30, 2015, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate at September 30, 2015 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The County's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 were \$520,539, \$511,640 and \$453,553, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

### *Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At September 30, 2015, the County reported a liability of \$8,181,780 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2015, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was

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determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2015, the County's proportion was 0.052929 percent, which was an increase of 0.00063 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2014.

For the year ended September 30, 2015, the County recognized pension expense of \$993,903. At September 30, 2015, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 125,913
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	478,722
Change of assumptions	704,832
Changes in proportion and differences between County contributions and proportionate share of contributions	51,070
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	123,365
Total	<u>\$ 1,483,902</u>

\$123,365 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year ended June 30:		
2016	\$	443,878
2017		443,878
2018		353,102
2019		119,679
Total	\$	<u>1,360,537</u>

*Actuarial assumptions.* The total pension liability in the June 30, 2015 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.0 percent
Salary increases	3.75 - 19.00 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table Projected with Scale BB to 2016, with males rates set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2015 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014. The experience report is dated May 4, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2015, are summarized in the following table:

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Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Broad	34%	5.20%
International Equity	19%	5.00%
Emerging Markets Equity	8%	5.45%
Fixed Income	20%	0.25%
Real Assets	10%	4.00%
Private Equity	8%	6.15%
Cash	1%	-0.50%
Total	<u>100%</u>	

Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent, a decrease of 0.25 percentage points since the prior measurement date. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (15.75%). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1- percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 10,784,335	\$ 8,181,780	\$ 6,022,145

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

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### (11) Long-Term Debt

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2015, consisted of the following:

<u>Description and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
GOB - 2005	\$ 2,710,000	3.875/4.25%	10/2025
GOB - 2011	411,715	5.00%	03/2016
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$ 3,121,715</u>		
B. Limited Obligation Bonds:			
Special obligation bonds - 2007A	\$ 3,320,000	4.50%	07/2032
Special obligation bonds - 2007B	2,355,000	5.65/5.90%	07/2024
	<u>\$ 5,675,000</u>		
C. Capital Leases:			
(4) John Deere Tractors and Alamo Mowers	<u>99,155</u>	1.75%	09/16
D. Other Loans:			
Water pollution control revolving loan	\$ 124,668	1.75%	03/2033
Energy efficiency loan	226,374	1.25%	06/2024
	<u>\$ 351,042</u>		

Pledge of Future Revenues - The County has pledged future revenues for housing inmates, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$136,431 loan from the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality's Water Pollution Control Revolving loan Program issued in 2013. Proceeds from the loan provided financing for Hermanville wastewater improvements. The loan is payable through 2033. Annual principal and interest payments on the loan are expected to require less than 50 percent of the homestead exemption reimbursements. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$145,350. Principal and interest paid for the current year were \$8,306.

In addition, the County has pledged future homestead exemption annual tax loss reimbursements to repay a \$250,000 loan from the Mississippi Development Authority's Energy Investment Program issued in 2014. Proceeds from the loans provided financing

## Claiborne County, Mississippi

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for energy conservation measures for the Claiborne County Emergency Operations Center. The loan is payable through 2014. Annual principal and interest payments on the loan are expected to require less than 50 percent of the homestead exemption reimbursements. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the loan is \$240,757. Principal and interest paid for the current year were \$26,751.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the following debt reported in the Statement of Net Position are as follows:

### Governmental Activities:

Year Ending September 30,	General Obligation Bonds		Limited Obligation Bonds		Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 631,715	115,181	205,000	287,283	30,064	5,394
2017	230,000	100,545	220,000	275,700	30,471	4,585
2018	240,000	91,345	230,000	263,270	30,885	4,172
2019	250,000	81,745	245,000	249,700	31,303	3,753
2020	265,000	71,745	260,000	235,245	31,727	3,329
2021 - 2025	1,505,000	190,010	1,550,000	928,130	138,466	10,066
2026 - 2030			2,025,000	492,975	37,898	3,631
2031 - 2032			940,000	63,900	20,228	536
Total	\$ 3,121,715	650,571	5,675,000	2,796,203	351,042	35,466

Year Ending September 30,	Capital Leases	
	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 99,155	942

### Legal Debt Margin

The amount of debt, excluding specific exempted debt, that can be incurred by the County is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during a year can be no greater than 15% of assessed value of the taxable property within the county, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation. However, the limitation is increased by 20% whenever a County issues bonds to repair or replace washed out or collapsed bridges on the public roads of the county. As of September 30, 2015, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 4.34% of the latest property assessments.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2015:

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	Balance Oct. 1, 2014	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2015	Amount due within one year
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>				
General obligation bonds	\$ 4,124,609	1,002,894	3,121,715	631,715
Limited obligation bonds	5,870,000	195,000	5,675,000	205,000
Capital leases	356,717	257,562	99,155	99,155
Other loans	380,705	29,663	351,042	30,064
Compensated absences	197,899	19,397	178,502	
Total	<u>\$ 10,929,930</u>	<u>1,504,516</u>	<u>9,425,414</u>	<u>965,934</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the funds from which the employees' salaries were paid which are the General Fund, Road Fund, and Solid Waste Fund.

### (12) Deficit Fund Balances of Individual Funds

The following funds reported deficits in fund balance and net position at September 30, 2015:

Fund	Deficit Amount
Road Fund	\$ 1,223,588

### (13) Contingencies

Federal Grants - The County has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the County. No provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the County's financial statements.

Litigation - The County is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the County with respect to the various proceedings. However, the County's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

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For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

### (14) No Commitment Debt (Not Included in Financial Statements)

No commitment debt is repaid only by the entities for whom the debt was issued and includes debt that either bears the County's name or for which a mora responsibility may exist that is not an enforceable promise to pay. No commitment debt explicitly states the absence of obligation by the county other than possibly an agreement to assist creditors in exercising their rights in the event of default. Because a default may adversely affect the County's own ability to borrow, the principal amount of such debt outstanding at year end is disclosed as follows:

Description	Balance
Industrial Revenue bonds and notes	\$ 4,445,000

### (15) Joint Ventures

The County participates in the following joint ventures:

Claiborne County is a participant with the City of Port Gibson in a joint venture, authorized by Mississippi's non profit corporate statutes, to operate the Harriette Person Memorial Library. The joint venture is governed by a nine-member board of trustees. By contractual agreement, the County's appropriation to the joint venture was \$57,000 in fiscal year 2015. Complete financial statements for the Harriette Person Memorial Library can be obtained from P.O. Box 1017, Port Gibson, MS 39150.

### (16) Jointly Governed Organizations

The county participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Hinds Community College (the College) operates in a district composed of the Counties of Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Rankin and Warren. The Claiborne County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 15 members of the college board of trustees. The County appropriated \$251,176 for the maintenance and support of the College in fiscal year 2015.

Southwest Mississippi Mental Health Complex operates in a district composed of the Counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson. The Claiborne County Board of Supervisors appoints 1 of the 10 members of the board of commissioners. The County appropriated \$18,162 for its support for the fiscal year 2015.

Southwest Mississippi Planning and Development District (the District) operates in a district comprised of the Counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franlin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson. The Claiborne County Board of

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Supervisors appoints 4 of the 40 members of the board of directors. The County appropriated \$28,079 for its support in fiscal year 2015.

Southwest Mississippi Development Corporation operates in a district comprised of the Counties of Adams, Amite, Claiborne, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln, Pike, Walthall and Wilkinson. The entity is governed by 10 members appointed by each county's lead industrial foundation or chamber of commerce. If no industrial foundation or chamber of commerce is present, the member is appointed by the County's Board of Supervisors. The member counties provide only modest financial support for the entity.

### (17) Pollution Remediation Obligations

The County has identified specific County-owned properties where it is either known or reasonably believed that the site contains certain pollutants. The site has been reported to a State regulatory agency as having a current or reportable incident, thus voluntarily obligating the County for certain remediation activities. In addition, the County entered into an administrative agreement with a State agency to voluntarily assess the site. The related liability cannot be estimated at this time. Obligations pertain to soil or ground water contamination, primarily from storage of underground fuel tanks at the site.

County staff has voluntarily worked with appropriate State regulators to assess the environmental impact and the state will be monitoring the site quarterly. Should further activities become necessary cost estimates would then be developed.

In addition, the County estimates that any cost associated with this process will be recovered from grant funds; therefore, potentially reducing any pollution liabilities to the County since this project is a part of the Port Connector Road project.

### (18) Effect of Deferred Amount on Net Position

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$7,003,640) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenses resulting from a deferred outflow from pensions. The \$1,483,902 balance of deferred outflow of resources, at September 30, 2015 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The unrestricted net position amount of (\$7,003,640) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from a deferred inflow from property taxes. The \$3,851,586 balance of deferred inflow of resources, at September 30, 2015 will be recognized as a revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next few years.

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### (19) Subsequent Events

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the statement of net position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of Claiborne County evaluated the activity of the county, through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that the following subsequent event has occurred that require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

The county issued the following debt obligation:

Issue Date	Interest Rate	Issue Amount	Type of Financing
03-01-16	4%	\$ 500,000	Emergency Line of Credit

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Budgetary Comparison Schedule -  
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)  
 General Fund  
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 1,559,084	\$ 1,865,708	\$ 1,865,708	\$ -
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	184,319	240,412	240,412	-
Fines and forfeitures	25,000	38,877	38,877	-
Intergovernmental revenues	8,750,192	9,281,086	8,281,086	(1,000,000)
Charges for services	12,000	7,000	7,000	-
Interest income	1,500	3,584	3,584	-
Miscellaneous revenues	51,250	120,128	64,637	(55,491)
Total Revenues	<u>10,583,345</u>	<u>11,556,795</u>	<u>10,501,304</u>	<u>(1,055,491)</u>
<b>Expenditures by Major Budgetary Function</b>				
General government	6,621,919	7,298,012	7,298,012	-
Public safety	2,543,251	2,541,500	2,541,500	-
Health and welfare	914,839	714,264	714,264	-
Culture and recreation	315,923	315,357	315,357	-
Conservation of natural resources	50,932	49,484	49,484	-
Economic development and assistance	136,481	110,866	110,866	-
Total Expenditures	<u>10,583,345</u>	<u>11,029,483</u>	<u>11,029,483</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess ( <del>Deficiency</del> ) of Revenues Over ( <del>Under</del> ) Expenditures	<u>-</u>	<u>527,312</u>	<u>(528,179)</u>	<u>(1,055,491)</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>				
Compensation for loss of capital assets		12,675	12,675	-
Transfers in		60,260	(60,260)	(120,520)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>72,935</u>	<u>(47,585)</u>	<u>(120,520)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>-</u>	<u>600,247</u>	<u>(575,764)</u>	<u>(1,176,011)</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning, as previously reported		1,409,346	1,927,480	518,134
Prior period adjustment			(536,466)	(536,466)
Fund Balances - Beginning, as restated	-	1,409,346	1,391,014	(18,332)
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,593</u>	<u>\$ 815,250</u>	<u>(1,194,343)</u>

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Budgetary Comparison Schedule -  
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)  
 Road Fund  
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
<b>Revenues</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 173,764	\$ 137,208	\$ 137,208	\$ -
Road and bridge privilege tax	83,550	55,101	55,101	-
Intergovernmental revenues	767,063	782,898	782,898	-
Interest income		59	59	-
Miscellaneous revenues		6,229	6,229	-
Total Revenues	<u>1,024,377</u>	<u>981,495</u>	<u>981,495</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Expenditures by Major Budgetary Function</b>				
Public works	1,034,375	996,759	996,759	-
Total Expenditures	<u>1,034,375</u>	<u>996,759</u>	<u>996,759</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>(9,998)</u>	<u>(15,264)</u>	<u>(15,264)</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning		17,228	17,228	-
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ (9,998)</u>	<u>\$ 1,964</u>	<u>\$ 1,964</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset) \$	8,181,779	6,348,141
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	0.052929%	0.052299%
County's covered - employee payroll	3,305,010	3,248,508
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered - employee payroll	247.56%	195.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.70%	67.21%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the measurement date of 6/30 of the fiscal year presented.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**  
 Schedule of the County's Contributions  
 PERS  
 Last 10 Fiscal Years\*

	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution	\$ <u>520,539</u>	<u>511,640</u>
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	520,539	511,640
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>
County's covered - employee payroll	3,305,010	3,248,508
Contributions as a percentage of covered - employee payroll	15.75%	15.75%

The notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

## **Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the year ended September 30, 2015

### 1. Budgets

#### A. Budgetary Information

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the County's budget is to be prepared. Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Supervisors of the County, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the Sheriff and the Tax Assessor and Tax Collector for his or her respective department, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund every source of revenue, each general item of expenditure, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Supervisors that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The County's budget is prepared principally on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end, and there are no encumbrances to budget because state law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when payment is made.

#### B. Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary (Non GAAP) basis and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) is a part of required supplemental information.

#### C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation.

The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis are:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund:

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Road Fund</u>
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ (575,764)	(15,264)
Increase (Decrease)		
Net adjustments for revenue	(261,349)	21,266
Net adjustments for expenditures	<u>(216,511)</u>	<u>(379,941)</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ (1,053,624)</u>	<u>(373,939)</u>

### 2. Pension Schedules

#### A. Changes in benefit terms

None.

#### B. Changes of assumptions

In 2015 and later, the expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015. In 2015, the expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015. Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience. In 2015, assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience. Finally, the price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75% respectively.

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## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards  
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-through Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>Direct Program</u>			
U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Development Block Grants/State's Program	14.228	1130-13-011-PF-01	\$ 297,413
U. S. Department of Justice Passed through the MS Department of Public Safety Crime Victim Assistance/Discretionary Grants	16.582	13VA1111	29,809
Crime Victim Assistance/Discretionary Grants	16.582	14VA1111	8,628
Total passed through the MS Department of Public Safety			<u>38,437</u>
U. S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration Passed through the MS Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Construction Cluster Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	TCSP-0011-00(014)	21,522
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BR NBIS 081 B(10)	17,520
National Infrastructure Investments - TIGER Discretionary Grants	20.933	TTDG-0011(18)	135,779
			<u>174,821</u>
<u>Direct Program</u>			
U.S. Department of Health & Human Services Consolidated Health Centers (Note B)*	93.224	H80CS00482	740,323
U. S. Department of Homeland Security Passed through the MS Emergency Management Agency Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	N/A	19,166
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,270,160</u>

\* Denotes major federal award program.

**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**

Note A - Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Note B - Consolidated Health Centers

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, the county provided federal awards totaling \$740,323 to subrecipients during the year ended September 30, 2015.

## OTHER INFORMATION

**CLAIBORNE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials

For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

UNAUDITED

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Allen Burks	Supervisor District 1	Western Surety	\$100,000
Charlie Norrell, Sr.	Supervisor District 2	Western Surety	\$100,000
Eddwin Smith	Supervisor District 3	Western Surety	\$100,000
Ronald Shoulders	Supervisor District 4	Western Surety	\$100,000
Daniel Porter	Supervisor District 5	Western Surety	\$100,000
Gloria Dotson	Chancery Clerk	Western Surety	\$100,000
Avis King	Purchase Clerk	Western Surety	\$75,000
Henry Johnson	Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	\$75,000
Clora O'Quinn	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	\$50,000
Gloria Dotson	Inventory Control Clerk	Western Surety	\$75,000
George White, Jr.	Road Manager	Western Surety	\$50,000
Edward Goods	Constable	Western Surety	\$50,000
Roosevelt Dotson, Sr.	Constable	Western Surety	\$50,000
Sammie Good	Circuit Clerk	Western Surety	\$100,000
Marvin Lucas	Sheriff	Western Surety	\$100,000
James Wesley Brown	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Carl Fleming	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Melvin Arnold	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Michael Wells	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
David Andrew Webb	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Jerland Curry, Jr.	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Arthur Turner	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Bobby Ray Claiborne	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Adam Wells	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Bobkendrick Johnson	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Edward Bradley, Jr.	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Ephraim Drake	Deputy Sheriff*	Western Surety	\$50,000
Jimmy Ellis	Justice Court Judge	Western Surety	\$50,000
Daniel Lucas	Justice Court Judge	Western Surety	\$50,000
Mary Curry	Justice Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$50,000
Viola Moore	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$50,000
Armetrice Ward	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$50,000
Diane T. Davaul	Tax Collector-Assessor	Travelers	\$100,000

\* deputies hired under Section 45-5-9, Miss. Code Ann. (1972)

## SPECIAL REPORTS

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Claiborne County, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Claiborne County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 10, 2016.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Claiborne County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the 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 County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control that we consider to be a material weakness and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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 entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as finding 2015-001 to be a material weakness.

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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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as finding 2015-002 to be a significant deficiency.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Claiborne County, Mississippi'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 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 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*.

However, we noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Claiborne County, Mississippi, in the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated June 10, 2016, included with this document.

### **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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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June 10, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR  
FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER  
COMPLIANCE AS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Claiborne County, Mississippi

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

We have audited Claiborne County, Mississippi's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2015. Claiborne County, Mississippi's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of Claiborne County, Mississippi's major federal programs based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Claiborne County, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on Claiborne County, Mississippi's compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In our opinion, Claiborne County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2015.

## Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of Claiborne County, Mississippi is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Claiborne County, Mississippi's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Claiborne County, Mississippi's internal control over compliance.

*A deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance 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 compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM,  
INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES  
(REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISS. CODE ANN. (1972))

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Claiborne County, Mississippi

We have examined Claiborne County, Mississippi's (the County) compliance with establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) and compliance with the purchasing requirements in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) during the year ended September 30, 2015. The Board of Supervisors of Claiborne County, Mississippi, is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance 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 about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements. The Board of Supervisors of Claiborne County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the County and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory control system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any current evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Claiborne County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2015.

The accompanying schedules of (1) Purchases Not Made from the Lowest Bidder, (2) Emergency Purchases and (3) Purchases Made Noncompetitively from a Sole Source are presented in accordance with Section 31-7-115, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned study and evaluation of the purchasing system and, in our opinion, is fairly presented when considered in relation to that examination.

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This report is intended for use in evaluating the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Claiborne County, Mississippi, and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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June 10, 2016

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**Claiborne County, Mississippi**  
Schedule of Purchases Not Made From the Lowest Bidder  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

**Schedule 1**

Our test results did not identify any purchases from other than the lowest bidder.

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**  
Schedule of Emergency Purchases  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

**Schedule 2**

Our test results did not identify and emergency purchases.

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**

**Schedule 3**

Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Our test results did not identify any purchases made noncompetitively from a sole source.

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL  
AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Claiborne County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Claiborne County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2015, we considered Claiborne County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Claiborne County, Mississippi's financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the county's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated June 10, 2016, on the financial statements of Claiborne County, Mississippi.

Due to the reduced scope, these review procedures and compliance tests, these procedures and test cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

The results of our review procedures and compliance tests identified certain areas and immaterial instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations that are opportunities for strengthening internal control and operating efficiency. Our finding, recommendation, and your response are disclosed below:

**Circuit Clerk.**

1. Controls over record keeping should be strengthened.

**Finding:**

An effective system of internal control should include properly maintaining cash journals and reconciling the bank statements to the cash journals. During our audit, we noted the following:

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- As reported in prior years' audit reports, the bank statements were not reconciled accurately for all accounts.
- A criminal account was not properly reconciled

The failure to properly process, record and report transactions in the cash journal and bank account and to reconcile the bank statements to the cash journals could result in the loss of public funds.

Recommendation:

The Circuit Clerk should ensure that the cash journals are maintained accurately and that the bank statements are reconciled accurately to the cash journals.

Circuit Clerk's Response:

I will comply as recommended and consult with a Consulting Firm regarding maintaining bank statements.

2. Controls over timely deposits and settlements should be strengthened.

Finding:

An effective system of internal control should include timely deposits and settlement of funds. We noted that some deposits and settlements were not made timely. Failure to make timely deposits and monthly settlements to the County General Fund could result in the loss of public funds. In addition, failure to make other timely settlements denies the rightful owners access to their funds.

Recommendation:

The Circuit Clerk should ensure that all deposits and settlements are made timely.

Circuit Clerk's Response:

I will ensure all deposits and settlements are made timely as recommended.

The County's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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June 10, 2016

Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

**Claiborne County, Mississippi**

Schedule of Findings and Question Costs  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2015

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

1. Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements:

Governmental activities	Unmodified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit	Adverse
General Fund	Unmodified
Road Fund	Unmodified
Debt Service Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified

2. Internal control over financial reporting:

- a. Material weakness identified? Yes.
- b. Significant deficiencies identified? Yes.

3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No.

Federal Awards:

4. Internal control over major federal programs:

- a. Material weakness identified? No.
- b. Significant deficiency identified? None reported.

5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified.

6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with Section \_\_\_\_\_.510(a) of OMB Circular A-133? No.

7. Identification of major federal programs:

<u>CFDA Numbers</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
93.224	Consolidated Health Centers

8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$300,000.

9. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? No.

## Section II: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests disclosed the following findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.

### **Material Weakness**

#### **Finding 2015-001**

##### Criteria:

Generally accepted accounting principles require the financial data of its component units to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data of its component units.

##### Condition:

The County's financial statements do not include the financial data of one of the county's component unit.

##### Cause:

Audited financial statements were not provided for the required presentation of the aggregate discretely presented component unit (not presented in this report).

##### Effect:

Failure to include the data required by generally accepted accounting principles resulted in an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component unit.

##### Recommendation:

The Board of Supervisors should provide the financial data of all its component units in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

### **Significant Deficiency**

#### **Finding 2015-002**

##### Criteria:

An effective system of internal control should include a review of the criminal cases to identify the amount to be included in the fines receivable records.

##### Condition:

Some accounts were incorrectly reported and some accounts were not included.

Cause:

The Circuit Clerk did not review all criminal cases to identify outstanding fines and did not ensure that the fines were included in the fines receivable records.

Effect:

Failure to review the criminal cases and ensure that the fines are included in the fines receivable records could cause the fines receivable records to be misstated.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Circuit Clerk review all criminal cases to identify outstanding fines and to ensure that the fines are included in the fines receivable records.

Section III: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to the federal awards.

## AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



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## CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

June 13, 2016

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Gentlemen:

Claiborne County respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended September 30, 2015.

The findings from the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule. Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results, does not include findings and is not addressed.

### SECTION 2: FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

#### 15-001 Corrective Action Planned:

Claiborne County has chosen to omit the financial statements of the Claiborne County Medical Center, a discretely-presented component unit of the county. Claiborne County desires to have their audit report released in a timely manner. At times, the release of the component unit report occurs at a time which does not coincide with the release of the Claiborne County audit report. However, this item will be revisited in the following financial audit.

Anticipated Completion Date: December 2016

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Gloria Dotson, Chancery Clerk

#### 15-002 Corrective Action Planned:

My office has made progress in this effort and has hired outside help to identify these outstanding accounts and add to the accounts receivable listing

Anticipated Completion Date: September 2016

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: Sammie Good, Circuit Clerk