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Re: Annual Municipal Compilation

Accompanying this letter is a copy of the Annual Compilation of the City of Lexington, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. A separate management letter was not written to the City in connection with this compilation.

Sincerely,

Robin McCrory, Mayor  
City of Lexington

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**CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI**

**AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

**WATKINS, WARD AND STAFFORD, PLLC  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**



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CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Audited Financial Statements  
September 30, 2016

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**Independent Auditors' Report**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Lexington  
Lexington, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lexington, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the contents.

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditors' 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 of 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 auditors' 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 auditors consider 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.



## Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lexington, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2016 and the respective changes in cash basis financial position for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

## Basis of Accounting

We draw attention to note 1 of the financial statement, which describes that the City of Lexington, Mississippi prepares its financial statements on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

## Other Matters

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements as a whole that collectively comprise the City of Lexington, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Schedule of Certificates of Deposit, Schedule of Long-Term Debt, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials, which are the responsibility of management, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison schedule, the schedule of investments, schedule of fixed assets, schedule of long-term debt, and schedule of surety bonds are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion the budgetary comparison schedule, schedule of investments, schedule of fixed assets, schedule of long-term debt, and schedule of surety bonds are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

## Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 16, 2017 on our consideration of the City of Lexington, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of this 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 the City of Lexington, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kosciusko, Mississippi  
June 16, 2017

*Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC*







**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**





CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Statement of Activities and Net Position – Cash Basis  
As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

Functions/Programs	Program Cash Receipts				Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes in Net Assets		
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		
					Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Primary Government:							
Governmental Activities:							
General government	\$ 1,060,778	-	-	503,020	( 557,758)	-	\$ ( 557,758)
Public safety	592,104	-	-	-	( 592,104)	-	( 592,104)
Public works	615,713	-	-	-	( 615,713)	-	( 615,713)
Debt service - principal	24,999	-	-	-	( 24,999)	(68,980)	( 93,979)
Debt service - interest	8,561	-	-	-	( 8,561)	(11,324)	( 19,885)
Total Governmental Activities	2,302,155	-	-	503,020	( 1,799,135)	( 80,304)	( 1,879,439)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water and sewer	374,360	707,286	-	-	-	332,926	332,926
Total Primary Government	<u>2,676,515</u>	<u>707,286</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>503,020</u>	<u>( 1,799,135)</u>	<u>252,622</u>	<u>( 1,546,513)</u>
General Receipts:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					392,898	-	392,898
Sales and use taxes					418,914	-	418,914
Franchise taxes					64,470	-	64,470
Other taxes/special assessments					5,193	-	5,193
Court fines and fees					105,212	-	105,212
Unrestricted investment income					852	-	852
Miscellaneous					547,639	-	547,639
Transfers					568,253	( 568,253)	-
Total General Receipts					<u>2,103,431</u>	<u>( 568,253)</u>	<u>1,535,178</u>
Changes in Net Assets					304,296	( 315,631)	( 11,335)
Net Position - Beginning					318,103	427,250	745,353
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ 622,399</u>	<u>111,619</u>	<u>\$ 734,018</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.  
WATKINS, WARD AND STAFFORD, PLLC  
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CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Statement of Activities and Net Position – Cash Basis  
As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 437,683	105,172	\$ 542,855
Restricted Cash	-	6,447	6,447
Investments	<u>184,716</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>184,716</u>
Total assets	<u>622,399</u>	<u>111,619</u>	<u>734,018</u>
<b>Net Position:</b>			
Restricted:			
Restricted for meter deposits	-	6,447	6,447
Unrestricted	<u>622,399</u>	<u>105,172</u>	<u>727,571</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 622,399</u>	<u>111,619</u>	<u>\$ 734,018</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and  
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances  
As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
	General Fund	Water Fund
<b>RECEIPTS</b>		
Property taxes	\$ 392,898	\$ -
Rental Income	108,223	-
Licenses and permits	13,041	-
Intergovernmental revenues		
Other Aid	503,020	-
State shared revenues:		
Sales taxes	418,914	-
Nuclear Plant Payments	19,453	-
Fire protection	11,102	-
Charges for Governmental Services:		
Water and sewer	-	707,286
Fines and forfeitures	105,212	-
Miscellaneous receipts	161,802	-
Total Receipts	<u>1,733,665</u>	<u>707,286</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>		
General government	1,060,778	-
Public safety	592,104	-
Public works	615,713	-
Water and sewer	-	374,360
Redemption of principal	24,999	68,980
Interest on debt service	8,561	11,324
Total Disbursements	<u>2,302,155</u>	<u>454,664</u>
Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	( 568,490)	252,622
<b>OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)</b>		
Loan Proceeds	304,533	
Interfund loans and transfers	568,253	( 568,253)
Total Other Cash Sources (Uses)	<u>872,786</u>	<u>( 568,253)</u>
Net changes in fund balances	304,296	( 315,631)
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE -</b>		
Beginning of Year	<u>318,103</u>	<u>427,250</u>
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE -</b>		
End of Year	<u>\$ 622,399</u>	<u>\$ 111,619</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and  
Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances  
As of and For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES
	General Fund	Water Fund
<b>CASH BASIS ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 437,683	\$ 105,172
Restricted Cash	-	6,447
Investments	184,716	-
Total cash basis assets	<u>622,399</u>	<u>111,619</u>
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES</b>		
Restricted:		
Restricted for meter deposits	-	6,447
Unassigned	622,399	105,172
Total cash basis fund balances	<u>\$ 622,399</u>	<u>\$ 111,619</u>

The accompanying notes to financial statements are an integral part of these financial statements.





CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The City of Lexington (City) operates under the Mayor-Board of Alderpersons form of government and provides services as authorized by law. The City's population in the year 2016 was 1,622. The accounting policies of the City conform to the laws of Mississippi for a municipality with a population of less than 3,000. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

**a) Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements**

Basic financial statements consist of the following:

- Statement of activities and net position – cash basis
- Statement of cash basis assets and fund balances and cash receipts, disbursements and changes in cash basis fund balances

The government-wide financial statements report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. The City combines the statement of activities and statement of net position.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct disbursements are those that are clearly identifiable within a specific function or segment. Program receipts include 1) receipts from customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program receipts are reported instead as general receipts.

**b) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when collected and expenditures are recorded when cash is spent.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when collected and expenditures are reported when cash is spent.

The City reports the following major governmental fund:

The General Fund is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all the financial resources and the legally authorized activities of the City except those required to be accounted for in other specialized funds.



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**b) Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)**

The City reports the following major proprietary fund:

The Water and Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of providing water and sewer services to citizens of the City.

Amounts reported as *program receipts* include 1) receipts from customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments.

Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general receipts* rather than as program receipts.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

**c) Assets and Net Position or Fund Balance**

1) Cash and Investments – The government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand or invested in certificates of deposit with less than a three month maturity when acquired. The government's investments are considered to be certificates of deposit with original maturities of more than three months from the date of acquisition.

2) Net Position - The City's government-wide and proprietary net position is divided into the following components:

Restricted net position – consist of net position that is restricted by the City's creditors (for example through debt covenants), by state enabling legislation (through restrictions or shared revenues), by grantors (both Federal and state), and by contributors.

Unrestricted net position – all other net position is reported in this category.

3) Fund Balances – In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the City classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

Non-spendable – Includes fund balance amounts that cannot be spent either because it is not in spendable form or because of legal or contractual constraints.

Restricted – Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are externally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)**

**c) Assets and Net Position or Fund Balance (Continued)**

Committed – Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes that are internally imposed by the government through formal action of the highest level of decision making authority and does not lapse at year-end.

Assigned – Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by management other than the highest decision making authority of the City.

Unassigned – Includes positive fund balance with the General Fund which has not been classified within the abovementioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The City uses restricted/committed amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance are available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the City would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly, unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

**d) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The City follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Prior to September 15, the City Clerk submits to the Mayor and Board of Aldermen a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the General and Proprietary Funds.
2. Public notice is given of the City's budget meetings being open to the public, so that a public hearing is conducted on the budget.
3. The budget as submitted is reviewed by the Mayor and Board of Aldermen and necessary revisions are made. Then the budget is approved prior to September 30.
4. The budget is formally revised during July of each year or anytime a deficit is indicated.
5. Budgetary comparisons are employed by management as a management control device during the year for both the General and Proprietary Fund.
6. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

**e) Encumbrances**

An encumbrance system is not maintained to account for commitments resulting from approved purchase orders, work orders, and contracts.



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 2: Property Taxes**

The City uses the county tax rolls for the assessment of its ad valorem tax. Property is assessed in January of each year and the tax levy is set in September of each year. Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January of the next year and are delinquent after February 1.

**Note 3: Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments**

At the end of the year, the City's carrying amount of deposits was \$734,018 and the bank balance was \$846,153. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a 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.

**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.** Custodial credit risk is a risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the City. 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 City. As of September 30, 2016, none of the City's bank balance of \$846,153 was exposed to custodial risk.

Investments balances at September 30, 2016 are as follows:

Investment Type	Maturities	Fair Value	Rating
Certificate of Deposit	February 23, 2017	\$ 52,347	N/A
Certificate of Deposit	February 28, 2017	58,954	N/A
Certificate of Deposit	April 26, 2017	73,415	N/A
Total		\$ 184,716	

**Interest Rate Risk.** The city does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

**Credit Risk.** State law limits investments to those authorized by Sections 21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The city does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investments choices or one that addresses credit risk.

**Custodial Credit Risk – Investments.** Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the city will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The city does not have a formal investment policy that addresses custodial risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages the risk on behalf of the city. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the city. The city had no investments, other than certificates of deposit, as of September 30, 2016.





CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 3: Cash, Cash Equivalents, and Investments (continued)**

*Concentration of Credit Risk.* Disclosure of investments by amount and issuer for any issuer that represents five percent or more total investments is required. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds and external investment pools, and other pooled investments. As of September 30, 2016, the city had no investments other than certificates of deposit.

**Note 4: Interfund Transfers**

Interfund transfers during the year were as follows:

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>
Transfers In	\$ 568,253	\$ -
Transfers Out	-	( 568,253)
	<u>\$ 568,253</u>	<u>\$ ( 568,253)</u>

The above interfund transfers resulted from the payment of a general fund note by the water fund.

**Note 5: Capital Assets**

**General Fund:**

Capital asset additions, retirements, and balances for the General Fund, for the year ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

	<u>Balance 09/30/15</u>	<u>Additions &amp; Reclassifications</u>	<u>Retirements &amp; Reclassifications</u>	<u>Balance 09/30/16</u>
Land and Buildings	\$ 2,273,254	817,801	-	\$ 3,091,055
Equipment	530,509	-	-	530,509
	<u>\$ 2,803,763</u>	<u>817,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 3,621,564</u>

**Proprietary Fund:**

Capital asset additions, retirements, and balances for the Proprietary Fund, for the year ended September 30, 2016 were as follows:

	<u>Balance 09/30/15</u>	<u>Additions &amp; Reclassifications</u>	<u>Retirements &amp; Reclassifications</u>	<u>Balance 09/30/16</u>
Infrastructure	\$ 4,224,483	-	-	\$ 4,224,483
	<u>\$ 4,224,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 4,224,483</u>



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 6: Bonds Payable**

**General Fund:**

The following is a summary of bond payable transactions of the General Fund for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	Balance 09/30/15	Issued	Retired	Balance 09/30/16
USDA Revenue Bond #9320	\$ 275,054	-	(68,980)	\$ 206,074
	<u>\$ 275,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68,980)</u>	<u>\$ 206,074</u>

The repayment terms are as follows:

	Interest Rate	Payment	Final Maturity
G. O. Public Improvement Bond, Series 1999	5%	Varied annual amounts	2019

Future maturities of General Fund bonds payable are as follows:

Year Ended September 30,	Principal
2017	\$ 69,883
2018	71,233
2019	64,958
Total	<u>\$ 206,074</u>

**Note 7: Notes Payable**

**General Fund:**

The following is a summary of notes payable transactions of the Proprietary Fund for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	Balance 09/30/15	Issued	Retired	Balance 9/30/2016
CAP Loan 50488	\$ 317,426		(24,999)	\$ 292,427
Bank Plus - 150014425700		146,785		146,785
Bank Plus - 150014332300		100,594		100,594
	<u>\$ 317,426</u>	<u>247,379</u>	<u>(24,999)</u>	<u>\$ 539,806</u>

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 7: Notes Payable (continued)**

The repayment terms are as follows:

	Interest Rate	Payment	Final Maturity
CAP Loan 50488	3%	Monthly	2023
Bank Plus - 150014425700	3%	Annual	2021
Bank Plus - 150014332300	3%	Annual	2021

Future maturities are as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>
2017	\$ 27,442
2018	29,077
2019	28,687
2020	29,327
2021	7,137
Thereafter	418,136
Total	<u>\$ 539,806</u>

**Note 8: Economic Dependency**

The City is a rural community located in North Mississippi. The city is very dependent on ad valorem taxes and user fees from its residents to remain fiscally viable.

**Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**Plan Description** – The City of Lexington, 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 report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201, or by calling (601) 349-3589 or 1-800-PERS.

**Funding Policy** – PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate at September 30, 2016 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 City of Lexington, Mississippi's contributions to PERS for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2016, 2015, and 2014 were \$89,945, \$89,575, and \$88,508, respectively, which equaled the required contribution.

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 9: Defined Benefit Pension Plan (continued)**

**Pension Liability** – At September 30, 2016, the City had a liability of \$1,456,200 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of its long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the City's proportion was 0.009279 percent.

**Note 10: Risk Management**

The City is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The City purchases coverage of risks of loss related to theft of, damage to and destruction of assets from commercial insurance carriers.

Risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to City employees is covered through the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group, a public entity risk pool. The pool was formed on March 28, 1989, by the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, pursuant to Section 71-3-75, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), to provide public entities within the State of Mississippi workers' compensation and employers' liability coverage. The City pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage based on total payroll. The participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. Expenditures and claims are recognized when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. In determining claims, events that might create claims but for which none have been reported are considered. For insured programs, there have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage.

**Note 11: Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Statement of Activities and 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 Activities and Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Activities and Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the City evaluated the activity of the City through June 16, 2017, the date the financial statements were approved by the City's management and thereby available to be released, and were aware of no subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual  
 General Fund  
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
<b>RECEIPTS</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 400,000	390,000	392,898	\$ 2,898
Rental Income	-	-	108,223	108,223
Penalties and interest	1,000	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	10,000	15,000	13,041	( 1,959)
Intergovernmental revenues	1,000,000	1,000,000	952,489	( 47,511)
Charges for Governmental Services	1,000	1,000	-	( 1,000)
Fines and forfeitures	150,000	111,000	105,212	( 5,788)
Miscellaneous revenues	500,000	500,000	161,802	( 338,198)
Total Receipts	<u>2,062,000</u>	<u>2,017,000</u>	<u>1,733,665</u>	<u>( 283,335)</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS</b>				
General government	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,060,778	( 60,778)
Public safety	530,000	530,000	592,104	( 62,104)
Public works	532,000	532,000	615,713	( 83,713)
Redemption of Principal	24,999	24,999	24,999	-
Interest on Debt Service	8,561	8,561	8,561	-
Total Disbursements	<u>2,095,560</u>	<u>2,095,560</u>	<u>2,302,155</u>	<u>( 206,595)</u>
Excess of receipts over (under) disbursements	( 33,560)	( 78,560)	( 568,490)	( 489,930)
<b>OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Loan Proceeds	-	-	304,533	304,533
Interfund loans and transfers	500,000	500,000	568,253	68,253
Total other cash sources (uses)	<u>500,000</u>	<u>500,000</u>	<u>872,786</u>	<u>372,786</u>
Net changes in fund balances	466,440	421,440	304,296	( 117,144)
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE -</b>				
Beginning of Year	<u>318,103</u>	<u>318,103</u>	<u>318,103</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE -</b>				
End of Year	<u>\$ 784,543</u>	<u>739,543</u>	<u>622,399</u>	<u>\$ ( 117,144)</u>

See accompanying notes to required supplementary information.



CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to Required Supplementary Information

**Note 1: Budgetary Information**

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the City'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 Aldermen of the City, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the various departments, prepares an original budget for the General Fund 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 encumbered cash and investment balances. During the fiscal year when it appears to the Board of Aldermen that budgetary estimates will not be met, the Board may make revisions to the budget.

The City's budget is prepared 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.

**Note 2: Basis of Presentation**

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary basis and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual is a part of required supplementary information.

**Note 3: Budget Reconciliation**

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements which is the same as the basis used for budget preparation.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Investments – All Funds  
September 30, 2016

	<u>Deposit Amount</u>
Certificate of Deposit with Bank Plus, rate .01%	\$ 52,347
Certificate of Deposit with Bank Plus, rate .01%	58,954
Certificate of Deposit with Bank Plus, rate .01%	<u>73,415</u>
Total	<u>\$ 184,716</u>
Fund Recap:	
General Fund	\$ 184,716
Water and Sewer Fund	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 184,716</u>

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Fixed Assets  
September 30, 2016

**General Fund:**

	Balance 09/30/15	Additions & Reclassifications	Retirements & Reclassifications	Balance 09/30/16
Land and Buildings	\$ 2,273,254	817,801	-	\$ 3,091,055
Equipment	530,509	-	-	530,509
	<u>\$ 2,803,763</u>	<u>817,801</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 3,621,564</u>

**Proprietary Fund:**

	Balance 09/30/15	Additions & Reclassifications	Retirements & Reclassifications	Balance 09/30/16
Infrastructure	\$ 4,224,483	-	-	\$ 4,224,483
	<u>\$ 4,224,483</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 4,224,483</u>

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Long-Term Debt  
September 30, 2016

	Balance 9/30/2015	Additions	Retirements	Balance 09/30/16
Bonds Payable:				
USDA Revenue Bond #9320	\$ 275,054	-	(68,980)	\$ 206,074
Total Bonds Payable	<u>\$ 275,054</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(68,980)</u>	<u>\$ 206,074</u>

	Balance 9/30/2015	Additions	Retirements	Balance 09/30/16
Notes Payable:				
CAP Loan 102-CP-01 50488	\$ 317,426		(24,999)	\$ 292,427
Bank Plus - 150014425700		146,785		146,785
Bank Plus - 150014332300		100,594		100,594
Total Notes Payable	<u>\$ 317,426</u>	<u>247,379</u>	<u>(24,999)</u>	<u>\$ 539,806</u>

CITY OF LEXINGTON, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials  
September 30, 2016

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Surety</u>	<u>Bond Amount</u>
Willie Mae Forrest	City Clerk	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Brenda Powell	Deputy Clerk	Travelers	50,000
Robert Kirklin	Police Chief	Travelers	50,000
Clinton Cobbins	Mayor	Travelers	50,000
David Rule	Board Member	Travelers	50,000
Ella Edwards-Benson	Board Member	Travelers	50,000
Franky McCain	Board Member	Travelers	50,000
Clemetene Cooper-Jackson	Board Member	Travelers	50,000
Joshua Davis, Jr	Board Member	Travelers	50,000
Rose Gamble	Court Clerk	Travelers	50,000
Derrick Hodges	Dispatcher	Travelers	50,000
Joe Wiley	Dispatcher	Travelers	50,000
Laura Hoover	Dispatcher	Travelers	50,000
Deloris Pate	Dispatcher	Travelers	50,000

SPECIAL REPORTS



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**Independent Auditors' 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**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Lexington  
Lexington, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as described in Note 1 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, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lexington, Mississippi as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016 and the related notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the City of Lexington, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2017.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Lexington, Mississippi'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 opinion on the financial statements but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Lexington, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Lexington, Mississippi's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.



## Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Lexington, Mississippi's financial statements are free of 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 that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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.

Kosciusko, Mississippi  
June 16, 2017

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**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance  
With State Laws and Regulations**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
City of Lexington  
Lexington, Mississippi

We have audited the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lexington, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, which collectively comprise the City of Lexington, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 16, 2017. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America as described in Note 1.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended for the information of the City of Lexington, Mississippi's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Kosciusko, Mississippi  
June 16, 2017

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City of Lexington, Mississippi  
Schedule of Findings and Responses  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

**Section 1: Summary of Auditors' Results**

**Financial Statements**

- |    |   |               |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1. | Type of auditors' report issued on the primary government financial statements:           | Unmodified    |
| 2. | Internal control over financial reporting:  |               |
|    | a. Material weaknesses identified?  | No            |
|    | b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | None reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to the financial statements?                                       | No            |