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**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**

**AUDIT REPORT**

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON  
THE COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND  
DISBURSEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

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

We have audited the accompanying Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the City of Macon, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement, as listed in the contents.

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

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

**Auditors' Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement 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 statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, 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 statement 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 statement.

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

## **Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the respective results of operations—cash basis of the governmental funds, one proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds of the City of Macon, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2016, 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 the basis of accounting. The financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

## **Other Matters**

### *Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the City of Macon, Mississippi. The schedule of long-term debt, schedule of investments, and schedule of surety bonds for municipal officials are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

The schedule of long-term debt, schedule of investments 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 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements or to the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of long-term debt, schedule of investments and schedule of surety bonds, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

As discussed in Note 1, the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements presents only the governmental funds, one proprietary fund, and fiduciary funds of the City of Macon, Mississippi, and does not purport to, and does not, present fairly the results of operations – cash basis of the City of Macon, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2016, in conformity with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 19, 2017, on our consideration of the City of Macon, 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 the City of Macon, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Macon Mississippi  
August 19, 2017

*Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC*

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Combined Statement Of Cash Receipts And Disbursements**  
**All Funds Excluding The Electric Proprietary Fund**  
**For The Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>Special Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>	<b><u>Proprietary Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fiduciary Fund</u></b>
<b><u>Revenues</u></b>						
General Property Taxes	\$ 690,874					
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	2,708					
Licenses and permits	18,658					
In lieu of taxes/franchise taxes:						
Four-County	5,173					
Atmos Gas	5,206					
Mississippi Cable	-					
Mississippi Housing Authority	-					
Tennessee Valley Authority	15,882					
Macon Electric Department	136,694					
Intergovernmental Revenues:						
Federal Revenue:						
Airport Improvement Program - FAA			-			
Community Development Block Grant			354,144			
Justice Assistance Grant	39,833					
Rural Housing Service Community Facilities Grant	-					
Section 592 Program			-			
Local Shared Revenues:						
County allocations	83,510					
State Shared Revenues:						
State grants	28,070		-			
Sales tax	607,293					
Homestead reimbursement	51,024					
Liquor privilege tax	2,250					
Charges for Services:						
Water Utility					1,092,286	
Refuse collection	207,058					
Fines and forfeitures	44,616					
Interest	1,921		156	606	910	124
Rents and royalties	142,726					
Perpetual care and sale of lots						9,335
Sportsplex supplement	51,600					
Miscellaneous	57,680					
Total Receipts	<u>2,192,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>354,300</u>	<u>606</u>	<u>1,093,196</u>	<u>9,459</u>

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

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Combined Statement Of Cash Receipts And Disbursements**  
**All Funds Excluding The Electric Proprietary Fund**  
**For The Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>Special Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Capital Projects</u></b>	<b><u>Debt Service</u></b>	<b><u>Proprietary Fund</u></b>	<b><u>Fiduciary Fund</u></b>
<b>Other Receipts:</b>						
Loans and Transfers	1,268,454		-	187,624	354,144	
Total Other Receipts	1,268,454	-	-	187,624	354,144	-
Total Receipts	3,461,230	-	354,300	188,230	1,447,340	9,459
Cash Balance - Beginning of Year	614,282	15,618	46,823	1,027,747	550,282	37,392
<b>Total Amount to Account For</b>	<b>\$ 4,075,512</b>	<b>15,618</b>	<b>401,123</b>	<b>1,215,977</b>	<b>1,997,622</b>	<b>46,851</b>
<b><u>Operating Disbursements:</u></b>						
General government	\$ 669,596					
Public safety:						
Police	804,640					
Fire	64,351					
Public works	426,570					
Health and welfare	184,457					
Culture and recreation	182,393					
Engineering and professional fees			-			
Maintenance						1,412
Enterprise:						
Water Utility					647,864	
Interest on Bonds				33,638	69,715	
<b>Total Operating Disbursements</b>	<b>2,332,007</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>33,638</b>	<b>717,579</b>	<b>1,412</b>
<b>Other Disbursements:</b>						
Bonds Retired				116,000	72,027	
Capital Outlay	980,534				364,959	
Loans and Transfers	187,624		354,144	970,144	298,315	
<b>Total Other Disbursements</b>	<b>1,168,158</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354,144</b>	<b>1,086,144</b>	<b>735,301</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>3,500,165</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>354,144</b>	<b>1,119,782</b>	<b>1,452,880</b>	<b>1,412</b>
<b>Cash Balance - End of Year</b>	<b>575,347</b>	<b>15,618</b>	<b>46,979</b>	<b>96,195</b>	<b>544,742</b>	<b>45,439</b>
<b>Total Amount Accounted For</b>	<b>\$ 4,075,512</b>	<b>15,618</b>	<b>401,123</b>	<b>1,215,977</b>	<b>1,997,622</b>	<b>46,851</b>

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



**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

**Reporting Entity**

The citizens of Macon, Mississippi have elected to operate under a Code Charter as permitted by Mississippi Statue 21-3-3, which prescribes a Mayor and Board of Alderman form of government.

In evaluating how to define the government, for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity was made by applying the criteria set forth in accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The basic-but not only-criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is the governing body's ability to exercise oversight responsibility. The most significant manifestation of this ability is financial interdependency. Other manifestations of the ability to exercise oversight responsibility include, but are not limited to, the selection of governing authority, the designation of management, the ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters. A second criterion used in evaluating potential component units is the scope of public service. Application of this criterion involves considering whether the activity benefits the government and/or its citizens, or whether the activity is conducted within the geographic boundaries of the government and is generally available to its citizens. A third criterion used to evaluate potential component units for inclusion or exclusion from the reporting entity is the existence of special financing relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, the following is a brief review of each potential component unit addressed in defining the City of Macon, Mississippi's reporting entity.

Not included within the reporting entity:

**City of Macon Electric Department:** The Electric Department's governing board is the City of Macon, Mississippi's governing body. The rates for user charges and bond issuance authorizations are determined by the government's governing body. The Electric Department has been excluded from the City of Macon's financial statement. The Electric Department prepares its financial statements on a prescribed basis of accounting that demonstrates compliance with the provision of the power contract between the Electric Department and the Tennessee Valley Authority, and are consistent with the requirements of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's system of accounts which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The fiscal year end for the Electric Department is June 30, and a separate audit report has not been issued to date.

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

The following is a summary of the more significant accounting principles:

**Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the City of Macon, Mississippi are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped into five generic fund types and three broad fund categories as follows:

**Governmental Funds**

**General Fund** - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City of Macon, Mississippi. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

**Special Revenue Fund** - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted for specific expenditure purposes. The Special Revenue Fund is the Environmental Protection Agency Fund.

**Debt Service Fund** - The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of general long-term debt principal, interest, and related costs. The primary revenue source is local property taxes levied specifically for debt service.

**Capital Projects Fund** - The Capital Projects Fund is used to account for the acquisition of fixed assets or construction of major capital projects not being financed by Proprietary or Nonexpendable Trust Funds.

**Fiduciary Funds**

**Trust and Agency Fund** - The Trust and Agency Fund is used to account for assets held by the City of Macon, Mississippi in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Nonexpendable Trust Funds are used to account for the principal portion of Trust Funds, the part which cannot be expended. They are accounted for in essentially the same manner as proprietary funds since capital maintenance is critical. The Trust and Agency Fund is the Cemetery Fund.

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

**Fund Accounting (Continued)**

**Proprietary Funds**

**Enterprise Funds** – Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes. The Proprietary Funds are the Electric System and the Water and Sewer Department. The Electric System operates under the Tennessee Valley Authority and is accounted for and reported on separately with a fiscal year end of June 30.

**Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement is prepared on a cash basis, as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received (cash receipts) rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid (cash disbursements) rather than when the obligation is incurred.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with the cash receipts and disbursements basis, as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Encumbrances**

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

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

**Accumulated Unpaid Vacation, Sick Pay, and Other Employee Benefit Accounts**

For proprietary funds (including Macon Electric and Water and Sewer) the City of Macon, Mississippi records expense and liability for compensated absences as the benefit is earned. Because the focus of the General Fund is “spendable resources” the expenditure is not recorded until the liability is discharged. However, the obligation is recorded in the Schedule of Long-Term Debt as the benefit is earned by the employees. The City of Macon, Mississippi’s policy on annual leave is it must be taken within the year accrued. Except for certain situations, five workdays may be carried over into the next year. The carryover of annual leave is immaterial; therefore it is not recorded in the Schedule of Long-Term Debt.

**Note 2 - Cash and Other Deposits**

The collateral for public entities’ deposits in financial institutions is 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 Depository Insurance Corporation.

The carrying amount of the City’s deposits with financial institutions was \$1,324,320 on September 30, 2016, and the total of all bank balances was \$1,286,989.

**Note 3 - Long-Term Debt**

The following is a summary of transactions of the City of Macon, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2016:

	<u>10/1/2015</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>9/30/2016</u>
Water and Sewer				
Revenue Bonds	\$ 1,206,668		38,930	\$1,167,738
USDA Rural Development	35,297		2,340	32,957
MDA-CAP Loans	647,261		30,757	616,504
GO Street Imp Bonds	1,650,000		116,000	1,534,000
Totals	<u>\$ 3,539,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,027</u>	<u>\$3,351,199</u>

All liabilities of the City of Macon, Mississippi except for Revenue Bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the municipality.

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 3 - Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

The two outstanding issues of Revenue Bonds are due in monthly installments of \$3,651 and \$4,157 through various dates, the last of which is the year 2033. Interest rates are 4.75% and 4.50%, respectively.

The City of Macon, Mississippi acquired the Southeast Water Association and assumed their debt with USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$48,494 in fiscal year 2010. The outstanding debt is due in monthly installments of \$359 with an interest rate of 5.75%.

A Capital Improvement Revolving loan in the amount of \$316,272 was finalized in October of 2013 and the first payment was made November 1, 2013. The outstanding balance is due in monthly installments of \$1,583 at an interest rate of 2%.

A Capital Improvement Revolving loan in the amount of \$407,518 was finalized in January of 2015 and the first payment was made February 1, 2015. The outstanding balance is due in monthly installments of \$2,062 at an interest rate of 2%.

In September 2015, the City issued \$1,650,000 of General Obligation Street Improvement and Refunding Bonds Series 2015. As part of this bond issuance, \$649,392 was used to retire the 2007 Series of General Obligation Bonds. The outstanding issue of the 2015 Series of General Obligation Bonds is due in annual installments with principal payments due in September of each year and interest payments due in March of each year starting in 2016 and ending in 2027. The payment amounts and the interest rate increase slightly each year. The interest rate starts at 1.7% and ends at 2.4%.

Any existing capital leases are recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception. At September 30, 2016, there were no outstanding capital leases.

Revenue Bond debt service requirements, including interest, for the next five years and to the maturity are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 93,696
2018	\$ 93,696
2019	\$ 93,696
2020	\$ 93,696
2021	\$ 93,696
Thereafter	\$ 2,230,726

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 3 - Long-Term Debt (Continued)**

USDA Rural Development debt service requirements, including interest, for the next five years and to the maturity are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 4,308
2018	\$ 4,308
2019	\$ 4,308
2020	\$ 4,308
2021	\$ 4,308
Thereafter	\$ 33,363

Capital Improvements Revolving Loan debt service requirements, including interest, for the next five years and to the maturity are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 43,740
2018	\$ 43,740
2019	\$ 43,740
2020	\$ 43,740
2021	\$ 43,740
Thereafter	\$ 556,289

General Obligation Bond debt service requirements, including interest, for the next five years and to the maturity are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending</u> <u>September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2017	\$ 148,166
2018	\$ 150,177
2019	\$ 151,999
2020	\$ 154,749
2021	\$ 156,279
Thereafter	\$ 980,401

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 4 - Report Classifications**

Receipts and disbursements were classified according to requirements for small towns in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor.

**Note 5 - Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

**Plan Description**

The City of Macon, 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 Employee Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

**Funding Policy**

PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the City of Macon, Mississippi is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The City of Macon, Mississippi's contributions to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014 were \$181,563, \$185,770 and \$176,472 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**Pension Liability**

At September 30, 2016, the City had a liability of \$3,222,752 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 0.018042 percent.

**Note 6 - Joint Ventures**

The City of Macon, Mississippi entered into an agreement on November 8, 1994, with the Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. This authority was organized under laws of the state of Mississippi (Section 17-17-301 et seq. Ms. Code of 1972 as amended).

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 6 - Joint Ventures (Continued)**

The authority's purpose is to operate and maintain a landfill facility. The project was permitted by DEQ in December, 1994. The City of Macon, Mississippi's share of expense and liability is based on a pro rata share of waste tonnage. The other members of the Authority are Noxubee County, City of West Point, Clay County, City of Columbus, Lowndes County, City of Starkville, Oktibbeha County, City of Eupora, Webster County, the Town of Ackerman and Choctaw County.

The City of Macon, Mississippi entered into an inter-local cooperative agreement with Noxubee County, Mississippi and Noxubee County School District on December 11, 2007, to develop and operate the Noxubee Sportsplex. The agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Mississippi, specifically Sections 17-13-1 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972, Annotated, as amended, being the Interlocal Government Cooperation Act of 1974, as amended. The parties have agreed to cooperate in the development of the Noxubee Sportsplex that is to be completed in two stages over a period of approximately two years with financial and in-kind contributions from each party. The board of Aldermen of the City of Macon agrees to commit \$50,000 for the first stage and \$50,000 for the second stage plus five years of maintenance and grounds keeping for the ball fields located on the Sportsplex valued at approximately \$50,000 for a five year period. A Board of Governors consisting of five persons will be appointed by the three governmental entities to serve as a joint board for the cooperative undertaking contained in the interlocal agreement. Two members shall be appointed by the Board of Education of Noxubee County, two members shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors of Noxubee County and one member shall be appointed by the City of Macon. The appointees shall be elected or appointed members of their respective governmental bodies. The two year budget for constructing the Sportsplex, including in-kind services, totals \$1,050,000.

The City of Macon's total contribution to the project is \$150,000 with \$50,000 paid on February 1, 2008, \$50,000 on or before February 1, 2009, and the balance of \$50,000 to be satisfied with in-kind services consisting of maintenance and grounds keeping for the ball fields for the first five years of operation. In the event of a shortfall in the construction or operation of the Sportsplex, the shortfall will be covered as follows: Noxubee County 29%, City of Macon 14% and the Noxubee School District 57%. In the event of a profit from the operation of the Sportsplex, the entities may decide to invest all profits back into the Sportsplex; however, each entity reserves the right to withdraw profits based on the following percentages: Noxubee County 29%, City of Macon 14% and the Noxubee School District 57%. In the event that this agreement is not fulfilled or is cancelled in the future, it is understood that the entire ball field complex will be forfeited to the Noxubee County School District. The \$100,000 cash contribution of the City of Macon will be repaid in five equal annual installments of \$20,000 with the first payment being due six months after the complex is turned over to the Noxubee County School District and the remaining payments being due on the anniversary of that date.



**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 6 - Joint Ventures (Continued)**

On March 1, 2016, Noxubee County School System, Noxubee County Board of Supervisors, and the City of Macon, with respect to Noxubee County Sportsplex agreed that Noxubee County School System will pay the City of Macon \$34,200 after July 1, 2016, for City of Macon's agreement to maintain the Sportsplex for one year. The Noxubee County Board of Supervisors will pay the City of Macon \$17,400 after October 1, 2016 for the City of Macon's agreement to maintain the Sportsplex for one year. The City of Macon will maintain and bear all responsibility and expenses of maintenance of the Sportsplex for the period of one year. Noxubee County Board of Supervisors satisfied their agreement on March 9, 2016, and Noxubee County School System satisfied its agreement on September 23, 2016.

**Note 7 - Risk Management**

The City of Macon, Mississippi 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 of Macon, Mississippi carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

Under GASB Statement No. 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risks Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, a liability for claims must be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and that the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As of the date of this audit report, there were no known claims above the amount of coverage purchased for risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and the destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters at September 30, 2016, therefore no liability has been accrued at this time.

**Note 8 - Property Tax**

Numerous statutes exist under which the Mayor and Board of Aldermen may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the City. 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 Mayor and Board of Aldermen, each year at a meeting in September, levy 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.

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**Note 8 – Property Tax (Continued)**

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. The City taxes are collected and remitted to the City by the Noxubee County Tax Collector.

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 collectability criteria for property tax recognition because the lien and due date cannot be established until the date of original purchase occurs.

The distribution of taxes to funds was made in accordance with prescribed tax levies, and uncollected taxes were properly handled.

Delinquent taxes are not recorded as assets.

**Note 9 - Subsequent Events**

Events that occur after the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements 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 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements date are recognized in the accompanying financial statement. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. The City has evaluated subsequent events through August 19, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued, and determined that there were no subsequent events that should be noted in the financial statements.

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<b><u>Definition and Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Outstanding 10/1/2015</u></b>	<b><u>Issued</u></b>	<b><u>Redeemed</u></b>	<b><u>Balance Outstanding 9/30/2016</u></b>
<b>General Obligation Bonds:</b>				
G O Bonds - 2015	\$ 1,650,000		116,000	1,534,000
<b>Revenue Bonds:</b>				
W & S Revenue Bond - 1999	515,957		19,733	496,224
W & S Revenue Bond - 2003	690,711		19,197	671,514
<b>Other Long-term Debt:</b>				
Capital Improvements-				
Sewer Improvements (Phase 1)	252,863		13,946	238,917
Capital Improvements-				
Sewer Improvements (Phase 2)	394,398		16,811	377,587
USDA Rural Development Loan	35,297		2,340	32,957
Totals	\$ <u>3,539,226</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>188,027</u>	<u>3,351,199</u>

All liabilities of the City of Macon, Mississippi except for Revenue Bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the municipality.

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS – ALL FUNDS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<b><u>Ownership</u></b>	<b><u>Type of Investment</u></b>	<b><u>Interest Rate</u></b>	<b><u>Acquisition Date</u></b>	<b><u>Maturity Date</u></b>	<b><u>Other Information</u></b>	<b><u>Investment Cost/Value</u></b>
Special Revenue Fund	Certificate of Deposit	0.30%	3/21/2016	3/21/2017	BankFirst Financial Services	<u>\$ 10,000</u>
<b>Total Investments</b>						<u>\$ 10,000</u>

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position</u></b>	<b><u>Surety</u></b>	<b><u>Bond Amount</u></b>
Robert Boykin	Mayor	Western Surety	\$ 100,000
Thomas Campbell	Alderman	MS Muni Bond Prog.	\$ 50,000
Willie Dixon, Jr.	Alderman	MS Muni Bond Prog.	\$ 50,000
Phillip McGuire	Alderman	MS Muni Bond Prog.	\$ 50,000
Earnest Harmon	Alderman	MS Muni Bond Prog.	\$ 50,000
James Watkins	Alderman	MS Muni Bond Prog.	\$ 50,000
Beverly Shelton	City Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Peggy Brown	Deputy City Clerk	Brierfield	\$ 50,000
Yolanda Atkins	Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Florence Springer	Deputy Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Casandra Dew	Deputy Clerk	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Lucious Mason	Police Chief	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Ernest Jones	Water Dept. Supt.	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Andrew Speed	Water Dept. Asst. Supt.	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Twanda Sanders	Water Dept. Manager	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Janice Harlan	Water Dept. Clerk	Western Surety	\$ 10,000
Lenore Welch	Water Dept. Clerk	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Roosevelt Smith	Water Dept. Operator	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Dedrick Stevenson	Water Dept. Operator	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Gregory Cole	Water Dept. Operator	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Jeremy Campbell	Water Dept. Operator	Travelers	\$ 50,000



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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
City of Macon  
Macon, Mississippi

We have audited the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and supplemental information of the City of Macon, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2016, and have issued our report dated August 19, 2017. We have 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*.

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 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements and supplemental information disclosed the following immaterial instance of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our finding and recommendation and your response are as follows:

**Finding**

Under the provisions of Sections 21-8-23, 21-15-23, 21-15-38 and 21-17-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the City must require the members of the Board, the City Clerk, Deputy Clerks, and any other employees who handle money to give bond, with sufficient surety, to be payable, conditioned and approved as provided by law, in an amount to be determined by the council which shall not be less than \$50,000. There was one employee who handles money whose surety bond was less than the required minimum of \$50,000.

**Recommendation**

The City of Macon should update the existing surety bond with an insufficient amount to the minimum amount of \$50,000 and should institute controls to ensure that all future surety bonds are given in an amount of at least the minimum required by law.

**Response**

Management of the City of Macon will update the existing surety bond with an insufficient amount to the minimum amount of \$50,000 and will institute controls to ensure that all future surety bonds are given in an amount of at least the minimum required by law.

The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on the subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

The City of Macon's response to the finding included in this report was not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Alderman, federal awarding agencies, the Office of the State Auditor and pass-through entities 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.

Macon, Mississippi  
August 19, 2017

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

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
City of Macon  
Macon, 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 Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the City of Macon, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statement, and have issued our report thereon dated August 19, 2017.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the City of Macon, 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 statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Macon, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Macon, 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 statement 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. 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. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be a significant deficiency. [2016-001]

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Macon, Mississippi's financial statement is 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*.

## **City of Macon, Mississippi's Response to Findings**

The City of Macon, Mississippi's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The City of Macon, Mississippi's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## **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.

Macon, Mississippi  
August 19, 2017

*Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC*

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Prior year finding with state laws and regulations – At September 30, 2015, four employees who handle money whose surety bonds were less than the required minimum of \$50,000 were in violation of Sections 21-8-23, 21-15-23, 21-15-38 and 21-17-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

At September 30, 2016, one employee who handles money whose surety bond was less than the required minimum of \$50,000 was in violation of Sections 21-8-23, 21-15-23, 21-15-38 and 21-17-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

**CITY OF MACON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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

- |    |   |            |
|----|---|------------|
| 1. | Type of auditors' report issued on the financial statement: | Unmodified |
| 2. | Internal control over financial reporting:                  |            |
| a. | Material weakness identified?                               | No         |
| b. | Significant deficiency identified?                          | Yes        |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to financial statement noted?        | No         |

**Section 2: Finding Relating to the Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements**

**2016-001 Internal Controls over Proprietary Fund Capital Expenditures (Significant Deficiency)**

Finding: Capital projects for the City of Macon Water Department are accounted for in the capital project fund of City of Macon and are transferred to the proprietary fund with an adjusting journal entry that we recommend. In accordance with Governmental Auditing and Accounting Standards, it is inappropriate to account for proprietary fund capital expenditures in a capital projects fund of the City.

Recommendation: Capital projects for the City of Macon Water Department should be accounted for in the proprietary fund in accordance with Governmental Auditing and Accounting Standards.

Response: The City will continue to account for capital project expenditures of the Macon Water Department in the City's capital project fund in order for the Mayor to closely monitor the accounting for the Water Department's sewer projects.

