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Re: Annual Municipal Compilation

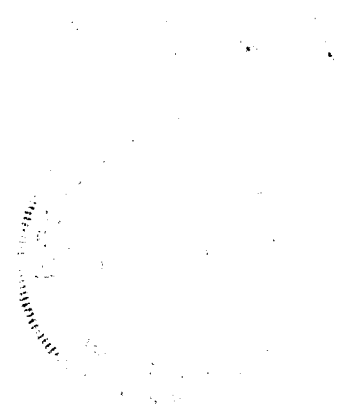
Accompanying this letter is a copy of the annual compilation of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. A separate management letter was not written to the town in connection with this compilation.

Sincerely,



Melvin Hawthorne  
Mayor





**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI  
COMPILATION REPORT  
AND REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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



**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI  
COMPILATION REPORT AND REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT**

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Vaiden, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2016, and the related notes to financial statement, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the contents, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities.

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires 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.

The supplementary information contained in Schedules 1 through 3 is presented in compliance with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor and has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. This information was subject to our compilation engagement, however, we have not audited or reviewed the required supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on such information.





*Other Information*

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities and related notes to financial statement are intended to comply with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with the provisions of §21-35-31, Miss Code Ann. (1972), we have issued a report dated December 20, 2016 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Kosciusko, Mississippi  
December 20, 2016

*Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC*



**Town of Vaiden**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-**  
**Governmental and Business-type Activities**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water, Sewer &amp; Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>CASH RECEIPTS:</b>				
Taxes				
General property tax	\$ 130,929	\$ 130,929	\$ -	\$ -
Franchise tax	18,323	18,323	-	-
Privilege tax	1,971	1,971	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue				
State shared revenue				
General municipal aid	17,357	17,357	-	-
Sales tax	117,105	117,105	-	-
Gasoline tax	2,248	2,248	-	-
Liquor license	1,800	1,800	-	-
State fire rebate & fire prot.	13,060	13,060	-	-
Nuclear plant	5,028	5,028	-	-
Homestead reimbursement	12,928	12,928	-	-
Charges for services				
Water utility	-	-	436,725	436,725
Sanitation Charges	-	-	31,291	31,291
Other receipts				
Fines and forfeitures	13,149	13,149	-	-
Interest earned	134	134	385	385
Miscellaneous	13,074	13,074	-	-
Rental income	3,697	3,697	-	-
<b>TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$ 350,803</b>	<b>\$ 350,803</b>	<b>\$ 468,401</b>	<b>\$ 468,401</b>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' compilation report.



**Town of Vaiden**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-**  
**Governmental and Business-type Activities**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water, Sewer &amp; Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
General government	\$ 145,520	\$ 145,520	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety				
Police	121,412	121,412	-	-
Fire	2,298	2,298	-	-
Culture and Recreation				
Libraries	3,000	3,000	-	-
Enterprises				
Water utility	-	-	339,849	339,849
Sanitation charges	-	-	84,052	84,052
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>\$ 272,230</u>	<u>\$ 272,230</u>	<u>\$ 423,901</u>	<u>\$ 423,901</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' compilation report.



**Town of Vaiden**  
**Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-**  
**Governmental and Business-type Activities**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2016**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water, Sewer &amp; Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<u>\$ 78,573</u>	<u>\$ 78,573</u>	<u>\$ 44,500</u>	<u>\$ 44,500</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers	(57,416)	(57,416)	57,416	57,416
Change in Payroll Liability	-	-	4,570	4,570
Loans repaid	(27,865)	(27,865)	(90,821)	(90,821)
Capital outlay	<u>(56,797)</u>	<u>(56,797)</u>	<u>(27,109)</u>	<u>(27,109)</u>
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<u>(142,078)</u>	<u>(142,078)</u>	<u>(55,944)</u>	<u>(55,944)</u>
 <b>Excess (Deficiency) of cash receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses</b>	<u>(63,505)</u>	<u>(63,505)</u>	<u>(11,444)</u>	<u>(11,444)</u>
 <b>CASH BALANCE-BEGINNING</b>	260,891	260,891	393,512	393,512
 <b>CASH BALANCE-ENDING</b>	<u>\$ 197,386</u>	<u>\$ 197,386</u>	<u>\$ 382,068</u>	<u>\$ 382,068</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' compilation report.





## **TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

#### **Reporting Entity**

The financial statement of the Town consists of all the funds of the Town.

The Citizens of Vaiden have elected to operate under a Code Charter as permitted by Mississippi Statute 21-3-3, which prescribes a Mayor and Board of Aldermen 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 financial relationships, regardless of whether the government is able to exercise oversight responsibilities. Based upon the application of these criteria, there are no includable or excludable potential component units.

#### **Fund Accounting**

The accounts of the Town 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, in the financial statement in this report, into three generic fund types and two broad fund categories as follows:

#### **Governmental Funds:**

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



**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

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

**Proprietary Funds:**

**Enterprise Funds** - Enterprise Funds consist of the business-type activities and 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 use charges; or (b) where the governing body had 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 Enterprise Funds are the Water and Sewer Fund and Sanitation Fund.

**Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The Town uses the cash basis of accounting as prescribed by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor.

In the fund financial statements, governmental and business-like activities are presented using a cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, liabilities, net-assets/fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses when they result from cash transactions with a provision for depreciation in the proprietary fund statements. This basis is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

If the town utilized accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financial statements would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Under the modified accrual basis revenues are recognized when measurable and available. Measurable means, being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay current liabilities. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for general obligation bond principal and interest which are reported when due.



**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Under the accrual basis revenues are recognized when earned. Expenses (including depreciation and amortization) are recorded when the liability is incurred or the economic asset is used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

**Note 2: 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.



## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**





**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

Ownership	Type of Investment	Interest Rate	Acquisition Date	Maturity	Bank	Amount
General fund	CD	0.35%	06/10/16	06/10/17	Holmes County Bank	\$ 28,276
General fund	CD	0.50%	06/29/16	06/29/17	Holmes County Bank	4,074
General fund	CD	0.05%			Holmes County Bank	20,000
Water fund	CD	0.05%			Holmes County Bank	1,886
Water fund	CD	0.05%	11/09/15	11/09/16	Holmes County Bank	10,800
Water fund	CD	0.35%			Holmes County Bank	38,439
Water fund	CD	0.05%			Holmes County Bank	60,659
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/07/15	10/07/16	Holmes County Bank	77,815
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/07/15	10/07/16	Holmes County Bank	77,815
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/07/15	10/07/16	Holmes County Bank	22,797
Water fund	CD	0.05%			Holmes County Bank	39,786
Water fund	CD	0.05%	07/23/16	10/23/16	Holmes County Bank	10,045
Total						<u>\$392,392</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' compilation report.



**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<u>Payee</u>	<u>Balance Outstanding 10/01/2015</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance Outstanding 09/30/2016</u>
USDA	\$1,623,405	\$-	\$32,959	\$1,590,446
USDA	218,000	-	16,000	202,000
	<u>\$1,841,405</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$48,959</u>	<u>\$1,792,446</u>

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**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICERS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2016**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NAME</u>	<u>INSURANCE COMPANY</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>
Mayor	Melvin Hawthorne	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
City Clerk	Sonya Stokes-Greenleaf	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Alton Downs	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Leisa Hemphill	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Curtis Meeks	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Charley McBride	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Theodore Purnell	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000

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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Vaiden, Mississippi

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental and Business-type Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officers of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2016, in accordance with Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

We have performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations as described in the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire that is prescribed 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 town's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures and our compilation of the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements–Governmental and Business-type Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officers of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2016, disclosed no instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management 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  
December 20, 2016

*Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC*





**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING  
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Vaiden, Mississippi

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Office of the State Auditor, to the accounting records of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, solely to assist the Office of the State Auditor in evaluating the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi's compliance with certain laws and regulations as of September 30, 2016, and for the year then ended. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings are as follows:

- 1) We reconciled cash on deposit with the following banks to balances in the respective general ledger accounts and obtained confirmation of the related balances from the banks:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Holmes County Bank	General funds:	
	General fund	\$ 21,293
	General fund	323
	General fund	15,852
	General fund	381
	General fund	751
	Fire fund	22,512
	Fire fund	83,919
	Total general funds	<u>\$ 145,031</u>
Holmes County Bank	Proprietary funds:	
	Water fund	\$ 36,231
	Water fund	5,753
	Water fund	42
	Total proprietary funds	<u>\$ 42,026</u>



- 2) All investments were confirmed directly with respective trustees. All investment transactions during the year were examined for compliance with investments authorized by §21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This total is included in the ending cash balance in the statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

Type	Fund	Value
Certificate of Deposit	General Fund	\$ 28,276
Certificate of Deposit	General Fund	4,074
Certificate of Deposit	Fire Fund	20,005
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	1,886
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	10,800
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	38,439
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	60,659
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	77,815
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	77,815
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	22,797
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	39,786
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	10,045
		<u>\$ 392,397</u>

- 3) We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year:
- Trace levies to governing body minutes;
  - Traced distribution of taxes collected to proper funds; and
  - Analyzed increase in taxes for most recent period for completion with increase limitations of Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The distribution of taxes to funds was found to be in accordance with prescribed tax levies.

Ad valorem tax collections were found to be within the limitations of §27-39-320 to §27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Ad valorem tax collections for the retirement of general obligation debt was found to be sufficient for payment of current principal and interest in accordance with limitations imposed by Sections 21-33-87 and 21-33-303, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

- 4) We obtained a statement of payments made by the Department of Finance and Administration to the municipality. Payments indicated were traced to deposit in the respective bank accounts and recorded in the general ledger without exception. Payments traced were as follows:



<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>	<u>Ledger Amount</u>
Gasoline tax	General	\$ 2,248
General municipal aid	General	366
Grantor payments nontaxable	General	7,592
Transfer to subgrantee	General	1,300
Fire protection allocation	General	4,708
Nuclear payments in lieu of taxes	General	5,028
Utilities	General	3,153
Liquor privilege tax	General	1,800
Prior year expense subsidies	General	967
Homestead exemption reimbursement	General	12,928
Sales tax allocation	General	117,105
Other aid	General	3,978
	Total	<u>\$ 161,174</u>

- 5) We selected a sample of purchases made by the municipality during the fiscal year. Each sample item was evaluated for compliance with purchasing requirements set forth in Title 31, Chapter 7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as applicable.

The sample consisted of the following:

- a. Number of Sample Items 13
- b. Total Dollar Value of Sample \$9,924

We found the municipality's purchasing procedures to be in agreement with the requirements of the above-mentioned sections.

- 6) We selected a sample of collection of fines and forfeitures and verified that the municipal court clerk had settled daily with the municipal clerk. We also selected a sample of state-imposed court assessments collected and determined that the municipal clerk had settled monthly with the Department of Finance and Administration.

We found the municipality's to be in agreement with the requirements of the above mentioned sections.

- 7) We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality. The completed survey indicated no instances of noncompliance with state requirements; however, the town needs to complete a new Questionnaire each year instead of simply changing the date of the prior year Questionnaire.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform, an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's compliance with laws and regulations. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.



This report is intended solely for the use of the Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Kosciusko, Mississippi  
December 20, 2016

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