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Kemper County, Mississippi
Audited Financial Statements
and Special Reports
For the Year Ended
September 30, 2017

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Kemper County Location in Mississippi



As of the 2017 census, the Kemper County population was 10,089. Its county seat is De Kalb. The County is named in honor of Reuben Kemper.

The County is part of the Meridian, MS Micropolitan Statistical Area. In 2010 the Mississippi Public Service Commission approved construction of the Kemper Project, designed to use "clean coal" to produce electricity for 23 counties in eastern part of the state. As of February 2017, it was not completed and had cost overruns. It is designed as a model project to use gasification and carbon-capture technologies at this scale.

United States Senator John C. Stennis, who served from 1947 to 1988, was born in Kemper County. Another Kemper County native was Texas Ranger Captain Bill McDonald.

East Mississippi Community College is located in Kemper County in the town of Scooba, at the junction of US 45 and Mississippi Highway 16.

Kemper County, Mississippi
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FINANCIAL REPORT

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Kemper County, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Kemper County, Mississippi (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of Kemper County Economic Development Authority, a component unit of the County, which represents 100% of the assets, net position and revenues of the Kemper County component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for Kemper County Economic Development Authority, is based solely on the reports of the other auditors. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal

control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Summary of Opinions

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Qualified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units	Unmodified
General Fund	Unmodified
Countywide Road & Bridge Fund	Unmodified
Business-type Activities	Unmodified
Regional Jail Fund	Unmodified
Regional Jail Women's Fund	Unmodified
Solid Waste Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

Basis for Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities

As discussed in Note 1 (J) to the financial statements, management has not maintained adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets and, accordingly, has not recorded the appropriate depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that adequate records must be maintained to document the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets including the County's infrastructure, and also that the depreciation on capital assets, including infrastructure, be adequately documented. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets and expenses on the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinions on Governmental Activities" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of Kemper County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2017, and the change in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, based upon our audit and the report of the other auditors, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, the General Fund, the Countywide Road and Bridge Fund, Regional Jail Fund, Regional Jail Women's Fund, the discretely presented component unit and the

aggregate remaining fund information of Kemper County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 1, 2024, on our consideration of the Kemper County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 the effectiveness of the Kemper County, Mississippi's 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 Kemper County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
May 1, 2024

Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**KEMPER COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of Kemper County's financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the County's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2017. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance.

Kemper County is located in East Mississippi along Highway 16. The population, according to the 2010 census, is 10,456. The local economic base is driven by retail, industrial, and service.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Kemper County remains financially stable. The County, through the Board of Supervisors and County Administrator's Office continues to excel in fiscal management by employing sound financial planning, disciplined budgeting and strong internal controls. The County is committed to maintaining sound fiscal management to meet the challenges of the future.

There was an increase in expenses of \$851,859 from the prior year in governmental activities and a decrease of \$229,808 in business-type activities.

Total net position increased \$3,807,498, of which (\$690,094) was a prior period adjustment. This represents a 43% increase from the prior fiscal year.

The County had \$16,706,225 in total governmental activities revenues, which represents an increase of \$4,944,807 or 42%, increase from the prior year. Property tax revenues account for \$14,407,501 or 86%. Revenues in the form of operating and capital grants and contributions accounted for \$404,348 or 2% of total revenues. Revenues in the form of charges for services accounted for \$302,276 or 1% of total revenues.

The County had \$16,746,753 in total primary government expenses, which represents an increase of \$622,051 or 4% increase from the prior fiscal year.

Among major funds, the General Fund had \$9,399,437 in revenues and \$5,830,126 in expenditures. The General Fund's fund balance increased \$3,486,080, including a prior period adjustment of (\$166,326) over the prior year.

Governmental activities capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$100,427 over the prior year.

Business-type activities capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, decreased by \$75,578 over the prior year.

Governmental activities long-term debt increased by \$46,943.

Business-type activities long-term debt decreased by \$467,536.

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OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basis financial statements. The County's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) Government-wide financial statements. 2) Fund financial statements and 3) Notes to the basic financial statements. Required Supplementary Information is included in addition to the basic financial statements.

Figure 1 - Required Components of the County's Annual Report

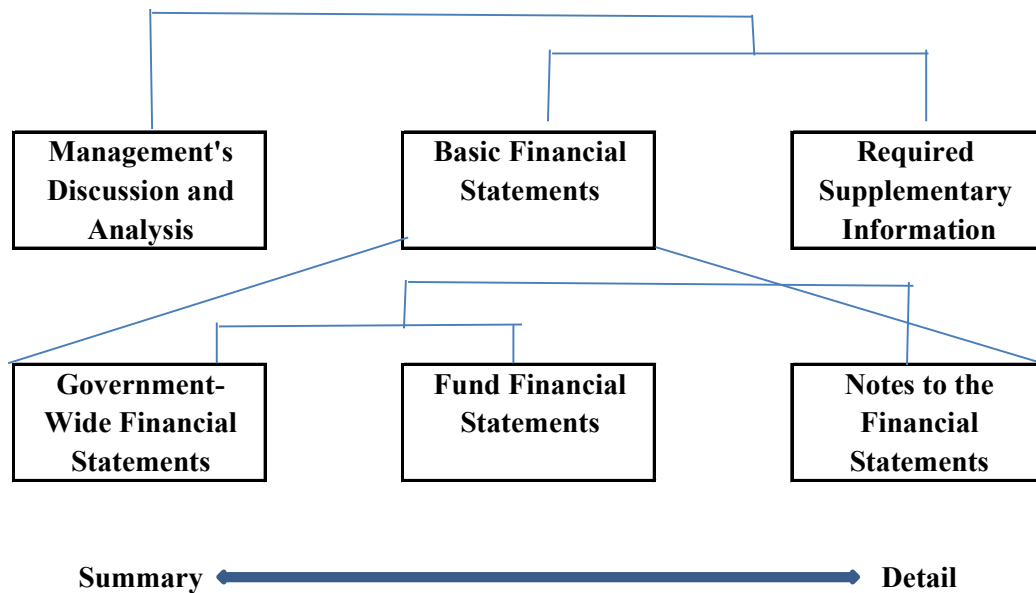


Figure 1 shows how required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

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Figure 2 summarizes the major features of the County's financial statements, including the portion of the County's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this section of Management's Discussion and Analysis explains the structure and content of each of the statements.

Figure 2 - Major Features of the County's Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

	Government-Wide Financial Statements	Fund Financial Statements		
		Governmental Funds	Proprietary Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire County government (except fiduciary funds) and component units	All Activities of the County that are not business-type or fiduciary in nature	Activities of the County that operate similar to private businesses	The County is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of revenues, expenses and changes in net position • Statement of cash flows 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary assets and liabilities
Accounting basis and measurement focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset, deferred outflow, liability, deferred inflow information	All assets deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows both financial and capital and short and long term	Only assets and deferred outflows expected to be used up and liabilities and deferred inflows that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows both financial and capital and short and long term	All assets deferred outflows, liabilities, and deferred inflows both short and long term
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services are received and payment is due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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Government-Wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County finances, in a manner similar to private-sector businesses.

The **statement of net position** presents information on all County assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The **statement of activities** presents information showing how net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

Both of these government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the County that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities) from other functions that are intended to recover all or part of their costs through user fees and charges (business-type activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government; public safety; public works (roads and bridges); health and welfare; culture and recreation; conservation of natural resources; economic development; and interest on long-term debt.

The Government-wide Financial Statements can be found on pages 19 and 20 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate finance-related legal compliance. All of the funds of the County can be divided into three categories: governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental funds financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a county's near-term financing requirements. Governmental funds include the general, special revenues, debt service, and capital project funds.

Because of the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the "Governmental Funds Balance Sheet" and the "Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances" provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities. These reconciliations are on page 22 and 24, respectively.

Proprietary Funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises or where the County has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

Fiduciary Funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the County government. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The accrual basis of accounting is used for fiduciary funds. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purposes. The County's fiduciary activities are presented in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities, which can be found on page 28 of this report.

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Notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents **Required Supplementary Information** concerning the County's budget process.

The County adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major special revenue fund. This required supplementary information can be found on pages 71 through 77 of this report.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

Net Position - Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of government's financial position. In the case of Kemper County, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by \$12,701,392 as of September 30, 2017, of which \$8,527,832 were governmental activities and \$4,173,560, were business-type activities.

The largest portion of the County's net position, 73% reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. roads, bridges, land, buildings, mobile equipment, furniture & equipment, leased property under capital lease, and construction in progress) less related outstanding debt used to acquire such assets. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens.

The County's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net results of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

KEMPER COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

The following table presents a summary of the County's net position at September 30, 2017, as compared to September 30, 2016.

	Total Primary Government	
	Governmental & Business-type	
	Activities	
	2017	2016
Assets:		
Current Assets	\$ 28,635,775	\$ 24,291,793
Non Current Assets	16,965,039	17,141,044
Total Assets	45,600,814	41,432,837
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred outflows related to pension	1,112,715	2,407,031
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,112,715	2,407,031
Liabilities:		
Current Liabilities	574,033	823,143
Long-term Liabilities	7,919,306	8,336,753
Net pension liability	11,237,913	11,453,612
Total Liabilities	19,731,252	20,613,508
Deferred Inflows of resources		
Unearned revenue - property taxes	13,983,821	13,983,821
Unearned revenue - garbage fees	17,158	17,019
Deferred Inflows of Resources - Pension	279,906	331,626
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	14,280,885	14,332,466
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	9,233,572	8,943,251
Restricted	4,628,710	3,395,244
Unrestricted	(1,160,890)	(3,444,601)
Total Net Position	\$ 12,701,392	\$ 8,893,894

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities and Business-Type Activities- Kemper County's total revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 were \$21,244,345. The total cost for all services provided was \$16,746,753. The increase in net position was \$3,807,498. There was also a prior period adjustment which also decreased net position by \$690,094. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017, as compared to fiscal year September 30, 2016.

	Total Primary Government	
	Governmental & Business-type Activities	
	2017	2016
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 4,141,848	\$ 4,030,025
Operating Grants and Contributions	404,348	496,260
General Revenues:		
Property Taxes	15,012,515	11,993,819
Road and Bridge Privilege Taxes	110,892	100,102
Grants and contributions not restricted to to specific programs	1,083,874	1,016,986
Interest Income	147,592	320,220
Other Revenue	343,276	303,535
Total Revenues	21,244,345	18,260,947
Expenses:		
General Government	3,115,269	3,817,347
Public Safety	2,513,068	1,732,430
Public Works	5,316,629	4,651,626
Health and Welfare	268,770	265,271
Culture and Recreation	69,648	65,552
Conservation of Natural Resources	63,823	90,959
Economic Development and Assistance	248,487	254,281
Pension Expense	1,695,663	1,565,604
Interest on Long-Term Debt	164,417	135,745
Regional Jail	2,763,861	3,003,754
Regional Jail Women's	67,904	75,961
Solid Waste	459,214	466,172
Total Expenses	16,746,753	16,124,702
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	\$ 4,497,592	\$ 2,136,245

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Governmental Activities - The following table presents the cost of nine major functional activities of the County: General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Health & Welfare, Culture and Recreation, Conservation of Natural Resources, Economic Development, Pension Expense and Interest on Long-term debt.

The table also shows each function's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activity and intergovernmental aid provided for that activity.) The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on Kemper County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	2017		2016	
	Total	Net	Total	Net
	Costs	Costs	Costs	Costs
General Government	\$ 3,115,269	\$ (3,049,595)	\$ 3,817,347	\$ (3,407,744)
Public Safety	2,513,068	(1,922,826)	1,732,430	(1,315,159)
Public Works	5,316,629	(5,286,963)	4,651,626	(4,631,507)
Health and Welfare	268,770	(247,728)	265,271	(258,928)
Culture and Recreation	69,648	(69,648)	65,552	(65,552)
Conservation of Natural Resources	63,823	(63,823)	90,959	(90,959)
Economic Development	248,487	(248,487)	254,281	(254,281)
Interest on Long-Term Debt	164,417	(164,417)	135,745	(135,745)
Pension Expense	1,084,788	(1,084,788)	979,829	(979,829)
Total	<u>\$ 12,844,899</u>	<u>\$ (12,138,275)</u>	<u>\$ 11,993,040</u>	<u>\$ (11,139,704)</u>

Business-Type Activities – The following table presents the cost of four major functional activities of the County: Regional Jail, Regional Jail Women's, Pension Expense and Solid Waste:

The table also shows net cost (total cost less revenue generated).

	2017		2016	
	Total	Net	Total	Net
	Costs	Costs	Costs	Costs
Regional Jail	\$ 2,763,861	\$ 810,610	\$ 3,003,754	\$ 400,319
Regional Jail Women's	67,904	(67,904)	75,961	(75,961)
Solid Waste	459,214	(194,113)	466,172	(197,296)
Pension Expense	610,875	(610,875)	585,775	(585,775)
Total	<u>\$ 3,901,854</u>	<u>\$ (62,282)</u>	<u>\$ 4,131,662</u>	<u>\$ (458,713)</u>

**KEMPER COUNTY
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

Governmental Funds - At the close of the fiscal year, Kemper County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$12,120,733, an increase of \$4,460,535, including a prior period adjustment of (\$166,326). The primary reasons for this increase are highlighted in the analysis of governmental activities.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the County. The increase in the fund balance of the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$3,486,080 of which (\$166,326) was a prior period adjustment.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS OF MAJOR FUNDS

Over the course of the year, Kemper County revised its annual operating budget on several occasions. At the end of the fiscal year, Kemper County amended its budget to reflect actual revenues received and expenditures made.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the County's actual financial activity for the General Fund and other major special revenue funds is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets - As of September 30, 2017, Kemper County's total net capital assets were \$16,965,039. This includes roads, bridges, other infrastructure, land, buildings, mobile equipment, furniture and equipment, and leased property under capital leases. Total accumulated depreciation as of September 30, 2017 was \$9,875,446, including \$805,040 of depreciation expense for the year.

Additional information on Kemper County's capital assets can be found in Note 8 on pages 45 to 47 of this report.

Debt Administration - At September 30, 2017, Kemper County had \$7,916,160 in long-term debt outstanding. This includes general obligation bonds, other loans, compensated absences and obligations under capital leases. Of this debt, \$1,496,192 is due within one year.

The State of Mississippi limits the amount of debt a county can issue to generally 15% of total assessed value. The County's outstanding debt is significantly below its current limit.

LONG-TERM DEBT ANALYSIS

Additional information on Kemper County's long-term debt can be found in Note 11 on pages 48-51 of this report.

CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the County's finances and to demonstrate the County's accountability for the funds it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, please contact the Kemper County Administrator's office at 14062 Highway 16W, DeKalb, MS 39328.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2017

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government			Component Unit
	Governmental	Business-type		Kemper County
	Activities	Activities	Total	Economic
				Development
				Authority
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 11,709,380	\$ 1,146,533	\$ 12,855,913	\$ 174,728
Restricted assets - cash				45,320
Restricted assets - investments		958,847	958,847	
Certificates of deposit				54,293
Property tax receivable	13,398,071	585,750	13,983,821	
Accounts receivable, (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$565,276)		242,261	242,261	
Fines receivable, (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$492,386)	107,687		107,687	
Interest receivable				17
Intergovernmental receivables	41,182		41,182	
Prepaid insurance				1,689
Other receivables	446,064		446,064	
Internal balances	372,086	(372,086)	-	
Capital assets:				
Land	1,322,961		1,322,961	32,335
Other capital assets, net	8,372,745	7,269,333	15,642,078	508,838
Total Assets	35,770,176	9,830,638	45,600,814	817,220
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Deferred outflows related to pension	680,024	432,691	1,112,715	
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	680,024	432,691	1,112,715	-
LIABILITIES				
Claims payable	349,202	93,097	442,299	
Accounts payable				8,879
Accrued liabilities				8,523
Intergovernmental payables	53,821		53,821	
Accrued interest payable	32,957		32,957	
Amounts held in custody for others	44,956		44,956	
Note payable, due within one year				
Long-term liabilities				
Due within one year:				
Capital debt	1,019,617	476,575	1,496,192	
Due in more than one year:				
Capital related debt	5,875,275	360,000	6,235,275	
Non-capital debt	109,472	78,367	187,839	
Net Pension Liability	6,867,935	4,369,978	11,237,913	
Total Liabilities	14,353,235	5,378,017	19,731,252	17,402
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unearned revenue-property taxes	13,398,071	585,750	13,983,821	
Unearned revenue-garbage fees		17,158	17,158	
Deferred inflows related to pension	171,062	108,844	279,906	
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	13,569,133	711,752	14,280,885	-
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	2,800,814	6,432,758	9,233,572	541,173
Restricted for:				
Expendable:				
General government	406,436		406,436	
Public safety	737,743		737,743	
Public works	2,741,682	648,936	3,390,618	
Economic development and assistance	1,068		1,068	45,320
Debt service	92,845		92,845	
Unrestricted	1,747,244	(2,908,134)	(1,160,890)	213,325
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 8,527,832	\$ 4,173,560	\$ 12,701,392	\$ 799,818

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position			Component Unit
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Primary Government		Total	
				Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities		
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,115,269	65,674		(3,049,595)		(3,049,595)	
Public safety	2,513,068	236,602	353,640	(1,922,826)		(1,922,826)	
Public works	5,316,629		29,666	(5,286,963)		(5,286,963)	
Health and welfare	268,770		21,042	(247,728)		(247,728)	
Culture and recreation	69,648			(69,648)		(69,648)	
Conservation of natural resources	63,823			(63,823)		(63,823)	
Economic development and assistance	248,487			(248,487)		(248,487)	
Pension expense	1,084,788			(1,084,788)		(1,084,788)	
Interest on long-term debt	164,417			(164,417)		(164,417)	
Total Governmental Activities	12,844,899	302,276	404,348	(12,138,275)	-	(12,138,275)	
Business-type activities:							
Regional Jail	2,763,861	3,574,471			810,610	810,610	
Regional Jail Women's	67,904				(67,904)	(67,904)	
Solid Waste	459,214	265,101			(194,113)	(194,113)	
Pension expense	610,875				(610,875)	(610,875)	
Total Business-type Activities	3,901,854	3,839,572	-	-	(62,282)	(62,282)	
Total Primary Government	\$ 16,746,753	4,141,848	404,348	(12,138,275)	(62,282)	(12,200,557)	
Component Unit:							
Kemper County Economic Development Authority	\$ 243,651	42,165	-	-	-	-	201,486
General revenues:							
Property taxes				\$ 14,407,501	\$ 605,014	\$ 15,012,515	\$
Road & bridge privilege taxes				110,892		110,892	
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				997,007	86,867	1,083,874	188,302
Unrestricted interest income				128,370	19,222	147,592	351
Miscellaneous				261,720	81,556	343,276	29,682
Transfers				94,111	(94,111)	-	
Total General Revenues and Transfers				15,999,601	698,548	16,698,149	218,335
Changes in Net Position				3,861,326	636,266	4,497,592	16,849
Net Position- Beginning, as previously reported				5,356,600	3,537,294	8,893,894	782,969
Prior period adjustment				(690,094)		(690,094)	
Net Position-Beginning, as restated				4,666,506	3,537,294	8,203,800	782,969
Net Position - End of Year				\$ 8,527,832	\$ 4,173,560	\$ 12,701,392	\$ 799,818

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

September 30, 2017

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds		Other	Total
	General Fund	Countywide Road & Bridge	Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 7,567,910	\$ 2,628,094	\$ 1,513,376	\$ 11,709,380
Property tax receivable	8,051,171	4,773,317	573,583	13,398,071
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of (\$492,386)	107,687			107,687
Intergovernmental receivables	41,182			41,182
Other receivables	4,152			4,152
Due from other funds	729,184	16,502	1,866	747,552
Advances to other funds	115,455	7,744	247	123,446
Total Assets	<u>\$ 16,616,741</u>	<u>\$ 7,425,657</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,072</u>	<u>\$ 26,131,470</u>
LIABILITIES				
Claims payable	\$ 194,351	\$ 139,024	\$ 15,827	\$ 349,202
Advances from other funds	34,271			34,271
Intergovernmental payables	53,821			53,821
Due to other funds	22,729			22,729
Amounts held in custody for others	44,956			44,956
Total Liabilities	<u>350,128</u>	<u>139,024</u>	<u>15,827</u>	<u>504,979</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unavailable revenue-property taxes	8,051,171	4,773,317	573,583	13,398,071
Unavailable revenue-fines	107,687			107,687
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>8,158,858</u>	<u>4,773,317</u>	<u>573,583</u>	<u>13,505,758</u>
FUND BALANCES				
Nonspendable:				
Advances	115,455			115,455
Restricted for:				
General government			406,683	406,683
Public safety			737,743	737,743
Public works		2,513,316	228,366	2,741,682
Economic development and assistance			1,068	1,068
Debt service			125,802	125,802
Unassigned	7,992,300			7,992,300
Total Fund Balances	<u>8,107,755</u>	<u>2,513,316</u>	<u>1,499,662</u>	<u>12,120,733</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 16,616,741</u>	<u>\$ 7,425,657</u>	<u>\$ 2,089,072</u>	<u>\$ 26,131,470</u>

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPIExhibit 3-1Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2017

Total fund balances for governmental funds	\$ 12,120,733
Amounts reported for governmental services in the Statement of Net Position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$7,684,936.	9,695,706
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	107,687
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current-period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(7,004,364)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(32,957)
Deferred outflows related to pension liability are applicable to future periods, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	680,024
Deferred inflows related to pension liability are applicable to future periods, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(171,062)
Net pension obligations are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>(6,867,935)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>8,527,832</u></u>

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPIExhibit 4Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Major Funds</u>		<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Countywide Road & Bridge</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Governmental Funds</u>
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 8,628,566	\$ 5,168,075	\$ 610,860	\$ 14,407,501
Road and bridge privilege taxes		110,892		110,892
Licenses, commissions and other revenues	84,808		2,394	87,202
Fines and forfeitures	105,608			105,608
Intergovernmental revenues	358,006	582,103	461,246	1,401,355
Charges for services	12,670		96,796	109,466
Use of money and property	105,963	20	22,387	128,370
Miscellaneous revenues	103,816		136,376	240,192
Total Revenues	<u>9,399,437</u>	<u>5,861,090</u>	<u>1,330,059</u>	<u>16,590,586</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	3,239,858		10,182	3,250,040
Public safety	1,572,059		968,600	2,540,659
Public works		5,414,984	71,683	5,486,667
Health and welfare	258,794			258,794
Culture and recreation	68,246		1,402	69,648
Conservation of natural resources	82,718			82,718
Economic development and assistance	195,151		12,200	207,351
Debt service:				
Principal	353,598		358,121	711,719
Interest	59,702		121,973	181,675
Total Expenditures	<u>5,830,126</u>	<u>5,414,984</u>	<u>1,544,161</u>	<u>12,789,271</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>3,569,311</u>	<u>446,106</u>	<u>(214,102)</u>	<u>3,801,315</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Long-term capital debt issued			731,435	731,435
Transfers in	94,111		11,016	105,127
Transfers out	(11,016)			(11,016)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>83,095</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>742,451</u>	<u>825,546</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	<u>3,652,406</u>	<u>446,106</u>	<u>528,349</u>	<u>4,626,861</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning of year, as previously reported	4,621,675	2,067,210	971,313	7,660,198
Prior period adjustment	(166,326)			(166,326)
Fund Balance - Beginning of year, as restated	<u>4,455,349</u>	<u>2,067,210</u>	<u>971,313</u>	<u>7,493,872</u>
Fund Balance - End of year	<u>\$ 8,107,755</u>	<u>\$ 2,513,316</u>	<u>\$ 1,499,662</u>	<u>\$ 12,120,733</u>

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPIExhibit 4-1

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Net Changes in Fund balances- Governmental Funds	\$	4,626,861
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that depreciation of \$587,472 exceeded capital outlays of \$487,045 in the current period.		(100,427)
Fine revenue recognized on the modified accrual basis in the funds during the current year is reduced because prior year recognition would have been required on the statement of activities using the full-accrual basis of accounting.		21,528
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that debt proceeds of \$731,435 exceeded debt repayments of \$711,719.		(19,716)
Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the Governmental Funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. However, in the statement of activities, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long- term debt is recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when due, rather than as it accrues. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by a combination of the following items:		
(Increase)/decrease in compensated absences liability		(27,227)
(Increase)/decrease in accrued interest payable		17,258
Some items reported in the Statement of Activities relating to the implementation of GASB 68 are not reported in the government funds. These activities include:		
Recording of pension expense for the current period.		(1,084,788)
Recording of contributions made during the year.		427,837
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	3,861,326

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Funds
September 30, 2017

Exhibit 5

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Major Funds			
	Regional Jail Fund	Regional Jail Women's Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Totals
ASSETS				
Current Assets:				
Cash	\$ 189,528	\$	\$ 957,005	\$ 1,146,533
Restricted assets - investments	958,847			958,847
Property tax receivable			585,750	585,750
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$565,276)			242,261	242,261
Due from other funds			1,780	1,780
Advances to other funds	26,280			26,280
Total Current Assets	<u>1,174,655</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,786,796</u>	<u>2,961,451</u>
Noncurrent assets:				
Capital assets:				
Other capital assets, net	4,169,158	2,784,091	316,084	7,269,333
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>4,169,158</u>	<u>2,784,091</u>	<u>316,084</u>	<u>7,269,333</u>
Total Assets	<u>5,343,813</u>	<u>2,784,091</u>	<u>2,102,880</u>	<u>10,230,784</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESUORCES				
Deferred outflows related to pension	381,010		51,681	432,691
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>381,010</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>51,681</u>	<u>432,691</u>
LIABILITIES				
Current Liabilities:				
Claims payable	83,187		9,910	93,097
Advances from other funds	89,489		25,966	115,455
Due to other funds	278,714		5,977	284,691
Capital debt:				
Capital leases payable	21,575			21,575
Other long-term liabilities	455,000			455,000
Total Current Liabilities	<u>927,965</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,853</u>	<u>969,818</u>
Non-current liabilities:				
Capital debt:				
Other long-term liabilities	360,000			360,000
Non-capital debt:				
Compensated absences payable	68,537		9,830	78,367
Net pension liability	3,848,028		521,950	4,369,978
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>4,276,565</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>531,780</u>	<u>4,808,345</u>
Total liabilities	<u>5,204,530</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,633</u>	<u>5,778,163</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES				
Unearned revenue - property taxes			585,750	585,750
Unearned revenue - garbage fees			17,158	17,158
Deferred inflows related to pension	95,844		13,000	108,844
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>95,844</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>615,908</u>	<u>711,752</u>
NET POSITION				
Net investment in capital assets	3,332,583	2,784,091	316,084	6,432,758
Restricted for:				
Public works			648,936	648,936
Unrestricted	(2,908,134)			(2,908,134)
Total Net Position	\$ <u>424,449</u>	\$ <u>2,784,091</u>	\$ <u>965,020</u>	\$ <u>4,173,560</u>

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPIExhibit 6

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position -
 Proprietary Funds
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Business-Type Activities-Enterprise Funds			
	Major Funds			Totals
	Regional Jail Fund	Regional Jail Women's Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 3,574,471	\$	\$ 265,101	\$ 3,839,572
Intergovernmental revenue	86,867			86,867
Miscellaneous	81,556			81,556
Total Operating Revenues	3,742,894	-	265,101	4,007,995
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Personal services	1,339,304		242,845	1,582,149
Contractual services	1,055,051		94,216	1,149,267
Materials and supplies	221,429		69,347	290,776
Depreciation expense	102,835	67,904	46,829	217,568
Pension expense	537,124		73,751	610,875
Indirect administrative cost			5,977	5,977
Total Operating Expenses	3,255,743	67,904	532,965	3,856,612
Operating Income (Loss)	487,151	(67,904)	(267,864)	151,383
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)				
Property tax			605,014	605,014
Interest income	19,212		10	19,222
Interest expense	(45,242)			(45,242)
Total Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	(26,030)	-	605,024	578,994
Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers and Debt Refunding	461,121	(67,904)	337,160	730,377
Transfers out	(94,111)			(94,111)
Changes in Net Position	367,010	(67,904)	337,160	636,266
Net position - beginning of year	57,439	2,851,995	627,860	3,537,294
Net position -end of year	\$ 424,449	\$ 2,784,091	\$ 965,020	\$ 4,173,560

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds

For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Exhibit 7

	Business-Type Activities - Enterprise Funds			
	Major Funds			Totals
	Regional Jail Fund	Regional Jail Women's Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
Cash Flows Operating Activities				
Receipts from customers	\$ 3,574,471		254,052	3,828,523
Payments to suppliers	(1,303,308)		(163,376)	(1,466,684)
Payments to employees	(1,769,134)		(282,582)	(2,051,716)
Other operating receipts / (disbursements)	168,423			168,423
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	670,452	-	(191,906)	478,546
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities				
Cash received from property taxes			605,014	605,014
Cash received from other funds:				
Operating transfers in	1,326,415			1,326,415
Cash paid to other funds:				
Operating transfers out	(1,420,526)			(1,420,526)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	(94,111)	-	605,014	510,903
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Capital assets purchased			(141,990)	(141,990)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(486,042)			(486,042)
Interest paid on debt	(45,242)			(45,242)
Net Cash (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(531,284)	-	(141,990)	(673,274)
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Interest on deposits	19,212		10	19,222
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	19,212	-	10	19,222
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	64,269	-	271,128	335,397
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	1,084,106	-	685,877	1,769,983
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 1,148,375	-	957,005	2,105,380
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:				
Operating income (loss)	\$ 487,151	(67,904)	(267,864)	151,383
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:				
Depreciation expense	102,835	67,904	46,829	217,568
Changes in assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities				
(Increase) / decrease in accounts receivable			(11,049)	(11,049)
(Increase) / decrease in interfund receivables			(17)	(17)
(Increase) / decrease in deferred outflows of resources	556,559		64,733	621,292
Increase / (decrease) in claims payable	(26,828)		187	(26,641)
Increase / (decrease) in accrued interest payable	(5,358)			(5,358)
Increase / (decrease) in compensated absences liability	19,568		2,083	21,651
Increase / (decrease) in unearned revenue			140	140
Increase / (decrease) in interfund loans payables			4,643	4,643
Increase / (decrease) in interfund payables	278,714		1,334	280,048
Increase / (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	(11,719)		(3,516)	(15,235)
Increase / (decrease) in net pension liability	(730,470)		(29,409)	(759,879)
Total Adjustments	183,301	67,904	75,958	327,163
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 670,452	-	(191,906)	478,546

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

KEMPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPIExhibit 8

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities

September 30, 2017

	Agency Funds
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 528,774
Due from other funds	2,581
Total Assets	<u>\$ 531,355</u>
LIABILITIES	
Amounts held in custody for others	\$ 86,862
Due to other funds	444,493
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 531,355</u>

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Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Financial Statements
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Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

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

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

B. Individual Component Unit Disclosures

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The component unit's column in the financial statements include the financial data of the following component unit of the County. They are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County. A majority of the members of the governing body of this component unit is appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.

- Kemper County Economic Development Authority

Kemper County Economic Development Authority (The Authority) was created and organized pursuant to the statutes of the State of Mississippi, in particular by Senate Bill No. 2030, Regular Session 1984 of the Mississippi Legislature. The powers of the Authority shall be those as specified in the said statutes and any other applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi.

Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

C. Basis of Presentation

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

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information concerning the County as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component unit's for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the County are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, fund balances, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into governmental, proprietary and

Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

fiduciary. Major individual Governmental Funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The revenues and expenses of Proprietary Funds are classified as operating or non-operating. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a Proprietary Fund's primary operations. All other revenues and expenses are reported as non-operating.

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

The County reports the following major Governmental Funds:

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

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Countywide Road and Bridge Fund - This fund is used for resources designated and used for maintenance of the County's infrastructure system.

The County reports the following major Enterprise Funds:

Regional Jail Fund – This fund is used to account for the County's activities of housing local and state female inmates within the County's regional jail.

Regional Jail Women's Fund – This fund is used to account for the County's activities of housing local and state female inmates within the County's regional jail and currently the construction of said facility.

Solid Waste Fund - This fund is used to account for the County's activities of pickup and disposal of solid waste within the County.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Debt Service Funds - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources restricted to expenditure for principal and interest activity.

Capital Project Funds - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises or where the County has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

Agency Funds - These funds account for various taxes, deposits and other monies collected or held by the County, acting in the capacity of an agent, for distribution to other governmental units or designated beneficiaries.

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E. Account Classifications

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

F. Deposits and Investments

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

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally three months or less). Investments in governmental securities are stated at fair value.

G. Receivables

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

H. Interfund Transactions and Balances

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

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I. Restricted Assets

Proprietary Fund assets required to be held and used as specified in bond indentures, bond resolutions, trustee agreements, board resolutions and donor specifications have been reported as restricted assets. Certain proceeds of the County's enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for the repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the Statement of Net Position because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The "depreciation and operating reserve" account is used to pay the costs of major repairs and replacements to the correctional facility, the costs of which are such that they should be spread over a number of years rather than charged as a current expense in a single year. The "revenue fund" account is used to pay the maintenance expense when other funds are insufficient to pay these expenses within established limitations. The "debt service reserve" account is used to segregate resources set aside to subsidize potential deficiencies from the County's operation of the correctional facility that could adversely affect debt service payments. The "general" account is used to accumulate funds to pay the principal and interest payments due on the County's enterprise fund revenue bonds.

J. Capital Assets

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

Governmental accounting and financial reporting standards allow governments meeting certain criteria to elect not to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively. Kemper County meets this criteria and has so elected. Therefore,

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the major general infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, are not reported in the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

Capital assets acquired or constructed for Proprietary Fund operations are capitalized at cost in the respective funds in which they are utilized. No interest is capitalized on self-constructed assets because noncapitalization of interest does not have a material effect on the County's financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of donation.

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

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

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

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

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Deferred outflows related to pensions - This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred outflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 15 for additional details.

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

Unearned revenue - property taxes / Unavailable revenue - property tax - Deferred inflows of resources should be reported when resources associated with imposed nonexchange revenue transactions are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which property taxes are levied.

Unearned revenue - garbage fees - When an asset is recorded in the proprietary fund financial statements but the revenue is unearned, the government should report a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes earned.

Unavailable revenue - fines - When an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenues are not available, the government should report a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available.

Deferred inflows to pensions - This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred inflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 15 for additional details.

L. Pensions

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

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M. Long-term Liabilities

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

In the government-wide financial statements and in the Proprietary Fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental, business-type activities or Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Position.

N. Equity Classifications

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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

1. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvements of those assets.
2. Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Net Position Flow Assumption:

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

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Fund Financial Statements:

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

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

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

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

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

Fund Balance Flow Assumption:

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

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O. Property Tax Revenues

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

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

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

P. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds

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

Q. Compensated absences

The County has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee personal leave. No payment is authorized for accrued major medical leave. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require accrual of accumulated unpaid employee benefits as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements and Proprietary Funds financial statements. In fund financial statements, Governmental Funds report the

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compensated absence liability payable only if the payable has matured, for example an employee resigns or retires.

R. Changes in Accounting Standards

The County implemented the following standards issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in the current fiscal year as required GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures* and GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68 and No. 73*. The provisions of these standards have been incorporated into the financial statements and notes.

(2) Prior Period Adjustments

A summary of significant net position / fund balance adjustments are as follows:

Exhibit 2 - Statement of Activities

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
1. Net effect of prior year errors in recording revenues/expenditures.	\$ (166,326)
2. Net effect of pension calculation misstatement due to not using revised model.	(523,768)
	<u>\$ (690,094)</u>

Exhibit 4 - Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Net effect of prior year errors in recording revenues/expenditures.	<u>\$ (166,326)</u>

(3) Deposits and Investments

Deposits:

Primary Government

The carrying amount of the County's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2017, was \$11,709,380 in the governmental funds, \$1,146,533 in the proprietary funds, and \$528,774 in the fiduciary funds and the bank balance was \$13,528,773. 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

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State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Deposits above the FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the County.

Investments:

As provided in Section 91-13-8, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the following investments of the County are handled through a trust indenture between the County and the trustee related to the operations of the Kemper/Neshoba Regional Correctional Facility.

Investment balances at September 30, 2017 are as follows:

Investment Type	Matures	Fair Value	Rating
Hancock Horizon Government Money Market Mutual Fund	Less than one year	\$ <u>958,847</u>	AAAm

The investment in the Hancock Horizon Treasury Securities Money Market Mutual Funds is uninsured and unregistered and is not backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government.

Interest Rate Risk - The County 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. However, Section 19-9-29, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) limits the maturity period of any investment to no more than one year.

Credit Risk - State law limits investments to those prescribed in Sections 19-9-29 and 91-13-8, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The County does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment 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 County will not be able to recover the

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value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a formal policy that addresses custodial credit risk. Of the County's investments, all of the underlying securities were uninsured, unregistered, and held in trust accounts by the investment's counterparty on behalf of the County, not in the name of the County.

(4) Interfund Transactions and Balances

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2017:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	\$ 5,977
General Fund	Agency Fund	444,493
General Fund	Regional Jail Fund	278,714
Countywide Road and Bridge Fund	General Fund	16,502
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	1,866
Solid Waste Fund	General Fund	1,780
Agency Funds	General Fund	2,581
Total		<u>\$ 751,913</u>

The receivables represent the tax revenue collected but not settled until October 2017 and indirect costs from Solid Waste Fund. Also shown are payroll amounts due to meet next payroll. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

B. Advances To/From Other Funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	\$ 25,966
General Fund	Regional Jail Fund	89,489
Countywide Road and Bridge Fund	General Fund	7,744
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	247
Regional Jail Fund	General Fund	26,280
Total		<u>\$ 149,726</u>

Advances includes prior period posting errors to wrong fund and administrative costs for use of governmental personnel to bill solid waste. All advances are not expected

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to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

C. Transfers In/Out:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
General Fund	Regional Jail Fund	\$ 94,111
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	11,016
Total		<u>\$ 105,127</u>

The purpose of the interfund transfers was to cover payroll for Regional Jail operations while awaiting state reimbursement. Also, a debt service payments is shown between funds.

(5) Intergovernmental Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2017 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

Description	Amount
Legislative tax credit	<u>\$ 41,182</u>

(6) Loans Receivable

Loan receivable balances at September 30, 2017 are as follows:

Description	Date of Loan	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Receivable Balance
Trans Tech	10/15/02	3.00%	03/01/10	\$ 207,632
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts*				<u>(207,632)</u>
Total				<u>\$ 0</u>

* The Trans Tech loan receivable was determined to be uncollectible in fiscal year 2006.

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(7) Restricted Assets

The balances of restricted asset accounts in the enterprise funds are as follows:

	Amount
Revenue fund	\$ 12,894
General account	40,633
Debt service reserve fund	403,437
Depreciation and operating reserve fund	501,883
Total restricted assets	\$ 958,847

(8) Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2017:

Governmental activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2016	Additions	Adjustments	Balance Sept. 30, 2017
Non-depreciable capital assets:				
Land	\$ 1,322,961			1,322,961
Total non-depreciable capital assets	1,322,961	0	0	1,322,961
Depreciable capital assets:				
Infrastructure	4,665,266			4,665,266
Buildings	4,017,238			4,017,238
Mobile equipment	5,812,766	478,195	872,704	7,163,665
Furniture and equipment	202,662	8,850		211,512
Leased property under capital leases	872,704		(872,704)	0
Total depreciable capital assets	15,570,636	487,045	0	16,057,681
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Infrastructure	1,161,530	123,055		1,284,585
Buildings	1,526,445	61,570		1,588,015
Mobile equipment	3,780,821	389,677	471,259	4,641,757
Furniture and equipment	157,409	13,170		170,579
Leased property under capital leases	471,259		(471,259)	0
Total accumulated depreciation	7,097,464	587,472	0	7,684,936
Total depreciable capital assets, net	8,473,172	(100,427)	0	8,372,745
Governmental activities capital assets,	\$ 9,796,133	(100,427)	0	9,695,706

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Adjustments were made to correctly present capital assets.

Business-Type Activities:

The following is a summary of business-type activities' capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2017:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2016	Additions	Balance Sept. 30, 2017
Depreciable capital assets:			
Buildings	\$ 8,536,964		8,536,964
Mobile equipment	567,839	141,990	709,829
Furniture and equipment	73,050		73,050
Leased property under capital leases	140,000		140,000
Total depreciable capital assets	9,317,853	141,990	9,459,843
Less accumulated depreciation for:			
Buildings	1,571,583	170,739	1,742,322
Mobile equipment	305,164	34,229	339,393
Furniture and equipment	65,745		65,745
Leased property under capital leases	30,450	12,600	43,050
Total accumulated depreciation	1,972,942	217,568	2,190,510
Total depreciable capital assets, net	7,344,911	(75,578)	7,269,333
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 7,344,911	(75,578)	7,269,333

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

	<u>Amount</u>
Governmental Activities:	
General government	\$ 3,920
Public safety	87,365
Public works	445,093
Health and welfare	9,958
Economic development	41,136
Total governmental activities	<u><u>587,472</u></u>
Business-Type Activities:	
Regional Jail	102,835
Regional Women's Jail	67,904
Solid Waste	46,829
Total business-type activities	\$ <u><u>217,568</u></u>

(9) Claims and Judgments

Risk Financing

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The County pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2017 to January 1, 2018. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

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(10) Capital Leases

As Lessee:

The County leases the following property with varying terms and options as of September 30, 2017:

Classes of Property	Business-type Activities
Mobile equipment	\$ 140,000
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(43,050)</u>
Lease Property Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ 96,950</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2017:

Year Ending September 30,	Business-type activities	
	Principal	Interest
2018	<u>\$ 21,575</u>	<u>236</u>

(11) Long-Term Debt

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2017, consisted of the following:

Description and Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
G.O. Road and Bridge Bonds	\$ 1,800,000	2.60-3.70%	05/2032
G.O. Refunding Bonds	2,575,000	0.75-2.75%	11/2025
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$ 4,375,000</u>		

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B. Other Loans:

Taxable Negotiable Note	\$	933,946	2.10%	04/2020
CDBG - Trans Tech		207,632	3.00%	03/2010*
Promissory Note - Human Services Building		895,000	3.56%	09/2030
Human Services Building Note		<u>483,314</u>	2.00%	01/2027
Total Other Loans	\$	<u><u>2,519,892</u></u>		

Business-Type Activities:

A. Limited obligation Bonds:

Urban Renewal Revenue - Refinance	\$	<u>815,000</u>	2.50-4.00%	09/2019
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B. Capital Leases:

Locking control and intercom system	\$	<u>21,575</u>	3.28%	04/2018
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* See Note (6) - Loans Receivable for explanation

Pledge of Future Revenues - The County has pledged future revenues for housing inmates, net of specified operating expenses, to repay \$4,020,000 in limited obligation urban renewal revenue bonds issued in September 2009. Proceeds from the bonds were used to refund bonds that provide financing for the construction of Kemper/Neshoba County Regional Correctional Facility. The bonds are not a general obligation of the County and, therefore, are not secured by the full faith and credit of the County. The bonds are payable solely from income derived from an inmate housing agreement with the MS Department of Corrections for housing state prisoners and income received from any other governments for housing and holding prisoners and are payable through October 2019. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than 13 percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is \$862,000. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total inmate housing net revenues were \$514,301 and \$3,970,263, respectively.

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

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Year Ending September 30,	Governmental Activities			
	General Obligation Bonds		Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 405,000	108,119	614,617	60,711
2019	410,000	99,815	414,339	51,400
2020	425,000	88,480	426,845	41,935
2021	430,000	77,635	110,028	32,135
2022	445,000	67,490	116,037	28,989
2023 - 2027	1,515,000	196,180	593,026	93,279
2028 - 2032	745,000	69,990	245,000	17,622
Total	\$ 4,375,000	707,709	2,519,892	326,071

Year Ending September 30,	Business-type activities	
	Limited Obligation Bonds	
	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 455,000	32,600
2019	360,000	14,400
Total	\$ 815,000	47,000

Legal Debt Margin

The amount of debt, excluding specific exempted debt, that can be incurred by the County is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during a year can be no greater than 15% of assessed value of the taxable property within the County, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation. However, the limitation is increased by 20% whenever a County issues bonds to repair or replace washed out or collapsed bridges on the public roads of the county. As of September 30, 2017, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 2.24% of the latest property assessments.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2017:

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	Balance Oct. 1, 2016	Additions	Reduction	Balance Sept. 30, 2017	Amount due in one year
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
General obligation bonds	\$ 4,485,000		110,000	4,375,000	405,000
Other loans	2,390,176	731,435	601,719	2,519,892	614,617
Compensated absences	82,245	27,227		109,472	
Total	\$ <u>6,957,421</u>	<u>758,662</u>	<u>711,719</u>	<u>7,004,364</u>	<u>1,019,617</u>

	Balance Oct. 1, 2016	Additions	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2017	Amount due in one year
<u>Business-type Activities:</u>					
Limited obligation bonds	\$ 1,265,000		450,000	815,000	455,000
Capital leases	57,617		36,042	21,575	21,575
Compensated absences	56,715	21,652		78,367	
Total	\$ <u>1,379,332</u>	<u>21,652</u>	<u>486,042</u>	<u>914,942</u>	<u>476,575</u>

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries were paid which are generally the General Fund, Countywide Road and Bridge Fund, Regional Jail Fund, Women's Regional Jail Fund and Solid Waste Fund.

(12) Contingencies

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

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

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(13) Joint Ventures

The County participates in the following joint venture:

Kemper County is a participant with Newton County in a joint venture, authorized by Section 39-3-9, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Kemper-Newton Regional Library System. The joint venture was created to provide free library services to the citizens of the respective counties. The Kemper County Board of Supervisors alternatively appoints two or three of the five members of the board of directors. By contractual agreement, the County's appropriation to the joint venture was \$38,334 in fiscal year 2017. Complete financial statements for the Kemper-Newton Regional Library System can be obtained from 101 Peachtree Street, Union, MS 39365.

(14) Jointly Governed Organizations

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Region Ten Mental-Health Retardation Commission operates in a district composed of the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith. The Kemper County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the nine members of the board of directors. The County appropriated \$20,538 for financial support in fiscal year 2017.

East Mississippi Community College operates in a district composed of the counties of Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Noxubee and Oktibbeha. The Kemper County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 12 members of the board of directors. The County appropriated \$805,683 for financial support in fiscal year 2017.

East Central Mississippi Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith. The Kemper County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 15 members of the board of directors. The County appropriated \$10,222 for financial support in fiscal year 2017.

The Multi-County Community Service Agency operates in a district composed of the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Newton and Wayne. The agency was created to administer programs conducted by community action agencies, limited purpose agencies and related programs authorized by federal law. The Kemper County Board of Supervisors appoint one of the 24 members of the board of directors. Most of the funding is derived from federal funds. The County appropriated \$40,000 for financial support in fiscal year 2017.

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(15) Defined Benefit Pension Plan

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. Kemper County, Mississippi contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq, (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

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

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Contributions. At September 30, 2017, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate at September 30, 2017 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The County's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$683,045, \$637,855, and \$648,208, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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

At September 30, 2017, the County reported a liability of \$11,237,913 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The County's proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2017 net pension liability was 0.067603 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2017. This was an increase of 0.003482 percent from its proportion share used to calculate the September 30, 2016 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2016.

For the year ended September 30, 2017, the County governmental activities and business-type activities recognized pension expense of \$1,084,788 and \$610,875, respectively. At September 30, 2017, the County's governmental activities and business-type activities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 154,817	82,000
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	112,541	
Change of assumptions	246,903	
Changes in the proportion and differences between the County's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	445,951	197,906
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	152,503	
Total	<u>\$ 1,112,715</u>	<u>279,906</u>

Deferred outflows of resources reported in the governmental activities, in the amount of \$97,563, and the business-type activities, in the amount of \$54,940, are related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending September 30:

2018	\$ 545,903
2019	285,652
2020	65,825
2021	<u>(217,074)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 680,306</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

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Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increases	3.75 - 18.50%, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table Projected with Scale BB to 2022, with males rates set forward one year.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2017 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2012 to June 30, 2016. The experience report is dated April 18, 2017.

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

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
U.S. Broad	27.00%	4.60%
International Equity	18.00%	4.50%
Emerging Markets Equity	4.00%	4.75%
Global	12.00%	4.75%
Fixed Income	18.00%	0.75%
Real Estate	10.00%	3.50%
Private Equity	8.00%	5.10%
Emerging Debt	2.00%	2.25%
Cash	1.00%	0.00%
Total	100.00%	

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

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

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1% Increase (8.75%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 14,739,273	\$ 11,237,913	\$ 8,331,023

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

(16) Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$1,747,244 includes the effect of deferred outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$97,563 resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2018. The \$582,461 balance of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2017, will be recognized in pension expense over the next 4 years.

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$1,747,244 includes the effect of recognition of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from property taxes receivable. The \$13,398,071 balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2017, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next few years.

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The governmental activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$1,747,244 includes the effect of deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. The \$171,062 balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2017, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position amount of (\$2,908,134) includes the effect of deferred outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$54,940 resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2018. The \$377,751 balance of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2017, will be recognized in pension expense over the next 4 years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position amount of (\$2,908,134) includes the effect of recognition of deferring the recognition of unearned revenues property taxes. The \$585,750 balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2017, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next few years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position amount of (\$2,908,134) includes the effect of recognition of deferring the recognition of unearned revenues garbage fees. The \$17,158 balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2017, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next few years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position amount of (\$2,908,134) includes the effect of deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. The \$108,844 balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2017, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next 3 years.

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(17) Subsequent Events

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

The County issued the following debt obligation:

Issue Date	Interest Rate	Issue Amount	Type of Financing	Source of Financing
03/19/2018	3.00%	\$ 500,000	Emilia industrial development	Charges for services

Component Unit
Kemper County Economic Development Authority

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KEMPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY

The Kemper County Economic Development Authority (The Authority) was created and organized pursuant to the statutes of the State of Mississippi, in particular by Senate Bill No. 2030, Regular Session 1984 of the Mississippi Legislature. The powers of the Authority shall be those as specified in the said statutes and any other applicable statutes of the State of Mississippi.

The mission of the Authority is engaging primarily in industrial and business recruiting. The Authority also houses a small business incubator. The small business incubator was established to attract start-up businesses to Kemper County by the way of providing a physical facility, which provides office space, warehousing and manufacturing space, loading docks, kitchen and restroom facilities, and meeting rooms. The Authority assists tenants in developing business plans, securing financing, business counseling, and management advising. The Authority recoups the costs by charging reasonable lease rates and fees. The Authority also provides assistance to county and town officials in obtaining grants and related technical assistance. The Authority also partners with local businesses to assist students at Kemper County High School plan and prepare for college and awards area students for excellence in education. The Authority promotes various programs throughout the year that enable students to visit area colleges and obtain information relative to entrance applications, financial assistance, and career choices. Also, the Authority recently assumed the leadership of a local development program where various classes are offered to the public to provide information in areas such as local government, economic development, and health in order to build leadership skills within the community.

The Authority is composed of nine citizens of Kemper County. One citizen is appointed by the Board of Supervisors from each supervisor's district (five districts), and the Mayor and Aldermen of the Town of DeKalb and the Town of Scooba each appoint two members. The governing board has entered into a contract with an executive director to oversee the day-to-day operations of the Authority and to help bring economic development to Kemper County, Mississippi. The Authority is located in DeKalb, Mississippi.

For financial reporting purposes, management has determined that the Authority is a component unit of Kemper County, Mississippi in accordance with the requirements of GASB 14 and GASB 61.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Authority's basic financial statement consists of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and fund financial statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - CONTINUED

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the Authority as a whole. Government-wide accounting is designed to provide a more comprehensive view of the government's operations and financial position as a single economic entity. The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the Authority's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues consist of lease payments received from the businesses that occupy the business incubator. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements of the Authority are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

In the Government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic assets used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Program revenues on the Statement of Activities consist of lease payments received from the businesses that occupy the business incubator.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds are presented using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when "measurable and available". Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Available means collectible within the current fiscal period or within sixty days after year-end. State awards associated with the current fiscal period are considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

C. MEASUREMENT FOCUS AND BASIS OF ACCOUNTING - CONTINUED

The Authority reports the following major governmental fund:

GENERAL FUND – This is the Authority’s primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the Authority, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The following describes the nonmajor funds of the Authority, which for the purpose of the fund financial statements are combined with the general fund.

1. PACES FUND

The PACES Fund was established during the year ended June 30, 2010 by a \$10,000 award from The Mississippi Higher Education Initiative (MS-HEI). The purpose of the initial award was to assist the Authority in the area of sponsoring education attainment programs for students that attend Kemper County High School. Since the inception of this program the Authority has partnered with local businesses in the Kemper County Area to sponsor education awareness programs and events for Kemper County High School students. These funds are deemed restricted in use to be directed by the Board of Directors of the PACES fund.

2. LEADERSHIP KEMPER

The Leadership Kemper Fund was recently established with the goal of informing the public about various issues and building up leaders in Kemper County. Leadership Kemper is an eight-month program where citizens, whether they live or work in Kemper County, attend monthly classes to learn about areas such as local government, law enforcement, economic development, quality of life issues and health issues. Donations are made to the Authority to help fund this program as it deems necessary. There was no activity in this fund during the year ended September 30, 2017 due to not enough participation to form a class.

D. CASH AND OTHER DEPOSITS

The Authority deposits excess funds in the financial institution selected by the Board of Directors in accordance with state statutes.

Cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents with maturities of six months or less. Cash and cash equivalents are valued at cost.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

E. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are reported at historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received. Depreciation is recorded on all depreciable capital assets on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset</u>	<u>Years</u>
Equipment and furnishings	5-7
Buildings	39

F. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

1. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - Consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any notes or borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, constructions, or improvement of those assets.
2. Restricted- net assets are considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or by grantors, and by other contributors.
3. Unrestricted – consists of all other net assets that do not meet the definition of the above two components and are available for general use by the Authority.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available, management applies unrestricted net assets first, unless a determination is made to use restricted net assets. The Authority's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. Management typically makes this decision on a transactional basis at the incurrence of the expenditure.

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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

F. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS - CONTINUED

Fund Financial Statements:

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

1. Nonspendable – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.
3. Committed – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action or resolution.
4. Assigned – Amounts that are designated by the Board of Directors for a particular purpose but are not spendable until there is a majority vote approval.
5. Unassigned – All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

G. BUDGETING

The Authority prepares an annual budget which is approved by the Board of Directors. Budgetary and actual expenditures are compared on a continuous basis. Amendments to the budget can be made upon the approval of the Board of Directors. A budgetary comparison is presented for the General Fund consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The Authority has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee personal leave. No payment is authorized for accrued major medical leave. Generally accepted accounting principles require accrual of accumulated unpaid employee benefits in Governmental Funds to the extent that they are to be paid with current assets. At September 30, 2017, the Authority has accrued \$5,775 in compensated absences.

KEMPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
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NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

I. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Authority deposits excess funds in financial institutions selected in accordance with state statutes.

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.

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NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets include property, plant, equipment and infrastructure. Purchased or constructed assets are recorded at costs. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value when received.

<u>Governmental activities:</u>	<u>Beginning Balances</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balances</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Buildings	\$1,150,666	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 1,150,666
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	303,231	-0-	-0-	303,231
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(618,913)	-0-	(30,024)	(648,937)
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	<u>(293,927)</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>(2,195)</u>	<u>(296,122)</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	541,055	-0-	(32,219)	508,838
Land	<u>29,335</u>	<u>3,000</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>32,335</u>
Total fixed assets	<u>\$ 570,392</u>	<u>\$ 3,000</u>	<u>\$ (32,219)</u>	<u>\$ 541,173</u>

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NOTE 4 – LONG-TERM DEBT

During the year ended September 30, 2017, the Authority had a note payable amounting to \$369 with the Tennessee Valley Authority. The loan was for air conditioners placed in a building for a former tenant. The loan matured on October 15, 2016 and was paid in full. The Kemper County Board of Supervisors reimbursed the Authority the payoff amount of \$373, which is reflected in general revenues on the Statement of Activities.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2017 is as follows:

	<u>Balance at</u> <u>October 1, 2016</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance at</u> <u>September 30,</u> <u>2017</u>
Equipment notes	\$ 369	\$ -0-	\$ (369)	\$ -0-
Total	<u>\$ 369</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ (369)</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>
 Total debt				 <u>\$ -0-</u>

NOTE 5 – LEASE REVENUES

The Authority leases warehouse and manufacturing space in the business incubator under operating leases expiring in various years through 2022. Tenants have the option to renew their respective leases at the end of each lease term.

Minimum future rental payments under non-cancelable operating leases as of September 30, 2017, for each of the next five years and in the aggregate are:

Year Ended	Amount
2018	\$ 25,400
2019	24,900
2020	25,200
2021	27,675
2022 and thereafter	<u>2,325</u>
Total minimum future rental payments	\$ <u>105,500</u>

KEMPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - CONTINUED
For the year ended September 30, 2017

NOTE 6 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through February 16, 2018 the date on which financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Kemper County, Mississippi
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 8,484,712	\$ 8,920,166	\$ 8,920,166	\$ -
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	65,368	64,972	64,972	-
Fines and forfeitures	100,500	77,246	77,246	-
Intergovernmental revenues	392,000	444,713	444,713	-
Interest income	23,000	108,360	108,360	-
Miscellaneous revenues	35,100	539,379	539,379	-
Total Revenues	<u>9,100,680</u>	<u>10,154,835</u>	<u>10,154,835</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	5,251,922	4,928,569	4,928,569	-
Public safety	1,624,820	1,481,273	1,481,273	-
Health and welfare	292,778	256,399	256,399	-
Culture and recreation	134,334	72,748	72,748	-
Education	78,000	78,000	78,000	-
Conservation of natural resources	99,675	87,572	87,572	-
Economic development and assistance	211,851	206,151	206,151	-
Total Expenditures	<u>7,693,380</u>	<u>7,110,711</u>	<u>7,110,711</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>1,407,300</u>	<u>3,044,124</u>	<u>3,044,124</u>	<u>-</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in	1,179,723	-	-	-
Transfers out	<u>(688,172)</u>	<u>(419,832)</u>	<u>(419,832)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>491,551</u>	<u>(419,832)</u>	<u>(419,832)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	<u>1,898,851</u>	<u>2,624,292</u>	<u>2,624,292</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>53,129</u>	<u>(494,122)</u>	<u>3,379,793</u>	<u>3,873,915</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,951,980</u>	<u>\$ 2,130,170</u>	<u>\$ 6,004,085</u>	<u>\$ 3,873,915</u>

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

Kemper County, Mississippi
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 Countywide Road and Bridge Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 4,979,356	\$ 4,979,356	\$ 5,224,059	\$ 244,703
Road and bridge privilege taxes	87,000	87,000	103,238	16,238
Intergovernmental revenues	456,000	456,000	609,099	153,099
Interest income	700	700	2,437	1,737
Miscellaneous revenue	3,500	3,500	192,015	188,515
Total Revenues	<u>5,526,556</u>	<u>5,526,556</u>	<u>6,130,848</u>	<u>604,292</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public works	5,526,556	5,526,556	5,415,895	110,661
Debt service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>5,526,556</u>	<u>5,526,556</u>	<u>5,415,895</u>	<u>110,661</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	714,953	714,953
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>659,873</u>	<u>659,873</u>	<u>661,096</u>	<u>1,223</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 659,873</u>	<u>\$ 659,873</u>	<u>\$ 1,376,049</u>	<u>\$ 716,176</u>

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

Kemper County, Mississippi

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

PERS

Last 10 Fiscal Years*

	2017	2016	2015
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 11,237,913	11,453,612	10,492,910
County's proportion of the net pension liability (assets)	0.067603%	0.064121%	0.067880%
County's covered payroll	4,336,794	4,039,708	4,172,502
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	259.13%	283.53%	251.48%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%

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

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 09/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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

	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution	\$ 683,045	637,855	648,208
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	683,045	637,855	648,208
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ -	-	-
County's covered payroll	4,336,794	4,039,708	4,115,606
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB 68 was implemented in FYE 09/30/15, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the year ended September 30, 2017

Budgetary Comparison Schedules

A. Budgetary Information.

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

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

B. Basis of Presentation.

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

C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation.

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

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

Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	
	General Fund	Countywide Road and Bridge Fund
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ 2,624,292	714,953
Increase (Decrease)		
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	497,161	(269,758)
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	364,627	911
Other reconciling items:		
Prior period adjustment	166,326	
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 3,652,406</u>	<u>446,106</u>

Pension Schedules

A. Changes of assumptions.

2015

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

2016

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

Kemper County, Mississippi

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

2017

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6% to 7%.

B. Change in benefit provisions.

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

C. Method and Assumptions Used in Calculation of Actuarially Determined Contributions.

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2015 valuation for the June 30, 2017 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contributions rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage, open
Remaining amortization period	33.9 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.75 percent to 19.00 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

COMPONENT UNIT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
Kemper County Economic Development Authority

KEMPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
ACTUAL COMPARED TO BUDGETARY BASIS - GENERAL FUND

For the year ended September 30, 2017

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUE:			
Kemper County	\$ 188,302	\$ 180,299	\$ 8,003
Town of DeKalb	-	3,000	(3,000)
Rent	29,682	28,539	1,143
Interest	351	200	151
Donations	42,165	28,000	14,165
	<u>260,500</u>	<u>240,038</u>	<u>20,462</u>
TOTAL REVENUES			
EXPENDITURES:			
Advertising	772	1,000	228
Dues & subscriptions	858	1,000	142
Insurance	9,065	10,700	1,635
Legal and professional services	7,564	10,000	2,436
Miscellaneous	10,319	18,578	8,259
Educational awareness and promotion	14,334	20,000	5,666
Office supplies	4,530	3,000	(1,530)
Postage	404	600	196
Repairs and maintenance	13,735	20,000	6,265
Salaries, wages, and benefits	102,181	121,200	19,019
Support - local Chamber of Commerce	-	3,100	3,100
Taxes - payroll	8,015	-	(8,015)
Telephone	8,816	5,460	(3,356)
Travel and related	4,708	8,000	3,292
Utilities	26,127	17,000	(9,127)
Debt service - principal	369	400	31
Debt service - interest	4	-	(4)
Capital expenditures	3,000	-	(3,000)
	<u>214,801</u>	<u>240,038</u>	<u>25,237</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			
Excess/(deficit) public support and revenue over expenses	45,699	-	45,699
FUND BALANCE, beginning of year	212,946	-	212,946
FUND BALANCE, end of year	<u>\$ 258,645</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 258,645</u>

See accompanying notes to the required supplementary information.

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KEMPER COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY
NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
For the year ended September 30, 2017

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

1 – BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the originally board adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis, variance between the original budget and the final budget, and variances between the final budget and the actual data. For the year ended September 30, 2017 there were no revisions between the original budget and the final budget.

OTHER INFORMATION

Kemper County, Mississippi
Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017
UNAUDITED

Name	Position	Company	Bond
James Granger	Supervisor Dist. 1	Western Surety	\$ 100,000
Johnny Whitsett	Supervisor Dist. 2	Western Surety	100,000
Justin Creer	Supervisor Dist. 3	Western Surety	100,000
Michael Luke	Supervisor Dist. 4	Western Surety	100,000
Christopher Cole	Supervisor Dist. 5	Western Surety	100,000
Yolanda Cook	County Administrator	Western Surety	100,000
Polly Medcalf	Comptroller	Western Surety	75,000
Sherline Watkins	Chancery Clerk	Western Surety	100,000
Polly Medcalf	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Linda Sue Edwards	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Jennifer Lewis	A/P Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Sheila Mattar	Purchase Clerk	Western Surety	75,000
Judith Sullivan	Assistant Purchase Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Johnny Griffin	Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	75,000
Catherine Walton	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Vanessa Payne	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Shirley Jackson	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Patricia Jowers	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Keith Terrell Odom	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Shekelia McClendon	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Totsetta Hearn	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Thomas M. Luke, III	Inventory Control Clerk	Western Surety	75,000
Gregory Williams	Road Manager	Western Surety	50,000
Samuel Brown	Assistant Road Manager	Western Surety	50,000
Danny Wright	Assistant Road Manager	Western Surety	50,000
Ray Charles Williams	Constable	Western Surety	50,000
Randy Thornton	Constable	Western Surety	50,000
Tracey Murray	Circuit Clerk	Western Surety	100,000
Totsetta Hearn	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
James Moore, Sr	Sheriff	Western Surety	100,000
John D. Haggard	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Robert Joyner	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Arnold Jenkins	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Kenny L. Rush	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Eric Scott	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Byron Walker	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Michael Mattox	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Tracee Moore	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Allen Griffin	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Charles Hazelwood	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Patrick Sheary	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Toby Pinson	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Jeffrey Jowers	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Charles Ward	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Gregory Campbell	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Melissa Ann White	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Timothy Hardy	Deputy Sheriff	Western Surety	50,000
Mary Gully	Justice Court Judge	Western Surety	50,000
Linda Wright	Justice Court Judge	Western Surety	50,000
Peggy Sue Davis	Justice Court Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Margaret Willson	Justice Court Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Tami Dawkins	Justice Court Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Amber Holliday	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Cheryl Keeton	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Joycelyn Robertson	Tax Collector/Assessor	Western Surety	100,000
Judy Sullivan	Deputy Tax Collector	Western Surety	75,000
Shirley Jackson	Deputy Tax Collector	Western Surety	50,000
Kim Wyche Lovette	Deputy Tax Collector	Western Surety	50,000
Polly Medcalf	Comptroller	Western Surety	75,000
Robin Fulton	Sheriff Administrative Assistant	Western Surety	50,000
Terry E. Bostick	Coroner	Western Surety	10,000

SPECIAL REPORTS

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Kemper County, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Kemper County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 1, 2024. The report is qualified on the governmental activities because the County did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Kemper County's, Mississippi internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as Finding 2017-001 and 2017-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Kemper County, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Kemper County, Mississippi, in the Independent Accountant's Report on Central Purchasing System, Inventory Control System and Purchase Clerk Schedules and the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated May 1, 2024, included within this document.

Kemper County's Responses to the Findings

Kemper County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Kemper County's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard PC
May 1, 2024

Certified Public Accountants

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Kemper County, Mississippi

We have examined Kemper County, Mississippi's (the County) compliance with establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) and compliance with the purchasing requirements in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) during the year ended September 30, 2017. The Board of Supervisors of Kemper County, Mississippi, is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements. The Board of Supervisors of Kemper County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the County and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

The County did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets.

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

The results of our audit procedures disclosed certain instance of noncompliance with the aforementioned code sections. This instance of noncompliance was considered in forming our opinion on compliance. Our finding and recommendation and your response are disclosed below:

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Inventory Control Clerk

1. The County should maintain capital asset subsidiary records.

Criteria:

Section 31-7-107, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires the Inventory Control Clerk to maintain an inventory system to account for all capital assets of the County. An effective system of internal control should include adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness, and valuation of governmental activities' capital assets as well as the depreciation of these assets.

Condition:

As reported in the prior six years' audit reports, control procedures were inadequate for maintaining adequate subsidiary records documenting the County's capital assets including construction in progress, infrastructure, and for documenting depreciation on the County's capital assets.

Cause:

The County has not maintained an accurate capital asset subsidiary ledger.

Effect:

The failure to maintain an accurate inventory control system could result in the reporting of inaccurate amounts and increases the possibility of the loss of misappropriation of public funds.

Recommendation:

The County should establish adequate control procedures to document the existence, completeness, and valuation of capital assets. Also, records should be maintained documenting construction in progress.

Inventory Control Clerk's Response:

The Inventory Clerk will run the appropriate reports in the Delta Computer System that will document the necessary records needed for the county assets. Capital assets and infrastructure will be document yearly according to Section 31-7-107, Miss Code Ann. (1972).

In our opinion, except as explained in the third paragraph and except for the noncompliance referred to in the preceding paragraph, Kemper County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2017.

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

Kemper County's response to the finding included in this report was not audited, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended for use in evaluating Kemper County, Mississippi's compliance with the aforementioned requirements, and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

Fortenberry & Ballard, PC
May 1, 2024

Certified Public Accountants

Kemper County, Mississippi

Schedule 1

Schedule of Purchases Not Made From the Lowest Bidder
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

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

Kemper County, Mississippi
Schedule of Emergency Purchases
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Schedule 2

Our tests did not identify any emergency purchases.

Kemper County, Mississippi

Schedule 3

Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL
AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Kemper County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Kemper County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2017, we considered Kemper County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Kemper County, Mississippi's financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the County's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated May 1, 2024, on the financial statements of Kemper County, Mississippi.

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

The results of our review procedures and compliance tests identified certain areas that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our findings, recommendations, and your responses are disclosed below:

Chancery Clerk.

1. Board of Supervisors' minutes were not complete.

Criteria:

Section 19-3-27, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors to keep a complete and correct record of all board proceedings.

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Condition:

As reported in the prior five years' audit report, the board minutes were not complete in representations to the activity of the board proceedings throughout the year. Supporting documentation for approved board orders were not spread on the minutes.

Cause:

The Chancery Clerk failed to adequately maintain and record all board proceedings as required by Section 19-3-27, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Effect:

Incomplete board minutes are misrepresentation of the year's activity along with noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

Recommendation:

The Chancery Clerk should keep a complete record of all board minutes and supporting documentation for approved orders on the minutes.

Chancery Clerk's Response:

I will comply.

Circuit Clerk.

2. Unauthorized fees being collected should cease.

Criteria:

Sections 25-7-13 and 41-57-48, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), provides for the fees for marriage licenses. Under both of these code sections, the Circuit Clerk should charge a \$21 fee for marriage licenses.

Condition:

As reported in the prior four years' audit report, during our test work, it was noted that the Circuit Clerk was charging a total of \$22 for each marriage license.

Cause:

The Circuit Clerk failed to comply with Sections 25-7-13 and 41-57-48, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Effect:

Therefore, the Clerk has been erroneously collecting an additional \$1 on all marriage licenses, thus resulting in an improper amount of Clerk's fees collected.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Circuit Clerk charge the proper amount for each marriage license required by law, and to only accept payments for the proper amount for civil cash filings as required by law.

Circuit Clerk's Response:

To: Whom it may concern,

I Shirley Steele Jackson (Kemper County Circuit Clerk) was not the Circuit Clerk in office in 2017. My tenure began January 2, 2020.

You will have to contact my predecessor (Mrs. Tracey McCoy Murray) the former clerk, in 2017 for any information or comments you are requesting during this time.

Please feel free to contact me at the number listed below with any questions or concerns.

Best regards,
Shirley Steele Jackson
Kemper County Circuit Clerk

Justice Court Clerk.

3. Controls over cash collections in the Justice Court Clerk's Office should be strengthened.

Criteria:

An effective system of internal controls should include an adequate segregation of duties.

Condition:

As reported in the prior five years' audit reports, the cash collection function in the Justice Court Clerk's office was not adequately segregated for an effective internal control.

Cause:

This is the result of improper internal controls being in place to adequately segregate duties amongst the cash collection process.

Effect:

Lack of segregation of duties could result in the loss of public funds.

Recommendation:

Management should provide cash drawers for each clerk receipting money in the Justice Clerk's Office. The Justice Court Clerk should deposit cash daily and reconcile the bank accounts monthly.

Justice Court Clerk's Response:

1. There are currently 2 cash drawers that are in use.
 #2 drawer - Deputy Clerk
 #3 drawer - Clerk
2. End of the day reports are currently printed:
 - Daily Deposit Reports
 - Daily Post to Ledger Reports
 - Credit Card & Online Receipt Report
3. Bank Deposits are made daily at Commercial Bank.
4. End of the month close out reports and settlements are done monthly between the 1st & 10th day of the month.

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

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

FORTENBERRY & BALLARD, PC

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May 1, 2024

Certified Public Accountants

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Kemper County, Mississippi

Schedule of Findings and Responses For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Section I: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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

a. Governmental activities	Qualified
b. Business-type activities	Unmodified
c. Aggregate discretely presented component unit	Unmodified
d. General Fund	Unmodified
e. Countywide Road and Bridge Fund	Unmodified
f. Regional Jail Fund	Unmodified
g. Regional Jail Women's Fund	Unmodified
h. Solid Waste Fund	Unmodified
i. Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a. Material weaknesses identified? Yes.
 - b. Significant deficiencies identified? None Reported.
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No.

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

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

Finding 2017-001

The County should maintain adequate subsidiary records.

Board of Supervisors

Material Weakness:

Criteria:

An effective system of internal control should include adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness, and valuation of governmental activities' capital assets as well as the depreciation of these assets.

Condition:

As reported in the prior six years' audit reports, control procedures were inadequate for maintaining adequate subsidiary records documenting the County's capital assets including construction in progress and infrastructure.

Cause:

Controls were not in place to ensure the County's subsidiary records were adequately documented and maintained.

Effect:

The failure to maintain an accurate inventory control system could result in the reporting of inaccurate amounts and increases the possibility of the loss or misappropriation of public funds. Therefore, the Independent Auditor's Report includes a qualified opinion on the financial position of the Governmental Activities.

Recommendation:

The County should establish adequate control procedures to document the existence, completeness, and valuation of capital assets. Also, construction in progress and infrastructure reports should be prepared and used to include current fiscal year additions in the capital asset listing.

Board of Supervisors' Response:

The New Comptroller for Kemper County will work closely with the County CPA to help establish a plan of action to help maintain more adequate subsidiary records documenting the county's assets including construction projects and infrastructure.

Finding 2017-002

Circuit Clerk cash was not included in the financial statements.

Circuit Clerk.

Material Weakness:

Criteria:

Reconciled cash of a significant sub-office should be included as part of overall cash.

Condition:

The former Circuit Clerk did not provide fiscal year financial information in the preparation of financial statements performed by the county.

Cause:

The former Circuit Clerk failed to provide reconciled bank statement information.

Effect:

Withholding cash from a key sub-office could result in the misstatement of financial statements reducing reliability on the amounts provided.

Recommendation:

The Circuit Clerk should provide reconciled cash amounts at year-end to the individual(s) preparing financial statement information for audit.

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