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TATE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017

TATE COUNTY
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TATE COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Tate County, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tate 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 as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits 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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tate 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 the 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 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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Tate County, Mississippi's basic financial statements. 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 March 29, 2019, on our consideration of Tate County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal controls over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Tate County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



F.O. Givens & Co.
Certified Public Accountants
March 29, 2019

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

TATE COUNTY
Management's Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

INTRODUCTION

The discussion and analysis of Tate 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. Information contained in this section is qualified by more detailed information contained elsewhere in the County's financial statements, notes to the financial statements and accompanying materials. To the extent that this discussion contains any forward looking statements of the County's plans, objectives, expectations and prospects, the actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein.

This discussion and analysis is an element of required supplementary information specified in the "Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 – Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments" issued June, 1999.

Tate County is located in northwestern Mississippi. The population, according to the 2010 census, is 28,886. The local economic base is driven mainly by agriculture. Tate County's economy is also bolstered by being the home of Northwest Mississippi Community College.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Tate County's total property tax levy for the year ended September 30, 2017, was 154.59 mills, up from 150.95. Of this amount, the mills levied for the Tate County School District were 76.09, up from 72.45 in 2016.

Total net position increased \$346,910, an increase of 1.54% from the prior year. The County's ending cash balance went from \$4,816,791 to \$5,433,715.

The County had \$16,690,921 in total revenues, compared to \$16,671,369 in the previous year. Property taxes of \$10,134,431 comprised approximately 61 % of total revenues.

Total operating expenses were \$16,344,011, compared to \$17,544,868 from the prior year.

Among major funds, the General Fund had \$9,407,096 in operating revenues and \$9,236,985 in operating expenditures with other financial uses of \$631,583. The General Fund's fund balance decreased by \$461,472.

Long-term debt for governmental activities fell this year from \$8,599,072 to \$7,914,930, a decrease of approximately 8%.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements are comprised of 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.

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 and accrual basis accounting.

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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 and 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 years.

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, health and welfare, culture and recreation, conservation of natural resources, economic development, and interest on long term debt. The business-type activities of the County include solid waste management and garbage collection. The Government-wide Financial Statements can be found on pages 13 and 14 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 funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds.

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 are reported using modified accrual accounting. This method of accounting measures cash and other assets that can be easily converted to cash, which provides a detailed short-term view of the County's operations. Governmental funds include the general, special revenue, debt service, and capital projects funds.

Because 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 with 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 pages 16 and 18, respectively.

The County maintains individual governmental funds in accordance with the *Mississippi County Financial Accounting Manual*. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all major funds. All other non-major funds are combined together and presented in these reports as other governmental funds. The basic governmental funds financial statements can be found on pages 15 through 18 of this report.

Proprietary funds are maintained to account for enterprise activities. Enterprise funds are used to report the same functions presented as business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements. The County uses enterprise funds to account for solid waste management and garbage disposal.

Fund financial statements for the proprietary funds provide the same type and basis of information as the business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The Solid Waste Management Fund is considered to be a major fund of the County. Data from the other enterprise fund is combined into a single,

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aggregated presentation. The proprietary funds financial statements can be found on pages 19 through 21 of this report.

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 financial statement can be found on page 22 of this report.

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. The notes can be found on pages 23 through 43 of this report.

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 schedule has been provided for the general fund and each additional governmental major fund. This required supplementary information can be found on pages 44 through 49 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 Tate County, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$22,844,692 as of September 30, 2017.

By far, the largest portion of the County's net position (125.5%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. roads, bridges, land, buildings, mobile equipment, furniture and 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.

The following table presents a summary of the County's net position for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

(See table on next page).

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	2017		2016	
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Current Assets	\$ 17,427,860	(4,202)	\$ 16,350,793	119,884
Capital Assets, Net	37,282,691	525,847	37,417,762	470,951
Total Assets	<u>\$ 54,710,551</u>	<u>521,645</u>	<u>\$ 53,768,555</u>	<u>590,835</u>
 Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	 <u>\$ 2,726,382</u>	 <u>148,430</u>	 <u>\$ 3,737,166</u>	 <u>242,506</u>
 Current Liabilities	 \$ 796,530	 123,985	 \$ 917,258	 103,018
Long-term Debt Outstanding:				
Due Within One Year	667,456	217,408	698,457	118,145
Due In More Than One Year	7,247,474	366,579	7,900,615	444,922
Net Pension Liability	12,928,947	1,034,707	13,659,177	1,166,696
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 21,640,407</u>	<u>1,742,679</u>	<u>\$ 23,175,507</u>	<u>1,832,781</u>
 Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	 <u>\$ 11,785,595</u>	 <u>93,655</u>	 <u>\$ 10,802,811</u>	 <u>30,181</u>
 Net Investment in Capital Assets	 \$ 30,471,248	 (37,424)	 \$ 29,975,010	 (72,824)
Restricted	4,507,232	-	3,051,222	-
Unrestricted	(10,967,549)	(1,128,815)	(9,498,829)	(956,797)
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 24,010,931</u>	<u>(1,166,239)</u>	<u>\$ 23,527,403</u>	<u>(1,029,621)</u>

Changes in Net Position - Tate County's total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 was \$15,547,344 for governmental activities and \$1,143,577 for business-type activities. The total cost for all services provided was \$15,063,816 for governmental activities and \$1,280,195 for business-type activities. The change in net position was \$483,528 for governmental activities and \$(136,618) for business-type activities. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 and 2016:

(See table on next page.)

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	2017 <u>Amount</u>	2016 <u>Amount</u>
Governmental Activities:		
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 1,570,559	\$ 1,659,112
Operating Grants & Contributions	920,033	715,032
Capital Grants & Contributions	1,755,634	2,192,611
General Revenues		
Property Taxes	10,134,431	10,016,304
Other	<u>1,166,687</u>	<u>910,764</u>
Total Revenue	<u>\$ 15,547,344</u>	<u>\$ 15,493,823</u>
Expenses:		
General Government	\$ 3,934,244	\$ 3,646,384
Public Safety	5,439,641	4,757,830
Public Works	2,932,704	4,877,160
Health and Welfare	276,932	284,038
Culture and Recreation	168,000	168,000
Other Expenses	199,447	210,560
Interest and other expense on long-term debt	271,974	512,034
Pension Expense	<u>1,840,874</u>	<u>1,811,543</u>
Total Expenses	15,063,816	16,267,549
Prior Period Adjustment		
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ 483,528</u>	<u>\$ (773,726)</u>
Business-Type Activities:		
Revenues:		
Program Revenues		
Charges for Services	\$ 1,117,890	\$ 1,020,969
Federal and State Grants	-	54,158
Other	<u>25,687</u>	<u>102,419</u>
Total Revenues	<u>1,143,577</u>	<u>1,177,546</u>
Expenses:		
Solid Waste Disposal	1,145,983	1,077,066
Garbage Disposal	<u>134,212</u>	<u>200,253</u>
Total Expenses	<u>1,280,195</u>	<u>1,277,319</u>
Changes in Net Position	<u>\$ (136,618)</u>	<u>\$ (99,773)</u>

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Governmental Activities - The following table presents the cost of eight major functional activities of the County: General Government, Public Safety, Public Works, Health and Welfare, Economic Development, Culture and Recreation, Conservation of Natural Resources, Interest and Other Expenses on Long-term Debt, and Pension Expense. 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 Tate County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	2017		2016	
	Total Costs	Net Costs	Total Costs	Net Costs
General Government	\$ 3,934,244	\$ 1,390,802	\$ 3,646,384	\$ 2,431,133
Public Safety	\$ 5,439,641	\$ 4,730,182	\$ 4,757,830	\$ 4,119,030
Public Works	\$ 2,932,704	\$ 1,956,640	\$ 4,877,160	\$ 2,179,085
Health and Welfare	\$ 276,932	\$ 259,671	\$ 284,038	\$ 269,409
Economic Development	\$ 107,000	\$ 107,000	\$ 121,696	\$ 88,864
Culture and Recreation	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000	\$ 168,000
Conservation of Natural Resources	\$ 92,447	\$ 92,447	\$ 88,864	\$ 121,696
Interest and Other Expenses on Long-Term Debt	\$ 271,974	\$ 271,974	\$ 512,034	\$ 512,034
Pension Expense	\$ 1,840,874	\$ 1,840,874	\$ 1,811,543	\$ 1,811,543

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS

Governmental funds - At the close of the fiscal year, Tate County's governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$ 5,537,600, an increase from the previous year's \$4,536,049.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the County. The decrease in the fund balance of the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$461,472.

Business-type funds - The Enterprise Funds showed a loss for the year of \$136,618.

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS OF MAJOR FUNDS

Over the course of the year, Tate County revised its annual operating budget to more closely reflect actual revenues and expenses. A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the County's actual financial activity for the General Fund and other major funds is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets - As of September 30, 2017, Tate County's total capital assets were \$99,011,421. This includes roads, bridges, other infrastructure, land, buildings, mobile equipment, furniture and equipment, and leased property under capital lease. This amount represents an increase from the previous year of \$850,067.

Total accumulated depreciation as of September 30, 2017, was \$61,202,883, including \$1,079,100 of depreciation expense for the year. The balance in total net capital assets was \$37,808,538 at year-end.

Additional information on Tate County's capital assets can be found in Note 5 on pages 32 through 34 of this report.

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Debt Administration - At September 30, 2017, Tate County had \$8,498,917 of long-term debt outstanding. This includes general obligation bonds, loans, capital leases, and accrued vacation pay. This total was down from \$9,162,139 the previous 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 currently well below the debt limit.

Additional information on Tate County's long-term debt can be found in Note 12 on pages 38 through 41 of this report.

CURRENT AND FUTURE ITEMS OF IMPACT

Tate County has no major items of impact that would materially affect these financial statements.

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 financial information, please contact the County Administrator's/Chancery Clerk's office at P.O. Box 309, Senatobia, MS 38668.

TATE COUNTY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TATE COUNTY
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2017

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,388,941	44,774	5,433,715
Property tax receivable	10,615,599	-	10,615,599
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$499,867	2,755	316,957	319,712
Fines receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible accounts of \$553,042	484,807	-	484,807
Intergovernmental receivable	524,693	36,521	561,214
Internal balances	402,751	(402,751)	-
Prepaid items	8,314	297	8,611
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,287,537	-	1,287,537
Other capital assets, net	35,995,154	525,847	36,521,001
Total Assets	54,710,551	521,645	55,232,196
<u>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred loss on bond refunding	871,707	-	871,707
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,854,675	148,430	2,003,105
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	2,726,382	148,430	2,874,812
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Claims payable	346,591	59,258	405,849
Intergovernmental payables	330,734	-	330,734
Accrued interest payable	14,990	-	14,990
Unearned revenue	-	64,727	64,727
Amounts held in custody for others	104,215	-	104,215
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year:			
Capital debt	667,456	217,408	884,864
Due in more than one year:			
Capital debt	7,015,694	345,863	7,361,557
Non-capital debt	231,780	20,716	252,496
Net pension liability	12,928,947	1,034,707	13,963,654
Total Liabilities	21,640,407	1,742,679	23,383,086
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	1,169,996	93,635	1,263,631
Property tax for future reporting periods	10,615,599	-	10,615,599
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	11,785,595	93,635	11,879,230
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Net investment in capital assets	30,471,248	(37,424)	30,433,824
Restricted for:			
Expendable:			
General government	1,959,015	-	1,959,015
Public safety	111,384	-	111,384
Public works	2,388,322	-	2,388,322
Debt service	25,201	-	25,201
Unemployment compensation	23,310	-	23,310
Unrestricted	(10,967,549)	(1,128,815)	(12,096,364)
Total Net Position	\$ 24,010,931	(1,166,239)	22,844,692

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

TATE COUNTY
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		
		Charges for	Operating	Capital	Primary Government		
		Services	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-Type	Total
			Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,934,244	1,130,737	12,705	1,400,000	(1,390,802)	-	(1,390,802)
Public safety	5,439,641	422,109	287,350	-	(4,730,182)	-	(4,730,182)
Public works	2,932,704	17,713	602,717	355,634	(1,956,640)	-	(1,956,640)
Health and welfare	276,932	-	17,261	-	(259,671)	-	(259,671)
Culture and recreation	168,000	-	-	-	(168,000)	-	(168,000)
Conservation of natural resources	92,447	-	-	-	(92,447)	-	(92,447)
Economic development and assistance	107,000	-	-	-	(107,000)	-	(107,000)
Interest and other expenses on							
long-term debt	271,974	-	-	-	(271,974)	-	(271,974)
Pension expense	1,840,874	-	-	-	(1,840,874)	-	(1,840,874)
Total governmental activities	<u>15,063,816</u>	<u>1,570,559</u>	<u>920,033</u>	<u>1,755,634</u>	<u>(10,817,590)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(10,817,590)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Solid waste disposal	1,145,983	983,370	-	-	-	(162,613)	(162,613)
Garbage disposal	134,212	134,520	-	-	-	308	308
Total business-type activities	<u>1,280,195</u>	<u>1,117,890</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(162,305)</u>	<u>(162,305)</u>
Total primary government	<u>\$ 16,344,011</u>	<u>2,688,449</u>	<u>920,033</u>	<u>1,755,634</u>	<u>(10,817,590)</u>	<u>(162,305)</u>	<u>(10,979,895)</u>
General Revenues:							
Property taxes					\$ 10,134,431	-	10,134,431
Road and bridge privilege taxes					126,519	-	126,519
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					624,901	-	624,901
Unrestricted interest income					42,772	187	42,959
Miscellaneous					335,670	23,300	358,970
Gain (Loss) on disposal of capital assets					36,825	2,200	39,025
Total General Revenues					<u>11,301,118</u>	<u>25,687</u>	<u>11,326,805</u>
Changes in Net Position					<u>483,528</u>	<u>(136,618)</u>	<u>346,910</u>
Net Position-Beginning					<u>23,527,403</u>	<u>(1,029,621)</u>	<u>22,497,782</u>
Net Position-Ending					<u>\$ 24,010,931</u>	<u>(1,166,239)</u>	<u>22,844,692</u>

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

TATE COUNTY
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
September 30, 2017

Exhibit 3

	Major Fund		
	General	Other	Total
	Fund	Governmental	Governmental
		Funds	Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,180,475	4,208,466	5,388,941
Property tax receivable	7,426,380	3,189,219	10,615,599
Fines receivable, net allowance for uncollectibles of \$553,042	484,807	-	484,807
Other Receivable	2,755	-	2,755
Intergovernmental receivables	129,772	-	129,772
Due from other funds	660,000	99,104	759,104
Advances to other funds	116,707	-	116,707
Total Assets	<u>10,000,896</u>	<u>7,496,789</u>	<u>17,497,685</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Claims payable	\$ 131,716	214,875	346,591
Intergovernmental payables	330,734	-	330,734
Due to other funds	69,868	8,271	78,139
Amounts held in custody for others	104,215	-	104,215
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 636,533</u>	<u>223,146</u>	<u>859,679</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>			
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	7,426,380	3,189,219	10,615,599
Unavailable revenue - fines	484,807	-	484,807
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 7,911,187</u>	<u>3,189,219</u>	<u>11,100,406</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Nonspendable:			
Advances	116,707	-	116,707
Restricted for:			
General government	449,053	1,509,962	1,959,015
Public safety	-	111,384	111,384
Public works	-	2,388,322	2,388,322
Debt service	-	40,191	40,191
Unemployment compensation	-	23,310	23,310
Assigned:			
Public works	-	11,255	11,255
Unassigned	887,416	-	887,416
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,453,176</u>	<u>4,084,424</u>	<u>5,537,600</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 10,000,896</u>	<u>7,496,789</u>	<u>17,497,685</u>

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TATE COUNTY

Exhibit 3-1

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2017

	Amount
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 5,537,600
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets are used in governmental activities and are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$60,740,884.	37,282,691
Other long-term assets are not available for current period expenditures and, therefore, are unearned in the funds.	484,807
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	1,854,675
Net pension liabilities are not due and payable in the current period, and therefore are not reported in the funds	(12,928,947)
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(1,169,996)
Long-term liabilities not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, not reported in the funds.	(7,043,223)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(14,990)
Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	8,314
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	<u>\$24,010,931</u>

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

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

Exhibit 4

	Major Fund	Other	Total
	General	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Funds	Funds
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Property taxes	\$ 7,309,347	2,825,084	10,134,431
Road and bridge privilege taxes	42,021	84,498	126,519
Licenses, commissions, and other revenues	749,682	17,713	767,395
Fines and forfeitures	341,090	1,174	342,264
Intergovernmental revenues	595,496	2,777,380	3,372,876
Charges for services	144,428	274,423	418,851
Interest	24,680	18,092	42,772
Miscellaneous	200,352	54,374	254,726
Total Revenues	9,407,096	6,052,738	15,459,834
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Current:			
General government	4,106,781	13,784	4,120,565
Public safety	4,516,148	1,476,478	5,992,626
Public works	-	2,895,697	2,895,697
Health and welfare	239,276	-	239,276
Culture and recreation	168,000	-	168,000
Conservation of natural resources	99,780	-	99,780
Economic development and assistance	107,000	-	107,000
Debt service:			
Principal	-	739,895	739,895
Interest and fees	-	213,043	213,043
Total Expenditures	9,236,985	5,338,897	14,575,882
Excess of Revenues Over (Under)			
Expenditures	170,111	713,841	883,952
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Capital lease proceeds	-	48,104	48,104
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	650	56,951	57,601
Compensation for loss of assets	1,503	10,391	11,894
Transfers in	183	633,919	634,102
Transfers out	(633,919)	(183)	(634,102)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(631,583)	749,182	117,599
Net Change in Fund Balances	(461,472)	1,463,023	1,001,551
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,914,648	2,621,401	4,536,049
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 1,453,176	4,084,424	5,537,600

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

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Exhibit 4-1

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

Net Changes in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$ 1,001,551
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statements of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation of \$936,707 exceeded capital outlays of \$822,412 in the current period.	(114,295)
In the Statement of Activities, only gains and losses from the sale of capital assets are reported, whereas in the Governmental Funds, proceeds from the sale of capital assets increase financial resources. Thus the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount of the net gain of \$ 36,825 and the proceeds from the sale of \$ 57,601 in the current period.	(20,776)
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.	38,791
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. This is the amount by which repayments of \$739,895 in the current period exceeded proceeds of \$48,104.	691,791
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:	
Accrued interest on debt	1,551
Prepaid insurance	1,331
Compensated absences	(16,442)
Pension expense	(1,039,492)
Bond premium and deferred loss amortization	(60,482)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 483,528

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

Exhibit 5

	Business-type Activities- Enterprise Funds		
	Solid Waste Management Fund	Landfill Fund	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Current Assets			
Cash	\$ 200	44,574	44,774
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts \$499,867	316,957	-	316,957
Due from other funds	37,999	10,931	48,930
Prepaid Items	209	88	297
Total Current Assets	<u>355,365</u>	<u>55,593</u>	<u>410,958</u>
Noncurrent Assets			
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>521,231</u>	<u>4,616</u>	<u>525,847</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>521,231</u>	<u>4,616</u>	<u>525,847</u>
Total Assets	<u>876,596</u>	<u>60,209</u>	<u>936,805</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources			
Deferred Outflows-Pensions	126,047	22,383	148,430
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>126,047</u>	<u>22,383</u>	<u>148,430</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Current Liabilities			
Claims payable	54,762	4,496	59,258
Due to other funds	126,185	172,268	298,453
Advances from other funds	116,707	-	116,707
Unearned revenue	64,727	-	64,727
Capital debt			
Capital lease payable	<u>217,408</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>217,408</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>579,789</u>	<u>176,764</u>	<u>756,553</u>
Noncurrent Liabilities			
Capital debt			
Capital lease payable	345,863	-	345,863
Non-capital debt			
Compensated absences payable	17,378	3,338	20,716
Net Pension Liability	<u>878,673</u>	<u>156,034</u>	<u>1,034,707</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>1,241,914</u>	<u>159,372</u>	<u>1,401,286</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources			
Deferred Inflows - Pensions	79,515	14,120	93,635
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>79,515</u>	<u>14,120</u>	<u>93,635</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	(42,040)	4,616	(37,424)
Unrestricted	<u>(856,535)</u>	<u>(272,280)</u>	<u>(1,128,815)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (898,575)</u>	<u>(267,664)</u>	<u>(1,166,239)</u>

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

Exhibit 6

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Solid Waste Management Fund	Landfill Fund	Total
<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>			
Charges for services	\$ 983,370	-	983,370
Charges for sales	-	134,520	134,520
Total Operating Revenues	983,370	134,520	1,117,890
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>			
Personnel services	493,086	84,538	577,624
Contractual services	213,857	32,830	246,687
Pension expense	107,186	(18,285)	88,901
Utilities	540	-	540
Repairs and maintenance	96,309	14,216	110,525
Other supplies and expenses	80,958	9,693	90,651
Insurance	11,654	2,971	14,625
Depreciation	142,393	-	142,393
Total Operating Expenses	1,145,983	125,963	1,271,946
Operating Income (Loss)	(162,613)	8,557	(154,056)
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>			
Interest income	187	-	187
Intergovernmental grants	-	-	-
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	2,200	-	2,200
Interest expense	(8,249)	-	(8,249)
Other income (expense)	40	23,260	23,300
Net Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	(5,822)	23,260	17,438
Change in Net Position	(168,435)	31,817	(136,618)
Net Position - Beginning	(730,140)	(299,481)	(1,029,621)
Net Position - Ending	\$ (898,575)	(267,664)	(1,166,239)

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TATE COUNTY
Statement of Cash Flows
Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Exhibit 7

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Solid Waste Management Fund	Landfill Fund	Total
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Cash received from customers	\$ 945,148	134,520	1,079,668
Cash payments for goods and services	(363,110)	(61,040)	(424,150)
Cash payments to employees	(508,288)	(85,759)	(594,047)
Payments for insurance premiums	(8,312)	(1,929)	(10,241)
Other income (expense)	(53,800)	(9,560)	(63,360)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	11,638	(23,768)	(12,130)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Cash received from other funds:			
Loans from other funds	105,355	-	105,355
Miscellaneous receipts	40	23,260	23,300
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Noncapital Financing Activities	105,395	23,260	128,655
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Proceeds from long term debt	197,289	-	197,289
Purchase of fixed assets	(197,289)	-	(197,289)
Proceeds from the sale of capital assets	2,200	-	2,200
Principal paid on long-term debt	(177,793)	-	(177,793)
Interest paid on debt	(10,532)	-	(10,532)
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Capital and Related Financing Activities	(186,125)	-	(186,125)
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>			
Interest on deposits	187	-	187
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Investing Activities	187	-	187
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(68,905)	(508)	(69,413)
Cash and Cash Equivalents-Beginning of Year	69,105	45,082	114,187
Cash and Cash Equivalents-End of Year	\$ 200	44,574	44,774
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided By (Used In)			
Operating Activities:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ (162,613)	8,557	(154,056)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	142,393	-	142,393
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable, net	(37,219)	-	(37,219)
(Increase) decrease in other receivable	(15,306)	(2,541)	(17,847)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid items	3,342	1,042	4,384
(Increase) decrease in deferred outflows of resources	71,684	22,392	94,076
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	(1,003)	-	(1,003)
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	28,554	(4,301)	24,253
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences	104	1,320	1,424
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability	(73,225)	(58,764)	(131,989)
Increase (decrease) in deferred inflows of resources	54,927	8,527	63,454
Total adjustments	174,251	(32,325)	141,926
Net Cash Provided By (Used In) Operating Activities	\$ 11,638	(23,768)	(12,130)

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

TATE COUNTY
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

Exhibit 8

	Agency Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 431,442
Due from other funds	36,656
Total Assets	<u>\$ 468,098</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to other funds	\$ 468,098
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 468,098</u>

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

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

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

Tate 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 Tate County to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component units which have significant operational or financial relationships with the County. There are no outside organizations that should be included as component units of the County's reporting entity.

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

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

B. 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. 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 non-exchange revenues and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support.

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 and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the county, with certain limited exceptions. The

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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 a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, fund balances, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into governmental, proprietary and fiduciary. Major individual Governmental Funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

C. 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 asset 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 nonoperating. 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 nonoperating.

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.

The County reports the following major Enterprise Fund:

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

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Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

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

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

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

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 the distribution to other governmental units or designated beneficiaries.

D. 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.

E. Deposits and Investments.

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

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

F. Receivables.

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

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G. Interfund Transactions and Balances.

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

H. Prepaid Items.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for Governmental Fund Types since the cost of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

I. Capital Assets.

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. Capital assets include significant amounts of infrastructure which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition. The extent to which capital assets’ 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.

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 non-capitalization 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:

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	Capitalization Thresholds	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$ -	N/A
Infrastructure	-	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 assets	*	*

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

J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

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

Deferred amount of refunding – For current refundings and advance refundings resulting in defeasance of debt reported by governmental activities, business-type activities, and proprietary funds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources and recognized as a component of interest expense in a systematic and rational manner over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter.

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 10 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(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Property tax for future reporting period/unavailable revenue – property taxes – Deferred inflows of resources should be reported when resources associated with imposed nonexchange revenue transactions are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which property taxes are levied.

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

Deferred inflows related 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 10 for additional details.

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K. Pensions.

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

L. Long-Term Liabilities.

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

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

M. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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

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

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

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

Net Position Flow Assumption:

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

Fund Financial Statements:

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

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

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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.

Committed fund balance includes amounts that can be used only for the specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the Board of Supervisors, the County's highest level of decision making authority. This formal action is an order of the Board of Supervisors as approved in the board minutes. Currently, there is no committed fund balance.

Assigned fund balance includes amounts that are constrained by the County's intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the General Fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not classified as nonspendable and is neither restricted nor committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the county administrator pursuant to authorization established by board of supervisors.

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.

N. Property Tax Revenues.

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

The Board of Supervisors, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins 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.

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

O. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds.

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

P. Compensated Absences

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

Q. Changes in Accounting Standards.

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) Deposits.

The carrying amount of the county’s total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2017, was \$5,862,557, and the bank balance was \$6,291,410. 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 27-105-05, 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 the 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 failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in 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 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.

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(3) 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	Agency Fund	\$ 366,265
General Fund	Solid Waste Management	123,156
General Fund	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	164,267
General Fund	Nonmajor Government Funds	6,312
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	36,821
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Agency Fund	62,283
Solid Waste Management	Agency Fund	28,619
Solid Waste Management	Nonmajor Enterprise Fund	8,001
Solid Waste Management	General Fund	1,379
Other Enterprise Fund	Agency Fund	10,931
Agency Fund	General Fund	31,668
Agency Fund	Nonmajor Government Funds	1,959
Agency Fund	Solid Waste Management	3,029
Total		<u>\$ 844,690</u>

All interfund loans were made to prevent borrowing from outside sources or due to tax revenue collected but not settled until October 2017. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

B. Advances From/To Other Funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Management	\$ 116,707
Total		<u>\$ 116,707</u>

These funds represent unpaid indirect cost.

C. Transfers In/Out

Transfer In	Transfer Out	Amount
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	General Fund	\$ 633,919
General Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	183
Total		<u>\$ 634,102</u>

All interfund transfers were made to prevent borrowing from an outside source. All interfund transfers were routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

(4) Intergovernmental Receivables.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Governmental Activities:	
Legislative Tax Credit	\$ 129,772
Due from Agency Funds	394,921
Total	<u>\$ 524,693</u>
Business-type Activities:	
Due from Agency Funds	\$ 36,521
Total	<u>\$ 36,521</u>

(5) Capital Assets.

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

(See table on next page.)

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	Balance at 10/1/2016	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments	Balance at 9/30/2017
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 1,283,727	-	-	-	\$ 1,283,727
Construction in progress	3,810	-	-	-	3,810
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>1,287,537</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,287,537</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Infrastructure	74,100,627	-	-	-	74,100,627
Buildings	15,509,484	-	-	-	15,509,484
Improvements other than buildings	155,317	-	-	-	155,317
Mobile Equipment	5,084,860	677,086	(160,354)	-	5,601,592
Furniture and equipment	795,020	97,221	(9,280)	87,438	970,399
Leased equipment	437,952	48,105	-	(87,438)	398,619
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>96,083,260</u>	<u>822,412</u>	<u>(169,634)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>96,736,038</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Infrastructure	50,705,625	191,212	-	-	50,896,837
Buildings	4,303,521	295,174	-	-	4,598,695
Improvements other than buildings	72,705	6,213	-	-	78,918
Mobile Equipment	4,072,861	314,157	(139,670)	-	4,247,348
Furniture and equipment	523,309	77,192	(9,188)	56,212	647,525
Leased equipment	275,014	52,759	-	(56,212)	271,561
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>59,953,035</u>	<u>936,707</u>	<u>(148,858)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>60,740,884</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>36,130,225</u>	<u>(114,295)</u>	<u>(20,776)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>35,995,154</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 37,417,762</u>	<u>(114,295)</u>	<u>(20,776)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 37,282,691</u>
 Business-type Activities:					
	Balance at 10/1/2016	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments	Balance at 9/30/2017
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Mobile Equipment	\$ 182,975	-	-	-	\$ 182,975
Furniture and equipment	13,800	-	-	-	13,800
Leased equipment	593,782	197,289	-	-	791,071
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>790,557</u>	<u>197,289</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>987,846</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Mobile Equipment	164,678	-	-	-	164,678
Furniture and equipment	12,420	-	-	-	12,420
Leased equipment	142,508	142,393	-	-	284,901
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>319,606</u>	<u>142,393</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>461,999</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>\$ 470,951</u>	<u>54,896</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 525,847</u>

Adjustments to capital assets include transfers for completed capital projects to infrastructure, transfers of mobile equipment no longer under lease purchase agreements, and classification corrections.

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:	Amount
General government	\$ 117,189
Public safety	453,113
Public works	328,749
Health and welfare	37,656
Total depreciation expense, governmental activities	<u>\$ 936,707</u>
Business-type activities:	
Solid Waste	\$ 142,393
Other proprietary fund	-
Total depreciation expense, business-type activities	<u>\$ 142,393</u>

Commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects at September 30, 2017, consist of the following:

Description of Commitment	Remaining Financial Commitment	Expected Date Of Completion
No commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects were noted		

(6) 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.

(7) Operating Leases.

As Lessee:

The County has entered into certain operating leases which do not give rise to property rights. Total costs for such leases were \$40,385 for the year ended September 30, 2017. The future minimum lease payments for these leases are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Amount
2018	\$ 177,543
2019	160,626
2020	4,145
	<u>\$ 342,314</u>

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(8) Capital Leases.

As Lessee:

The county is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2017:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
Mobile equipment	\$ 398,619	\$ 791,071
Total	398,619	791,071
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	271,561	284,901
Leased property under capital leases	<u>\$ 127,058</u>	<u>\$ 506,170</u>

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

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2018	\$ 74,171	\$ 2,771	\$ 217,408	\$ 11,591
2019	24,045	1,200	221,829	7,169
2020	12,170	614	124,034	257
2021	12,472	311	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 122,858</u>	<u>\$ 4,896</u>	<u>\$ 563,271</u>	<u>\$ 19,017</u>

(9) Short-term Debt and Liquidity.

There was no short-term borrowing during the fiscal year.

(10) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description.

Tate 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 Employee 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

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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 2.00 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 2.50 percent for each additional year of credited 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 3.00 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 3.00 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions.

At September 30, 2017, PERS members were required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the County was 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 year ending September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 were \$871,739, \$829,673, and \$838,209, and 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 \$13,963,654 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 .084 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2017. This was an increase of .001 percent from its proportionate 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 recognized pension expense of \$1,929,775. At September 30, 2017, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	Deferred Outflow of Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 199,484	\$ 101,889
Changes of assumptions	313,884	23,511
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,263,061	1,078,907
Changes in the City's proportion and differences between the City's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	59,324
City contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>226,676</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,003,105</u>	<u>\$ 1,263,631</u>

The \$226,676 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions 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. 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	\$ 532,192
2019	206,278
2020	44,049
2021	<u>(269,721)</u>
	<u>\$ 512,798</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:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary Increases	3.75% – 19.00%, 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 17, 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

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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 Assets	10.00%	3.50%
Private Equity	8.00%	5.10%
Emerging Debt	2.00%	2.50%
Cash	1.00%	-
Total	100.00%	

Discount rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. 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 of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following table presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75%, 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%) or 1 percentage point higher (8.75%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 6.75%	Discount Rate 7.75%	1% Increase 8.75%
City's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$18,314,260	\$13,963,654	\$10,351,700

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

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(11) Long-term Debt.

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

Description and Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date
Governmental Activities:			
A. General Obligation Bonds			
Refunding Bond - 2016	7,130,000	2.0-3.0	3/1/2029
Health Department Bond	220,000	4.00	10/1/2021
Total General Obligation Bonds	\$ 7,350,000		
B. Capital Leases			
John Deere Tractor	\$ 48,104	2.49	9/15/2021
Chip Spreader	39,348	1.92	8/13/2018
Dura Patcher	11,352	2.14	5/12/2018
John Deere Bushhog	24,054	2.39	2/13/2019
Total Capital Leases	\$ 122,858		
C. Other Loans			
Fire Truck CAP Loan	\$ 30,054	2.00	9/21/2019
Fire Truck CAP Loan	69,589	2.00	5/1/2022
Total Other Loans	\$ 99,643		

Business-type Activities:

A. Capital Leases			
Garbage Truck	\$ 197,289	2.49	10/19/2019
Garbage Trucks	99,745	2.33	7/29/2019
Garbage Trucks	266,237	1.79	6/24/2019
Total Capital Leases	\$ 563,271		

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

See table on next page.

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Governmental Activities:

Year Ending September 30	General Obligation Bonds		Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2018	\$ 555,000	\$ 166,125	\$ 29,492	\$ 1,746
2019	615,000	157,125	30,221	1,154
2020	640,000	139,238	15,212	685
2021	655,000	122,225	15,520	378
2022	680,000	104,675	9,198	79
2023-2027	3,280,000	308,819	-	-
2028-2032	925,000	17,744	-	-
Total	\$ 7,350,000	\$ 1,015,951	\$ 99,643	\$ 4,042

Legal Debt Margin – The amount of debt, excluding specific exempt debt, that can be incurred by the county is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during the 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 to 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 4.56% of the latest property assessments.

Prior Year Defeasance of Debt – In prior years, the County defeased certain certificates of participation by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old notes. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County's financial statements. On September 30, 2017, \$6,890,000 of notes outstanding were considered defeased.

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

	Balance 10/1/2016	Additions	Reductions	Balance 9/30/2017	Amount due within one year
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated Absences	\$ 215,338	\$ 16,442	\$ -	231,780	\$ -
General Obligation Bonds	7,976,000	-	626,000	7,350,000	555,000
Add:					
Premiums	119,442	-	8,793	110,649	8,793
Capital Leases	148,841	48,104	74,087	122,858	74,171
Other Loans	139,451	-	39,808	99,643	29,492
Total	\$ 8,599,072	\$ 64,546	\$ 748,688	\$ 7,914,930	\$ 667,456

Business-type Activities:

Compensated Absences	\$ 19,292	\$ 1,424	\$ -	\$ 20,716	\$ -
Capital Leases	543,775	197,289	177,793	563,271	217,408
Total	\$ 563,067	\$ 198,713	\$ 177,793	\$ 583,987	\$ 217,408

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Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries were paid which are generally the General Fund, each District Road Fund, Solid Waste Management Fund, and the Garbage Disposal Fund.

(12) Deficit Fund Balances of Individual Funds.

The following funds reported deficits in fund balances at September 30, 2017:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>
Solid Waste Fund	898,575
Garbage Disposal Fund	<u>267,664</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,166,239</u>

(13) Contingencies.

Federal Grants – The County has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional on compliance with 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.

(14) Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position.

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position amount of (\$10,967,549) includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions in the amount of \$209,881 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 \$1,644,794 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 \$1,169,996 balance of the deferred inflow of resources related to pension at September 30, 2017, will be recognized in pension expense over the next 3 years.

The governmental activities' net investment in capital assets net position amount of \$30,471,248 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenditures resulting from an advance refunding of County debt. \$871,707 of the \$2,726,382 balance of deferred outflows of resources at September 30, 2017 will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the net investment in capital assets net position over the next 13 years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position of (\$1,128,815) includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$16,795 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 \$131,635 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 \$93,635 balance of the deferred inflow of resources related to pension at September 30, 2017, will be recognized in pension expense over the next 3 years.

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(15) Related Organizations.

The Tate County Board of Supervisors is responsible for appointing one member of the board of the Tate County Economic Development Foundation, but the county's accountability for this organization does not extend beyond making appointments. During the year, the county appropriated \$80,000 to this organization.

(16) Joint Ventures.

The County participates in the following joint venture:

The County is a participant with DeSoto, Lafayette, Panola, and Tunica counties in a joint venture authorized by Section 39-3-9, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the First Regional Library. The joint venture was created to provide free public library services to the citizens of the respective counties. The First Regional Library is governed by a five member board appointed by the board of supervisors of the participating counties. By contractual agreement, the county's appropriations from the general fund this year to the joint venture amounted to \$168,000. Complete financial statements for the First Regional Library can be obtained from the main library office in Hernando or from the Tate County Chancery Clerk's office.

(17) Jointly Governed Organizations.

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Northwest Mississippi Community College operates in a district composed of the counties of Benton, Calhoun, DeSoto, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, and Yalobusha. The Tate County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 23 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated approximately \$851,467 for support and maintenance of the college in the 2017 fiscal year.

North Delta Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the counties of Coahoma, DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica. The Tate County Board of Supervisors appoints four of the 30 members of the board of directors, with two being appointed from the business community. The county appropriated \$27,000 for support of the district in the 2017 fiscal year.

Yazoo-Mississippi Water Management District operates in a district composed of the counties of Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, Washington, and Yazoo. The Tate County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 21 members of the district board of commissioners. The county levied a .75 mill tax for the maintenance and support of the district in the 2017 fiscal year.

Mid-State Opportunity, Inc. operates in a district composed of the counties of DeSoto, Panola, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Tate, and Tunica. The Tate County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 30 members of the governing board. The county did not appropriate any funds for the support of the agency in the 2017 fiscal year.

Communicare operates in a district composed of the counties of Calhoun, Lafayette, Marshall, Panola, Tate, and Yalobusha. The Tate County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the seven members of the Board of Commissioners. The County appropriated \$30,000 for support of the district in the 2017 fiscal year.

(18) Tax Abatements.

For the year beginning October 1, 2016, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) implemented Statement 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This statement requires governmental entities to disclose the reduction in tax revenues resulting from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has

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been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

The Tate County Board of Supervisors negotiates property tax abatements on an individual basis. All abatements are for ten years and are for economic development purposes. The County had tax abatement agreement with three entities as of September 30, 2017.

Section 27-31-105, Miss. Code (Ann.) 1972

All allowable property tax levies

Category	% of Taxes Abated	Amount of Taxes Abated During the Year
Construction and expansion of a manufacturing facility	57%	\$892,966

- (19) The Mississippi Office of the State Auditor (OSA) has elected to perform limited procedures in relation to purchasing and compliance with state laws. This report should be viewed in conjunction with the report from OSA in order to gain a comprehensive understanding of the County's operations. This report and OSA's report will be available on OSA's website at <http://www.osa.ms.gov/reports>. OSA's report will include a Purchasing Report and Limited Compliance Review Report.

- (20) 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 of 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 Tate County evaluated the activity of the county through March 29, 2019, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that the following subsequent events have occurred that require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

Issue Date	Interest Rate	Issue Amount	Type of Financing	Source of Financing
6/27/18	3.29%	\$394,578	Capital Lease	Solid waste receipts
4/8/18	2.95%	\$142,356	Capital Lease	Solid waste receipts

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TATE COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2017
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	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance with
	Original	Final	Budgetary Basis	Final Budget
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Property taxes	\$ 7,325,099	7,325,082	7,325,083	1
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	706,000	851,813	791,946	(59,867)
Fines and forfeitures	333,000	346,618	346,618	-
Intergovernmental revenue	495,955	618,708	595,496	(23,212)
Charges for services	13,000	13,937	144,411	130,474
Use of money and property	45,010	42,173	45,342	3,169
Miscellaneous	120,000	143,378	181,959	38,581
Total Revenues	9,038,064	9,341,709	9,430,855	89,146
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General government	4,559,816	4,165,545	4,102,166	63,379
Public safety	4,321,200	4,606,171	4,508,578	97,593
Health and welfare	215,224	239,783	239,276	507
Culture and recreation	168,000	168,000	168,000	-
Conservation of natural resources	107,751	99,677	99,780	(103)
Economic development and assistance	107,000	107,000	107,000	-
Total Expenditures	9,478,991	9,386,176	9,224,800	161,376
Excess of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	(440,927)	(44,467)	206,055	250,522
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>				
Transfer in	-	182	182	-
Transfer out	(300,000)	(633,919)	(633,919)	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(300,000)	(633,737)	(633,737)	-
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ (740,927)	(678,204)	(427,682)	250,522
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year			2,771,287	
Fund Balance - End of Year			\$ 2,343,605	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule.

TATE COUNTY
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years*
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.084%	0.083%	0.085%	0.087%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$13,963,654	14,825,873	13,139,324	10,560,207
County's covered payroll	\$ 5,534,851	5,305,397	5,322,093	5,305,246
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered payroll	252.29%	279.45%	246.88%	199.05%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

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

This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No .68 was implemented for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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Schedule of County Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years*
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 871,739	829,673	838,209
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>871,739</u>	<u>829,673</u>	<u>838,209</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
County's covered payroll	\$ 5,534,851	5,267,765	5,322,093
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

*This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented in for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information
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Budgetary Comparison Schedule

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, Tax Assessor, and Tax Collector for his or her respective department, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund every source of revenue, each general item of expenditure, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Supervisors that the 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).

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund:

	<u>General Fund</u>
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ (427,682)
Increase (Decrease)	
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	(21,605)
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>(12,185)</u>
Net Change Fund Basis	<u><u>\$ (461,472)</u></u>

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D. Unbudgeted Funds.

None

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%.

- 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 6.00% to 7.00%.

B. Change in Benefit Provisions

- 2016

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.

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OTHER INFORMATION

TATE COUNTY
Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials
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Name	Position	Company	Bond
Cameron Walker	Supervisor District 1	RLI Insurance Co.	\$100,000
James Campbell	Supervisor District 2	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Tony Sandridge	Supervisor District 3	CNA Surety	\$100,000
William Saunders	Supervisor District 4	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Joshua Meredith	Supervisor District 5	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Rufus Warren	County Administrator	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Jeanne McLemore	Chancery Clerk	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Candace Ferguson	Purchase Clerk	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$75,000
Rufus Warren	Assistant Purchase Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Sandra Jones	Assistant Purchase Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Junior Flippo	Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$75,000
Mamie Irby	Assistant Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Kenda Blount	Assistant Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Rosalind Reed	Assistant Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Ernie Brents	Assistant Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Dale Welch	Assistant Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
James Holts	Assistant Receiving Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Troy Cobern	Inventory Control Clerk	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$75,000
Robert Brownlee, Jr.	Constable District 1	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Michael Jones	Constable District 2	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Pat Kizziah	Coroner	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$10,000
Edward Hadskey	Circuit Clerk	RLI Insurance Co.	\$100,000
William Lance	Sheriff	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Malcolm Manning	Justice Court Judge	RLI Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Robert Taylor	Justice Court Judge	RLI Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Mary McAbee	Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Lou Ann Thompson	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Stacey Suddoth	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Victor Byrd	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Ernie Brents	Tax Collector	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$100,000
Annette Ashe	Deputy Tax Collector	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Mike Dickson	Deputy Tax Collector	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Shelley Robinson	Deputy Tax Collector	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Kellye Weeks	Deputy Tax Collector	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Edward Taylor	Tax Assessor	Travelers Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Heather Johnson	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Jacqueline Luther	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Peggy Moore	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Savannah Oglesby	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Maxine Scruggs	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Natalie Sowell	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000
Linda Weatherly	Deputy Tax Assessor	M.A.S.I.T.	\$50,000

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Tate 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tate 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 and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses as 2017-01, 2017-02, 2017-03, and 2017-04 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Tate County, Mississippi's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed limited tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements as instructed by the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. The Mississippi Office of the State Auditor conducted a compliance audit of Tate County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2017, and will issue a report on their findings. 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 Tate County, Mississippi, in the limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated March 29, 2019, included within this document.

Tate County's Responses to Findings

Tate County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Tate 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "F.O. Givens & Co." with a stylized flourish at the end.

F.O. Givens & Co.
Certified Public Accountants
March 29, 2019

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Tate County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Tate County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2017, we considered Tate 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 Tate 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 CPA modified 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 March 29, 2019, on the financial statements of Tate 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 internal control that might be a weakness. 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 immaterial instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our findings, recommendations, and your responses are disclosed below:

1. County signed warrants without sufficient money.

Finding

Section 19-13-43, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), prohibits the signing of warrants or the delivery of warrants until there is sufficient money in the fund upon which it is drawn to pay the same. Warrants were issued on funds that did not have sufficient money to pay the warrants. At various times during the year, the following funds had negative cash balances:

- (a) Garbage Disposal Fund
- (b) Solid Waste Fund

Failure to have sufficient cash balances in county funds prior to writing checks on these funds results in other funds' cash being used for purposes other than their intended purpose.

Recommendation

The Chancery Clerk should ensure that no warrants are signed or delivered until there is sufficient money in the fund upon which it is drawn to pay the same, as required by law.

Chancery Clerk's Response

Arrangements are being made to avoid this situation going forward.

2. The final amended budget should be recorded in the minutes.

Finding

Section 19-11-11, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), states the board of supervisors shall by resolution, approve and adopt the budget as finally determined, and enter the same at length and in detail in its official minutes. The resolution to approve and adopt the budget as finally determined was recorded in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors, but the actual budget in length and detail was not recorded in the minutes.

Recommendation

The County should ensure the final amended budget is recorded in length in the minutes.

Chancery Clerk's Response

The final amended budget will be made a part of the minutes in detail.

Tate 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.

F.O. Givens & Co.

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Certified Public Accountants
March 29, 2019

TATE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

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

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

Material Weaknesses:

2017-1 All bank accounts should be reconciled.

Criteria:

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or a combination of significant deficiencies that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the County's internal control.

Condition:

The payroll clearing bank accounts are not being reconciled. The bank accounts act as a clearing account for payroll transactions of the County. In theory these accounts should have a zero balance once all outstanding checks have cleared. Due to voided checks and miscellaneous payroll transactions the bank balance less outstanding checks do not equal zero. Without reconciling this account the accumulation of cash in the payroll accounts cannot be properly recorded as liabilities and receivables between funds.

Cause:

The County has not developed proper procedures to insure all bank accounts are reconciled and adjustments made in a timely manner.

Effect:

The County's financial statements could become materially misstated.

Recommendation:

The County should develop procedures to ensure timely reconciliation and adjustments, if needed, in regard to all County bank statements.

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

Response:

The County is currently in the process of hiring a full-time Human Resource Manager whose responsibilities will consist of reconciling the payroll account moving forward and reconciling previous year's statements.

2017-2 Internal controls over the payroll department should be strengthened.

Criteria:

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or a combination of significant deficiencies that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the County's internal control.

Condition:

There is not adequate separation of duties in the payroll process. The same individual generates the payroll, prints the checks, operates the check signing machine, and prepares the checks for delivery to various county departments.

Cause:

The County has not designed internal control procedures for appropriate separation of duties in the payroll process.

Effect:

Lack of separation of duties creates opportunity for improper disbursement of county funds.

Recommendation:

Internal control procedures should be developed to prevent a single individual from completing the payroll process from start to finish.

Response:

In September 2018, Tate County implemented direct deposit for paying its' employees. Since implementing this process, two employees work to create each payroll. Once the payroll is created, one employee authorizes the payment on the bank's website. Prior to the release of the payments, the Chancery Clerk has the responsibility of reviewing the payroll. Once the payroll is reviewed, the Chancery Clerk can release the payments for direct deposit.

2017-3 Controls over sold waste collections should be strengthened.

Criteria:

A material weakness is a significant deficiency or a combination of significant deficiencies that result in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the County's internal control.

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Condition:

There is not adequate separation of duties in regard to solid waste transactions. The same individual prepares bills, mails bills, records cash receipts, posts adjustments, posts customers' payments, and prepares the bank deposit.

Cause:

The County has not designed internal control procedures for appropriate separation of duties in solid waste billing and cash receipt processes.

Effect:

One individual having responsibility for billing and cash receipt process from start to finish provides opportunity for loss of county assets.

Recommendation:

Internal control procedures should be developed and implemented for proper separation of duty.

Response:

As the County has limited staff within the solid waste department, the Tate County Solid Waste Department is limited as to what internal controls can be implemented. The Solid Waste Clerk will have the duty of bill preparer, but another employee within the office will be required to review the bills and sign off on the billing prior to the bills being mailed. The Solid Waste Clerk will have the duty of cash collections and deposit preparer. Another employee will be required to deposit the funds with the bank. The Solid Waste Clerk can make adjustments only with a second signature from management. The Deputy Director of Finance will be required to reconcile the receipts with the bank deposits.