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# Town of Como

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HONORABLE ALDERMEN:

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RUBY HIGGENBOTTOM  
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TERESA DISHMON  
MELVIN CROCKETT


March 28, 2018

Mr. Greg Higginbotham, CPA  
Division of Technical Assistance

Please find enclosed a copy of the audit for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017.

Should you need further assistance, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Alice Houston   
Town of Como

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**TOWN OF COMO  
COMO, MISSISSIPPI**

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**AUDITED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS  
AND DISBURSEMENTS**

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

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**TOWN OF COMO  
COMO, MISSISSIPPI**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Como  
Como, Mississippi

**REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

We have audited the accompanying combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements (all funds) of the Town of Como, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2017. This statement is the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this statement based on our audit.

**MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement 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 statement that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**AUDITOR'S RESPONSIBILITY**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *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 combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements (all funds) is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements (all funds). An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statement, which describes the basis of accounting. This financial statement is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

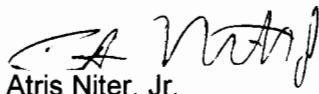
### **OPINION**

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to in the first paragraph presents fairly, in all material respects, the statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Town of Como for the year ended September 30, 2017, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting described in Note 1.

### **OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statement taken as a whole. The schedules and supplemental information listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statement of the Town of Como, Mississippi. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statement taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 16, 2018 on our consideration of the Town of Como's compliance with state laws and regulations.

  
Atris Niter, Jr.  
Memphis, Tennessee  
February 16, 2018

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**TOWN OF COMO**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ALL FUNDS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

	<b>FUND</b>			<b>Total</b>
	<b>General</b>	<b>Special Revenue (Fire)</b>	<b>Proprietary (Utility and Rent)</b>	<b>(MEMORANDUM Only)</b>
<b><u>REVENUE RECEIPTS:</u></b>				
Licenses and taxes	\$ 2,653			\$ 2,653
Advalorem taxes	151,838			151,838
Fines	42,150			42,150
<b>Intergovernmental Revenues:</b>				
Liquor tax	5,625			5,625
Fire fund rebate	-0-	7,162		7,162
Sales taxes	197,188			197,188
Tourism tax	58,530			58,530
Franchise taxes	31,318			31,318
Homestead exemption	21,857			21,857
Grants	331,434			331,434
Rail Car Tax	3,881			3,881
Motor Vehicle Tax	48,204			48,204
Other	9,797			9,797
<b>Charges for Services:</b>				
Utility fees and rent			446,138	446,138
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>904,475</b>	<b>7,162</b>	<b>446,138</b>	<b>1,357,775</b>
<b>Other Financing Sources:</b>				
Transfers IN (OUT)	275,627	-0-	(275,627)	-0-
Reimbursements	18,695			18,695
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>1,198,797</b>	<b>7,162</b>	<b>170,511</b>	<b>1,376,470</b>
<b>CASH - Beginning</b>	<b>\$ 218,932</b>	<b>29,953</b>	<b>296,121</b>	<b>\$ 545,006</b>
<b>TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR</b>	<b>\$ 1,417,729</b>	<b>37,115</b>	<b>466,632</b>	<b>\$ 1,921,476</b>

**TOWN OF COMO**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

<b><u>OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:</u></b>	<b>FUND</b>			<b>Total (MEMORANDUM Only)</b>
	<b><u>General</u></b>	<b><u>Special Revenue</u></b>	<b><u>Proprietary</u></b>	
Administration	\$ 442,673			\$ 442,673
Fire	5,036	-0-		5,036
Police	340,962			340,962
Maintenance	206,847			206,847
Library	22,341			22,341
Utility	70,581			70,581
Grants	161,888		153,193	315,081
Other charges	-0-		-0-	-0-
<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>1,250,328</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>153,193</b>	<b>1,403,521</b>
<b>CASH - Ending</b>	<b>\$ 167,401</b>	<b>37,115</b>	<b>313,439</b>	<b>\$ 517,955</b>
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$ <u>1,417,729</u></b>	<b><u>37,115</u></b>	<b><u>466,632</u></b>	<b>\$ <u>1,921,476</u></b>

See notes to the financial statement.



**TOWN OF COMO**  
**Notes to the Financial Statement**  
**September 30, 2017**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING  
POLICIES**

**A. Reporting Entity**

In evaluating and defining the Town's government, it was determined that the Town has no component units and therefore is considered as one unit.

**B. Accounting Method**

The Town uses funds to report its cash receipts and disbursements. Fund accounting is used to demonstrate legal compliance by segregating transactions related to specific government functions.

The Town uses three classifications of funds: general fund, special revenue and proprietary fund. Each fund has a separate balanced set of accounts.

The general governmental fund is used to account for all the Town's general governmental activities and include the accounting for fixed assets and general long term debt.

The special revenue fund is used to account for specific revenues that are restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

The proprietary fund (utility fund) is used to account for activities where net income or net loss is determined as if operated as a business-type activity.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The financial statement is prepared using the cash receipts and disbursements method of accounting as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and expenses are recognized when paid rather than when incurred.

**TOWN OF COMO**  
**Notes to the Financial Statement (continued)**  
**September 30, 2017**

**D. Cash Deposits**

The Town deposits all its funds in financial institutions selected by the board of aldermen that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000.

**E. Column Totals**

The total column in this financial statement is presented for overview information purposes and is not meant to present fairly the cash receipts and disbursements on a consolidated basis.

**F. Date of Management's Review**

The Town's management has evaluated subsequent events through February 16, 2018, the date on which the financial statement was available to be issued.

**NOTE 2 – AD VALOREM TAX**

The Town uses the county tax rolls for the assessment of its Ad Valorem tax. Property is assessed in January of each year and the millage rate is set in September of each year. The Town Clerk bills property owners for the Ad Valorem tax in December of each year. They are due on January 1<sup>st</sup> and become delinquent after February 1<sup>st</sup>. The taxes levied for the year ended September 30, 2017 was 41.39 mills.

**NOTE 3 – CASH AND OTHER DEPOSITS**

The collateral for public entities' deposit in financial institutions are now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasury to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The caring amount of the Town's deposit with financial institutions was \$517,955 and the bank balance was \$517,955.

**TOWN OF COMO**  
**Notes to the Financial Statement (continued)**  
**September 30, 2017**

**NOTE 4 – PENSION BENEFIT PLAN**

The Town of Como contributes to the Public Employees Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employee, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. At September 30, 2017, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salaries, and the town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate at September 30, 2017 was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The Town of Como's share to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 were \$44,651 and \$50,149 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**TOWN OF COMO**  
**Schedule of Surety Bonds for Town Officials**  
**September 30, 2017**

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SURETY</u>	<u>BOND</u>
Mayor	Scott Insurance Co.	\$50,000
Aldermen (5)	CNA Surety	\$25,000(each)
Town Clerk	CNA Surety	\$50,000
Court Clerk	CNA Surety	\$50,000
Police Chief	CNA Surety	\$50,000
Assistant Police Chief	CNA Surety	\$25,000
Policemen (5)	CNA Surety	\$25,000(each)

**TOWN OF COMO  
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

**THE TOWN CURRENTLY HAS NO LONG TERM DEBT.**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE  
WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

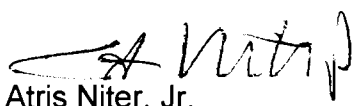
Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Como  
Como, Mississippi

We have audited the general-purpose financial statement of cash receipts and disbursements of the Town of Como as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017 and have issued our report dated February 28, 2018. We have conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*.

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

The results of those procedures and our audit of the general-purpose financial statement of cash receipts and disbursements disclosed the following instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows: -NONE-

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

  
Atris Niter, Jr.  
Memphis, Tennessee  
February 16, 2018

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