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re: Annual Municipal Audit

This is the Town of Hickory annual compilation report. for the Town of Hickory
Mississippi 2017 report. for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2017

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "JC Wash". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "J" and "C" followed by "Wash".

Mayor, JC Wash

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**TOWN OF HICKORY, MISSISSIPPI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

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**TOWN OF HICKORY
YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons
Town of Hickory
Hickory, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying statements of cash receipts and disbursements-governmental and business-type activities of the Town of Hickory, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2017, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the statement of cash receipts and disbursements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the statements of cash receipts and disbursements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared on the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Town's cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, this financial statement is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the cash basis financial position and changes in cash basis financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applied to the Town's cash basis of accounting, require the presentation of government-wide financial statements. The amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements resulting from the cash basis transactions for the Town's governmental activities and business-type activities are not reasonably determinable.

Management has omitted management's discussion and analysis information that is required to be presented for purposes of additional analysis. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The supplementary information contained in the Schedules 1 through 2 has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on such supplementary information.

In accordance with the provision of §21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), I have issued a report dated November 29, 2017, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.



November 29, 2017

TOWN OF HICKORY, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ALL FUND TYPES
For the Ended September 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Water Fund	Total
Receipts				
General Property Taxes	\$ 37,513	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 37,513
Licenses and Permits	153	-	-	153
Motor vehicle tax	12,410	-	-	12,410
Franchise Tax on Utilities	15,194	-	-	15,194
State Shared Revenues:				
General Municipal Aid	264	-	-	264
Sales Tax	72,991	-	-	72,991
Gasoline Tax	1,623	-	-	1,623
Fire Protection	2,968	10,254	-	13,222
Homestead Exemption	3,459	-	-	3,459
Utilities	24,063	-	-	24,063
Charges for Services:				
Water and Sewer	-	-	377,097	377,097
Fines and forfeits	-	17,622	-	17,622
Recreation	-	2,851	-	2,851
Rent	1,100	-	-	1,100
Interest Income	-	10	-	10
Miscellaneous	10,310	-	-	10,310
Total Receipts	\$ 182,048	\$ 30,737	\$ 377,097	\$ 589,882

See accountant's compilation report.

TOWN OF HICKORY, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS - ALL FUND TYPES
For the Ended September 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Water Fund	Total
Disbursements				
General Government	\$ 147,757	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 147,757
Public Safety				
Police	-	11,670	-	11,670
Fire	-	20,734	-	20,734
Parks & Recreation	-	-	-	-
Enterprises:				
Water and Sewer	-	-	310,199	310,199
Interest Expense	-	237	19,994	20,231
Total Disbursements	\$ 147,757	\$ 32,641	\$ 330,193	\$ 510,591
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over Disbursements	\$ 34,291	\$ (1,904)	\$ 46,904	\$ 79,291
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Loan Repayment	-	(5,593)	(34,006)	(39,599)
Bonds Repayment	-	-	-	-
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Transfers	(3,968)	3,968	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ (3,968)	\$ (1,625)	\$ (34,006)	\$ (39,599)
Excess (Deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	\$ 30,323	\$ (3,529)	\$ 12,898	\$ 39,692
Cash Basis Fund Balance - Beginning	\$ 21,969	\$ 34,516	\$ 11,309	\$ 67,794
Cash Basis Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 52,292	\$ 30,987	\$ 24,207	\$ 107,486

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

TOWN OF HICKORY
SCHEDULE OF BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS
Year Ended September 30, 2017

Schedule 1

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Bond</u>
J. C. Wash	Mayor	Western Surety	\$ 50,000
Joyce Johnson	Town Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Carolyn Burks	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	10,000
Donna Ferguson	Alderwoman	Western Surety	10,000
Greg Hudnall	Alderman	Western Surety	10,000
Ken Morgan	Alderman	Western Surety	10,000
Charles Guyse	Alderman	Western Surety	10,000
Billie Robinson	Alderwoman	Western Surety	10,000
Mark Spense	Police Chief	Western Surety	50,000
Robert Johnson	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
Freddie Gentry	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
John May	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
Pete Pierman	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
Ronnie Robinson	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
Dustin McGee	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
David Irby	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000
Christopher Ferguson	Policeman	Western Surety	5,000

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TOWN OF HICKORY
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
Year Ended September 30, 2017
Schedule 2

	Balance Outstanding 9/30/2016	Transactions During Fiscal Year		Balance Outstanding 9/30/2017
		Issued	Redeemed	
Revenue Bonds:				
1990 Water and Sewer	\$ 295,014	\$ -	\$ 30,620	\$ 264,394
1995 Water and Sewer	41,952	-	2,370	39,582
1995 Water and Sewer	18,483	-	1,016	17,467
Total Revenue Bonds	\$ 355,449	\$ -	\$ 34,006	\$ 321,443
Other Long-term Debt:				
Bank First				
2014 Dodge Charger	\$ 14,676	\$ -	\$ 5,593	\$ 9,083

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderpersons
Town of Hickory
Hickory, Mississippi

March 7, 2018

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Office of the State Auditor, to the accounting records of the Town of Hickory, Mississippi, solely to assist the Office of the State Auditor to evaluate the Town of Hickory, Mississippi's compliance with certain laws and regulations as of September 30, 2017, and for the year then ended. This agreed-upon-procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and findings are as follows:

1. We reconciled cash on deposit with the following bank to balance in the respective general ledger accounts and obtained confirmation of the related balances from the bank:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance Per</u> <u>General Ledger</u>
BankFirst	General	\$ 9,514
BankFirst	Water/Sewer Operations	24,207
BankFirst	Recreation	4,144
BankFirst	Fire Fund	21,948
BankFirst	Court Account	4,895
BankFirst	General Savings	42,778

2. We physically examined securities held for investment. Securities held in trust were confirmed directly with respective trustees. All investment transactions during the year were examined for compliance with investments authorized by Section 21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance Per General Ledger</u>
None		

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

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

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

There were no ad valorem tax collections for the retirement of General Obligation Debt.

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

<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Receiving</u>	<u>Balance Per General Ledger</u>
Sales Tax Allocation	General Fund	\$ 72,991
General Municipal Aid	General Fund	264
Gasoline Tax	General Fund	1,623
Homestead Reimbursement	General Fund	3,459
Fire Protection	General Fund	2,968
Utilities	General Fund	24,063

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

The sample consisted of the following:

Number of Sample Items	40
Dollar Value of Sample	\$ 88,519

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

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

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

7. We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality. The completed survey indicated no instances of noncompliance with the state requirements.

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

This report is intended solely for the use of the Town of Hickory and the Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purpose. However, this report is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

Less: Butts, Rnhe

November 29, 2017