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TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED
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TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Raleigh, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and major fund, of the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017, which collectively comprise the 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 the cash basis of accounting as described in Note 1, which includes that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in these circumstances. Management is also responsible for 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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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 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 auditors' 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 opinion.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities and the business-type activities and the major fund of the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2017, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

OTHER MATTERS

Omission of Required Supplementary Information

Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the Budgetary Comparison Schedules that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America required to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary and Other Information

The Schedule of Long-term Debt, the Schedule of Investments-All Funds, and the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees, for the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, have 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 them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 10, 2019, on our consideration of the Town of Raleigh, 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 control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 Town of Raleigh, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi prepares its financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted by the United States of America.

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TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Activities and Net Position-Cash Basis
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

EXHIBIT 1

Function/Programs:	Program Cash Receipts				Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
	Cash Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants	Capital Grants			
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	\$ (309,708)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (309,708)	\$ -	\$ (309,708)
Public Safety	(325,030)	-	-	-	(325,030)	-	(325,030)
Public Works	(86,314)	95,551	-	-	9,237	-	9,237
Culture and Recreation	(8,764)	-	-	-	(8,764)	-	(8,764)
Principal, Interest and Fiscal Charges on Long-term Debt	(8,644)	-	-	-	(8,644)	-	(8,644)
Total Governmental Activities	(738,460)	95,551	-	-	(642,909)	-	(642,909)
Business-Type Activities:							
Water	(157,581)	290,593	-	-	-	133,012	133,012
Sewer	(114,636)	130,596	-	-	-	15,960	15,960
Gas	(182,781)	189,462	-	-	-	6,681	6,681
Total Business-Type Activities	(454,998)	610,651	-	-	-	155,653	155,653
Total Functions/Programs	\$ (1,193,458)	\$ 706,202	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (642,909)	\$ 155,653	\$ (487,256)
General Receipts and Transfers							
Property Tax					\$ 128,900	\$ -	\$ 128,900
Franchise Tax					28,362	-	28,362
Sales Tax					191,383	-	191,383
Licenses and Permits					757	-	757
Fines and Forfeitures					19,991	-	19,991
Grants not Restricted to specific purpose					35,647	-	35,647
Other Revenue					26,972	-	26,972
Interest					343	15	358
Transfers					195,184	(195,184)	-
Total General Revenues					627,539	(195,169)	432,370
Change in Net Position					(15,370)	(39,516)	(54,886)
Net Position-Beginning					177,276	133,648	310,924
Net Position-End of Year					\$ 161,906	\$ 94,132	\$ 256,038

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

TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances
And Cash Receipts, Disbursements, and
Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances
Governmental and Business-Type Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

	Governmental Activities Major Fund General Fund	Business-Type Activities Water, Sewer and Gas Funds	Exhibit 2 Totals (Memorandum Only)
RECEIPTS			
Franchise Tax on Utilities	\$ 28,362	\$ -	\$ 28,362
Property Tax	128,900	-	128,900
Sales Tax	191,383	-	191,383
Licenses and Permits	757	-	757
Intergovernmental Revenue	35,647	-	35,647
Charges for Services	95,551	-	95,551
Fines and Forfeitures	19,991	-	19,991
Other Revenue	26,972	-	26,972
Charges for Services:			
Water System	-	290,593	290,593
Sewer	-	130,596	130,596
Natural Gas	-	189,462	189,462
Other Receipts:			
Interest Income	343	15	358
Total Receipts	<u>527,906</u>	<u>610,666</u>	<u>1,138,572</u>
DISBURSEMENTS			
General Government	309,708	-	309,708
Public Safety	325,030	-	325,030
Highway and Streets	86,314	-	86,314
Culture and Recreation	8,764	-	8,764
Enterprise: Water	-	157,581	157,581
Enterprise: Sewer	-	114,636	114,636
Enterprise: Gas	-	182,781	182,781
Redemption of Principal	8,352	-	8,352
Debt Service Interest	292	-	292
Total Disbursements	<u>738,460</u>	<u>454,998</u>	<u>1,193,458</u>
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	<u>(210,554)</u>	<u>155,668</u>	<u>(54,886)</u>

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Exhibit 2
Totals
(Memorandum Only)

	Governmental Activities Major Fund General Fund	Business-Type Activities Water, Sewer and Gas Funds	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In (Out)	\$ 195,184	\$ (195,184)	\$ -
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	195,184	(195,184)	-
Excess of Receipts and other Financing Sources Over (Under) Disbursements	(15,370)	(39,516)	(54,886)
Cash Basis Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	177,276	133,648	310,924
Cash Basis Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 161,906</u>	<u>\$ 94,132</u>	<u>\$ 256,038</u>
Cash Basis Assets-End of Year			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 161,897	\$ 94,132	\$ 256,029
Restricted Cash	9	-	9
Total Cash Basis Assets	<u>161,906</u>	<u>94,132</u>	<u>256,038</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balances-End of Year			
Restricted:			
Restricted for Capital Projects	9	-	9
Unassigned	161,897	94,132	256,029
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	<u>\$ 161,906</u>	<u>\$ 94,132</u>	<u>\$ 256,038</u>

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

TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

The Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, (Town) situated in Smith County, operates under the Mayor-Board form of government. The following services are provided by the town: Public Safety (Police, Fire and Protection/Inspection), Street Maintenance, Garbage Collection, Water and Sewer, Culture and Recreation, Public Improvements, Planning and Zoning, and General Administrative Services.

The financial statements of the Town have been prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursement basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Changes in Net Position) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. *Governmental activities*, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The Town combines the Statement of Activities and Statement of Net Position.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct disbursements of a given function or segment are offset by program receipts. *Direct disbursements* are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. *Program receipts* include (1) receipts from customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among programs receipts are reported instead as *general receipts*.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and propriety funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation.

The Government-wide financial statements are reported using the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when cash is collected and disbursements are recorded when cash is spent.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the basis of cash receipts and disbursements, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Receipts are recorded when cash is collected. Disbursements are generally recorded when cash is spent.

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TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

NOTE 1- SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES-continued

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation. - continued

Amounts reported as *program cash receipts* include (1) fines and receipts from customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as *general receipts* rather than as program receipts.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Proprietary Funds

Enterprise Funds – Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises – where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses occurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control accountability, or other purposes.

D. Assets, Net Position and Fund Balances.

Assigned – Includes fund balance amounts that are intended to be used for specific purposes that are neither considered restricted or committed. Fund balance may be assigned by management other than the highest decision making authority of the Town.

Unassigned – Includes positive fund balance with the General fund which has not been classified within the above mentioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Town uses restricted/committed amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Town would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly, unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

Property Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied as of January 1 and payable on or before February 1. Automobile ad valorem taxes are collected by Smith County and remitted to the town. The County retains a collection fee. Lien dates for personal and real property are in August. Delinquent tax payments, received throughout the year, are recognized as revenue in the year received. The millage rate for the Town for January through December was 22 mills broken down as follows:

General Fund

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Restrictions associated with property tax levies are established by state law which provides that the tax levy for general purposes shall no more than 110% of the amount which results for those levies' assessments of the previous year. Uncollected taxes were determined to be properly handled.

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For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

NOTE 2 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS.

At year-end, the Town's carrying amount of deposits was \$256,038 and the bank balance was \$258,928. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the town's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits and Investments: Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a failure of a financial institution, the Town will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the Town. 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 the behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2017, none of the Town's bank balances of \$258,928 was exposed to custodial risk.

Interest Rate Risk: The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Credit Risk: State law limits investments to those prescribed in Sections 27-105-33(d) and 27-105-33(e) Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The Town does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

NOTE 3 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN.

Plan Description: The Town of Raleigh, 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. Benefit provisions are established by State Law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, at 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy: PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS' members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town's contribution to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2016 and 2017 were \$48,782, \$52,982 and \$52,910 respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.

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

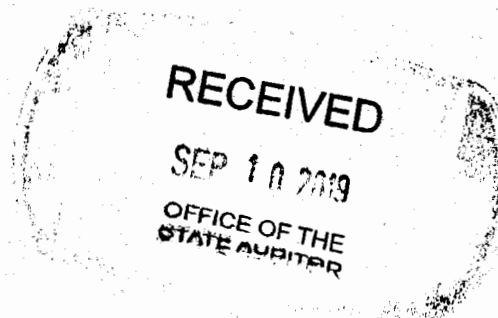
NOTE 4 - LONG-TERM DEBT

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of September 30, 2017, including interest payments of \$93 are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ended September 30	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 7,830	\$ 93	\$ 7,923
	<u>\$ 7,830</u>	<u>\$ 93</u>	<u>\$ 7,923</u>

The Town does not maintain any debt service funds to service the above notes.

	<u>Balance Outstanding October 1, 2016</u>	<u>Transactions During Fiscal Year Issued</u>	<u>Transactions During Fiscal Year Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance Outstanding September 30, 2017</u>
DEFINITION AND PURPOSE				
<u>Other Long-Term Debt:</u>				
Police Car	\$ 16,182	\$ -	\$ (8,352)	\$ 7,830
TOTAL	<u>\$ 16,182</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (8,352)</u>	<u>\$ 7,830</u>



TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

NOTE 5 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Town carries commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Events that occur after the Statement of Financial Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Financial Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Financial Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Foundation evaluated the activity of the association through August 10, 2019, and determined that the following subsequent events require disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

On March 8, 2018, the Town received a demand letter from the Office of the State Auditor due to the fact that the Town did not submit State assessments collected by the Municipal Court monthly with the State Treasurer as required by state law from 2013 through 2017. The Town owed \$47,077 to the State Treasurer as a result of the demand.

On November 14, 2017, the Town entered into a contract for a Community Development Block Grant for the construction of a new Fire House in the amount of \$450,000.

On December 11, 2018, the Town approved the purchase of a generator for \$41,660, which will be financed with a local bank.

In 2018, the Office of the State Auditor initiated an investigation of the Town's records. The outcome of the investigation is unknown as of the audit report date.

On May 7, 2019, the Town approved financing of a generator for 48 months at 3.29% in the amount of \$41,660.

On May 7, 2019, the Town approved financing of a police cruiser for 48 months at 3.29%, in the amount of \$27,606.

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TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS-UNAUDITED
For the Year Ended September 30, 2017

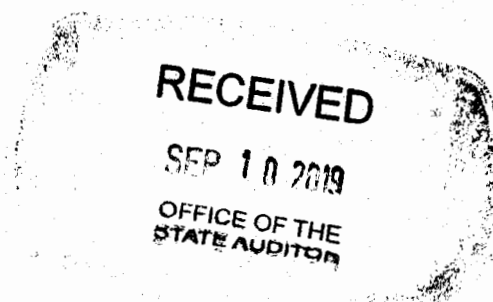
Position	Company	Bond
Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$25,000
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Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$25,000
Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$25,000
Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$25,000
Mayor	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	\$25,000
Deputy Town Clerk	Western Surety Company	\$50,000
Court Clerks	Western Surety Company	\$10,000
Deputy Court Clerks	Western Surety Company	\$50,000
Policemen	Western Surety Company	\$25,000
Maintenance	Western Surety Company	\$15,000

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OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT - UNAUDITED
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	<u>Balance Outstanding October 1, 2016</u>	<u>Transactions During Fiscal Year Issued</u>	<u>Transactions During Fiscal Year Redeemed</u>	<u>Balance Outstanding September 30, 2017</u>
DEFINITION AND PURPOSE				
<u>Other Long-Term Debt:</u>				
Police Car	\$ 16,182	\$ -	\$ (8,352)	\$ 7,830
TOTAL	<u>\$ 16,182</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (8,352)</u>	<u>\$ 7,830</u>

The independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

**TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS-UNAUDITED
SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Other Information</u>	<u>Investment Cost/Value</u>
<u>GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE</u>					
General Fund-Certificate of Deposit	0.695%	4/21/2000	3/31/2018	Community Bank	\$ 36,521
General Fund-Certificate of Deposit	0.695%	11/28/2002	11/20/2017	Community Bank	7,540
General Fund-Certificate of Deposit	0.695%	2/14/2004	11/14/2017	Community Bank	<u>23,559</u>
Total Governmental Fund Type Investments					<u>\$ 67,620</u>

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

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the
Board of Aldermen
Raleigh, 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, business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017 which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated August 10, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting 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 Town's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Town'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 significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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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 2017-001, 2017-002, 2017-003, 2017-004, 2017-005, 2017-006, and 2017-007 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Town of Raleigh's Responses to Findings

Town of Raleigh, Mississippi's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Responses. Town of Raleigh, Mississippi'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 result 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the Board of Aldermen
Town of Raleigh, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities and the major fund of the Town of Raleigh, Mississippi, as of and for year ended September 30, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated August 10, 2019. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the procedures prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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. Our procedures were substantially less in the scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the Town's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the financial statements disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

Finding: 2017-001.

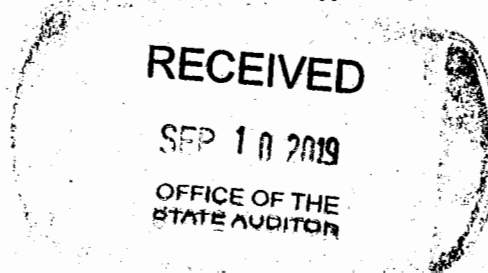
As reported in the prior years, the Town did not advertise for bids of depositories every two years as required by Section 27-105-1. Miss Code Ann. (1972).

Recommendation:

The Town should advertise for depository bids every two years.

Response:

In the future, the Town will take bids for the depositories every two years.



Finding: 2017-002.

As reported in the prior years, the Town did not submit State assessments collected by the Municipal Court monthly with the State Treasurer as required by State law.

Recommendation:

The Town should submit State assessments monthly to the State Treasurer as required by State law.

Response:

In the future, the Town will comply.

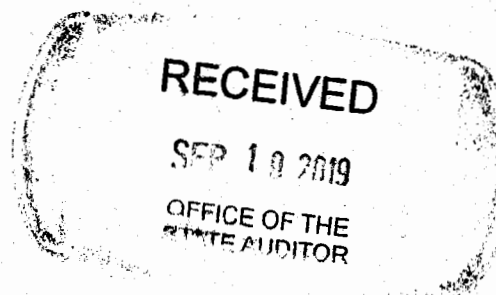
The Office of the State Auditor or a public accounting firm will review, on subsequent year's audit engagement, the findings in this report to ensure that corrective action has been taken.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of 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.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES



**TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Section 1: Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements:

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

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

Governmental Activities
Business-Type Activities

Unmodified
Unmodified

2. Internal Control over financial reporting:

a. Material weakness identified?

Yes

b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be a material weakness?

None Reported

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?

No

**TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

2017-001. Finding

Significant Deficiency - Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, bids have not been obtained for the municipal depositories every two years as required by Section 27-105-1, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Recommendation

The Town should advertise for depository bids every two years.

Response

In the future, the Town will take bids for the depositories every two years.

2017-002. Finding

Significant Deficiency - Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, the financial statements and records have not been prepared in a timely manner.

Recommendation

The financial statements and records should be prepared monthly in a timely manner after the close of the previous month.

Response

The Town has taken steps to set up a timely schedule to have books and records including the audit records prepared and updated to current status.

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**TOWN OF RALEIGH, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017**

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

2017-003. Finding

Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, the Town is not in compliance with Section 7-7-211 of the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, as the fixed assets are not properly accounted for in the financial records. The Town does not maintain a fixed asset inventory listing, take a fixed asset inventory, or track fixed assets.

Recommendation

The Town should comply with Section 7-7-211.

Response

The Town will work to implement fixed asset procedures.

2017-004. Finding

Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, the Town had significant overdraft fees due to not timely transferring funds from one bank account to another.

Recommendation

The Town should close out unnecessary bank accounts or timely transfer funds to cover expenditures paid to avoid bank overdraft fees.

Response

The Town will address this issue.

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Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

2017-005. Finding

Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, the Town does not have a listing of meter deposit amounts.

Recommendation

The Town should prepare a listing of meter deposit amounts.

Response

The Town will comply with the recommendation.

2017-006. Finding

Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, the Town did not submit State assessments collected by the Municipal Court monthly with the State Treasurer as required by State law.

Recommendation:

The Town should submit State assessments monthly to the State Treasurer as required by State law.

Response:

In the future, the Town will comply.

2017-007. Finding

Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

As reported in the prior years, the Town did not have adequate internal controls over payroll.

Recommendation:

The Town should implement proper internal controls over the payroll process.

Response:

In the future, the Town will comply.