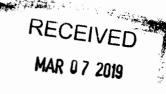


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# CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SPECIAL REPORTS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2018** 



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FINANCIAL SECTION

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Lucedale, Mississippi

### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, 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 on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; 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 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 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 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, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2018, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### Other Matters

### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules 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 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.

### Omission of Required Supplementary Information

The City of Lucedale, Mississippi, has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires 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 the financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in 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 Changes in Long-term Debt, the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees for the City of Lucedale, 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 Requirements Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 7, 2019, on our consideration of the City of Lucedale, 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 effectiveness of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the City of Lucedale, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### **Emphasis of Matter**

As discussed in Note 1, the City of Lucedale, 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 in the United States of America.

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February 7, 2019

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2018

	n				nts) Receipts and C	hanges	
	Program Cash Receipts Fines, Fees Operating Capital			Capital	in Net Cash Posit	ion	
	Cash	and Charges	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-type	
	Disbursements	for Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Functions/Programs							
Governmental Activities:							
General government	\$ 669,967				(669,967)		(669,967)
Public safety	1,576,782	89,839	16,685	11,605	(1,458,653)		(1,458,653)
Public works	1,244,581	183,976	8,949	104,995	(946,661)		(946,661)
Health and welfare		28,276			28,276		28,276
Culture and recreation	246,356				(246,356)		(246,356)
Economic development	72,278				(72,278)		(72,278)
Total Governmental Activities	3,809,964	302,091	25,634	116,600	(3,365,639)	0	(3,365,639)
Business-type Activities:							
Water/Sewer	1,087,282	676,962		319,818		(90,502)	(90,502)
Total Business-type Activities	1,087,282	676,962	0	319,818	0	(90,502)	(90,502)
Total Government	\$4,897,246	979,053	25,634	436,418	(3,365,639)	(90,502)	(3,456,141)
	General Receipts						
	Taxes:						
	Property taxes				\$ 416,009		416,009
	Road & bridge	privilege taxes			179,257		179,257
	Sales tax				2,228,088		2,228,088
	Franchise taxes				177,942		177,942
	Grants and contr	ibutions not restr	icted to specific pro	ograms	22,985		22,985
	Unrestricted inve	estment income			32,713	8,871	41,584
	Miscellaneous				63,817		63,817
	Total General	Receipts			3,120,811	8,871	3,129,682
	Change in Net	Cash Position			(244,828)	(81,631)	(326,459)
	Net Cash Position				3,832,954	1,040,083	4,873,037
	Net Cash Position	- Ending			\$3,588,126	958,452	4,546,578

	for meter deposits		
	for public safety for culture and recreation		
Restricted for			
Unrestricted			
Total N	Net Cash Position		
The notes to	the financial statements are an integral p	part of this statement.	
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**ASSETS**Cash and cash equivalents

**Total Assets** 

**NET CASH POSITION** 

Restricted for unemployment compensation

Restricted cash

Restricted:

Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2018

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4,169,347

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8,599

76,406 67,562 757 223,907 4,169,347

4,546,578

377,231

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances Governmental and Business-type Funds As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2018

	Governmental Activities						
	Major Fund						
	General Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Water/Sewer Funds			
RECEIPTS							
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 416,009		416,009				
License and permits	206,218		206,218				
Intergovernmental revenues	2,560,959	11,605	2,572,564	319,818			
Charges for services	183,976		183,976				
Water and sewer utility				676,962			
Fines and forfeits	89,839		89,839				
Interest income	32,548	165	32,713	8,871			
Miscellaneous revenue	63,817		63,817				
Total Receipts	3,553,366	11,770	3,565,136	1,005,651			
DISBURSEMENTS							
General government	658,994		658,994				
Public safety	1,513,034	13,453	1,526,487				
Public works	1,151,841		1,151,841				
Culture and recreation	89,988	651	90,639				
Economic development	72,278		72,278				
Water and sewer utility:							
Personal services				239,046			
Supplies				159,363			
Contractual services				167,229			
Total Disbursements	3,486,135	14,104	3,500,239	565,638			
Excess of Receipts Over							
(Under) Disbursements	67,231	(2,334)	64,897	440,013			

(Continued)

### CITY OF LUCEDALE, 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 As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2018

	G	Business-type Activities			
	M	Major Fund			
		General Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Water/Sewer Funds
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Capital outlay Principal paid on bonds		(309,725)		(309,725)	(468,126)
Interest and fiscal fees paid on bonds					(41,512) (12,006)
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)		(309,725)	0	(309,725)	(521,644)
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash					
Sources Over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses		(242,494)	(2,334)	(244,828)	(81,631)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year		3,813,374	19,580	3,832,954	1,040,083
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$	3,570,880	17,246	3,588,126	958,452
CASH BASIS ASSETS - End of Year					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,511,208		3,511,208	658,139
Restricted cash		59,672	17,246	76,918	300,313
Total Cash Basis Assets	\$ <u></u>	3,570,880	17,246	3,588,126	958,452
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - End of Year					
Restricted:					
Restricted for unemployment compensation	\$		8,599	8,599	
Restricted for culture and recreation		50.770	757	757	
Restricted for public safety Restricted for meter deposits		59,672	7,890	67,562	76,406
Restricted for debt					223,907
Unassigned		3,511,208		3,511,208	658,139
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$	3,570,880	17,246	3,588,126	958,452

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

### Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

- (1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.
  - A. Financial Reporting Entity.

The City of Lucedale, Mississippi, (the City) is a code-charter municipality governed by an elected mayor and five aldermen. The City operates under an alderman/mayor form of government and provides all of the rights and privileges provided by statute for municipalities.

The financial statements of the City have been prepared on 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.

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Cash Position and the Statement of Activities) 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 receipts, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The City combines the Statement of Activities and Statement of Net Cash 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 program receipts are reported instead as *general receipts*.

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

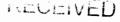
C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation.

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 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 collected and disbursements are recorded when cash is spent.

The government reports the following major Governmental Funds:

The *general fund* is the government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.



### Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

The government reports the following major Proprietary Funds:

The water/sewer fund accounts for the activities of providing water and sewer services to citizens of the City.

Amounts reported as *program receipts* include (1) 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.

### D. Assets and Net Assets or Equity.

### 1. Cash and Investments.

The government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand or invested in certificates of deposit.

### 2. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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

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".

### 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.

### Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

Governmental fund balance is classified as restricted or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the City:

Restricted - Includes fund balance amounts that are constrained for specific purposes which are internally imposed by providers, such as creditors or amounts constrained due to constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unassigned - 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.

The City 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 City would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly, unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

### E. Property Tax Receipts.

State statutes exist under which the Board of Aldermen may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the City. 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 Aldermen, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien on March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase.

### Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

### (2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At year-end, the City's carrying amount of deposits was \$4,546,578 and the bank balance was \$4,580,253. 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 City's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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 City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the City. 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 City.

Interest Rate Risk: The City does not have a formal investment policy that limits investments 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 City does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

### (3) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description: The City of Lucedale, 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 City 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 City's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2018, 2017 and 2016 were \$247,645, \$232,561 and \$227,715, respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.



### Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

#### (4) 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 forego tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

As of September 30, 2018, the City has not entered into any tax abatement agreements.

### (5) Subsequent Events.

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Cash Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Cash 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 the City evaluated the activity of the City through February 7, 2019, and determined that no subsequent event has occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual General Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS					
Ad valorem taxes	\$	358,800	416,009	416,009	
License and permits		237,200	206,218	206,218	
Intergovernmental revenues		2,439,800	2,560,959	2,560,959	
Charges for services		183,000	183,976	183,976	
Fines and forfeits		135,000	89,839	89,839	
Interest income		20,705	32,548	32,548	
Miscellaneous revenue		66,500	63,817	63,817	
Total Receipts	_	3,441,005	3,553,366	3,553,366	0
EXPENDITURES					
General government		721,595	658,994	658,994	
Public safety		1,793,961	1,513,034	1,513,034	
Public works		1,199,000	1,151,841	1,151,841	
Culture and recreation		348,061	89,988	89,988	
Economic development		78,500	72,278	72,278	
Capital outlay			309,725	309,725	
Total Expenditures	_	4,141,117	3,795,860	3,795,860	0
Excess of Receipts					
Over (Under) Expenditures	_	(700,112)	(242,494)	(242,494)	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(700,112)	(242,494)	(242,494)	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	700,112	3,813,374	3,813,374	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	0	3,570,880	3,570,880	0

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

### Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

#### A. Budgetary Information.

Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Aldermen of the City, using historical and anticipated fiscal data, prepares an original budget for the General Fund for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes 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 Aldermen that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The City's budget is prepared 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 adopted budget, the final 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.

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OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

	Outstanding Balance ept. 30, 2017	Additions	Reductions	Outstanding Balance Sept. 30, 2018
Business-type Activities: CAP loan	\$ 551,761		(30,672)	521,089
Bonds payable: Revenue bonds	 10,840		(10,840)	0
Business-type Activity Long-term Liabilities	\$ 562,601	0	(41,512)	521,089

### CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Capital Assets - UNAUDITED For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2018

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Governmental	Activities

dovernmental Activities					
		Beginning		Transfers and	Ending
		Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
	-	Daranee	mercases	Decreases	Dalance
Land	\$	471,419			471,419
Construction in progress		130,336	144,745		275,081
Buildings		2,882,793	33,284		2,916,077
Improvements other than buildings		1,546,520			1,546,520
Streets		1,916,463			1,916,463
Bridges		9,920			9,920
Machinery and equipment	_	2,536,408	131,696		2,668,104
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	\$_	9,493,859	309,725	0	9,803,584
Business-type Activities					
		Beginning			Ending
		Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
Construction in progress	\$	249,514	340,887	(590,401)	0
Water system	•	2,378,027		(010,101)	2,378,027
Sewer system		4,139,658 *	* 249,239	590,401	4,979,298
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Business-type Activities Capital Assets	\$	6,767,199	590,126	0	7,357,325

<sup>\*\*</sup> Included in capital asset additions is building and land valued at \$122,000 that was donated to the City.

### CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees - UNAUDITED September 30, 2018

Name	Covered Position	Company	 Amount
Darwin Nelson	Mayor	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Alfred Jones	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Carrie Moulds	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Jason Martin	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Louis Valentine	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
James Redd	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Kathy Johnson-Anderson	City Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Kathy Johnson-Anderson	City Clerk	FCCI Insurance	\$ 160,000
Kellum Fairley	Police Chief	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Various	Dispatchers, each	Old Republic Surety	\$ 10,000
Natasha Pipkins	Deputy Court Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Miranda Weaver	Bus Driver	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Doris Cook	Deputy Court Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Tammy Oldenquist	Deputy City Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Brandi Havard	Inventory Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Lorie Breland	Utility Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Miranda Dickey	Purchase Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 25,000
Annette Harvison	Deputy City Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000

SPECIAL REPORTS

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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
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Lucedale, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2019.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the City of Lucedale, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting to determine the auditing 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 City's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Lucedale, 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*.

### 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 City'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 City'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 AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Lucedale, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2018, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 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 scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the City's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Due to the reduced scope, these compliance tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. The results of our compliance tests and our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information disclosed no material instance of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with certain state laws and regulations and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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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February 7, 2019

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

### Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2018

### Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

- 1. Type of auditor's report issued on the primary government financial statements: Unmodified
- 2. Internal control over financial reporting:
  - a. Material weaknesses identified?

No

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

None Reported

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?

No

### **Section 2: Financial Statement Findings**

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.

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