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**LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

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# **LEFLORE COUNTY**

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Leflore County, Mississippi

### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements, of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leflore County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the Greenwood Leflore Hospital, component unit, which represents 100% of the assets, net position, and revenues of the aggregate discretely presented component units. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the aforementioned component unit, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. Our audit and the component unit audit of the Greenwood Leflore Hospital were conducted 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's

preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leflore County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules and corresponding notes, the Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, the Schedule of County's Contributions, and the Greenwood Leflore Hospital's Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios and Schedule of Employer Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We and other auditors 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.

### *Supplementary Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Leflore County, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing

standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the accompanying Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

#### *Other Information*

The Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

#### **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 10, 2021, on our consideration of Leflore County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely 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 Leflore County, 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 Leflore County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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December 10, 2021



# **LEFLORE COUNTY**

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

**LEFLORE COUNTY  
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

The discussion and analysis of Leflore County's financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the County's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2019. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the County's performance as a whole; readers should also review the notes to the basic financial statements and the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the County's financial performance. Information contained in this section is supplemented by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in this County's financial statements, notes to financial statements and any accompanying materials. To the extent this discussion contains any forward-looking statements of the County's plans, objectives, expectations and prospects, the actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total net position decreased \$413,990, which represents a 1.5% decrease from fiscal year 2018.
- General revenues account for \$18,454,795 in revenues, or 84.3% of all revenues. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services, and grants and contributions accounted for \$3,439,771 or 15.7% of total revenues.
- The County had \$22,308,556 in total expenses; only \$3,439,771 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants, and contributions. General revenues of \$18,454,795 and beginning net position were adequate to provide for the remainder of these programs.
- Among major funds, the General Fund had \$13,459,607 in revenues, \$13,404,071 in expenditures, \$185,000 in transfers out, \$2,140 in transfers in, and \$51,500 in proceeds from sale of capital assets. The General Fund's fund balance decreased by \$75,824.
- Among major funds, the Road and Bridge Fund had \$1,537,055 in revenues, \$6,544,767 in expenditures, \$1,989,403 in interfund transfers in, \$1,421,000 in long-term capital debt issued, and \$1,082,886 in proceeds from sale of capital assets. The Road and Bridge Fund's fund balance decreased by \$514,423.
- Among major funds, the Bridge and Culvert Fund had \$2,009,170 in revenues and \$1,989,403 in transfers out. The Bridge and Culvert Fund's fund balance increased by \$19,767.
- Among major funds, the GO PI Bonds Series 2017 Fund had \$57,756 in revenues and \$1,800,570 in expenditures. The GO PI Series 2017 fund balance decreased by \$1,742,814.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, increased by \$1,386,090, primarily due to the purchase and lease of new assets.
- Long-term debt decreased by \$1,354,029, primarily due to the timely payment of existing debt and limited issuance of new debt.

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**OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the County's basic financial statements. The County's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains required supplementary information and other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

**Government-wide financial statements.** The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the County's finances in a manner similar to a private-sector business. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and include all assets and liabilities.

The statement of net position presents information on all the County's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the County is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the County's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

Both of these government-wide financial statements outline functions of the County that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). The governmental activities of the County include general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, conservation of natural resources, economic development and assistance, interest on long-term debt and pension expense.

The County has the following discretely presented component unit.  
Greenwood Leflore Hospital

This discretely presented component unit is reported in a separate column in the combined financial statements to emphasize that it is legally separate from the primary government.

**Fund financial statements.** A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The County used fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the County can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

**Governmental funds.** Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the County's current financing requirements. Governmental funds are reported using modified accrual accounting. This method of

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accounting measures cash and other assets that can be easily converted to cash. The governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's operations.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the County's current financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The County maintains individual government funds in accordance with the *Mississippi County Financial Accounting Manual*. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all major funds. All other non-major funds are combined together and presented in these reports as other governmental fund.

**Fiduciary funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the County. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the County's own programs. The accrual basis of accounting is used for fiduciary funds. The County is responsible for ensuring that the assets reported in these funds are used for their intended purpose. The County's fiduciary balances are presented in a separate Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities.

**Notes to the financial statements.** The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

**Other information.** In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the County's budget process,

The County adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for the General Fund and each additional major fund.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net position.** Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the County, assets and deferred outflows exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows by \$28,062,095 as of September 30, 2019.

By far the largest portion of the County's net position (139.2%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. land, buildings, improvement other than buildings, mobile equipment, furniture and equipment, leased property under capital leases, infrastructure assets, and construction in progress), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The County uses these capital assets to provide services to the county; consequently, these assets are not available for future spending.

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The County's financial position is a product of several financial transactions including the net result of activities, the acquisition and payment of debt, the acquisition and disposal of capital assets and the depreciation of capital assets.

The following table presents a comparative summary of the County's net position for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019 and September 30, 2018.

	2018	2019
Current and other assets	\$ 30,331,656	28,631,167
Capital assets, net	54,956,863	56,342,953
<b>Total assets</b>	<u>85,288,519</u>	<u>84,974,120</u>
Deferred outflows	<u>1,370,158</u>	<u>1,247,966</u>
Current liabilities	1,399,058	1,861,766
Long-term debt outstanding	41,170,356	40,636,424
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<u>42,569,414</u>	<u>42,498,190</u>
Deferred inflows	<u>15,613,718</u>	<u>15,661,801</u>
<b>Net position:</b>		
Net investment in capital assets	38,081,243	39,051,858
Restricted	3,913,218	3,415,314
Unrestricted	(13,518,376)	(14,405,077)
<b>Total net position</b>	<u>\$ 28,476,085</u>	<u>28,062,095</u>

The following are significant current year transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position.

- Improvement work completed with prior year debt proceeds.

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**Changes in net position.** The County's total revenues for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019, were \$21,894,566. The total cost of all programs and services was \$22,308,556. The decrease in net position was \$413,990. The following table presents a comparative summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2019, and September 30, 2018.

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 2,721,922	2,316,215
Operating grants & contributions	376,527	403,149
Capital grants & contributions	253,100	720,407
General revenues		
Property taxes	16,027,615	15,760,681
Road and bridge privilege taxes	309,494	331,170
Grants and contributions not restricted	1,276,082	1,208,142
Unrestricted interest income	185,538	285,023
Rental Income	183,449	180,313
Miscellaneous	274,544	75,916
Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets	(820,484)	613,550
<b>Total revenues</b>	<u>20,787,787</u>	<u>21,894,566</u>
<b>Expenses:</b>		
General Government	5,814,368	5,835,539
Public Safety	6,054,606	6,210,086
Public Works	5,691,300	5,477,683
Health and Welfare	710,450	715,948
Culture and Recreation	810,200	853,164
Conservation of Natural Resources	117,174	111,608
Economic Development and Assistance	651,431	621,067
Interest on long-term liabilities	822,345	582,692
Pension Expense	1,999,801	1,900,769
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<u>22,671,675</u>	<u>22,308,556</u>
<b>Prior Period Adjustments</b>	2,081,531	-
<b>Increase/ (Decrease) in Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 197,643</u>	<u>(413,990)</u>

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**Governmental activities.** The following table presents the cost of nine major county functional activities: general government, public safety, public works, health and welfare, culture and recreation, conservation of natural resources, economic development and assistance, interest on long-term debt and pension expense. The comparative table also shows each function's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the County's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	2018 Total Expenses	2018 Net (Expense) Revenue	2019 Total Expenses	2019 Net (Expense) Revenue
General Government	\$ 5,814,368	(4,787,795)	5,835,539	(5,032,544)
Public Safety	6,054,606	(4,872,719)	6,210,086	(4,795,734)
Public Works	5,691,300	(4,732,414)	5,477,683	(4,439,024)
Health and Welfare	710,450	(531,247)	715,948	(532,183)
Culture and Recreation	810,200	(810,200)	853,164	(853,164)
Conservation of Natural Resources	117,174	(117,174)	111,608	(111,608)
Economic Development and Assistance	651,431	(646,431)	621,067	(621,067)
Interest on long-term liabilities	822,345	(822,345)	582,692	(582,692)
Pension Expense	1,999,801	(1,999,801)	1,900,769	(1,900,769)
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 22,671,675</b>	<b>(19,320,126)</b>	<b>22,308,556</b>	<b>(18,868,785)</b>

Net cost of governmental activities of \$18,868,785, was financed by general revenue, which is made up of property taxes of \$15,760,681, road and bridge privilege of \$331,170, grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs of \$1,208,142, interest earnings of \$285,023, rental income of \$180,313, miscellaneous revenues of \$75,916, and gain (loss) on disposal of assets of \$613,550. Beginning of year net position was used to cover remaining costs.

#### **FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COUNTY'S FUNDS**

As noted earlier, the county uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

**Governmental funds.** The focus of the county's governmental funds is to provide information on current inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the county's financing requirements. Fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the county's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The financial performance of the county as a whole is reflected in its governmental funds. As the county completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$9,937,580 a decrease of \$2,278,796. This decrease was primarily due to improvements completed with prior year bond proceeds.

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the county. The decrease in fund balance in the General Fund for the fiscal year was \$75,824. The fund balance of the Road and Bridge Fund decreased by 514,423. The fund balance of the Bridge and Culvert Fund increased by \$19,767. The GO PI Bonds, Series 2017 Fund balance decreased by \$1,742,814. The fund balance of Other Governmental Funds showed an increase of \$34,498.

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**BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS**

Over the course of the year, the county revised the annual operating budget. This was due to new grants and unanticipated expenses.

A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the county's actual financial activity for the General Fund and other major funds is provided in this report as required supplementary information.

**CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets.** As of September 30, 2019, the county's total capital assets were \$143,270,289, including land, construction in progress, buildings, improvements other than buildings, infrastructure, mobile equipment, leased property under capital leases, and furniture and equipment. This amount represents an increase of \$1,884,974 from the previous year. The majority of this increase is due to construction in progress and lease of new equipment.

Total accumulated depreciation as of September 30, 2019, was \$86,927,336 and total depreciation expense for the year was \$1,941,370.

The balance in total net capital assets was \$56,342,953 at year end.

Additional information on the county's capital assets can be found in Note 5 of this report.

**Debt Administration.** At September 30, 2019, the county had \$21,607,715 in general obligation bonds, capital leases, other loans and compensated absences outstanding, of which \$2,103,885 is due within one year.

The county maintains an A1 bond rating.

Additional information on the county's long-term debt can be found in Note 9 of this report.

**CONTACTING THE COUNTY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

If you have any questions about this report, contact the Chancery Clerk's Office of Leflore County, P.O. Box 250, Greenwood, Mississippi 38935-0250.



## **LEFLORE COUNTY**

## **FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**September 30, 2019**

**Exhibit 1**

	Primary Government	Component
	Governmental	Unit
	Activities	Greenwood
		Leflore Hospital
ASSETS		
Cash	\$ 11,128,593	10,033,349
Assets limited as to use	-	1,017,859
Patient accounts receivable (net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$43,554,886)	-	12,434,126
Accrued interest receivable		
Property tax receivable	15,203,611	-
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$1,342,906)	307,896	-
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$4,898,697)	1,205,911	-
Capital leases receivable	383,193	-
Intergovernmental receivables	288,319	-
Estimated third-party payor settlements	-	529,327
Other receivables	113,644	1,869,286
Inventories	-	2,487,537
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	-	1,578,067
Funds internally designated for capital improvements	-	13,400,000
Other assets	-	280,995
Intangibles	-	1,024,940
Capital assets:		
Land and construction in progress	6,031,249	-
Other capital assets, net	50,311,704	43,085,875
Total Assets	84,974,120	87,741,361
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows related to pensions	835,640	416,731
Deferred amount on refunding	412,326	-
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,247,966	416,731
LIABILITIES		
Claims payable	1,184,672	-
Accounts payable	-	7,530,141
Accrued expenses, including payroll taxes withheld	-	7,880,309
Intergovernmental payables	280,930	-
Accrued interest payable	268,790	-
Amounts held in custody for others	119,905	-
Other payables	7,469	-
Net pension liability	19,028,709	14,382,537
Due within one year:		
Capital debt	2,103,885	1,218,203
Due in more than one year:		
Capital debt	17,984,409	1,897,155
Non-capital debt	1,519,421	-
Total Liabilities	42,498,190	32,908,345
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows related to pensions	420,246	461,309
Deferred revenues - property taxes	15,203,611	-
Deferred revenues- lease interest payments	37,944	-
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	15,661,801	461,309
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	39,051,858	39,970,517
Restricted for:		
Use in self-insurance	-	1,017,859
Specific operating activities	-	46,552
Expendable:		
General government	412,137	-
Public safety	350,998	-
Public works	995,720	-
Economic development and assistance	768,949	-
Unemployment compensation	34,486	-
Debt service	853,024	-
Unrestricted	(14,405,077)	13,753,510
Total Net Position	\$ 28,062,095	54,788,438

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

**Exhibit 2**

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position	
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government	Component Unit
					Governmental Activities	Greenwood Leflore Hospital
Primary government:						
Governmental activities:						
General government	\$ 5,835,539	786,658	16,337	-	(5,032,544)	
Public safety	6,210,086	876,182	155,624	382,546	(4,795,734)	
Public works	5,477,683	653,375	47,423	337,861	(4,439,024)	
Health and welfare	715,948	-	183,765	-	(532,183)	
Culture and recreation	853,164	-	-	-	(853,164)	
Conservation of natural resources	111,608	-	-	-	(111,608)	
Economic development and assistance	621,067	-	-	-	(621,067)	
Interest on long-term debt	582,692	-	-	-	(582,692)	
Pension expense	1,900,769	-	-	-	(1,900,769)	
Total Governmental Activities	<u>22,308,556</u>	<u>2,316,215</u>	<u>403,149</u>	<u>720,407</u>	<u>(18,868,785)</u>	
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 22,308,556</u>	<u>2,316,215</u>	<u>403,149</u>	<u>720,407</u>	<u>(18,868,785)</u>	
Component unit:						
Greenwood Leflore Hospital	\$ 119,329,087	112,279,418				(7,049,669)
Total Component Unit	<u>\$ 119,329,087</u>	<u>112,279,418</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		<u>(7,049,669)</u>
General revenues:						
Property taxes				\$ 15,760,681		
Road & bridge privilege taxes				331,170		
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs				1,208,142		
Unrestricted interest income				285,023		699,480
Rental Income				180,313		
Miscellaneous				75,916		
Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets				613,550		(17,066)
Total General Revenues				<u>18,454,795</u>		<u>682,414</u>
Changes in Net Position				<u>(413,990)</u>		<u>(6,367,255)</u>
Net Position - Beginning				<u>28,476,085</u>		<u>61,155,693</u>
Net Position - Ending				<u>\$ 28,062,095</u>		<u>54,788,438</u>

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds**  
**September 30, 2019**

**Exhibit 3**

	Major Funds					Total
	General	Road and	Bridge and	GO PI Bonds	Other	Total
	Fund	Bridge	Culvert	Series 2017	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Funds	Funds
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Cash	\$ 5,044,630	1,239,231		2,385,752	2,458,980	11,128,593
Property tax receivable	10,337,858	425,826	1,966,759	-	2,473,168	15,203,611
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$1,342,906)	-	-		-	307,896	307,896
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$4,898,697)	1,205,911	-		-	-	1,205,911
Capital lease receivable	-	-		-	383,193	383,193
Intergovernmental receivables	256,264	25,616		-	6,439	288,319
Other receivables	66,301	4,000		-	40,343	110,644
Due from other funds	-	5,477	19,767	-	25,177	50,421
Advances to other funds	3,000	-		-	-	3,000
Total Assets	\$ 16,913,964	1,700,150	1,986,526	2,385,752	5,695,196	28,681,588
<b>LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND FUND BALANCES</b>						
<b>Liabilities:</b>						
Claims payable	\$ 450,100	676,137		879	57,556	1,184,672
Intergovernmental payables	280,930	-		-	-	280,930
Due to other funds	57,890	-		-	-	57,890
Amounts held in custody for others	59,527	-		-	60,378	119,905
Total Liabilities	\$ 848,447	676,137	-	879	117,934	1,643,397
<b>Deferred inflows of resources:</b>						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	10,337,858	425,826	1,966,759	-	2,473,168	15,203,611
Unavailable revenue - capital leases	-	-		-	383,193	383,193
Unavailable revenue - accounts receivable	-	-		-	307,896	307,896
Unavailable revenue - fines	1,205,911	-		-	-	1,205,911
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 11,543,769	425,826	1,966,759	-	3,164,257	17,100,611
<b>Fund balances:</b>						
<b>Nonspendable:</b>						
Advances	3,000	-		-	-	3,000
<b>Restricted for:</b>						
General government	-	-		-	412,137	412,137
Public safety	-	-		-	350,998	350,998
Public works	-	598,187	19,767	2,384,873	69,870	3,072,697
Economic development and assistance	-	-		-	423,700	423,700
Debt service	-	-		-	1,121,814	1,121,814
Unemployment compensation	-	-		-	34,486	34,486
Unassigned	4,518,748	-		-	-	4,518,748
Total Fund Balances	\$ 4,521,748	598,187	19,767	2,384,873	2,413,005	9,937,580
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 16,913,964	1,700,150	1,986,526	2,385,752	5,695,196	28,681,588

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY****Exhibit 3-1****Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
September 30, 2019**

	<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 9,937,580
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets are used in governmental activities and are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$86,927,336	56,342,953
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	1,513,807
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(21,607,715)
Net pension obligations are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(19,028,709)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(268,790)
Capital leases are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	345,249
Deferred amount on refunding	412,326
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	835,640
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(420,246)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>28,062,095</u></u>

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**LEFLORE COUNTY**
**Exhibit 4**
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

	Major Funds				Other	Total
	General	Road and	Bridge and	GO PI Bonds	Governmental	Governmental
	Fund	Bridge	Culvert	Series 2017	Funds	Funds
		Fund	Fund	Fund		
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$ 10,724,947	408,035	2,000,363	-	2,627,336	15,760,681
Road and bridge privilege taxes	-	331,170	-	-	-	331,170
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	530,212	-	-	-	501	530,713
Fines and forfeitures	304,915	-	-	-	7,225	312,140
Intergovernmental revenues	953,119	685,248	-	-	693,331	2,331,698
Charges for services	616,733	43,672	-	-	846,638	1,507,043
Interest income	147,585	14,817	8,807	57,756	56,058	285,023
Rental Income	162,324	-	-	-	17,989	180,313
Miscellaneous revenues	19,772	54,113	-	-	2,031	75,916
Total Revenues	13,459,607	1,537,055	2,009,170	57,756	4,251,109	21,314,697
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	5,805,398	-	-	-	333,148	6,138,546
Public safety	5,549,387	-	-	-	1,099,770	6,649,157
Public works	142,200	5,330,663	-	1,800,570	847,003	8,120,436
Health and welfare	694,089	-	-	-	9,200	703,289
Culture and recreation	790,932	-	-	-	-	790,932
Conservation of natural resources	111,311	-	-	-	-	111,311
Economic development and assistance	255,725	-	-	-	101,487	357,212
Debt service:						
Principal	51,733	1,168,538	-	-	1,723,564	2,943,835
Interest	3,296	45,566	-	-	493,659	542,521
Fiscal Agent Fees	-	-	-	-	10,318	10,318
Total Expenditures	13,404,071	6,544,767	-	1,800,570	4,618,149	26,367,557
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	55,536	(5,007,712)	2,009,170	(1,742,814)	(367,040)	(5,052,860)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Long-term capital debt issued	-	1,421,000	-	-	135,037	1,556,037
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	51,500	1,082,886	-	-	-	1,134,386
Premiums on bonds issued	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lease principal payments	-	-	-	-	83,641	83,641
Transfers in	2,140	1,989,403	-	-	185,000	2,176,543
Transfers out	(185,000)	-	(1,989,403)	-	(2,140)	(2,176,543)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(131,360)	4,493,289	(1,989,403)	-	401,538	2,774,064
Net Changes in Fund Balances	(75,824)	(514,423)	19,767	(1,742,814)	34,498	(2,278,796)
Fund Balances - Beginning	4,597,572	1,112,610	-	4,127,687	2,378,507	12,216,376
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 4,521,748	598,187	19,767	2,384,873	2,413,005	9,937,580

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Exhibit 4-1

**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

	<u>Amount</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ (2,278,796)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that capital outlays of \$3,848,296 exceeded depreciation of \$1,941,370 in the current period.	1,906,926
In the Statement of Activities, only gains and losses from the sale of capital assets are reported, whereas in the Governmental Funds, proceeds from the sale of capital assets increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount of the gain on sale of assets of \$613,550 decreased by the proceeds from disposal of \$1,134,386.	(520,836)
Fine revenue recognized on the modified accrual basis in the funds during the current year is reduced because prior year recognition would have been required on the Statement of Activities using the full-accrual basis of accounting.	(48,970)
Solid waste revenue recognized on the modified accrual basis in the funds during the current year is reduced because prior year recognition would have been required on the Statement of Activities using the full-accrual basis of accounting.	15,288
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that debt repayments of \$2,943,835 exceeded debt proceeds of \$1,556,037	1,387,798
Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the Governmental Funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. However, in the Statement of Activities, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when due, rather than as it accrues. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by a combination of the following items:	
Amortization of bond premium	8,488
Amortization of bond discount	(27,714)
Amortization of refunding charges on long-term debt	(41,233)
Compensated absences payable	(14,543)
Accrued interest payable	30,607
In the Statement of Activities, only interest income from payments received on capital leases are reported, whereas in the governmental funds, both principal and interest payments received increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from change in fund balances by the principal collections on the capital leases.	(83,641)
Some items reported in the Statement of Activities relating to the implementation of GASB 68 are not reported in the governmental funds. These activities include:	
Recording of pension expense for the current period	(1,900,769)
Recording of contributions made during the year	1,153,405
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ <u>(413,990)</u>

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**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities**  
**September 30, 2019**

**Exhibit 5**

		Agency Funds
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ASSETS		
Cash	\$	390,190
Due from other funds		7,469
Total Assets	\$	<hr/> <u>397,659</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accrued payables	\$	357,971
Intergovernmental payables		36,688
Advances from other funds		3,000
Total Liabilities	\$	<hr/> <u>397,659</u>

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES.**

**A. Financial Reporting Entity.**

Leflore County, Mississippi (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi. The County is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Leflore County to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component unit which has a significant operational or financial relationships with the County.

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

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

**B. Individual Component Unit Disclosures.**

Discretely Presented Component Unit

The component unit column in the financial statements includes the financial data of the following component unit of the County. It is reported in a separate column to emphasize that it is legally separate from the County.

The Greenwood Leflore Hospital is a 208-bed acute care hospital and related psychiatric, rehabilitation and outpatient care facilities and physician clinics principally located in Greenwood, Mississippi.

**C. Basis of Presentation.**

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, fund financial statements and accompanying note disclosures which provide a detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information concerning the County as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component unit. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues. The primary government is reported separately from its legally separate component unit for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities of the County at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the County's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the County are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are organized into governmental and fiduciary. Major individual Governmental Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Non-major funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

**D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.**

The Government-wide and Fiduciary Funds (excluding agency funds) financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Shared revenues are recognized when the provider government recognizes the liability to the County. Grants are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Agency funds have no measurement focus but use the accrual basis of accounting.

Governmental fund financial statements are presented using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are both measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Available means collected in the current period or within 60 days after year end to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the related fund liabilities are incurred. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recognized only when payment is due. Property taxes, state appropriations and federal awards are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

The County reports the following major Governmental Funds:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Road and Bridge Fund - This fund is used to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for roads and bridges.

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Bridge and Culver Fund - This fund is used to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for bridges and culverts.

GO PI Bonds, Series 2017 Fund - This fund is used to account for bond proceeds that are restricted for public improvement and the related expenditures.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

**GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES**

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

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

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

**FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE**

Agency Funds - These funds account for various taxes, deposits and other monies collected or held by the County, acting in the capacity of an agent, for distribution to other governmental units or designated beneficiaries.

**E. Account Classifications.**

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

**F. Deposits and Investments.**

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

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally three months or less). Investments in governmental securities are stated at fair market value.

**G. Receivables.**

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

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**H. Interfund Transactions and Balances.**

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

**I. Capital Assets.**

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. Capital assets include significant amounts of infrastructure which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition. The extent to which capital assets, other than infrastructure, have been estimated, and the methods of estimation, are not readily available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend their respective lives are not capitalized; however, improvements are capitalized. Interest expenditures are not capitalized on capital assets.

Capitalization thresholds (dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives are used to report capital assets in the government-wide statements. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land. A full year's depreciation expense is taken for all purchases and sales of capital assets during the year. The following schedule details those thresholds and estimated useful lives:

Asset Classification	Capitalization Thresholds	Estimated Useful Life
Land	0	N/A
Infrastructure	0	20 to 50 years
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Improvements other than buildings	25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5 to 10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3 to 7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

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

**J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources.**

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of

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resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

Deferred outflows related to pensions – This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred outflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 8 for additional details.

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

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Deferred revenues – property taxes/unavailable revenue – property taxes – Deferred inflows of resources should be reported when resources associated with imposed non-exchange revenue transactions are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which property taxes are levied.

Deferred revenues – lease interest payments/unavailable revenue – capital leases – When an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements, but the revenue is not available, the government should report a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available.

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

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

Deferred inflows related to pensions – This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred inflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 8 for additional details.

**K. Pensions.**

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

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**L. Long-term liabilities.**

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

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.

In the fund financial statements, Governmental Fund Types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources. Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.

**M. Equity Classifications.**

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*Non-spendable fund balance* includes amounts that cannot be spent. This includes amounts that are either not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or

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from the sale of those properties are restricted, committed or assigned) or amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as principal balance of a permanent fund.

*Restricted fund balance* includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources either by an external party or imposed by law through a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Unassigned fund balance* is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

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

**N. Property Tax Revenues.**

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

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

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

**O. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds.**

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

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**P. Compensated Absences.**

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

**NOTE 2 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS.**

**Deposits:**

**Leflore County:**

The carrying amount of the County's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2019, was \$11,518,783 and the bank balance was \$12,571,325. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the County.

**Greenwood Leflore Hospital:**

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Hospital's deposits might not be recovered. 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 Hospital'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 ("FDIC"). All deposits with financial institutions must be collateralized in an amount equal to 105 percent of uninsured deposits and are therefore fully insured. The bank balance of the collateralized and insured balances was \$14,334,053 at September 30, 2018, including money market accounts listed below.



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**Investments:**

**Greenwood Leflore Hospital**

The statutes of the State of Mississippi restrict the authorized investments of the Hospital to obligations of the U. S. Treasury, agencies and instrumentalities of the United States and certain other types of investments. The Hospital does not have a formal investment policy that further limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from changing interest rates. The Mississippi Hospital Association ("MHA") investment pool is the result of an amendment to the Mississippi Code of 1972 passed in the 1999 and 2000 sessions of the Mississippi Legislature. This law expanded the investment options and permits the pooling of hospital funds. All Mississippi hospitals are allowed to participate in these funds. Pooled funds are invested in authorized investments and are managed by approved investment advisors. The external investment pools do not have a credit rating on the overall pool and they are not insured.

The Hospital's investments are reported at fair value. At September 30, 2019, the Hospital had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Bond Ratings		Interest Rate		Carrying Amount	Maturity Date
	Moody's	S&P				
FHLB Bond	Aaa	AA+	1.63%	\$	2,989,500	8/25/2021
FHLB Bond	Aaa	AA+	2.01%		2,000,122	12/22/2021
MHA Intermediate Pool	N/A	N/A	N/A		<u>5,413,478</u>	N/A
Total				\$	<u><u>10,403,100</u></u>	

Deposits and investments are presented on the statements of net position as of September 30, 2019, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 10,033,349
Assets limited as to use, current	1,017,859
Internally designated for capital improvements	<u>13,400,000</u>
Total	\$ <u><u>24,451,208</u></u>

The Hospital holds investments that are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. Because investing is not a core part of the Hospital's mission, the Hospital determined that the disclosures related to these investments only need to be disaggregated by major type. The Hospital elected a narrative format for the fair value disclosures.

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The Hospital categorizes its fair value measurements within the fair value hierarchy established by generally accepted accounting principles. The hierarchy is based on the valuation inputs used to measure the fair value of the asset. Level 1 inputs are quoted prices in active markets for identical assets; Level 2 inputs are significant other observable inputs; Level 3 inputs are significant unobservable inputs.

The Hospital has the following recurring fair value measurements:

- Investment pools of \$5,413,478 as of September 30, 2019, are valued at the Hospital's percentage ownership based on the value of the underlying investments (Level 2 inputs).
- Government agency bond obligations of \$4,989,622 as of September 30, 2019, are valued based on observable inputs such as benchmark yields, broker quotes, base spread, rating agency updates and prepayment schedule and history (Level 2 inputs).

**NOTE 3 - INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS AND BALANCES.**

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2019:

**A. Due From/To Other Funds**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
Road and Bridge Fund	General Fund	\$ 5,477
Bridge & Culvert Fund	General Fund	19,767
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	25,177
Agency Funds	General Fund	7,469
Total		<u>\$ 57,890</u>

Receivables represent tax revenues and law library fees collected but not settled until October 2019. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

**B. Advances from/to Other Funds**

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	Amount
General Fund	Agency Funds	3,000
Total		<u>\$ 3,000</u>

The amount payable from Agency Funds represents interest not transferred to General Fund.

**C. Transfers In/Out**

Transfers In	Transfers Out	Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	2,140
Road and Bridge Fund	Bridge & Culvert Fund	1,989,403
Other Governmental Funds	General Funds	185,000
Total		<u>\$ 2,176,543</u>

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Transfers to General Fund from Other Governmental Funds are to close out the Viking CAP Loan Fund. Transfers to the Road and Bridge Fund are reimbursement for bridge expenditures. Transfers to Other Governmental Funds from General Funds are to the E-911 Fund for operations.

**NOTE 4 - INTERGOVERNMENTAL RECEIVABLES.**

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2019, consisted of the following:

Description	Amount
Legislative credit	\$ 152,561
Public safety grant	36,767
Reimbursement of court expenses	15,697
Gasoline tax	28,937
State privilege taxes	53,263
Harvest permits	1,094
	<u>\$ 288,319</u>

**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS.**

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2019:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2018	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2019
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 4,377,602	-	9,333	4,368,269
Construction in progress	<u>-</u>	<u>1,662,980</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,662,980</u>
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>4,377,602</u>	<u>1,662,980</u>	<u>9,333</u>	<u>6,031,249</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Infrastructure	97,862,087	-	-	97,862,087
Building	21,986,935	-	-	21,986,935
Improvements other than buildings	4,115,770	7,521	-	4,123,291
Mobile equipment	8,815,796	438,273	1,953,989	7,300,080
Furniture and equipment	2,894,714	294,587	-	3,189,301
Leased property under capital leases	<u>1,332,411</u>	<u>1,444,935</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,777,346</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>137,007,713</u>	<u>2,185,316</u>	<u>1,953,989</u>	<u>137,239,040</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciated for:</u>				
Infrastructure	66,979,576	152,795	-	67,132,371
Buildings	7,513,370	356,007	-	7,869,377
Improvements other than buildings	2,273,032	163,689	-	2,436,721
Mobile equipment	6,407,278	855,817	1,442,486	5,820,609
Furniture and equipment	2,633,858	112,725	-	2,746,583
Leased property under capital leases	<u>621,338</u>	<u>300,337</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>921,675</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>86,428,452</u>	<u>1,941,370</u>	<u>1,442,486</u>	<u>86,927,336</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>50,579,261</u>	<u>243,946</u>	<u>511,503</u>	<u>50,311,704</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 54,956,863</u>	<u>1,906,926</u>	<u>520,836</u>	<u>56,342,953</u>

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

General government	\$ 152,722
Public safety	495,414
Public works	897,251
Health and welfare	32,693
Culture and recreation	87,604
Conservation of natural resources	11,831
Economic development	263,855
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,941,370</u>

Commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects at September 30, 2019, consisted of the following:

<u>Description of Commitment</u>	<u>Remaining Financial Commitment</u>	<u>Expected Date of Completion</u>
Hwy 7/Hwy 49 Connector Road	Unknown	Unknown
CR537 Lake Henry Bridge	Unknown	Unknown

**Greenwood Leflore Hospital**

	Balance <u>Oct. 1, 2018</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	Balance <u>Sept. 30, 2019</u>
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 578,395	-	-	578,395
Construction in progress	3,129,528	1,058,488	2,433,726	1,754,290
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>3,707,923</u>	<u>1,058,488</u>	<u>2,433,726</u>	<u>2,332,685</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land improvements	1,303,619	17,748	-	1,321,367
Building	53,029,730	2,650,007	-	55,679,737
Fixed equipment	7,496,015	50,167	-	7,546,182
Movable equipment	127,232,718	1,232,816	1,368,259	127,097,275
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>189,062,082</u>	<u>3,950,738</u>	<u>1,368,259</u>	<u>191,644,561</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciated for:</u>				
Land improvements	460,683	8,387	-	469,070
Building	17,989,370	1,497,999	-	19,487,369
Fixed equipment	3,878,703	76,155	-	3,954,858
Movable equipment	123,906,354	4,424,332	1,350,612	126,980,074
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>146,235,110</u>	<u>6,006,873</u>	<u>1,350,612</u>	<u>150,891,371</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>42,826,972</u>	<u>(2,056,135)</u>	<u>17,647</u>	<u>40,753,190</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 46,534,895</u>	<u>(997,647)</u>	<u>2,451,373</u>	<u>43,085,875</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended September 30, 2019, totaled \$6,006,873. Interest capitalized and included in construction in progress during the year ended September 30, 2019, totaled \$30,866.

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**NOTE 6 - CLAIMS AND JUDGMENTS.**

**Risk Financing:**

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The County pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2019, to January 1, 2020. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

**NOTE 7 - CAPITAL LEASES.**

**As Lessor:**

On October 7, 2013, the County entered into a capital lease agreement with Coburn Supply Company. The capital lease stipulated that the lessee would pay approximately \$7,966 per month in lease payments commencing on January 1, 2014, for a term of 10 years.

The County leases the following property with varying terms and options as of September 30, 2019:

<u>Class of Property</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Buildings	\$ 825,000
Total	<u>\$ 825,000</u>

The future minimum lease receivable and the present value of the net minimum lease receivable as of September 30, 2019, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2020	86,404	11,764
2021	89,032	10,708
2022	91,740	9,427
2023	78,073	6,045
Total	<u>345,249</u>	<u>37,944</u>

**As Lessee:**

The County is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2019:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Mobile Equipment	\$ 2,494,599
Furniture and equipment	282,747
Total	<u>\$ 2,777,346</u>
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	921,675
Leased Property Under Capital Leases	<u>1,855,671</u>

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The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2019:

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2020	569,418	49,986
2021	343,734	37,813
2022	315,366	27,971
2023	267,037	18,966
2024	219,894	10,497
2025-2026	243,334	4,503
Total	<u>1,958,783</u>	<u>149,736</u>

**NOTE 8 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN.**

**Leflore County**

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

Plan Description. Leflore County, Mississippi contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees' authority to determine contribution rates are established by Miss. Code Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefit Provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public-school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age of 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of the average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded

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for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions. At September 30, 2019, PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate at September 30, 2019 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. This rate increased as of July 1, 2019 from 15.75%. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The County's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017 were \$1,153,405, \$1,111,943, and \$1,069,812, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At September 30, 2019, the County reported a liability of \$19,028,709 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured at June 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The County's proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2019, net pension liability was 0.108167 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2019. This was a decrease of .001306 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2018, net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2018.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the County recognized pension expense of \$1,900,769. At September 30, 2019, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 9,507	19,834
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	196,048
Changes of assumptions	186,469	-
Changes in the proportion and differences between the County's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	319,918	204,364
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	319,746	-
Total	\$ 835,640	420,246

The \$319,746 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year ending September 30	Amount
2020	\$ 238,427
2021	(238,619)
2022	8,964
2023	86,876
	<u>95,648</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increases	3.00 – 18.25 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

Mortality rates were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119. For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2018 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.

The target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rate of return for each major asset class as of June 30, 2019, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	27.00 %	4.90 %
International Equity	22.00	4.75
Global Equity	12.00	5.00
Fixed Income	20.00	1.50
Real Estate	10.00	4.00
Private Equity	8.00	6.25
Cash	1.00	0.25
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	



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Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate of (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current employer contribution rate (15.75%) through June 30, 2019, and at 17.40% thereafter. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity to the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.* The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase (8.75%)
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 25,013,898	19,028,709	14,088,474

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

**DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN - COMPONENT UNIT**

**Greenwood Leflore Hospital**

Greenwood Leflore Hospital Pension Plan (the "Plan") is a single-employer defined benefit pension plan sponsored by the Hospital. The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to Plan members and beneficiaries. The Hospital elected to freeze the Plan to new members as of March 31, 2012. The Plan issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained from the Chief Financial Officer of Greenwood Leflore Hospital at P.O. Box 1410, Greenwood, Mississippi, 38935.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability or asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the defined benefit plan, and defined benefit pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Plan and additions to/deductions from the Plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported on the Plan. For this purpose, benefit payments are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

**Normal Retirement Benefit**

The normal retirement date of a participant is the first day of the calendar month coincident with or next following his attainment of age 65 and completion of five years of service.

The normal retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, is equal to the sum of (i), (ii) and (iii) as follows:

- (i) For service before October 1, 1972:

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- a. 1.00 percent of average compensation multiplied by benefit service through September 30, 1972.
- (ii) For service from October 1, 1972 through September 30, 1988:
  - a. 0.85 percent of average compensation plus 1.00 percent of average compensation in excess of \$15,000, all multiplied by benefit service from October 1, 1972 through September 30, 1988 (limited to 16 years).
- (iii) For each year of participation on and after October 1, 1988:
  - a. 1.25 percent of compensation for a given year of participation plus 0.65 percent of compensation for that year in excess of the integration level for that year.

"Years of participation" as used in (iii) above for the benefit attributable to compensation in excess of the integration level cannot exceed 35 years minus the number of years of benefit service used in (ii) above.

"Average compensation" is the average of a participant's compensation for the three consecutive plan years preceding October 1, 1988, which produce the highest average (or the average over all years of benefit service if less than three).

"Integration level" for a plan year means one-half of Social Security-covered compensation for an individual who reaches Social Security retirement age in that year, but not less than \$10,000.

Summary of Participant Data

	2019
1. Inactive Plan Participants	
a.) Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	326
b.) Terminated employees entitled to deferred benefits	575
c.) Disabled employees entitled to deferred benefits	-
d.) Total	<u>901</u>
2. Active Plan Participants	
a.) Vested	333
b.) Nonvested	-
c.) Total	<u>333</u>
3. Total Plan Participants	<u>1,234</u>

Funding Policy

Although a formal funding policy has not been established, the Hospital generally contributes the amount necessary to fund the Plan at an actuarially determined rate. Employees are not allowed to contribute to the Plan. The current actuarially required minimum rate is 1.7 percent of annual covered payroll. The Hospital's contributions to the Plan for the year ended September 30, 2019 were \$1,340,319 equal to the actuarial determined annual contributions for each year.

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Net Pension Liability

The Hospital's net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2019, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of October 1, 2018.

Summary of Assumptions

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2019, was measured using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Investment Rate of Return - 7.20 percent, per annum, compounded annually

Discount Rate - 7.20 percent per annum, compounded annually

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current Plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods' projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Salary increases                      Not applicable, benefits are frozen

As of October 1, 2017, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar, Separate Pre- and Post-Commencement, with separate Male and Female tables, fully Generational using Projections Scale MP-2017.

Effective September 30, 2019, the mortality table was changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar, Separate Pre- and Post-Commencement, with separate Male and Female tables, fully Generational using Projections Scale MP-2017 to the RP-2014 Blue Collar, Separate Pre- and Post-Commencement, with separate Male and Female tables, fully Generational using Projections Scale MP-2018 to better recognize current and future mortality improvements.

All liabilities and normal costs are calculated based on the Entry Age Normal method.

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Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability

	Total Pension Liability (a)	Increase (Decrease) Plan Net Position (b)	Net Pension Liability (a)-(b)
Balance at September 30, 2018	\$ 48,148,176	\$ 33,461,016	\$ 14,687,160
Changes for the Year:			
Interest	3,514,817	-	3,514,817
Difference between expected and actual experience	(1,120,322)	-	(1,120,322)
Changes of assumptions	382,573	-	382,573
Contributions - employer	-	1,340,319	(1,340,319)
Net investment income	-	1,826,911	(1,826,911)
Benefits paid/refunds	(2,665,455)	(2,665,455)	-
Administrative expenses	-	(85,539)	85,539
Net changes	111,613	416,236	(304,623)
Balance at September 30, 2019	\$ 48,259,789	\$ 33,877,252	\$ 14,382,537

The following represents the net pension liability as calculated using the stated discount rate, as well as what the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage point lower or 1 percentage point higher than the current rate:

	1% Decrease (6.20%)	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase (8.20%)
Net pension liability	\$ 20,026,479	14,382,537	9,698,464

The asset allocations for each major asset class at September 30, 2019, are summarized below in the following table:

Asset Class	2019 Allocation
Mutual funds - fixed income	43.8%
Mutual funds - equities	39.8%
Common stock - equities	2.6%
International mutual funds	12.7%
Cash and cash equivalents	0.8%
International foreign stock	0.3%
Total	100%

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Pension Expense and Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Hospital recognized pension expense of \$1,386,751. At September 30, 2019, the Hospital reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Plan from the following sources:

	<u>2019</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	
Changes in assumptions	\$ 157,530
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	<u>259,201</u>
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>416,731</u></u>
Deferred inflows of resources	
Experience losses	<u>(461,309)</u>
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ <u><u>(461,309)</u></u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense (benefit) as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2020	\$ (319,169)
2021	10,555
2022	157,575
2023	106,461
Total	\$ <u><u>(44,578)</u></u>

Amortization Period

Investment gains or losses are amortized over five years.

Changes in actuarial assumptions and experience gains or losses are amortized over the average working lifetime of all participants, which for the current period is 1.7 years for the measurement period ended September 30, 2019.

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**NOTE 9 - LONG TERM DEBT.**

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2019, consisted of the following:

Description and Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
GO Bonds, S2010	1,095,000	2.50-3.38%	04/2025
Jail Refunding, S2012	2,145,000	5.00%	12/2023
GO PI Bonds, S2012	2,900,000	3.00%	07/2032
GO Bonds, S2015	4,365,000	various	02/2035
GO Refunding Bonds, S2015	2,680,000	various	11/2028
GO PI Bonds, S2017	<u>4,585,000</u>	1.15-2.75%	10/2037
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$ 17,770,000</u>		
B. Capital Leases:			
8- 2017 Chevrolet Tahoes	\$ 129,574	2.09%	02/2022
Trucks	207,972	1.97%	08/2020
2 Chevrolet Trucks	24,634	2.17%	02/2022
6-2018 Caterpillar Motor Graders	1,250,962	3.15%	10/2025
3-2016 Freightliner MS 106 Trucks with Pac-Mac			
RLX-20 Rear Loaders	27,587	2.03%	03/2020
E911 Upgrade Equipment	206,300	2.70%	04/2023
2019 Freightliner Garbage Truck	<u>111,754</u>	2.70%	10/2023
Total Capital Leases	<u>\$ 1,958,783</u>		
C. Other Loans:			
Coburn Supply Company	345,313	2.00%	09/2023
2-2016 Pierce Commercial Pumper	<u>38,063</u>	1.94%	09/2020
Total Other Loans	<u>\$ 383,376</u>		

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

Year Ending September 30	General Obligation Bonds		Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 1,410,000	475,338	124,467	12,502
2021	1,445,000	441,575	89,032	10,708
2022	1,480,000	404,631	91,740	9,427
2023	1,515,000	364,781	78,137	6,258
2024	1,555,000	322,744	-	-
2025-2029	5,310,000	3,613,916	-	-
2030-2034	3,770,000	459,997	-	-
2035-2038	<u>1,285,000</u>	<u>48,663</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$ 17,770,000</u>	<u>6,131,645</u>	<u>383,376</u>	<u>38,895</u>

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Legal Debt Margin - The amount of debt, excluding specific exempted debt that can be incurred by the County is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during a year can be no greater than 15% of assessed value of the taxable property within the County, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation. However, the limitation is increased to 20% whenever a county issues bonds to repair or replace washed out or collapsed bridges on the public roads of the County. As of September 30, 2019, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 6.49% of the latest property assessments.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2019:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Adjustments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2019	Amount due within one year
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>						
Compensated absences	\$ 1,504,878	14,543	-	-	1,519,421	-
General obligation bonds	19,150,000	-	1,380,000	-	17,770,000	1,410,000
Less:						
Discounts	(194,071)	-	(27,714)	-	(166,357)	-
Add:						
Premiums	150,980	-	8,488	-	142,492	-
Capital leases	1,809,669	1,556,037	1,406,923	-	1,958,783	569,418
Other loans	540,288	-	156,912	-	383,376	124,467
Total	\$ 22,961,744	1,570,580	2,924,609	-	21,607,715	2,103,885

Compensated absences will be paid by the funds from which the employees' salaries were paid which are generally the General Fund, Road and Bridge Fund, and E-911 Fund.

**LONG TERM DEBT - COMPONENT UNIT**

**Greenwood Leflore Hospital**

A summary of long-term debt, including capital lease obligations at September 30, 2019 is as follows:

	<u>2019</u>
Trustmark note payable, with an interest rate of 2.98 percent and payments due through November 2, 2021, collateralized by equipment that was purchased with the note.	\$ 1,600,336
Capital lease obligations, with payments due through 2024, collateralized by leased equipment	<u>1,515,022</u>
Total long-term debt	3,115,358
Less current maturities of long-term debt	<u>(1,218,203)</u>
Long-term debt and capital lease obligations, excluding current maturities	\$ <u><u>1,897,155</u></u>

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

Year Ending September 30	Long-Term Debt		Capital Lease Obligations	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2020	\$ 704,321	38,435	513,882	44,278
2021	747,842	16,099	540,273	28,042
2022	148,173	478	372,378	11,360
2023	-	-	52,169	3,556
2024	-	-	36,320	498
Total	<u>\$ 1,600,336</u>	<u>55,012</u>	<u>1,515,022</u>	<u>87,734</u>

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2019:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2018	Additions	Reductions	Adjustments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2019	Amount due within one year
Notes Payable	\$ 2,304,322	-	703,986	-	1,600,336	704,321
Capital lease obligations	1,748,115	232,167	465,260	-	1,515,022	513,882
Total	<u>\$ 4,052,437</u>	<u>232,167</u>	<u>1,169,246</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,115,358</u>	<u>1,218,203</u>

**NOTE 10 - CONTINGENCIES.**

Federal Grants - The County has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the County. No provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the County's financial statements.

Litigation - The County is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the County with respect to the various proceedings. However, the County's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

**NOTE 11 - EFFECT OF DEFERRED AMOUNTS ON NET POSITION.**

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position deficit amount of \$(14,405,077) includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflow of resources related to pension in the amount of \$319,746 resulting from County contributions subsequent



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to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2020. The \$515,894 balance of the deferred outflow of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2019, will be recognized in pension expense over the next 3 years. The \$420,246 balance of the deferred inflow of resources related to pension at September 30, 2019, will be recognized in pension expense over the next 4 years.

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position deficit amount of \$(14,405,077) includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from capital lease receivable. The \$37,944 balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2019, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position in future years.

The governmental activities' net investment in capital assets net position of \$39,051,858 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenditures resulting for an advance refunding of County debt. The \$412,326 balance of deferred outflows of resources at September 30, 2019, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the net investment in capital assets net position over the next 10 years.

**NOTE 12 -RELATED ORGANIZATIONS.**

The Leflore County Board of Supervisors is responsible for appointing a voting majority of the members of the boards of the following organizations, but the county's accountability for these organizations does not extend beyond making appointments and in making small appropriations, if any, to these organizations:

East Leflore Water & Sewer District  
Minter City Water & Sewer District  
Blue Lake Water & Sewer District  
Philipston Water District  
Teoc Drainage District  
Big Sand Drainage District  
Abiaca Drainage District  
Fighting Bayou Drainage District  
Pecan Bayou Drainage District  
Abotapoota Drainage District  
Leflore County Drainage District  
New Jones Walton Drainage District  
Cude Drainage District  
Rucker Ellsberry Drainage District  
Lake Henry Drainage District

**NOTE 13 -JOINT VENTURES.**

The county participates in the following joint ventures:

Leflore County is a participant with the City of Greenwood in a joint venture, authorized by Section 61-3-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Greenwood-Leflore County Airport. The joint venture was created to provide airport services and is governed by a five-member board of commissioners with two appointed by the Leflore County Board of Supervisors, two appointed by the City of Greenwood and one jointly appointed. By contractual agreement, the county's appropriation from the General Fund this year to the joint venture amounted to \$120,000. Complete financial statements for the Greenwood-Leflore

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Airport can be obtained from the Greenwood-Leflore County Airport, P.O. Box 378, Greenwood, MS 38930.

Leflore County is a participant with the City of Greenwood in a joint venture, authorized by Section 39 -3-8, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Greenwood-Leflore Public Library. The joint venture was created to provide library services to the public and is governed by a five-member board of which two members are appointed by Leflore County and three members are appointed by the City of Greenwood. The county's appropriation from the General Fund this year to the joint venture amounted to \$171,935. Complete financial statements for the Greenwood-Leflore Public Library can be obtained from the following address: 405 West Washington, Greenwood, MS 38930.

**NOTE 14 -JOINTLY GOVERNED ORGANIZATIONS.**

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Region Six Mental Health/Mental Retardation Center Life Help operates in a district composed of the Counties of Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Humphreys, Leflore, Montgomery, and Sunflower. The Leflore County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the eight members of the board of commissioners. Leflore County contributed \$121,500 for the support of the center in fiscal year 2019.

Yazoo-Mississippi Delta Water Management District operates in a district composed of the Counties of Bolivar, Carroll, Coahoma, DeSoto, Holmes, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Panola, Quitman, Sharkey, Sunflower, Tallahatchie, Tate, Tunica, Washington, and Yazoo. The Leflore County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 21 members of the district board of commissioners. The county levied a .75 mill tax resulting in \$ 168,011 for the maintenance and support of the district in fiscal year 2019.

North Central Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the Counties of Attala, Carroll, Grenada, Holmes, Leflore, Montgomery, and Yalobusha. The Leflore County Board of Supervisors appoints four of the 28 members of the district board of directors. Leflore County contributed \$33,212 for the support of the district in fiscal year 2019.

Mississippi Delta Community College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Bolivar, Coahoma, Humphreys, Issaquena, Leflore, Sharkey, Sunflower and Washington. The Leflore County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 20 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated \$643,673 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2019.

Greenwood-Leflore Industrial Board members are appointed by the Greenwood-Leflore-Carroll Economic Foundation whose membership is open to the public. Leflore County and the City of Greenwood fund the industrial board equally. The county contributed \$87,363 in support of the industrial board in fiscal year 2019.

**NOTE 15 - TAX ABATEMENT**

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, requires governmental entities to disclose the reduction in tax revenues resulting from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

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The Leflore County Board of Supervisors negotiates property tax abatements on an individual or entity basis with varying abatement periods. These abatements contribute to the economic development and citizenry of the County. The County had tax abatement agreements with eight entities as of September 30, 2019.

The County had abatements under the following statutes, which does not provide for the abatement of school or state tax levies: 27-31-101 and 27-31-105, Miss. Code (Ann.) 1972. All allowable property tax levies:

Category	Fiscal Year 2019	
	% of Taxes Abated	Ad Valorem Taxes Abated
Additions, expansions or equipment replacement - personal property	100%	<u>\$791,724</u>

The companies were not required to comply with any special provisions in order to receive the abatements and the County made no commitments as part of the agreements other than to reduce taxes.

**NOTE 16 – NET PATIENT SERVICE REVENUE**

**Greenwood Leflore Hospital**

The Hospital has agreements with governmental and other third-party payors that provide for payments to the Hospital for services rendered at amounts different from its established rates. Patient revenue is reported net of contractual adjustments arising from these third-party arrangements, as well as net of provisions for uncollectible accounts. A summary of the payment arrangements with major third-party payors follows:

Medicare

Inpatient acute, psychiatric, rehabilitation and outpatient services rendered to Medicare beneficiaries are paid primarily by prospectively determined rates. These rates vary according to a patient classification system that is based on clinical, diagnostic, and other factors. Medicare bad debts and disproportionate share payments are paid at a tentative rate with final settlement determined after submission of annual cost reports by the Hospital and audits thereof by the Medicare fiscal intermediary.

Medicaid

Inpatient and outpatient services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed based upon the Ambulatory Payment Classification ("APC") system for outpatient payments APR-DRG system for inpatient payments.

The Hospital participates in the Division of Medicaid ("DOM") Mississippi Hospital Access Payment ("MHAP") program (the "MHAP Program"). The MHAP Program is administered by the DOM through the Mississippi CAN coordinated care organizations ("CCO"). The CCO's subcontract with the Hospitals throughout the state for distribution of the MHAP for the purpose of protecting patient access to hospital

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care. The MHAP payments and the associated tax were distributed and collected in equal installments during the months of December 2018 through June 2019 and monthly thereafter. The Hospital received approximately \$9,759,000 from the MHAP program with related tax assessments of approximately \$3,387,000 recorded in operating expenses for the year ended September 30, 2019.

Laws and regulations governing the Medicare and Medicaid program are extremely complex and subject to interpretation. As a result, there is at least a reasonable possibility that recorded estimates will change. The 2019 net patient service revenue increased approximately \$135,000 due to prior year retroactive adjustments in excess of amounts previously estimated. The Hospital's cost reports have been settled through September 30, 2014.

Other

The Hospital has also entered into payment agreements with certain other commercial insurance carriers and preferred provider organizations. The basis for payment to the Hospital under these agreements includes prospectively determined rates and discounts from established charges.

The composition of net patient service revenue as of September 30, 2019, includes

	<u>Amount</u>
Gross patient service revenue	\$ 356,698,887
Less:	
Provisions for contractual adjustments	(220,736,424)
Provisions for bad debts	<u>(24,739,952)</u>
Net patient service revenue	\$ <u>111,222,511</u>

**NOTE 17 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS.**

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of Leflore County evaluated the activity of the County through December 10, 2021 (the date the financial statements were available to be issued) and determined that the following subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

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Subsequent to September 30, 2019, Leflore County issued the following debt obligations:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Amount</u>	<u>Type of Financing</u>	<u>Source of Financing</u>
3/15/2020	2.20%	\$ 420,616	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
6/20/2020	1.65%	771,550	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
9/10/2020	1.65%	40,000	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
6/22/2021	1.60%	162,018	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
12/15/2021	1.60%	194,016	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
9/13/2021	1.79%	160,000	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
6/14/2021	1.79%	302,000	Lease Purchase	Ad valorem taxes

On October 29, 2018, Lavis Weathers vs. Leflore County was filed in the County Court of Leflore County. The suit alleged that Leflore County breached its contract with Plaintiff thus causing monetary damages. Neither the County's insurance carrier nor the County responded to the complaint. On January 28, 2021, an order was entered for default judgment against Leflore County in the amount of \$38,268, plus interest at the rate of 5% from and after October 28, 2018, plus all costs of court and costs of collection. Leflore County filed a motion to set aside default judgment which was heard on May 20, 2021. Leflore County was not successful on its motion to set aside default judgment. Leflore County has filed an appeal from County Court to Circuit Court regarding this case.

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### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE- BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS)**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 10,426,131	10,625,794	10,715,050	89,256
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	414,400	471,592	501,808	30,216
Fines and forfeitures	315,000	315,000	305,845	(9,155)
Intergovernmental revenues	876,513	940,836	960,070	19,234
Charges for services	670,000	670,000	638,642	(31,358)
Interest income	78,000	147,556	147,556	-
Miscellaneous revenues	199,000	303,216	184,077	(119,139)
Total Revenues	<u>12,979,044</u>	<u>13,473,994</u>	<u>13,453,048</u>	<u>(20,946)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	5,617,915	5,976,333	5,786,131	190,202
Public safety	5,313,935	5,705,668	5,532,511	173,157
Public works	142,000	142,200	142,200	-
Health and welfare	684,759	771,834	725,191	46,643
Culture and recreation	791,697	825,894	778,884	47,010
Conservation of natural resources	125,197	135,197	112,257	22,940
Economic development and assistance	302,637	308,637	236,939	71,698
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	51,733	(51,733)
Interest	-	-	3,296	(3,296)
Total Expenditures	<u>12,978,140</u>	<u>13,865,763</u>	<u>13,369,142</u>	<u>496,621</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>904</u>	<u>(391,769)</u>	<u>83,906</u>	<u>475,675</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	687,032	703,877	693,877	(10,000)
Transfers out	(862,032)	(876,737)	(876,737)	-
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	51,500	51,500
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>(175,000)</u>	<u>(172,860)</u>	<u>(131,360)</u>	<u>41,500</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(174,096)	(564,629)	(47,454)	517,175
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>2,738,912</u>	<u>3,559,842</u>	<u>6,870,955</u>	<u>3,311,113</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 2,564,816</u>	<u>2,995,213</u>	<u>6,823,501</u>	<u>3,828,288</u>

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

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE- BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS)**  
**ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 422,579	422,579	429,352	6,773
Road and bridge privilege taxes	310,000	310,000	331,170	21,170
Intergovernmental revenues	687,400	843,167	731,788	(111,379)
Interest income	5,200	5,200	14,817	9,617
Miscellaneous revenues	10,000	10,000	50,238	40,238
Total Revenues	<u>1,435,179</u>	<u>1,590,946</u>	<u>1,557,365</u>	<u>(33,581)</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
Public works	3,083,980	4,914,748	4,759,190	155,558
Debt service:				
Principal	467,700	1,168,578	1,168,523	55
Interest	-	45,582	45,582	-
Total Expenditures	<u>3,551,680</u>	<u>6,128,908</u>	<u>5,973,295</u>	<u>155,613</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(2,116,501)</u>	<u>(4,537,962)</u>	<u>(4,415,930)</u>	<u>122,032</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers in	1,012,600	1,168,367	1,989,403	821,036
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	1,082,886	1,082,886
Proceeds from long term debt	1,965,317	4,484,216	1,421,000	(3,063,216)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>2,977,917</u>	<u>5,652,583</u>	<u>4,493,289</u>	<u>(1,159,294)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	861,416	1,114,621	77,359	(1,037,262)
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>2,582,768</u>	<u>788,232</u>	<u>1,126,051</u>	<u>337,819</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 3,444,184</u>	<u>1,902,853</u>	<u>1,203,410</u>	<u>(699,443)</u>

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



**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE- BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS)**  
**BRIDGE AND CULVERT FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 1,952,317	1,980,596	1,980,596	-
Interest income	3,000	8,807	8,807	-
Total Revenues	<u>1,955,317</u>	<u>1,989,403</u>	<u>1,989,403</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>1,955,317</u>	<u>1,989,403</u>	<u>1,989,403</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Transfers out	<u>(1,955,317)</u>	<u>(1,989,403)</u>	<u>(1,989,403)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>(1,955,317)</u>	<u>(1,989,403)</u>	<u>(1,989,403)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	-	-	-	-
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

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**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE- BUDGET AND ACTUAL (NON-GAAP BASIS)**  
**GO PI BONDS SERIES 2017 FUND**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Interest income	\$ 30,000	30,000	57,756	27,756
Total Revenues	<u>30,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>57,756</u>	<u>27,756</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	100,000	100,000	-	100,000
Public works	<u>3,226,200</u>	<u>3,226,200</u>	<u>1,914,307</u>	<u>1,311,893</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>3,326,200</u>	<u>3,326,200</u>	<u>1,914,307</u>	<u>1,411,893</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(3,296,200)</u>	<u>(3,296,200)</u>	<u>(1,856,551)</u>	<u>1,439,649</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(3,296,200)	(3,296,200)	(1,856,551)	1,439,649
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>                    </u>	<u>1,000,582</u>	<u>4,242,304</u>	<u>3,241,722</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ (3,296,200)</u>	<u>(2,295,618)</u>	<u>2,385,753</u>	<u>4,681,371</u>

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**SCHEDULE OF THE COUNTY'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY**  
**LAST 10 FISCAL YEARS\***  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.108167%	0.109473%	0.10%	0.11%	0.11%	0.12%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 19,028,709	18,208,612	17,411,177	18,969,436	17,503,163	14,653,926
Covered payroll	\$ 7,044,634	6,990,613	6,792,457	6,461,740	6,710,113	7,018,089
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	270.12%	260.47%	256.33%	293.57%	260.85%	208.80%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	61.59%	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%	67.21%

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the twelve months ended at the measurement date of June 30 of the fiscal year presented. This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Schedule of the County's Contributions**  
**Last 10 Fiscal Years**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,153,405	1,111,943	1,069,812	1,017,724	1,056,843	1,105,349
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>1,153,405</u>	<u>1,111,943</u>	<u>1,069,812</u>	<u>1,017,724</u>	<u>1,056,843</u>	<u>1,105,349</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ <u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 7,130,689	7,059,951	6,792,457	6,461,740	6,710,113	7,018,089
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	16.18%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

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

Note A - The 2019 contributions as a percentage of covered payroll will be an average of the former contribution rate of 15.75% and the current contribution rate of 17.40%.

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Discretely Presented Component Unit – Greenwood Leflore Hospital**  
**Schedule of Changes in Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
**UNAUDITED**

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$				
Interest	3,514,817	3,413,176	3,363,064	3,384,889	3,384,889
Difference between expected and actual experience	(1,120,322)	740,367	(355,795)	(294,088)	68,042
Changes of assumptions	382,573	(299,489)		(1,336,081)	
Benefit payments/refunds	<u>(2,665,455)</u>	<u>(2,461,722)</u>	<u>(2,320,792)</u>	<u>(2,053,702)</u>	<u>(1,965,617)</u>
Net change in total pension liability	111,613	1,392,332	686,477	(298,982)	1,487,314
Total pension liability - beginning	<u>48,148,176</u>	<u>46,755,844</u>	<u>46,069,367</u>	<u>46,368,349</u>	<u>44,881,035</u>
Total pension liability - ending (a)	\$ <u><u>48,259,789</u></u>	<u><u>48,148,176</u></u>	<u><u>46,755,844</u></u>	<u><u>46,069,367</u></u>	<u><u>46,368,349</u></u>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position					
Contributions - employer	1,340,319	1,452,904	1,367,610	1,394,632	2,517,899
Net investment income	1,826,911	2,073,394	2,883,575	2,229,987	107,212
Benefit payments/refunds	(2,665,455)	(2,461,722)	(2,320,792)	(2,053,702)	(1,965,617)
Administrative expenses	<u>(85,539)</u>	<u>(85,579)</u>	<u>(80,239)</u>	<u>(78,351)</u>	<u>(88,388)</u>
Net Change in plan fiduciary net position	416,236	978,997	1,850,154	1,492,566	571,106
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning	<u>33,461,016</u>	<u>32,482,019</u>	<u>30,631,865</u>	<u>29,139,299</u>	<u>28,568,193</u>
Plan fiduciary net position -ending (b)	\$ <u><u>33,877,252</u></u>	<u><u>33,461,016</u></u>	<u><u>32,482,019</u></u>	<u><u>30,631,865</u></u>	<u><u>29,139,299</u></u>
Net pension liability - ending (a) - (b)	\$ <u><u>14,382,537</u></u>	<u><u>14,687,160</u></u>	<u><u>14,273,825</u></u>	<u><u>15,437,502</u></u>	<u><u>17,229,050</u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percent of the total pension liability	70.2%	69.5%	69.5%	66.5%	63.0%
Covered-employee payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net pension liability as a percent of covered-employee payroll	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Note to Schedule: This schedule is intended to show a 10-year trend and is presented on the measurement date of the net pension liability. Additional years will be reported as they become available.

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

**Leflore County**  
**Discretely Presented Component Unit – Greenwood Leflore Hospital**  
**SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
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Year Ended September 30,	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contributions in Relation to the Actuarial Determined Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as % of Covered Payroll
2019	\$ 1,340,319	\$ 1,340,319	\$ -	N/A	N/A
2018	1,452,904	1,452,904	-	N/A	N/A
2017	1,367,610	1,367,610	-	N/A	N/A
2016	1,394,632	1,394,632	-	N/A	N/A
2015	1,458,037	1,458,037	-	N/A	N/A

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

**LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
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**Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

**A. Budgetary Information.**

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the County's budget is to be prepared. Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Supervisors of the County, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Tax Collector for his or her respective department, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund every source of revenue, each general item of expenditure, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Supervisors that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The County's budget is prepared principally on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end, and there are no encumbrances to budget because state law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when payment is made.

**B. Basis of Presentation.**

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary (Non-GAAP Basis) and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund. The Budget Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) is a part of required supplementary information.

**C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation.**

The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis are:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund:

	Governmental Fund Types			
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Bridge and Culvert Fund	GO PI Bonds Series 2017 Fund
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ (47,454)	77,359	-	(1,856,551)
Increase (Decrease)				
Net adjustment for revenue accruals	6,560	(20,309)	19,767	-
Net adjustment for expenditure accruals	(34,930)	(571,473)	-	113,737
GAAP Basis	\$ <u>(75,824)</u>	<u>(514,423)</u>	<u>19,767</u>	<u>(1,742,814)</u>

**LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
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**Pension Schedules**

**A. Changes of assumptions.**

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**2019**

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119.
  - For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119.
  - Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:
  - For males, 137% of male rates at all ages.
  - For females, 115% of female rates at all ages.
  - Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.
- The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.
- The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

**2017**

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.
- The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.
- The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6.00% to 7.00%.

**2016**

- The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.



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**2015**

- The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.
- The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.
- Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.
- Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.
- The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

**B. Changes in benefit provisions.**

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**2016**

- Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

**Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.**

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2017 valuation for the June 30, 2019 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	38.4 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price Inflation	3.00 percent
Salary increase	3.25 percent to 18.50 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

**LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
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**Component Unit**  
**Greenwood Leflore Hospital**

Summary of Assumptions and Methods Used to Determine Contributions Rates

The total pension liability as of September 30, 2019, was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods in the measurement:

Investment Rate of Return                      7.20% percent, per annum, compounded annually

Discount Rate                                      7.20% percent per annum, compounded annually

The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the actuarially determined contribution rates. Based on that assumption, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Salary increases                                      Not applicable, benefits are frozen

As of October 1, 2017, mortality rates are based on the RP-2014 Blue Collar, Separate Pre- and Post-Commencement, with separate Male and Female tables, fully Generational using Projections Scale MP-2017.

Effective September 30, 2019, the mortality table was changed from the RP-2014 Blue Collar, Separate Pre- and Post-Commencement, with separate Male and Female tables, fully Generational using Projections Scale MP-2017 to the RP-2014 Blue Collar, Separate Pre- and Post-Commencement, with separate Male and Female tables, fully Generational using Projections Scale MP-2018 to better recognize current and future mortality improvements.

Amortization Period

Investment gains or losses are amortized over five years.

Changes in actuarial assumptions and experience gains or losses are amortized over the average working lifetime of all participants, which for the years ending September 30, 2019 was 1.7 years.

Investment Returns

Net investment yield for fiscal year ended September 30, 2019      -      5.56%

The annual money-weighted rate of return is based on monthly cash flows on pension plan investments, net of pension plan investment expense.

**LEFLORE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**  
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Fiduciary net position is the amount of assets available for benefits in the Plan.

Total pension liability is the Plan liability determined using assumption listed in the Summary of Actuarial Assumption.

Net pension liability is the difference in the total pension liability and the fiduciary net position.

Amortization Period (Funding)

The actuarially determined contribution for the Plan year ended September 30, 2019, uses a closed period of 23 years.

Assumptions and Valuation Method

The Hospital selected the assumptions and funding methods based on the review of Plan experience in conjunction with the October 1, 2018 and 2016 Actuarial Valuation Reports. The actuary annually reviews the assumptions and methods for reasonableness.

The normal retirement date of a participant is the first day of the calendar month coincident with or next following his attainment of age 65 and completion of five years of service.

## **LEFLORE COUNTY**

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING COSTS OF SOLID WASTE**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

Operating Expenditures, Cash Basis:

Personnel	465,136
Expendable Commodities:	
Gasoline and petroleum products	76,456
Repair parts	70,942
Office, field and shop supplies	43,266
Solid waste contract and disposal fees	43,185
Debt Service	<u>90,172</u>
 Solid Waste Cash Basis Operating Expenditures	 789,157
 Full Cost Expenses:	
Indirect administrative costs	1,763
Depreciation on equipment	55,995
Net effect of other accrued expenses	<u>(2,586)</u>
 Solid Waste Full Cost Operating Expenses	 <u><u>844,329</u></u>

## **LEFLORE COUNTY**

## **OTHER INFORMATION**

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR COUNTY OFFICIALS**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**  
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Name	Position	Company	Bond
Sam Abraham	Supervisor	Brierfield Insurance Company	\$ 100,000
Anjuan Brown	Supervisor	Brierfield Insurance Company	100,000
Robert L. Collins, Sr.	Supervisor	Brierfield Insurance Company	100,000
Reginald Moore	Supervisor	State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	100,000
Wayne A. Self	Supervisor	Western Surety Company	100,000
Christine Lymon	County Administrator	Brierfield Insurance Company	100,000
Christine Lymon	Chancery Clerk	Brierfield Insurance Company	100,000
Elmus Stockstill	Circuit Clerk	Brierfield Insurance Company	100,000
Jasmine McClung	Deputy Circuit Clerk	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	75,000
Annie M. Conley	Tax Collector	Western Surety Company	100,000
Sheron Elliott	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Koneshiana Erving	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Deneidra Johnson	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Marissa Jones	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Pamela Keys	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Rebecca Seawright	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Carolyn R. Smith	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Carolyn R. Smith	Deputy Tax Collector	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	100,000
Leroy Ware	Tax Assessor	State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	100,000
Carlos C. Roberson	Deputy Tax Assessor	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	10,000
Tyneiseca M. Epps	Deputy Tax Assessor	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	10,000
Kimilia R. Sigers	Deputy Tax Assessor	Travelers	10,000
James E. Campbell, Jr.	Justice Court Judge	Brierfield Insurance Company	50,000
James K. Littleton, III	Justice Court Judge	State Farm Fire and Casualty Company	50,000
Carlos Palmer	Justice Court Judge	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Larresia Hunt	Justice Court Clerk	United States Fidelity and Guaranty Company	50,000
Larresia Hunt	Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	50,000
Martha Howard-Griggs	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company of America	50,000
James Steven Pernel	Constable	Western Surety Company	50,000
Andrew McQueen	Constable	Western Surety Company	50,000
Vonzell Self	Constable	Western Surety Company	50,000
Gabriel D. Brisco	Solid Waste Clerk	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000
Rebecca Kwong	Purchase Clerk	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	75,000
Lashandria Young	Inventory Control Clerk	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	75,000
Frederick L. "Ricky" Banks	Sheriff	Brierfield Insurance Company	100,000
Cathy Mai	Receiving Clerk	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	75,000
Bobby Norwood	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Traveler's Casualty & Surety of America	50,000

## **LEFLORE COUNTY**

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Leflore County, 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 aggregate discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leflore County, Mississippi (the County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2019 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 10, 2021. Other auditors audited the financial statements of Greenwood Leflore Hospital, component unit, as described in our report on Leflore County's financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditor's testing of internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters that are reported separately by that audit.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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.

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 weakness 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 Leflore County, 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*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Leflore County, Mississippi, in the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated December 10, 2021 included within this document.

### **Purpose of this Report**

This 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 ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM,  
INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES  
(REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISS. CODE ANN. (1972))**

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Leflore County, Mississippi

We have examined Leflore County, Mississippi's (the County) compliance with establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Section 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) and compliance with the purchasing requirements in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972) during the year ended September 30, 2019. The Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, Mississippi is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements. The Board of Supervisors of Leflore County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the County and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory control system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any current evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Leflore County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2019.

The accompanying schedules of (1) Purchases Not Made from the Lowest Bidder, (2) Emergency Purchases and (3) Purchases Made Noncompetitively from a Sole Source are presented in accordance with Section 31-7-115, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned examination and, in our opinion, is fairly presented when considered in relation to that examination.

This report is intended for use in evaluating Leflore County, Mississippi's compliance with the aforementioned requirements, and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Schedule of Purchases Not Made From the Lowest Bidder**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

**Schedule 1**

Our test results did not identify any purchases not made from the lowest bidder.

**LEFLORE COUNTY**  
**Schedule of Emergency Purchases**  
**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

**Schedule 2**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item Purchased</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Reason for Emergency Purchase</u>
3/12/2019	Motor for pump	\$13,605	Irrigation Equipment	Pump stopped working during heavy rains

**LEFLORE COUNTY**

**Schedule 3**

**Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

Our test results did not identify any purchases made noncompetitively from a sole source.



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## LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors  
Leflore County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Leflore County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2019, we considered Leflore County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Leflore County, Mississippi's financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the County's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated December 10, 2021, on the financial statements of Leflore County, Mississippi.

Due to the reduced scope, these review procedures and compliance test cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

The results of our review procedures and compliance tests identified certain immaterial instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiencies. Our findings, recommendations, and your responses are disclosed below:



## **Board of Supervisors**

1. The Board of Supervisors should ensure compliance with state law over entering into an inter-local agreement with a local taxing entity for the collection of ad valorem taxes.

**Repeat Finding** Yes

**Criteria** §17-13-7(4), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), provides that “Any two (2) or more local governmental units may enter into written contractual agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action to provide services and facilities...” §17-13-7(4) supports §27-41-2 which allows inter-local agreements for collection by county of ad valorem taxes due to the municipality.

**Condition** During our audit, we noted the County has not entered into an inter-local contractual agreement with a local government entity for the collection of its taxes. However, the tax collector is collecting the local government entity’s taxes and receiving a commission for said services.

**Cause** An inter-local agreement has not been entered into by the County and the local government entity for the collection of ad valorem taxes.

**Effect** Failure to enter into adequate and appropriate contractual agreements could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds.

**Recommendation** The Board of Supervisors should enter into an inter-local agreement with the local government entity for the collection of ad valorem taxes.

**Response** The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.

2. The Board of Supervisors should ensure compliance with State Law over the Interlocal Agreement with municipalities for commissions on land redemptions.

**Repeat Finding** Yes

**Criteria** §17-13-7(4), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), provides that “Any two (2) or more local government units may enter into written contractual agreements with one another for joint or cooperative action to provide services and facilities...” §17-13-7(4) supports §27-41-2 which allows inter-local agreements for collection by county of ad valorem taxes due to municipality.

**Condition** During our testing, we noted the County collects taxes for local municipalities, but does not have an agreement addressing the collection of commissions for land redemptions.

<b>Cause</b>	The inter-local agreement between the County and the respective municipalities has not been updated to cover all collections and commissions including those for land redemptions.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to enter into appropriate and sufficient contractual agreements could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Board of Supervisors should enter into an inter-local agreement with each applicable municipality to cover all services provided by the County and all commissions paid by the local municipalities.
<b>Response</b>	The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.

**3.** All supervisors must inspect county roads. In addition, a four-year road plan must be adopted for construction and major maintenance of such roads and bridges.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	§65-7-117, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), states “Each member of the Board of Supervisors shall inspect every road and bridge in the County under the jurisdiction of the County... not less than once each fiscal year. Each member shall file with the Clerk of the Board a report, under oath, of the condition of the roads and bridges inspected by him or her with recommendations for a four-year plan for construction and major maintenance of such roads and bridges.”
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our testing we noted no certifications or affidavits from supervisors indicating they had examined the roads and bridges in their district. Further, a four-year road plan was not created nor filed with the Clerk of the Board.
<b>Cause</b>	Annual inspections of the roads and bridges in the County have not been completed and attested to. Additionally, a four-year road plan has not been created or filed with the Clerk of the Board.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to complete annual inspections of roads and bridges and to create a four-year road plan is not in compliance with statute and can lead to failure to complete necessary improvements in a timely manner.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Board of Supervisors should ensure that they complete the requisite inspections of the roads and bridges in their jurisdiction and further create a four-year road plan and file it with the Clerk of the Board.
<b>Response</b>	The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.

**4.** Public Officials and Employees should ensure compliance with state law over surety bonding requirements.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	§25-1-15(2), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires public employees to give individual bond to obtain a new bond at least every four years concurrent with the County’s normal election cycle.

§31-7-124, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires that all assistant purchasing, receiving and inventory control clerks shall be bonded in a penalty not less than \$50,000.

<b>Condition</b>	<p>During the course of our testing we noted the following non-compliance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The County Administrator/Chancery Clerk and the Purchase Clerk were bonded for the appropriate period, but under their nickname or under the name they utilize most frequently rather than their legal name.</li><li>• Three (3) Deputy Tax Collectors, Two (2) Deputy Tax Assessors, the Justice Court Clerk, Deputy Justice Court Clerk, Solid Waste Clerk, Inventory Control Clerk and one (1) Assistant Receiving Clerk were bonded either with a Continuation Certificate or a bond issued for an indefinite time.</li><li>• Eighteen (18) individuals designated as Assistant Receiving Clerks and the Road Manager were not bonded at all.</li><li>• One (1) individual was bonded as Assistant Purchase Clerk, but was designated by management as Assistant Receiving Clerk.</li><li>• The bond for one (1) Deputy Tax Collector did not cover the full 2018 fiscal year.</li></ul>
<b>Cause</b>	Public Officials and the Board of Supervisors have insufficient control over the requirements for bonding officials and employees.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to have a bond in place for a specific term could limit the amount available for recovery if a loss occurred over multiple terms, as well as the current terms.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the Board of Supervisors implement procedures to ensure that County officials' and employees' bonds meet the requirements of State Laws.
<b>Response</b>	The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.

**5.** Public Officials and Employees should ensure compliance with state law over use of seized and forfeited property.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	§41-29-181 Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires that the proceeds of any forfeiture be deposited and credited to the budget of the law enforcement agency.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our testing we noted that the Board of Supervisors approved transfers from the NTF Forfeiture Fund and the Narcotics Task Force Fund to repay outstanding interfund loans to the General Fund. The Board further ordered that any future funds received for sale of assets, forfeitures, or other purposes be deposited into the General County Fund to offset expenses.
<b>Cause</b>	Public Officials and the Board of Supervisors made the decision to close out the NTF Forfeiture Fund and the Narcotics Task Force Fund and have future funds be deposited in the General County Fund without an appropriate segregation of the

	funds to assure expenses paid are appropriately credited to the budget of the law enforcement agency.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to have forfeited funds specifically set aside in a fund separate from the General County Fund may cause these funds to be utilized for unauthorized purposes in violation of state law.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the Board of Supervisors keep forfeited proceeds in a separate fund to ensure that the funds are utilized for allowable and approved purposes.
<b>Response</b>	The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.
<b>6.</b>	<u>Public officials should ensure that the avails of any tax levy imposed for a specific purpose be maintained in a separate fund and expended for the specific purpose for which it is levied.</u>
<b>Repeat Finding</b>	No
<b>Criteria</b>	Specific purpose tax levies permitted under statutory authority and required to be accounted for separately should be maintained in a separate fund and expended for the specific purpose for which it was levied.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our audit, we noted that ad valorem taxes levied for Bridge and Culvert purposes were transferred to the Road and Bridge fund at year end.
<b>Cause</b>	Internal control policies and procedures regarding compliance with rules and regulations applicable to accounting for specific-purpose tax levies were not effective and allowed the avails of the Bridge and Culvert tax levy to be transferred to the Road and Bridge fund.
<b>Effect</b>	Non-compliance with rules and regulations applicable to accounting for specific purpose tax levies could result in the levies being improperly expended.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Board of Supervisors should enhance internal control policies and procedures to obtain compliance with the rules and regulations governing the accounting for specific purpose revenues and expenditures of the Bridge and Culvert fund.
<b>Response</b>	The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.
<b>7.</b>	<u>Public officials should ensure that the avails of the special one mill levy are separated from other monies collected and not spent until the certification of the tax rolls is received from the State Tax Commission.</u>
<b>Repeat Finding</b>	No
<b>Criteria</b>	§27-39-329(b) Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires that the avails of the special one mill levy must be kept separate and are not able to be spent until the State Tax Commission certification is received.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our audit we noted that the avails of the special one mill levy were placed directly into the General Fund with no method of separating these monies until the Commission approved them to be spent.

<b>Cause</b>	Public Officials allowed the avails of the special one mill levy to be deposited directly into the General Fund without a method of segregating the money until it was lawfully allowed to be spent upon receipt of the Commission's certification.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to segregate the avails of the special one mill levy make it impossible to know when the money was spent, which could result in the money being spent prior to Commission certification allowing the disbursement of those funds.
<b>Recommendation</b>	We recommend the Board of Supervisors keep the avails of the special one mill levy in a separate fund to ensure the monies are not spent prior to certification and approval from the Commission.
<b>Response</b>	The Board of Supervisors did not provide a response to this finding.

#### **Chancery Clerk.**

- The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors should keep and preserve a complete and correct record of all the proceedings and orders of the board.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	§19-3-27, Miss. Code Ann requires that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors keep a complete and correct record of the proceedings and orders of the board, including the names of the members who attend at each meeting, and the names of those who do not attend.
<b>Condition</b>	During our audit, we noted that the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is not listing all attendees in the board minutes.
<b>Cause</b>	The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is not in compliance with the statutory guidance.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to include a listing of attendees in the Board Minutes is not in compliance with the statutory guidance and could lead to individuals being paid for attendance to meetings they did not attend.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors should follow all statutory guidance for information to be included in the Board minutes.
<b>Response</b>	Going forward, we will ensure that all required attendees (members of the board, clerk of the board, sheriff, and board attorney) are listed as either present or absent.

**Tax Collector.**

1. The Tax Collector shall not issue or renew a motor vehicle tag for any individual having delinquent solid waste fees.

**Repeat Finding** No

**Criteria** §19-5-22 Miss. Code Ann. (1972), provides that the Board of Supervisors may notify the Tax Collector of any unpaid fees assessed under §19-5-21 within 90 days after they become due. Upon receipt of said delinquency notice, the Tax Collector shall not issue or renew a motor vehicle road and bridge privilege license for any motor vehicle owned by a person who is delinquent in the payment of fees unless those fees in addition to any other taxes or fees assessed against the motor vehicle are paid. Payment of all delinquent garbage fees shall be deemed a condition of receiving a motor vehicle road and privilege license tag.

**Condition** During the course of our test work, we noted that the Tax Collector is circumventing the delinquency notices and issuing tags to those with delinquent garbage fees in violation of state statute.

**Cause** The Tax Collector issued motor vehicle tags for individuals having delinquent solid waste fees.

**Effect** Allowing the renewal or issuance of a motor vehicle road and bridge privilege license by a person who is delinquent in the payment of garbage fees is in direct violation of state statute, resulting in noncompliance by the Tax Collector.

**Recommendation** The Tax Collector should establish proper procedures and controls to ensure compliance with §19-5-22 Miss. Code Ann. (1972) that no motor vehicle tags are issued for individuals having delinquent garbage fees.

**Response** Tax Collector was issuing tags only to delinquent taxpayers that have made arrangements with the solid waste department and making satisfactory progress each month to bring the account current according to the board of supervisors. Tax Collector will no longer collect on any delinquent solid waste account.

2. The Tax Collector is settling tax receipts not yet collected.

**Repeat Finding** Yes

**Criteria** The Tax Collector should establish appropriate policies, procedures, and controls for the treatment of returned checks received for tax collections such that those amounts are not settled to outside entities. Further, the tax collector should

follow the statutory requirements with regard to auction of property when taxes are not timely paid in full.

<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we found that when checks written for the payment of assessed taxes and fees were returned due to insufficient funds by the bank, the Tax Collector's office allowed taxpayers an extended period of time to repay the funds but settled monies to the applicable entities as if the taxes had been paid in full.
<b>Cause</b>	The Tax Collector did not establish proper policies, procedures, and controls to adequately account for returned checks.
<b>Effect</b>	The Tax Collector is settling funds that are not yet available to be settled and unlawfully extending due dates for taxes due such that those penalties and interest are not being collected and properties are not available for auction in accordance with statute.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Tax Collector should establish proper policies, procedures, and controls to account for the treatment of returned checks such that only collected taxes are settled and penalties and interest are accurately calculated when appropriate.
<b>Response</b>	When a taxpayer check is deemed insufficient for property taxes, the taxpayer is sent notifications and if the taxpayer does not respond in a timely manner (before settlement), the taxes are voided, and taxpayer property will be sold in the tax sale.

**3.** The Tax Collector is not making deposits timely.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	Management is responsible for establishing a proper internal control system to ensure a strong financial accountability and safeguarding of assets and revenues.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we found that the deposits are not being made or recorded in a timely manner. Failure to implement controls over monies collected could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds, delay in the timely reconciliation of bank accounts, and settlement of funds to the appropriate entities.
<b>Cause</b>	Management has not established adequate internal controls for the timely deposit of monies collected in the Tax Collector's Office.
<b>Effect</b>	Inadequate controls for the timely deposit of monies collected could result in loss or misappropriation of public funds and improper revenue recognition.

**Recommendation** Management and the Tax Collector should establish an internal control system to ensure that the deposits are being made and recorded in a timely manner.

**Response** The bookkeeper will make deposit daily. If for some reason the bookkeeper is not available, the assistant bookkeeper will make the deposit.

**4.** The Tax Collector is settling in excess of funds collected.

**Repeat Finding** Yes

**Criteria** Per §27-29-11, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Tax Collector should report “all taxes collected by him during the preceding month for the state, levee, and county respectively” and should “pay over all the taxes collected” to the appropriate entities.

**Condition** During the course of our cash count and related reconciliation, we found that the Tax Collector had insufficient funds available on the date of the cash count to settle all outstanding liabilities. Further, during the course of our physical cash count, we found that two drawers assigned to absent deputies did not contain the beginning funds as reflected in the ledger.

**Cause** The Tax Collector has not established adequate controls over collections to ensure taxes collected, deposited, and recorded are properly accounted for and available to settle amounts due to the appropriate entities.

**Effect** Inadequate controls over collections and the subsequent settlements could result in a shortage of funds available for the settlement of liabilities and improper revenue recognition.

**Recommendation** The Tax Collector should ensure controls over tax collections are properly designed and implemented to assure adequate monies are available for the settlement of amounts due the appropriate entities.

**Response** Cash drawers are counted down each day and if short the clerk is responsible for the shortage and is required to pay the shortage. Clerk can only be short three times in a calendar year, to avoid termination.

**Sheriff.**

**1.** Sheriff’s Office is not performing bank reconciliations.

**Repeat Finding** Yes



<b>Criteria</b>	An effective system of internal controls requires the bank reconciliations be prepared accurately and timely and any identified unreconciled differences be resolved in a timely manner.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we noted that bank reconciliations were not being completed accurately and in a timely manner.
<b>Cause</b>	The Sheriff's department has not established a system of internal control to ensure cash accounts are accurately and timely reconciled.
<b>Effect</b>	Not performing accurate and timely bank reconciliations creates a weakness in the system of internal controls over cash and may result in the loss or misappropriation of county assets.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Sheriff's Office should implement an effective internal control system to increase the accuracy in accounting for receipts and disbursements and to ensure that all bank accounts are reconciled monthly in an accurate and timely manner.
<b>Response</b>	The Sheriff did not provide a response to this finding.

**2.** Sheriff's Office is not making deposits timely.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	Management is responsible for establishing a proper internal control system to ensure a strong financial accountability and safeguarding of assets and revenues.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we found that the deposits are not being made in a timely manner. Failure to implement controls over cash could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds, delay in the timely reconciliation of bank accounts, and settlement of funds to the County.
<b>Cause</b>	The Sheriff's Office did not establish adequate internal controls over the timely deposit of revenue collected.
<b>Effect</b>	Inadequate controls surrounding the timely deposit of revenue collections could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds and improper revenue recognition.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Sheriff's Office should ensure that the deposits are being made in a timely manner.
<b>Response</b>	The Sheriff did not provide a response to this finding.

<b>3.</b>	<u>Sheriff's Office is not making settlements timely.</u>
<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	Management is responsible for establishing a proper internal control system to ensure a strong financial accountability and safeguarding of assets and revenues.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we found that the settlements to the County are not being made in a timely manner. A delay in settlements could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds.
<b>Cause</b>	The Sheriff's Office did not establish adequate internal controls surrounding the settlements made by the Sheriff's Office.
<b>Effect</b>	Inadequate controls surrounding the settlement of revenue collections could result in the loss or misappropriation of public funds and improper revenue recognition.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Sheriff's Office should establish internal control policies and procedures to ensure that the settlements are being made in a timely manner.
<b>Response</b>	The Sheriff did not provide a response to this finding.
<b>4.</b>	<u>The Sheriff should ensure compliance with state law over meal logs being presented to the Board of Supervisors.</u>
<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	§19-25-74, Miss. Code. Ann (1972), requires the Sheriff to maintain a log that records the number of meals served to prisoners at each mealtime and the hours of the day served, and to make affidavit as to the correctness thereof and file the same with the Board of Supervisors on a monthly basis.
<b>Condition</b>	Submission of the monthly meal logs was not documented in the minutes of the Board of Supervisors meetings.
<b>Cause</b>	The Sheriff is not in compliance with statutory guidance for reporting monthly meal logs.
<b>Effect</b>	Failure to file the meal logs as required places the Sheriff in violation of state law.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Sheriff should ensure that monthly meal logs are filed and spread across the minutes of the Board of Supervisors.
<b>Response</b>	The Sheriff did not provide a response to this finding.

## **Payroll Clerk.**

1. Re-hired retirees were not paid in compliance with the Form 4Bs filed with the Mississippi Public Employees Retirement System (PERS).

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	Section 25-1-127, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) provides that as a PERS retiree, a PERS Form 4B "Certification/Acknowledgement of Reemployment of Retiree" must be filed within 5 days of employment. If an employee decides to return to employment with a covered employer after they retire, the employee and the employer must notify PERS in writing within five days of the reemployment date and provide the conditions under which he/she is being reemployed. Notification must be repeated each new fiscal year of post-retirement employment.
<b>Condition</b>	During fiscal year 2019, there were eleven (11) total re-hired retirees. Of the eleven (11), one (1) retiree was paid in excess of the allowed salary as reported on the filed Form 4B. Additionally, one (1) individual did not have a Form 4B on file.
<b>Cause</b>	The County did not comply with Section 25-11-127, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972).
<b>Effect</b>	The failure to comply with the reemployment conditions as reported on PERS Form 4B could jeopardize the provisions for reemployment.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The County should timely and accurately file PERS Form 4Bs for all re-hired retirees and ensure that the statutory conditions for reemployment are met.
<b>Response</b>	Currently, all retirees have either a Form 4B or 9C on file. We will work to inform all current and future retirees of their work and salary limits conditional of being reemployed.

## **Solid Waste Department.**

1. The Solid Waste Department is not performing bank reconciliations.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	An effective system of internal controls requires the bank reconciliations be prepared accurately and timely and any identified unreconciled differences be resolved in a timely manner.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we noted that bank reconciliations were not being completed accurately and in a timely manner.

<b>Cause</b>	Management has not established internal control policies and procedures, so bank accounts are accurately and timely reconciled to internal accounting records.
<b>Effect</b>	Not performing accurate and timely bank reconciliations creates a weakness in the system of internal controls over cash and may result in the loss or misappropriation of county assets.
<b>Recommendation</b>	In order to support an effective internal control system in the accounting for receipts and disbursements, the Solid Waste Department should ensure that all bank accounts are reconciled correctly and monthly in a timely manner.
<b>Response</b>	The Solid Waste Department did not provide a response to this finding.
<b>2.</b>	<u>The Solid Waste Department has inadequate controls over collections.</u>
<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	A properly designed and implemented system of internal controls should require that all those employees performing collection duties for an entity or department use separate cash drawers. Also, the entity or department should limit the number of individuals being granted collection authority.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our testing, we noted that one cash drawer is used for all collections, despite multiple individuals performing those collections at various times.
<b>Cause</b>	The entity or department has not established adequate controls over the cash collection process.
<b>Effect</b>	Inadequate controls surrounding revenue collections could result in loss or misappropriation of assets and improper revenue recognition. Utilization of only one cash drawer by multiple individuals limits individual responsibility.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Solid Waste Department should implement an effective system of internal controls over the revenue collection process.
<b>Response</b>	The Solid Waste Department did not provide a response to this finding.
<b>3.</b>	<u>The Solid Waste Department has inadequate controls over the collection and receipting process.</u>
<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	Management is responsible for establishing a proper internal control system to ensure a strong financial accountability and safeguarding of assets and revenue.

<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we noted multiple days with voided transactions as well as multiple days where the reported collections per the computer system could not be reconciled to the amount of the deposit.
<b>Cause</b>	Management has not established adequate internal controls surrounding the reconciliation of collections reported to deposits made of revenue collected in the Solid Waste department.
<b>Effect</b>	Inadequate controls over the revenue collection process could result in the loss or misappropriation assets and improper revenue recognition.
<b>Recommendation</b>	The Solid Waste Department should implement an effective system of internal controls over the accounting and reporting process to ensure that collections are being properly recorded and reported so monies deposited can be appropriately and timely reconciled to internal records.
<b>Response</b>	The Solid Waste Department did not provide a response to this finding.

#### **County Jail.**

**1.** County Jail is not performing bank reconciliations.

<b>Repeat Finding</b>	Yes
<b>Criteria</b>	An effective system of internal controls requires the bank reconciliations be prepared accurately and timely and any identified unreconciled differences be resolved in a timely manner.
<b>Condition</b>	During the course of our test work, we noted that bank reconciliations were not being completed accurately and in a timely manner.
<b>Cause</b>	The County has not established adequate controls over cash accounts to ensure accounts are reconciled accurately and timely.
<b>Effect</b>	Not performing accurate and timely bank reconciliations creates a weakness in the system of internal controls over cash and may result in the loss or misappropriation of county assets.
<b>Recommendation</b>	In order to support an effective internal control system in the accounting for receipts and disbursements, the management at the County Jail should ensure that all bank accounts are reconciled correctly and monthly in a timely manner.
<b>Response</b>	The County Jail did not provide a response to this finding.

Leflore County's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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## **LEFLORE COUNTY**

### **SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

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**For the Year Ended September 30, 2019**

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

**Financial Statements:**

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|---|---------------|
| 1. Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements: |               |
| Governmental activities   | Unmodified    |
| Aggregate discretely presented component unit                   | Unmodified    |
| General Fund  | Unmodified    |
| Road and Bridge Fund  | Unmodified    |
| Bridge and Culvert Fund   | Unmodified    |
| GO PI Bonds Series 2017 Fund                                    | Unmodified    |
| Aggregate remaining fund information                            | Unmodified    |
| 2. Internal control over financial reporting:                   |               |
| a. Material weaknesses identified?                              | No            |
| b. Significant deficiency identified?                           | None Reported |
| 3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?    | 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*.