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CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SPECIAL REPORTS

SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2020, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in appropriate operational, economic or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Omission of Required Supplementary Information

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

Supplementary and Other Information

The Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees for the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Requirements Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 16, 2021, on our consideration of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City of Lucedale, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Emphasis of Matter

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

Windham and Lacey, PLLC

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March 16, 2021

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Program Cash Receipts				Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Change in Net Cash Position					
		Fines, Fees	Operating	Capital						
	Cash Disbursements	and Charges for Services	Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total			
Functions/Programs	210041101100	101 201 (1003			11001110105	11001110105				
Governmental Activities:										
General government	\$ 699,726				(699,726)		(699,726)			
Public safety	1,659,416	95,141	17,634		(1,546,641)		(1,546,641)			
Public works	1,692,753	202,383	28,954	71,228	(1,390,188)		(1,390,188)			
Health and welfare		21,960			21,960		21,960			
Culture and recreation	329,175			1,075	(328,100)		(328,100)			
Economic development	45,454				(45,454)		(45,454)			
Total Governmental Activities	4,426,524	319,484	46,588	72,303	(3,988,149)	0	(3,988,149)			
Business-type Activities:										
Water/Sewer	1,429,064	703,478		380,273		(345,313)	(345,313)			
Total Business-type Activities	1,429,064	703,478	0	380,273	0	(345,313)	(345,313)			
Total Government	\$ 5,855,588	1,022,962	46,588	452,576	(3,988,149)	(345,313)	(4,333,462)			
	General Receipts									
	Taxes:									
	Property taxes			S	418,961		418,961			
	Road & bridge	privilege taxes			184,431		184,431			
	Sales tax	1 3			2,490,569		2,490,569			
	Franchise taxes	}			179,498		179,498			
	Grants and contr	ributions not restric	eted to specific pro	grams	22,861		22,861			
	Unrestricted inve		1 1		96,287	17,746	114,033			
	Miscellaneous				83,729		83,729			
	Proceeds from d	ebt			515,070		515,070			
	Transfers				(121,950)	121,950				
	Total General	Receipts			3,869,456	139,696	4,009,152			
	Change in Net	Cash Position			(118,693)	(205,617)	(324,310)			
		tion - Beginning			4,054,865	815,292	4,870,157			
	Net Cash Posit	ion - Ending		\$	3,936,172	609,675	4,545,847			

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI (Continued) Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2020 **ASSETS** Cash and cash equivalents 3,795,243 750,604 Restricted cash **Total Assets** \$ 4,545,847 **NET CASH POSITION** Restricted: Restricted for unemployment compensation \$ 9,001 Restricted for meter deposits 86,261 Restricted for public safety 100,633 Restricted for culture and recreation 320,315 234,394 Restricted for debt 3,795,243 Unrestricted **Total Net Cash Position** \$ 4,545,847

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

Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances Governmental and Business-type Funds As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Business-type Governmental Activities Activities Major Fund Major Fund T.I.F. Walt Non-Major Water/Sewer General Massey **Fund** Fund **Funds Total Fund** RECEIPTS \$ 418,961 418,961 Ad valorem taxes License and permits 201,458 201,458 Intergovernmental revenues 2,750,024 66,728 3,331,822 380,273 Charges for services 202,383 202,383 Water and sewer utility 703,478 Fines and forfeits 95,141 95,141 Interest income 86,971 9,316 96,287 17,746 Miscellaneous revenue 71,722 12,007 83,729 3,826,660 0 88,051 4,429,781 1,101,497 **Total Receipts** DISBURSEMENTS General government 696,970 696,970 1,620,897 1,621,897 Public safety 1,000 1,228,481 Public works 1,228,481 Culture and recreation 260,876 325,974 65,098 Economic development 45,454 45,454 Water and sewer utility: Personal services 327,304 Supplies 738,294 Contractual services 230,447 **Total Disbursements** 3,852,678 0 66,098 3,918,776 1,296,045 Excess of Receipts Over 21,953 (Under) Disbursements (26,018)0 511,005 (194,548)

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Statement of Cash Basis Assets and Fund Balances and

Cash Receipts, Disbursements and Changes in Cash Basis Fund Balances

Governmental and Business-type Funds

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	(Activities				
	N	Major Fund				Major Fund
	_	General Fund	T.I.F. Walt Massey Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Water/Sewer Fund
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)						
Capital outlay Proceeds from debt Bond issue costs		(43,877)	(463,870) 531,000 (15,930)		(507,747)	(91,597)
Principal paid on bonds						(31,923)
Interest paid on loans						(9,499)
Transfers in (out) to other funds	_	(95,750)	(51,200)	25,000	(121,950)	121,950
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	_	(139,627)	0	25,000	(629,697)	(11,069)
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash				4.0.00	4440 - 202	/20.2
Sources Over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses		(165,645)	0	46,953	(118,692)	(205,617)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	_	3,692,355	0	362,509	4,054,864	815,292
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$_	3,526,710	0	409,462	3,936,172	609,675
CASH BASIS ASSETS - End of Year						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,430,204		76,019	3,506,223	289,020
Restricted cash	_	96,506		333,443	429,949	320,655
Total Cash Basis Assets	\$_	3,526,710	0	409,462	3,936,172	609,675
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - End of Year Restricted:						
Restricted for unemployment compensation	\$			9,001	9,001	
Restricted for culture and recreation	7			320,315	320,315	
Restricted for public safety		96,506		4,127	100,633	
Restricted for meter deposits						86,261
Restricted for debt						234,394
Unassigned	_	3,430,204		76,019	3,506,223	289,020
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$_	3,526,710	0	409,462	3,936,172	609,675

Business-type

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

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

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

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

B. Government-wide and Fund Financial Statements.

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

The City combines the Statement of Activities and Statement of Net Cash Position.

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

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

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

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

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

The government reports the following major Governmental Funds:

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

The *T.I.F. Walt Massey Fund* accounts for and reports financial resources that are committed to expenditures for capital outlays for a construction project.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

The government reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

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

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

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

D. Assets and Net Assets or Equity.

1. Cash and Investments.

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

2. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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

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

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted".

Fund Financial Statements:

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

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

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

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

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

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

E. Property Tax Receipts.

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

The Board of Aldermen, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien on March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At year-end, the City's carrying amount of deposits was \$4,545,847 and the bank balance was \$4,565,147. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the City's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits and Investments: Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a failure of a financial institution, the City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the City. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on the behalf of the City.

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

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

(3) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description: The City of Lucedale, Mississippi contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, at 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy: PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the City is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS' members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The City's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$316,957, \$260,304 and \$247,645, respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

(4) Tax Abatements.

For the year beginning October 1, 2016, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) implemented Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*. This statement requires governmental entities to disclose the reduction in tax revenues resulting from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forego tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

As of September 30, 2020, the City has not entered into any tax abatement agreements.

(5) Subsequent Events.

Events that occur after the Statement of Net Cash Position date but before the financial statements are available to be issued must be evaluated for recognition or disclosure. The effects of subsequent events that provide evidence about conditions that existed at the Statement of Net Cash Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the City evaluated the activity of the City through March 16, 2021, and determined that no subsequent event has occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual General Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS				<u> </u>	
Ad valorem taxes	\$	376,800	376,800	418,961	42,161
License and permits		213,000	213,000	201,458	(11,542)
Intergovernmental revenues		2,545,100	2,545,100	2,750,024	204,924
Charges for services		191,000	191,000	202,383	11,383
Fines and forfeits		90,000	90,000	95,141	5,141
Interest income		89,490	89,490	86,971	(2,519)
Miscellaneous revenue		73,000	73,000	71,722	(1,278)
Total Receipts		3,578,390	3,578,390	3,826,660	248,270
EXPENDITURES					
General government		760,200	760,200	696,970	63,230
Public safety		1,921,080	1,923,080	1,620,897	302,183
Public works		1,330,550	1,330,550	1,228,481	102,069
Culture and recreation		298,030	336,713	260,876	75,837
Economic development		71,500	71,500	45,454	26,046
Capital outlay				43,877	(43,877)
Transfers				95,750	(95,750)
Total Expenditures	_	4,381,360	4,422,043	3,992,305	429,738
Excess of Receipts					
Over (Under) Expenditures	_	(802,970)	(843,653)	(165,645)	678,008
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(802,970)	(843,653)	(165,645)	678,008
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning		(842,068)	(842,068)	3,692,355	1,206,569
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$	(1,645,038)	(1,685,721)	3,526,710	1,884,577

The accompanying notes to the required supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

A. Budgetary Information.

Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Aldermen of the City, using historical and anticipated fiscal data, prepares an original budget for the General Fund for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes every source of revenue, each general item of expenditure, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Aldermen that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

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

B. Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) presents the original adopted budget, the final adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary (Non-GAAP) basis and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

	Outstanding Balance			Outstanding Balance
	Sept. 30, 2019	9 Additions	Reductions	Sept. 30, 2020
Governmental Activities: T.I.F. Bond - Walt Massey	\$	531,000	0	531,000
Business-type Activities: CAP loan	489,798	3 0	(31,923)	457,875
Total Long-term Liabilities	\$ 489,798	531,000	(31,923)	988,875

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Capital Assets - UNAUDITED For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

Governmental Activities

	-	Beginning Balance	Increases	Transfers and Decreases	Ending Balance
Land	\$	471,419			471,419
Construction in progress			463,870		463,870
Buildings		2,916,078			2,916,078
Improvements other than buildings		1,948,928			1,948,928
Streets		1,916,463			1,916,463
Bridges		9,920			9,920
Machinery and equipment	-	2,718,064	43,877		2,761,941
Governmental Activities Capital Assets	\$_	9,980,872	507,747	0	10,488,619

CITY OF LUCEDALE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees - UNAUDITED September 30, 2020

Name	Covered Position	Company	 Amount
Darwin Nelson	Mayor	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Alfred Jones	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Carrie Moulds	Alderwoman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Jason Martin	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Louis Valentine	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
James Redd	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Laura Maples	City Clerk	Travelers Casualty & Surety	\$ 50,000
Laura Maples	City Clerk	FCCI Insurance	\$ 160,000
Kellum Fairley	Police Chief	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Various	Dispatchers, each	Old Republic Surety	\$ 10,000
Natasha Pipkins	Deputy Court Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 10,000
Miranda Weaver	Bus Driver	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Doris Cook	Deputy Court Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Tammy Oldenquist	Deputy City Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Brandi Havard	Deputy Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Lorie Breland	Utility Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Miranda Dickey	Deputy Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Tina McCraney	Deputy City Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000
Marla Farmer	Deputy City Clerk	Old Republic Surety	\$ 50,000

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

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

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 16, 2021.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the City's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Lucedale, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated March 16, 2021. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the procedures prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the City's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with certain state laws and regulations and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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March 16, 2021

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

Schedule of Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

- 1. Type of auditor's report issued on the primary government financial statements: Unmodified
- 2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a. Material weaknesses identified?
 - b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None Reported
- 3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?

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*.