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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**SEPTEMBER 30, 2020** 

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### FINANCIAL SECTION

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### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen Town of Pelahatchie, 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 Town of Pelahatchie, 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.

### Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

### Other Required Supplementary Information

The Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, the Schedule of Investments - All Funds, the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees for the Town of Pelahatchie, 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.

#### **Emphasis of Matter**

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

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Windham and Lacey, PLLC May 1, 2023

### FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

			Pı	ogram Cash Reco	eipts		ments) Receipts an in Net Position	d Changes
	п	Cash isbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs		is our sements	Bervices	contributions	contributions			1000
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$	593,138	19,287	2,569		(571,282)		(571,282)
Public safety		714,104	810,381	,	29,125	125,402		125,402
Public works		282,820				(282,820)		(282,820)
Culture and recreation		10				(10)		(10)
Economic development					3,600	3,600		3,600
Interest on long-term debt		47,012				(47,012)		(47,012)
Total Governmental Activities		1,637,084	829,668	2,569	32,725	(772,122)	0	(772,122)
Business-type Activities:								
Water/sewer		745,867	709,470				(36,397)	(36,397)
Total Business-type Activities		745,867	709,470	0	0	0	(36,397)	(36,397)
Total Government	\$	2,382,951	1,539,138	2,569	32,725	(772,122)	(36,397)	(808,519)
		neral Receipts						
		axes:						
		roperty taxes			e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e e	\$ 475,213		475,213
		ales tax				399,564		399,564
		ranchise taxes		. 1		34,101		34,101
				cted to specific pro	ograms	59,683	210	59,683
		nrestricted inves	stment income			937	218	1,155
		liscellaneous ransfers				143,785	41	143,826
			agginta			(1,243)	1,243 1,502	1 112 542
		Total General R	ecerpts			1,112,040	1,502	1,113,542
		Change in Net F	Position			339,918	(34,895)	305,023
		Net Position - B	eginning			859,115	226,734	1,085,849
		Net Position - E	nding		5	\$ 1,199,033	191,839	1,390,872

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

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash		56,578 34,294
Total Assets	\$3	90,872
NET POSITION		
Restricted:		
Restricted for unemployment compensation	\$	4,936
Restricted for public safety	1,25	88,750
Restricted for culture and recreation		16,176
Restricted for meter deposits		24,432
Unrestricted		56,578
Total Net Position	\$3	90,872

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

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

	Governmental Activities					
	Μ	ajor Funds		_		
		General Fund	Police Seizure Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Water/Sewer Funds
RECEIPTS						
Ad valorem taxes	\$	475,213			475,213	
License and permits		19,287			19,287	
Franchise taxes on utilities		34,101			34,101	
Grand Gulf payments in lieu of tax		26,278			26,278	
Intergovernmental revenues:						
Federal revenues:						
Grants		32,740			32,740	
State shared revenues:						
Sales taxes		399,564			399,564	
Grants		3,600			3,600	
General municipal aid		665			665	
Local shared revenues:						
Forfeiture revenues		2,569		29,125	31,694	
Local grants						
Charges for services:						
Garbage		71,607			71,607	
Water and sewer utility						674,890
Fines and forfeits		69,746	669,028		738,774	
Interest income		143	765	29	937	218
Miscellaneous revenue		141,285		2,500	143,785	34,621
Total Receipts		1,276,798	669,793	31,654	1,978,245	709,729

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

	Governmental	Business-type Activities			
	<b>Major Funds</b>	_			
	General Fund	Police Seizure Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Water/Sewer Funds
DISBURSEMENTS					
General government	453,090			453,090	
Public safety	606,806	11,800	14,346	632,952	
Public works	231,527			231,527	
Culture and recreation			10	10	
Water and sewer utility:					
Personal services					243,082
Supplies					35,543
Utilities					120,251
Other services and charges					279,567
Total Disbursements	1,291,423	11,800	14,356	1,317,579	678,443
Excess of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	(14,625)	657,993	17,298	660,666	31,286
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Purchase of capital assets	(106,597)	(72,036)	(6,010)	(184,643)	(13,000)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(87,850)			(87,850)	(40,488)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(47,012)			(47,012)	(13,936)
Transfers in (out) to other funds	(7,287)		6,044	(1,243)	1,243
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	(248,746)	(72,036)	34	(320,748)	(66,181)

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

	Govern	mental Activities			Business-type Activities
	Major F				
	Gen F	Police eral Seizure und Fund	Non-Major	Total	Water/Sewer Funds
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources Over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses	(263,2	371) 585,957	17,332	339,918	(34,895)
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	157.	.478 666,797	34,840	859,115	226,734
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$ (105,8	393) 1,252,754	52,172	1,199,033	191,839
CASH BASIS ASSETS - End of Year					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ (110,8	329)		(110,829)	167,407
Restricted cash	4	.936 1,252,754	52,172	1,309,862	24,432
Total Cash Basis Assets	\$ (105,8	393) 1,252,754	52,172	1,199,033	191,839
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - End of Year					
Restricted for public safety	\$	1,252,754	35,996	1,288,750	
Restricted for culture and recreation			16,176	16,176	
Restricted for unemployment	4.	,936		4,936	
Restricted for meter deposits					24,432
Unassigned	(110,8	329)		(110,829)	167,407
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$(105,8	393) 1,252,754	52,172	1,199,033	191,839

The accompanying 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 Town of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, (the Town) was incorporated in June, 1904. The Town 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 Town 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 revenues, are reported separately from *business-type activities*, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

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

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses 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*.

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 expenditures 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 they are 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 *Police Seizure Fund* is a special revenue fund which accounts for funds seized from criminal activities to be used for public safety expenditures.

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

The Town reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

The Water/Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of providing water and sewer services to citizens of the Town.

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 Position 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. Fund Equity.

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 54, *Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions*, the Town classifies governmental fund balances as follows:

**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** - Includes positive fund balance with the General Fund which has not been classified within the abovementioned categories and negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

The Town uses restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unassigned fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as a grant agreement requiring dollar for dollar spending.

### (2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At year-end, the Town's carrying amount of deposits was \$1,390,872 and the bank balance was \$1,676,272. 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 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 Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits and Investments: Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a failure of a financial institution, the Town will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the Town. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2020, the amount of the Town's bank balance of \$1,676,272 was exposed to custodial risk.

Interest Rate Risk: The Town 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 Town 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 Town of Pelahatchie, 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, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy: PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The prior rate is 15.75% and the current rate as of June 2019 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 Town's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2020, 2019 and 2018 were \$91,850, \$74,762 and \$91,634, respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.

### **REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

### TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE, 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	¢			175 010	7 702
Ad valorem taxes	\$	467,511	467,511	475,213	7,702
Road and bridge tax		52,000	52,000	<b>71</b> (07	(52,000)
Charges for services		151,255	151,255	71,607	(79,648)
License and permits		16,000	16,000	19,287	3,287
Franchise taxes		40,000	40,000	34,101	(5,899)
Intergovernmental receipts		390,000	390,000	439,138	49,138
In lieu of taxes		27,000	27,000	26,278	(722)
Fines and forfeits		118,410	118,410	69,746	(48,664)
Miscellaneous	—	84,515	84,515	141,428	56,913
Total Receipts	_	1,346,691	1,346,691	1,276,798	(69,893)
EXPENDITURES					
General government		507,775	507,775	453,090	54,685
Public safety		726,727	726,727	606,806	119,921
Public works		325,486	325,486	231,527	93,959
Debt service:		,	,	,	,
Principal				87,850	(87,850)
Interest				47,012	(47,012)
Total Expenditures	_	1,559,988	1,559,988	1,426,285	133,703
Excess of Receipts					
Over (Under) Expenditures	_	(213,297)	(213,297)	(149,487)	63,810
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Reimbursement for debt repayment		(62,204)	(62,204)		62,204
Capital expenditure				(106,597)	(106,597)
Transfers	_	40,000	40,000	(7,287)	(47,287)
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	_	(22,204)	(22,204)	(113,884)	(91,680)
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(235,501)	(235,501)	(263,371)	(27,870)
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	958,409	958,409	157,478	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	722,908	722,908	(105,893)	(27,870)

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

### TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual Police Seizure Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS	-				
Fines and forfeits	\$	572,451	572,451	669,028	96,577
Interest		250	250	765	515
Total Receipts	-	572,701	572,701	669,793	97,092
EXPENDITURES					
Public safety		50,000	50,000	11,800	(38,200)
Total Expenditures	-	50,000	50,000	11,800	(38,200)
Excess of Receipts					
Over (Under) Expenditures	-	522,701	522,701	657,993	135,292
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Purchase of capital assets				(72,036)	(72,036)
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	-	0	0	(72,036)	(72,036)
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		522,701	522,701	585,957	63,256
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	-	0	0	666,797	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	522,701	522,701	1,252,754	63,256

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 UNAUDITED

### 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 Town, 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 Town'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 schedules are presented for the General Fund and the Police Seizure Fund.

### C. Budget Reconciliation.

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements are prepared on the basis of cash receipts and disbursements which is the same as the basis used for budget preparation.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

Description		Outstanding Balance Sept. 30, 2019	Redeemed	Outstanding Balance Sept. 30, 2020
Bond Issues:				
2010 general obligation bond issue	\$	620,000	45,000	575,000
Total General Obligation Bonds	-	620,000	45,000	575,000
Other Long-term Debt:				
State of Mississippi - CAP loan		89,219	12,003	77,216
State of Mississippi - CAP loan		158,550	17,094	141,456
State of Mississippi - CAP loan - sewer improvements		638,405	28,485	609,920
State of Mississippi - CAP loan - Multicraft		503,483	24,159	479,324
PriorityOne loan		19,840	1,597	18,243
Total Other Long-term Debt	-	1,409,497	83,338	1,326,159
Total Long-term Debt	\$	2,029,497	128,338	1,901,159

### TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Investments - All Funds - UNAUDITED September 30, 2020

		Balance
Special Revenue Fund:	¢	52 011
.40% Certificate of Deposit, dated September 2, 2020, due 365 days after date	\$	52,911
Total Special Revenue Fund Investments		52,911
Enterprise Fund:		
.35% Certificate of Deposit, dated November 13, 2019, due 365 days after date		24,432
.35% Certificate of Deposit, dated March 28, 2020, due 365 days after date		5,723
Total Enterprise Fund Investments		30,155
Employment Security Fund:		
.40% Certificate of Deposit, dated August 27, 2020, due 365 days after date		4,936
Total Employment Security Fund Investments		4,936
Total All Funds	\$	88,002

## TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Capital Assets - UNAUDITED For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

		Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Adjustments	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities						
Capital Assets:						
Land	\$	337,148				337,148
Construction in progress		571,617	103,491		(147,435)	527,673
Buildings and improvements other than buildings		5,824,767				5,824,767
Machinery and equipment	_	1,605,782	81,152		147,435	1,834,369
	-					
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets	\$	8,339,314	184,643	0	0	8,523,957
Business-type Activities Capital Assets:						
Land	\$	26,318				26,318
Construction in progress	Ψ	404,512			(404,512)	20,510
Machinery and equipment		335,347	13,000	15,199	(101,012)	333,148
Water/sewer infrastructure		4,941,915	,	,,		4,941,915
Water/sewer improvements	-	453,496			404,512	858,008
Total Business-type Activities Capital Assets	\$	6,161,588	13,000	15,199	0	6,159,389

## TOWN OF PELAHATCHIE, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees - UNAUDITED September 30, 2020

Name	Position	Company		Coverage
Frank Boyd	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$	50,000
James Ray Harrell	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$	50,000
Michael Adams	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$	50,000
Edward E. Jones	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$	50,000
Margie A. Warren	Alderwoman	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$	50,000
Ryshonda Beechem	Mayor	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$	50,000
OPEN	Town Clerk	Western Surety	\$	50,000
Barbara Harper	Deputy Clerk	Western Surety	\$	50,000
Ruby Burns	Human Resources Director	Western Surety	\$	50,000
Joseph Daughtry	Police Chief	Western Surety	\$	50,000
Karl Vanhorn	Police Captain	Western Surety	\$	50,000
Open	Court Clerk	Western Surety	\$	50,000
Various	Police Dispatcher	Western Surety	\$	50,000

SPECIAL REPORT

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### INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Pelahatchie, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated May 1, 2023. 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 Town's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures and our audit of the basic financial statements disclosed the following instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

### 1. Finding

### Annual Audit

*Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972)*, states "The governing authority of every municipality in the state shall have the municipal books audited annually, before the close of the next succeeding fiscal year, in accordance with procedures and reporting requirements prescribed by the State Auditor." The Town did not comply with this requirement.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend the Town of Pelahatchie complete the annual audit report in a timely manner.

### Town's Response

We are aware of this issue and have taken steps to have the annual audit completed.

### 2. <u>Finding</u>

### Municipal Depositories

Section 21-105-353 and Section 27-105-363, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), require the municipality to advertise for municipal depositories every two years. We could find no evidence that the Town complied with these requirements.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend the Town of Pelahatchie advertise for municipal depositories.

### Town's Response

We are aware of this issue and have taken steps to correct.

### 3. <u>Finding</u>

### Purchasing Laws

Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires purchases from \$5,000.00 to \$50,000.00 to have two written quotes. The Town was not in compliance with this requirement.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend the Town of Pelahatchie obtain two written quotes for purchases over \$5,000.00.

### Town's Response

We are aware of this issue and have taken steps to correct.

### 4. <u>Finding</u>

### Municipal Compliance Questionnaire

Section 21-35-31 (1), Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires municipalities to complete the municipal compliance questionnaire. The Town was not in compliance with this requirement.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend the Town of Pelahatchie to complete the municipal compliance questionnaire yearly.

### Town's Response

We are aware of this issue and have taken steps to correct.

### 5. <u>Finding</u>

### Annual inventory of fixed assets

The Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide established by the Office of the State Auditor requires the municipality to conduct an annual inventory of its assets and to properly tag them. We could find no evidence that the Town complied with these requirements.

### **Recommendation**

We recommend the Town of Pelahatchie to complete an annual asset inventory and tag its assets.

### Town's Response

We are aware of this issue and have taken steps to correct.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Windham and Lacey, PLLC May 1, 2023

## SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

### Schedule of Findings and Responses For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

### Section 1: Summary of Auditors' Results

### Financial Statements:

1.	Type of auditors' report issued on the primary government financial statements:		Unmodified
2.	Internal control over financial reporting:		
	a.	Material weaknesses identified?	Yes
	b.	Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None Reported
3.	Noncompliance material to the financial statements?		No

### Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

### Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

### 2020-001. Reconciliation of Interfund Transactions

Repeat Finding: Yes; 2018-002, 2019-001

### Finding

The Town engages in transactions between funds by either making loans between funds or by transferring money between funds. Such transactions are made for a variety of reasons including moving money the State deposits into the General Fund to the correct fund and for short-term loans to finance grant related projects for which grant payments have not yet been received. While such transactions are necessary, good internal control requires the Town to maintain adequate records to document the transactions and to periodically reconcile the transactions between the various funds. Transfers to one fund should result in a transfer from another fund that should offset. For the current year, there was no such documentation or reconciliation provided.

### **Recommendation**

The Town Clerk should keep records of interfund transactions that would allow easy identification of the amounts and funds involved, and those transactions should be reconciled between funds periodically.

### **Response**

The Board of Aldermen will comply with the recommendations made in this finding.

## AUDITEE'S SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

### Summary of Prior Year Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

### 2019-001. Reconciliation of Interfund Transactions.

- Condition: The Town engages in transactions between funds by either making loans between funds or by transferring money between funds. Such transactions are made for a variety of reasons including moving money the State deposits into the General Fund to the correct fund and for short-term loans to finance grant related projects for which grant payments have not yet been received. While such transactions are necessary, good internal control requires the Town to maintain adequate records to document the transactions and to periodically reconcile the transactions between the various funds. Transfers to one fund should result in a transfer from another fund that should offset. For the current year, there was no such documentation or reconciliation provided.
- Status: We will take steps to strengthen our internal control procedures over transfers.

### 2019-002. Accountability of Cash.

Condition: The bank accounts were not reconciled on a timely basis.

Status: Corrected in 2020.