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# TOWN OF TERRY, MISSISSIPPI AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SPECIAL REPORT

**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 Terry, 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 Terry, 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 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 Town of Terry, 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 Town of Terry, 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 Investments-All Funds, the Schedule of Capital Assets, and the Schedule of Surety Bonds and Fidelity Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees for the Town of Terry, 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 Terry, 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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October 31, 2022

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

		Pr	ogram Cash Rece	eipts	,	ements) Receipts an Net Cash Position	d Changes
	Cash Disbursements	Fines, Fees and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Functions/Programs							
Governmental Activities:							
	\$ 373,691	27,767			(345,924)		(345,924)
Public safety	320,765			6,413	(314,352)		(314,352)
Public works	117,549	12,300			(105,249)		(105,249)
Interest on long-term debt	8,793				(8,793)		(8,793)
Total Governmental Activities	820,798	40,067	0	6,413	(774,318)	0	(774,318)
Business-type Activities:							
Water, sewer and garbage	358,625	515,387				156,762	156,762
Interest on long-term debt	12,819	213,307				(12,819)	(12,819)
Total Business-type Activities	371,444	515,387	0	0	0	143,943	143,943
Total Government	\$ 1,192,242	555,454	0	6,413	(774,318)	143,943	(630,375)
	General Receipts						
	Taxes:						
	Property taxes			(	\$ 428,413		428,413
	Sales tax				256,328		256,328
	Franchise taxes	8			36,285		36,285
	Grants and conta	ributions not restri	icted to specific pro	ograms	51,382		51,382
	Unrestricted inv	estment income			199	672	871
	Miscellaneous r	evenue			3,649		3,649
	Transfers in (ou	t)			116,893	(116,893)	
	Total General	Receipts			893,149	(116,221)	776,928
	Change in Net	Cash Position			118,831	27,722	146,553
		tion - Beginning			353,960	264,228	618,188
	Net Cash Posi	tion - Ending			472,791	291,950	764,741

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## **Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis**

As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2020

ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	503,282
Restricted cash	· <u> </u>	261,459
Total Assets	\$	764,741
NET CASH POSITION		
Restricted:		
Restricted for debt service	\$	18,240
Restricted for public safety		25,218
Restricted for public works		64,696
Restricted for culture and recreation		153,305
Unrestricted		503,282
Total Net Cash Position	\$	764,741

The accompanying 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

	Governmental Activities					
	Major Funds		Non-Major Funds		Major Fund	
	General Fund	Cemetery Fund	Fire Protection Fund	Total	Water, Sewer and Garbage Fund	
RECEIPTS						
Ad valorem taxes \$	428,413			428,413		
Franchise taxes on utilities	36,285			36,285		
License, permits, fines and fees	27,767			27,767		
Intergovernmental revenues:						
State shared revenues:						
Sales tax	256,328			256,328		
Homestead exemption reimbursement	14,062			14,062		
General municipal aid	530			530		
Gasoline tax	2,790			2,790		
Fire rebate	6,413			6,413		
Grand Gulf	8,869			8,869		
Liquor tax	900			900		
Modernization income	23,643			23,643		
Other aid	587			587		
Charges for services:						
Water, sewer and garbage					515,387	
Cemetery		12,300		12,300		
Interest income		199		199	672	
Miscellaneous revenue	3,649			3,649		
Total Receipts	810,236	12,499	0	822,735	516,059	

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 A	Activities			Business-type Activities
	Major Funds		Non-Major Funds		Major Fund
	General Fund	Cemetery Fund	Fire Protection Fund	Total	Water, Sewer and Garbage Fund
DISBURSEMENTS		_			
General government	358,853			358,853	
Public safety	309,536			309,536	
Public works	90,340	27,209		117,549	
Water, sewer and garbage:					
Maintenance, repairs and sanitation fees					288,014
Utilities					9,777
Total Disbursements	758,729	27,209	0	785,938	297,791
Excess of Receipts Over					
(Under) Disbursements	51,507	(14,710)	0	36,797	218,268
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Principal paid on loans and lease purchases	(19,713)			(19,713)	(55,243)
Interest paid on loans and lease purchases	(8,793)			(8,793)	(12,819)
Capital outlay	(6,353)			(6,353)	(5,591)
Transfers	83,410	27,209	6,274	116,893	(116,893)
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	48,551	27,209	6,274	82,034	(190,546)

#### TOWN OF TERRY, 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

	G	overnmental Ac	ctivities			Business-type Activities
			Non-Major Funds		Major Funds	
		General Fund	Cemetery Fund	Fire Protection Fund	Total	Water, Sewer and Garbage Fund
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources Over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses		100,058	12,499	6,274	118,831	27,722
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	_	282,819	52,197	18,944	353,960	264,228
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$	382,877	64,696	25,218	472,791	291,950
CASH BASIS ASSETS - End of Year Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	\$	229,572 153,305	64,696	25,218	229,572 243,219	273,710 18,240
Total Cash Basis Assets	\$	382,877	64,696	25,218	472,791	291,950
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - End of Year Restricted: Restricted for debt service Restricted for public safety Restricted for public works Restricted for culture and recreation Unassigned	\$	153,305 229,572	64,696	25,218	25,218 64,696 153,305 229,572	18,240 273,710
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$	382,877	64,696	25,218	472,791	291,950

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 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 receipts, 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 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 *cemetery fund* accounts for activities for the operations of the Town cemetery.

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

The government reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

The water, sewer and garbage fund accounts for the activities of providing water, sewer and garbage 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 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. 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. The Town has \$261,459 reported as restricted cash basis fund balances.

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

#### (2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At year-end, the Town's carrying amount of deposits was \$764,741 and the bank balance was \$774,450. 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 the behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2020, none of the Town's bank balance of \$774,450 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 Terry 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 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 Town joined PERS in July of 2017. The Town's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2018, 2019, and 2020 were \$39,024, \$42,053 and \$52,805 respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.

#### (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.

The Terry Board of Aldermen and the Hinds County Board of Supervisors negotiates property tax abatements on an individual basis. The Town has no tax abatement agreements with any entity as of September 30, 2020.

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

#### (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 Town evaluated the activity of the Town through October 31, 2022, and determined that the following events occurred subsequent to the Statement of Net Cash Position date requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

Issue Date	Interest Rate	_	Issue Amount	Type of Financing	Source of Financing
05/18/2021	3.75%	\$	27,839	Lease purchase	Water, sewer and garbage revenue
10/15/2021	3.75%	\$	70,170	Lease purchase	Ad valorem taxes

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF TERRY, 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				
Ad valorem taxes \$	495,775	495,775	428,413	(67,362)
Franchise taxes on utilities	39,900	39,900	36,285	(3,615)
License, permits, fines and fees	60,207	60,207	27,767	(32,440)
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State shared revenues:				
Sales taxes	341,250	341,250	256,328	(84,922)
Homestead exemption reimbursement	10,500	10,500	14,062	3,562
General municipal aid	1,103	1,103	530	(573)
Gasoline tax	5,250	5,250	2,790	(2,460)
Fire rebate	6,825	6,825	6,413	(412)
Grand Gulf	9,450	9,450	8,869	(581)
Liquor tax	2,100	2,100	900	(1,200)
Grants	52,500	52,500		(52,500)
Miscellaneous	8,053	8,053	27,879	19,826
Total Receipts	1,032,913	1,032,913	810,236	(222,677)
EXPENDITURES				
General government	385,802	385,802	358,853	(26,949)
Public safety	378,579	378,579	309,536	(69,043)
Public works	224,595	224,595	90,340	(134,255)
Total Expenditures	988,976	988,976	758,729	(230,247)
Excess of Receipts				
Over (Under) Expenditures	43,937	43,937	51,507	7,570
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)				
Principal paid on loans and lease purchases			(19,713)	(19,713)
Interest paid on loans and lease purchases			(8,793)	(8,793)
Capital outlay			(6,353)	(6,353)
Transfers in (out) to other funds			83,410	83,410
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	0	0	48,551	48,551
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance	43,937	43,937	100,058	56,121
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	282,819	282,819	282,819	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending \$	326,756	326,756	382,877	56,121

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

TOWN OF TERRY, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual Cemetery Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS					
Cemetery	\$	10,500	10,500	12,300	1,800
Interest				199	199
Total Receipts	_	10,500	10,500	12,499	1,999
EXPENDITURES					
Public works	_	19,257	19,257	27,209	7,952
Total Expenditures	_	19,257	19,257	27,209	7,952
Excess of Receipts					
Over (Under) Expenditures	_	(8,757)	(8,757)	(14,710)	(5,953)
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in (out) to other funds	_			27,209	27,209
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	_	0	0	27,209	27,209
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(8,757)	(8,757)	12,499	21,256
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	52,197	52,197	52,197	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	43,440	43,440	64,696	21,256

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 schedule is presented for the General Fund and Cemetery 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 TERRY, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2020

For the Tear Ended September 30, 2020		Outstanding	Transactions During Fiscal Year	Outstanding	
Description		Outstanding Balance Sept. 30, 2019	Redeemed	Outstanding Balance Sept. 30, 2020	
Original amount \$453,881, payable \$2,296 a month at 2.00% interest. Final payment due October 2034. Due to State of Mississippi Development Authority.	\$	356,451	21,059	335,392	
Original amount \$533,274, payable \$2,799 a month at 2% interest with final payment due July 2030. Due to State of Mississippi Economic Development. Collateral is sales tax collections.		322,075	27,787	294,288	
Original amount of \$320,000, payable \$1,920 a month at 3.75% interest with final payment due August 2032. Due to USDA. Collateral is the Fire Station/Public Works Building.		225,550	14,837	210,713	
Original amount \$30,000, payable \$577 a month at 5.768% interest with final payment due June 01, 2021. Due to First Capital Equipment Leasing Government Obligation Contract.		12,010	6,397	5,613	
Original amount \$26,432, payable \$497 a month at 4.75% interest with final payment due July 30, 2022. Due to Copiah Bank for lease purchase of police car.	_	15,725	4,876	10,849	
Total	\$_	931,811	74,956	856,855	

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

	 Deposit Amount
Certificate of Deposit with Regions Bank, maturing January 24, 2021; Interest rate 0.10%	\$ 23,877
	\$ 23,877
Fund Recap: Cemetery Fund	\$ 23,877
	\$ 23,877

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

		Beginning		Ending
	_	Balance	Increases	Balance
Governmental Activities				
Capital Assets:				
Buildings and infrastructure	\$	1,041,017		1,041,017
Machinery, equipment and vehicles		408,252	6,353	414,605
Furniture and fixtures	_	31,123		31,123
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets	\$_	1,480,392	6,353	1,486,745
Business-type Activities				
Capital Assets:				
Water tanks, wells and lines	\$	963,302		963,302
Sewer system		936,375		936,375
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	_	56,035	5,591	61,626
Total Business-type Activities Capital Assets	\$_	1,955,712	5,591	1,961,303

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

Name	Position	Company		Surety Bond Coverage
			_	
Virginia Bailey	Alderwoman	Travelers	\$	50,000
April Miley	Alderwoman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Connie Taylor	Alderwoman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Terry Johnson	Alderman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Randall Shepherd	Alderman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Joseph Kendrick	Mayor	Travelers	\$	50,000
Joseph Kendrick	Mayor (USDA Bond)	Travelers	\$	18,000
Alexis Reed	City Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Alexis Reed	City Clerk (USDA Bond)	Travelers	\$	18,000
DeJohn Hampton	Police Chief	Travelers	\$	50,000
Stephanie Robinson	Deputy City Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Alicia Stamps	Deputy Court Clerk	Western	\$	50,000
				Surety Bond
Name	Position	Company	_	Coverage
Public Official or Employee	Mayor	RLI	\$	50,000
Public Official or Employee	Town Clerk/Tax Collector	RLI	\$	50,000
Public Official or Employee	Police Officers (Five)	RLI	\$	10,000 Each
				Fidelity Bond
Name	Position	Company	_	Coverage
Public Official or Employee	City Clerk/Tax Collector	RLI	\$	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 Terry, 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 Terry, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated October 31, 2022. 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.

The results of those procedures and our audit of the general purpose 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

#### Fixed Assets

As reported in the prior year's audit report, Section II of the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide provides prescribed procedures for accounting for fixed assets. The Town does not maintain a completed fixed assets ledger. The Town does not maintain an adequate fixed assets ledger containing all information required under the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide and Section 21-17-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). In addition, the Town did not conduct an annual inventory of its assets in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of the State Auditor as required by the MAAG.

#### **Recommendation**

We recommend that the Town of Terry update their accounting for fixed assets and conduct an annual inventory of its assets as prescribed in the Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide.

#### Town of Terry's Response

The Town of Terry is currently working on getting their fixed assets subsidiary ledger in order to account for fixed assets and conduct an annual inventory of its assets in accordance with guidelines established by the Office of the State Auditor as required by the MAAG.

#### 2. Finding

Solid Waste

As reported in the prior year's audit report, the Town of Terry has not published an itemized report of all revenues, costs and expenses incurred by the Town of Terry during the immediately preceding fiscal year in operating the garbage or rubbish collection or disposal system required by Section 17-17-348, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

#### Recommendation

We recommend the Town of Terry publish an itemized report of all revenues, costs and expenses incurred by the Town of Terry during the immediately preceding fiscal year in operating the garbage or rubbish collection or disposal system required by Section 17-17-348, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

#### Town of Terry's Response

The Town of Terry will publish an itemized report of all revenues, costs and expenses incurred by the Town of Terry during the immediately preceding fiscal year in operating the garbage or rubbish collection or disposal system required by Section 17-17-348, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

#### 3. Finding

#### Cemetery Fund Budget

The Town of Terry exceeded the amount appropriated and authorized to be expended in the budget of the Cemetery Fund in violation of the Municipal Auditing and Accounting Guide and Section 21-35-17, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

#### Recommendation

We recommend the Town of Terry not exceed the amount appropriated and authorized to be expended in the budget of the Cemetery Fund in violation of the Municipal Auditing and Accounting Guide and Section 21-35-17, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

#### Town of Terry's Response

The Town of Terry will not exceed the amount appropriated and authorized to be expended in the budget of the Cemetery Fund in violation of the Municipal Auditing and Accounting Guide and Section 21-35-17, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

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.

Windham and Lacey, PLLC

October 31, 2022

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

#### Schedule of Findings 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?
  - 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 Generally Accepted Auditing Standards accepted in the United States of America.