

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR SHAD WHITE

STATE AUDITOR

February 9, 2022

Members of the Mississippi Legislature State Capitol Building Jackson, MS 39201

Dear Members of the Legislature:

Section 21-35-31, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) requires the State Auditor to issue a report to the Legislature regarding municipal audit reports received by the State Auditor. The following is a summary of the municipal audit reports received by my office:

Report on Municipal Audit Reports Received by the State Auditor For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2020

Statutory Requirements

Section 7-7-211, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) gives the State Auditor the authority to audit, with the exception of municipalities, any governmental entity in the state. In the case of municipalities, Section 21-35-31, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) requires municipalities to obtain an annual audit performed by a private CPA firm and submit that audit report to the State Auditor. The State Auditor files these audit reports for review in case questions arise related to the municipality.

Criteria for Reporting

Beginning with the fiscal year ending September 30, 2010 and thereafter, municipalities are required by Section 21-35-31, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972) to annually submit reports to the State Auditor in one of four formats:

- 1. Any municipality having total revenues or expenditures equal to or greater than \$10,000,000 shall submit a report prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (audit).
- 2. Any municipality having total revenues or expenditures equal to or greater than \$1,000,000 but less than \$10,000,000 shall submit a report prepared in accordance with an other comprehensive basis of accounting (cash basis) (audit).

- 3. Any municipality having total revenues or expenditures equal to or greater than \$100,000 but less than \$1,000,000 shall submit a report that may be prepared in the form of a less intensive compilation report along with a compliance letter in a format prescribed by the State Auditor.
- 4. Any municipality having total revenues and expenditures less than \$100,000 may request an exemption from a compilation and compliance letter by submitting the request on a form prescribed by the State Auditor no later than 90 days after year end.

Results of Municipalities Reporting to the State Auditor

As of the date of this report, one hundred and fifty seven (157) of the two hundred ninety-eight (298) municipalities that were required to submit a Fiscal Year 2020 report had submitted the required report.

Investigations of Municipalities

From January 1, 2021 through February 9, 2022, as a result of investigations performed by this office, the State Auditor has recovered and returned to the appropriate municipality \$533,612.58 in misappropriated funds. Of the approximately one hundred sixty-four (164) active cases, thirty-two (32) relate to allegations of misappropriation or misuse of funds in municipalities.

If you have any questions concerning this information, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Serving Mississippi Together,

Shad White State Auditor

FY 20 DELINQUENT LIST OF MUNICIPAL AUDITS As of February 9, 2022

Rolling Fork Lula De Kalb Ackerman Rosedale Doddsville Lumberton Alligator Ruleville Maben **Amory** Drew Sandersville Magee Anguilla Duncan Sardis Magnolia Durant Artesia Satartia Ethel Mantee Baldwyn Scooba Marks **Bay Springs** Eupora Senatobia Mathiston Falcon Beauregard Shelby Mayersville Belzoni Farmington Shuqualak Fayette McComb **Benoit** Silver Creek McCool Bentonia French Camp Soso McLain Friars Point Beulah State Line Mendenhall Biloxi Gattman Sturgis Meridian **Bolton** Georgetown Summit Metcalfe Glendora Boyle Sumner Mize Brookhaven Goodman Sunflower Moorhead Grenada Bruce Sylvarena Morton Burnsville Gulfport Taylorsville **Moss Point** Caledonia Guntown Tchula Mound Bayou Calhoun City Heidelberg Terry Mount Olive Canton Hernando New Hebron Utica Cary Hickory Flat Vardaman New Houlka Centreville Holly Springs Walthall Newton Clarksdale Horn Lake Water Valley North Carrollton Coahoma Houston Waveland Oakland Coffeeville Indianola Webb Okolona Coldwater Inverness Weir Pachuta Columbia Itta Bena West Pelahatchie Columbus Jackson West Point Philadelphia Jonestown Como Wiggins **Pickens** Kilmichael Crawford Winstonville Pittsboro Crenshaw Kossuth Woodville Lambert Potts Camp Crosby Leakesville Raleigh Cruger

Renova

Rienzi

Louin

Louisville

Crystal Springs

D'Lo

FY 19 DELINQUENT LIST OF MUNICIPAL AUDITS As of February 9, 2022

Amory Georgetown Noxapater
Arcola Glen Osyka
Beaumont Gloster Pace
Blue Springs Golden Philadelphia

Real Condenses Plantarswillo

Plantersville Boyle Goodman Greenwood Port Gibson Brookhaven **Prentiss** Bruce Hatley Quitman **Byhalia** Hattiesburg Renova Cary Hickory Flat **Holly Springs** Rienzi Charleston

Charleston Holly Springs Rienzi
Chunky Jackson Sebastopol
Clarksdale Lake Shuqualak
Cleveland Leakesville Silver City
Courtland Learned Silver Creek

Sledge Crenshaw Lena Sumrall D'Lo Louin Sunflower De Kalb Louise Toccopola Decatur Lyon Tunica Macon Eden Tupelo Enterprise Magee Utica Ethel Magnolia

EuporaMarksVardamanFloraMayersvilleVicksburgFlorenceMeadvilleWebbFlowoodMizeWeir

Friars Point Mound Bayou Winona

Fulton Myrtle
Gautier New Albany

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Alligator Mendenhall

Anguilla Mize

Beauregard Moss Point
Belzoni Mound Bayou
Benoit Mount Olive
Beulah New Hebron
Big Creek Ocean Springs

Byhalia Okolona Caledonia Pachuta Pelahatchie Canton Cary Philadelphia Collins **Pickens** Crawford Pittsboro Crosby Potts Camp D'Lo **Puckett** Doddsville Rolling Fork Ruleville Drew Duncan Scooba

Duncan Scooba
Durant Seminary
Falcon Shuqualak
Glendora Silver City
Goodman Silver Creek

Horn Lake Soso Indianola Starkville Itta Bena Sumner Jonestown Sunflower Louin Sylvarena Louise Terry Louisville Utica Walthall Lula Webb Lumberton Maben West

Marks West Point
Mathiston Winstonville

Mayersville

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Baldwyn Lula

Beauregard Lumberton Benoit Marks

Beulah Mayersville
Bolton Mendenhall

Caledonia Mize

Cary Mound Bayou Coldwater Mount Olive Columbia New Hebron

Crawford Paden **Pittsboro** D'Lo Potts Camp Doddsville Ruleville Drew Schlater Durant Shuqualak Falcon Silver Creek Glendora Goodman Sylvarena Taylor Indianola Utica Itta Bena

Louin Winstonville

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Algoma Lula

Beauregard Lumberton Belzoni Marks

Benoit Mayersville Beulah Mendenhall

Bolton Mize

Burnsville Mound Bayou
Caledonia Mount Olive
Coldwater New Hebron
Crawford Pass Christian

Pittsboro D'Lo Doddsville Ruleville Seminary Drew Shelby Falcon Glendora Shuqualak Silver City Goodman Hickory Silver Creek Sylvarena Itta Bena Utica Jonestown Kilmichael Walls

Lambert Winstonville

Louin