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**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI
COMPILATION REPORT
AND REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Vaiden, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

The Statements of Cash Receipts and Disbursements—Governmental and Business-type Activities is prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the statement of cash receipts and disbursements - governmental and business-type activities financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi's cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the cash receipts and disbursements - governmental and business-type activities are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The supplementary information contained in Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials is presented in compliance with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor and has been compiled from information that is the representation of management. This information was subject to our compilation engagement; however, we have not audited or reviewed the required supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on such information.

The statement of cash receipts and disbursements-governmental and business-type activities is intended to comply with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with the provisions of §21-35-31, Miss Code Ann. (1972), we have issued a report dated November 7, 2022 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Kosciusko, Mississippi
November 7, 2022

Watkins Ward and Stafford, PLLC

Town of Vaiden
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-
Governmental and Business-type Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH RECEIPTS:				
Taxes				
General property tax	\$ 168,703	\$ 168,703	\$ -	\$ -
Franchise tax	11,004	11,004	-	-
Privilege tax	2,966	2,966	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue				
State shared revenue				
General municipal aid	366	366	-	-
Sales tax	105,544	105,544	-	-
Gasoline tax	2,248	2,248	-	-
State fire rebate & fire prot.	-	-	-	-
Nuclear plant	4,609	4,609	-	-
Homestead reimbursement	13,103	13,103	-	-
Liquor Permit	1,800	1,800	-	-
Infrastructure Grants	154,656	154,656	-	-
Other aid in municipalities	467,447	467,447	-	-
Charges for services				
Water utility	-	-	487,334	487,334
Sanitation Charges	-	-	1,380	1,380
Other receipts				
General Fund Revenue	21,996	21,996	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	1,147	1,147	-	-
Interest earned	89	89	660	660
Rental income	5,816	5,816	-	-
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$ 961,494	\$ 961,494	\$ 489,374	\$ 489,374

See independent accountants' compilation report.

Town of Vaiden
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-
Governmental and Business-type Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:				
General government	\$ 84,609	\$ 84,609	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety				
Police	38,491	38,491	-	-
Fire	20,206	20,206	-	-
SGD	110,465	110,465	-	-
Culture and Recreation				
Library	1,547	1,547	-	-
WED	349	349	-	-
Enterprises				
Water utility	-	-	386,057	386,057
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 255,667</u>	<u>\$ 255,667</u>	<u>\$ 386,057</u>	<u>\$ 386,057</u>

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Town of Vaiden
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements-
Governmental and Business-type Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 705,827</u>	<u>\$ 705,827</u>	<u>\$ 103,317</u>	<u>\$ 103,317</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers	(461,343)	(461,343)	461,343	461,343
Change in Payroll Liability	1,020	1,020	-	-
Proceeds of loans	-	-	-	-
Loans Repaid	-	-	(116,389)	(116,389)
Capital outlay	(94,997)	(94,997)	(434,068)	(434,068)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	<u>(555,320)</u>	<u>(555,320)</u>	<u>(89,114)</u>	<u>(89,114)</u>
Excess of cash receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	<u>150,507</u>	<u>150,507</u>	<u>14,203</u>	<u>14,203</u>
CASH BALANCE-BEGINNING	186,325	186,325	286,978	286,978
CASH BALANCE-ENDING	<u>\$ 336,832</u>	<u>\$ 336,832</u>	<u>\$ 301,181</u>	<u>\$ 301,181</u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Ownership	Type of Investment	Interest Rate	Maturity	Bank	Amount
General fund	CD	0.50%	06/29/22	Holmes County Bank	\$ 4,174
General fund	CD	0.32%	08/23/21	Holmes County Bank	117,696
Fire fund	CD	0.30%	06/29/22	Holmes County Bank	20,309
Water fund	CD	0.50%	06/29/22	Holmes County Bank	1,939
Water fund	CD	0.05%	11/09/21	Holmes County Bank	10,800
Water fund	CD	0.35%	11/09/21	Holmes County Bank	62,347
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/07/21	Holmes County Bank	79,437
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/07/21	Holmes County Bank	79,437
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/07/21	Holmes County Bank	23,274
Water fund	CD	0.05%	10/23/21	Holmes County Bank	10,152
				Total	<u>\$409,565</u>

TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
September 30, 2021

General Fund:

	Balance 9/30/2020	Additons & Reclassifications	Retirements & Reclassifications	Balance 9/30/2021
Building	\$ 371,696	-	-	\$ 371,696
Equipment	93,270			93,270
Infrastructure	113,024	-	-	113,024
	<u>\$ 577,990</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 577,990</u>

Proprietary Fund:

Water System	\$ 2,407,781	-	-	\$ 2,407,781
Sewer System	395,789	-	-	395,789
	<u>\$ 2,803,570</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 2,803,570</u>

**TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021**

Payee	Balance Outstanding 10/01/2020	Issued	Redeemed	Balance Outstanding 09/30/2021
USDA	\$1,475,715	\$-	\$50,264	\$1,425,451
USDA	131,000	-	21,000	110,000
	<u>\$1,606,715</u>	<u>\$-</u>	<u>\$71,264</u>	<u>\$1,535,451</u>

TOWN OF VAIDEN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

POSITION	NAME	INSURANCE COMPANY	COVERAGE
Mayor	Stella Washington Bell	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
City Clerk	Miranda Roberson	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Deputy Clerk	Verlene Cain	Travelers	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Alton Downs	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Lesia Hemphill	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Curtis Meeks	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Doris Fluker	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000
Alderman	Theodore Purnell	MS Municipal	\$ 50,000



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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman
Town of Vaiden, Mississippi

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental and Business-type Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2021, in accordance with Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

We have performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations as described in the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire that is prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the 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 compilation of the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements–Governmental and Business-type Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2021, disclosed no instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management 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.

Kosciusko, Mississippi
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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman
Town of Vaiden, Mississippi

We have applied certain agreed-upon procedures, as discussed below, to the accounting records of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2021, and for the year then ended, as required by the Office of the State Auditor, under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). It is understood the report is solely for the use of the governing body of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi and the Office of the State Auditor and should not be used for any other purposes. Our procedures and findings are as follows:

- 1) We reconciled cash on deposit with the following banks to balances in the respective general ledger accounts and obtained confirmation of the related balances from the banks:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Holmes County Bank	General funds:	
	General fund	\$ 40,163
	General fund	16,599
	General fund	68,322
	General fund	5,874
	General fund	1
	Fire fund	3,689
	Fire fund	60,005
	Total general funds	<u>\$ 194,653</u>
Holmes County Bank	Proprietary funds:	
	Water fund	\$ 28,001
	Water fund	5,751
	Water fund	43
	Total proprietary funds	<u>\$ 33,795</u>

All investments were confirmed directly with respective trustees. All investment transactions during the year were examined for compliance with investments authorized by §21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This total is included in the ending cash balance in the statement of cash receipts and disbursements.

Type	Fund	Value
Certificate of Deposit	General Fund	\$ 4,174
Certificate of Deposit	General Fund	117,696
Certificate of Deposit	Fire Fund	20,309
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	1,939
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	10,800
Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	62,347
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Certificate of Deposit	Water Fund	10,152
		<u>\$ 409,565</u>

- 2) We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year:
- Trace levies to governing body minutes. Tax assessments, billings and collections are handled by the Carroll County's tax collector's office and remitted monthly to the Town of Vaiden; therefore, the accountant will not perform a reconciliation of the tax roll to collections.
 - Traced distribution of taxes collected to proper funds; and
 - Analyzed increase in taxes for most recent period for completion with increase limitations of Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The distribution of taxes to funds was found to be in accordance with prescribed tax levies.

Ad valorem tax collections were found to be within the limitations of §27-39-320 to §27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Ad valorem tax collections for the retirement of general obligation debt was found to be sufficient for payment of current principal and interest in accordance with limitations imposed by Sections 21-33-87 and 21-33-303, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

- 3) We obtained a statement of payments made by the Department of Finance and Administration to the municipality. Payments indicated were traced to deposit in the respective bank accounts and recorded in the general ledger without exception. Payments traced were as follows:

<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>	<u>Ledger Amount</u>
Gasoline tax	General	\$2,248
General municipal aid	General	366
Grantor payments nontaxable	General	440,057
Nuclear payments in lieu of taxes	General	4,609
Utilities	General	1,289
Liquor privilege tax	General	1,800
Homestead exemption reimbursement	General	13,103
Other Assistance	General	17,192
Sales tax allocation	General	105,544
Utility Relocation	General	8,908
Other aid	General	154,657
	Total	<u><u>\$749,773</u></u>

- 4) We selected a sample of purchases made by the municipality during the fiscal year. Each sample item was evaluated for compliance with purchasing requirements set forth in Title 31, Chapter 7, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), as applicable.

The sample consisted of the following:

- a. Number of Sample Items 13
- b. Total Dollar Value of Sample \$23,716

We found the municipality's purchasing procedures to be in agreement with the requirements of the above-mentioned sections.

- 5) The Town contracts with the Carroll County to provide police protection, hold court, and remit court assessments to the state. We did not test fines and forfeitures for state compliance.
- 6) We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality. The completed survey indicated no instances of noncompliance with state requirements.

Because the above procedures do not constitute an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we do not express an opinion on any of the specific accounts or classes of transactions referred to above. In connection with the procedures referred to above, no matters came to our attention that caused us to believe the items specified in paragraphs 1, 2, and 3 should be adjusted. Had we performed additional procedures or had we conducted an audit of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you. This report should not be associated with the financial statements of the Town of Vaiden, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Kosciusko, Mississippi
November 7, 2022

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