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**TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI
COMPILATION REPORT
AND REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**

TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI

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Independent Accountants' Compilation Report

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Slate Spring, Mississippi
Slate Spring, MS 38955

Management is responsible for the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental Activities of the Town of Slate Spring, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2022, 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 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 the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental Activities.

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental 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 Activities, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Town of Slate Spring, Mississippi's cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental Activities is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

The supplementary information contained in the Schedule of Investments, 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.

Other Information

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental Activities are 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 January 5, 2023 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Calhoun City, Mississippi
January 5, 2023

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.

TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	<u>GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Taxes		
General Property taxes	\$ 8,273	\$ 8,273
Penalties and interest	8	8
Licenses and permits	2,185	2,185
Intergovernmental revenues		
State Shared Revenue		
Road Tax	903	903
Sales tax	3,674	3,674
General municipal aid	371	371
Modernization Aid	37,223	37,223
Fire rebates	1,327	1,327
Homestead reimbursement	1,005	1,005
Other Receipts		
Interest Income	37	37
Miscellaneous revenues	850	850
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 55,856</u>	<u>\$ 55,856</u>

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements - Governmental Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	
	General Fund	Total
DISBURSEMENTS:		
General government	\$ 12,402	\$ 12,402
Public Safety	1,687	1,687
Culture and recreation	2,250	2,250
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>16,339</u>	<u>16,339</u>
Excess of cash receipts over disbursements	39,517	39,517
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES(USES)		
Capital expenditures	(12,000)	(12,000)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>(12,000)</u>	<u>(12,000)</u>
Excess of cash receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	27,517	27,517
CASH BALANCE - BEGINNING	<u>195,567</u>	<u>195,567</u>
CASH BALANCE - ENDING	<u><u>\$ 223,084</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 223,084</u></u>

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI
Schedule of Investments
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Ownership	Type of Investment	Interest Rate	Acquisition Date	Maturity	Bank	Amount
General Fund	CD	.010%	5/7/2022	5/7/2023	Regions	\$96,433
					Total	<u>\$96,433</u>

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TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI
Schedule of Long-Term Debt
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

The Town of Slate Spring has no long term debt as of September 30, 2022.

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF SLATE SPRING, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022**

<u>NAME</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>SURETY</u>	<u>COVERAGE</u>
Kim Lenard	City Clerk	Western Surety	50,000
Ida Cheeseman	Tax Collector	Western Surety	10,000
Greg Lovom	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Susie Cardwell	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Darnell Nabors	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Andy Cannon	Mayor	St. Paul Travelers	25,000
Donna Lovom	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Margie Golden	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000

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Report on Compliance with State Laws and Regulations

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Slate Spring
Slate Spring, MS 38955

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Long-Term Debt, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials of the Town of Slate Spring, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022, 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 Activities, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Long-Term Debt, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials of the Town of Slate Spring, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022, 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.

Calhoun City, Mississippi
January 5, 2023

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**Independent Accountants' Report on Applying
Agreed-Upon Procedures**

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Slate Spring
Slate Spring, MS 38955

We have applied certain agreed-upon procedures, as discussed below, to the accounting records of the Town of Slate Spring, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, 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 Slate Spring, 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>
Renasant Bank	General	\$ 126,648

- 2) 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.

<u>TYPE</u>	<u>FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Certificate of Deposit-Regions Bank	General	\$ 96,436

- 3) We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year:
- Traced levies to governing body minutes;
 - Traced distribution of taxes collected to proper funds; and
 - Analyzed increases in taxes for most recent period for compliance with increase limitations of §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).

- 4) 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>PURPOSE</u>	<u>RECEIVING FUND</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
General Municipal Aid	General	\$ 55
Gasoline Tax	General	\$ 316
Fire Protection	General	\$ 1,327
Homestead Exemption	General	\$ 1,005
TVA in lieu of Taxes	General	\$ 774
Modernization Aid	General	\$ 37,223
Sales Tax	General	\$ 3,674
	Total	<u>\$ 44,374</u>

- 5) 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 16
- b. Total Dollar Value of Sample \$12,075

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

- 6) We determined that the Town of Slate Spring has no municipal court. All law enforcement is handled by the county sheriff's department. Therefore, there were no fines to be tested for the year.
- 7) 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 Slate Spring, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Calhoun City, Mississippi
January 5, 2023

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.