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CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SPECIAL REPORT

SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi

Opinion

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 City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related Notes to the Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi's cash basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2023, and the respective changes in cash basis financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with cash basis of accounting.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the City of Crystal Springs, 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.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with cash basis accounting, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi's internal control.
 Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi's cash basis financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the cash basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the cash basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the cash basis financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Water/Sewer Funds, the Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt, the Schedule of Investments – All Funds, the Schedule of Capital Assets, the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, and the corresponding notes, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 5, 2024, on our consideration of the City of Crystal Springs's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Crystal Springs's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering City of Crystal Springs's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Windham and Lacey, PLLC

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February 5, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Program Cash	Receipts		in Net Cash Position			
Functions/Programs	Cash Disbursements	Fines, Fees and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total	
Governmental Activities:								
General government	\$ 2,634,387	31,500	2,430	25,000	(2,575,457)		(2,575,457)	
Public safety	1,716,351	205,122	61,646	,,,,,,	(1,449,583)		(1,449,583)	
Public works	2,873,740	477,819	,	2,344,640	(51,281)		(51,281)	
Health and welfare	2,100	23,184		7- 7-	21,084		21,084	
Culture and recreation	590,414	28,434		500,001	(61,979)		(61,979)	
Economic development	15,000	,		,	(15,000)		(15,000)	
Interest on long-term debt	24,719				(24,719)		(24,719)	
Total Governmental Activities	7,856,711	766,059	64,076	2,869,641	(4,156,935)	0	(4,156,935)	
Business-type Activities:								
Water/Sewer	1,271,538	1,161,054	14,500			(95,984)	(95,984)	
Cemetery		20,762				20,762	20,762	
Total Business-type Activities	1,271,538	1,181,816	14,500	0	0	(75,222)	(75,222)	
Total Government	\$9,128,249	1,947,875	78,576	2,869,641	(4,156,935)	(75,222)	(4,232,157)	
	General Receipts							
	Taxes:							
	Property taxes				\$ 1,475,218		1,475,218	
	Road & bridge	privilege taxes			185,838		185,838	
	Sales tax				925,225		925,225	
	Franchise taxes				51,417		51,417	
			cted to specific pro	ograms	141,851		141,851	
	Unrestricted inv	estment income			9,448	197	9,645	
	Miscellaneous				733,519	108,720	842,239	
	Proceeds from d	ebt				18,951	18,951	
	Transfers				(54,520)	54,520		
	Total General	Receipts			3,467,996	182,388	3,650,384	
	Change in Net				(688,939)	107,166	(581,773)	
	Net Cash Posi	tion - Beginning			2,367,082	1,391,690	3,758,772	
	Net Cash Posi	tion - Ending		9	1,678,143	1,498,856	3,176,999	

Net (Disbursements) Receipts and Changes

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI (Continued) Statement of Activities and Net Cash Position - Cash Basis As of and for the Year Ended September 30, 2023 **ASSETS** Cash and cash equivalents 2,719,219 Restricted cash 457,780 **Total Assets** 3,176,999 **NET CASH POSITION** Restricted: Restricted for unemployment compensation \$ 25,377 Restricted for meter deposits 219,751

179,772

2,719,220

3,176,999

32,880

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

Restricted for public work

Restricted for public safety

Total Net Cash Position

Unrestricted

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, 2023

	Government Major Funds		S				
	General Fund	ARPA Fund	Walkway Lighting Project Fund	Chautauqua Park Amphitheatre Fund	Settlement Fund	MDOT-LPA Fund	Debt Service Fund
RECEIPTS							
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,346,165						129,053
Road and bridge tax	185,838						
License and permits	35,454						
Franchise taxes on utilities Intergovernmental revenues:	51,417						
Federal revenues:							
Grants	36,811				1,218,259	711,194	
State shared revenues:							
Sales taxes	925,225						
Homestead exemption reimbursement	86,312						6,687
Grants				500,001		345,116	
General municipal aid	2,430						
Gasoline tax	4,331						
Fire rebate							
Grand Gulf	44,520						
Other	16,628	70,070					
Charges for services:							
Garbage	477,819						
Industrial rents	30,600						
Other	28,434						
Water and sewer utility							
Fines and forfeits	159,570						
Interest income	8,380	284	238	474	26		41
Miscellaneous revenue	355,089						
Total Receipts	3,795,023	70,354	238	500,475	1,218,285	1,056,310	135,781

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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, 2023

	Governmental A	ctivities (Continu	ied)	Business-type Activities			
	Infrastructure Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Major Funds Water/Sewer Funds	Non-Major Business-type Fund	Total	
RECEIPTS							
Ad valorem taxes	\$		1,475,218				
Road and bridge tax			185,838				
License and permits			35,454				
Franchise taxes on utilities			51,417				
Intergovernmental revenues:							
Federal revenues:							
Grants			1,966,264				
State shared revenues:							
Sales taxes			925,225				
Homestead exemption reimbursement			92,999				
Grants			845,117	14,500		14,500	
General municipal aid			2,430				
Gasoline tax			4,331				
Fire rebate		33,209	33,209				
Grand Gulf			44,520				
Other			86,698				
Charges for services:							
Garbage			477,819				
Industrial rents			30,600				
Other			28,434				
Water and sewer utility				995,804	186,012	1,181,816	
Fines and forfeits		34,182	193,752				
Interest income		5	9,448	149	48	197	
Miscellaneous revenue	328,430	50,000	733,519	55,432	53,288	108,720	
Total Receipts	328,430	117,396	7,222,292	1,065,885	239,348	1,305,233	

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, 2023

	Government Major Fund						
	General Fund	ARPA Fund	Walkway Lighting Project Fund	Chautauqua Park Amphitheatre Fund	Settlement Fund	MDOT-LPA Fund	Debt Service Fund
DISBURSEMENTS				-			
General government	858,106						1,500
Public safety	1,585,088						
Public works	886,856	249,632					
Health and welfare	2,100						
Culture and recreation	365,137			40			
Economic development	15,000						
Water and sewer utility and cemetery:							
Personal services							
Supplies							
Maintenance & repairs							
Utilities							
Total Disbursements	3,712,287	249,632	0	40	0	0	1,500
Excess of Receipts over							
(under) Disbursements	82,736	(179,278)	238	500,435	1,218,285	1,056,310	134,281
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)							
Capital outlay	(48,514)		(1,927)	(41,181)	(1,691,781)	(1,430,745)	
Proceeds from debt							
Principal paid on loan and lease purchase	(14,677)						
Interest paid on loan and lease purchase							
Principal paid on bonds							(83,000)
Interest and fiscal fees paid on bonds							(21,099)
Transfers in (out) to other funds	(41,026)						
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	(104,217)	0	(1,927)	(41,181)	(1,691,781)	(1,430,745)	(104,099)

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, 2023

	Governmental A	Governmental Activities (Continued)			Business-type Activities			
	Infrastructure Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Major Funds Water/Sewer Funds	Non-Major Business-type Fund	Total		
DISBURSEMENTS								
General government			859,606					
Public safety		26,973	1,612,061					
Public works			1,136,488					
Health and welfare			2,100					
Culture and recreation		5,850	371,027					
Economic development			15,000					
Water and sewer utility and cemetery:				250.016		250.016		
Personal services Supplies				359,916 103,473		359,916 103,473		
Maintenance & repairs				276,833	36,034	312,867		
Utilities				160,818	30,034	160,818		
Total Disbursements	0	32,823	3,996,282	901,040	36,034	937,074		
Excess of Receipts over								
(under) Disbursements	328,430	84,573	3,226,010	164,845	203,314	368,159		
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)								
Capital outlay	(297,701)	(191,983)	(3,703,832)	(18,951)		(18,951)		
Proceeds from debt		(24.201)	(40.070)	18,951	(011 (71)	18,951		
Principal paid on loan and lease purchase		(34,201)	(48,878)	(52,218)	(211,671)	(263,889)		
Interest paid on loan and lease purchase		(3,620)	(3,620) (83,000)	(3,088)	(48,536)	(51,624)		
Principal paid on bonds Interest and fiscal fees paid on bonds			(21,099)					
Transfers in (out) to other funds		(13,494)	(54,520)	(341,263)	395,783	54,520		
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	(297,701)	(243,298)	(3,914,949)	(396,569)	135,576	(260,993)		
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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, 2023

	G	Government	al Activities					
	N	Iajor Funds	_					
		General Fund	ARPA Fund	Walkway Lighting Project Fund	Chautauqua Park Amphitheatre Fund	Settlement Fund	MDOT-LPA Fund	Debt Service Fund
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses		(21,481)	(179,278)	(1,689)	459,254	(473,496)	(374,435)	30,182
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE – Beginning of Year	_	297,145	359,050	250,005	481,906	473,496	(12,751)	191,223
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE – End of Year	\$_	275,664	179,772	248,316	941,160	0	(387,186)	221,405
CASH BASIS ASSETS – End of Year Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	\$	249,787 25,877	179,772	248,316	941,160	0	(387,186)	221,405
Total Cash Basis Assets	\$_	275,664	179,772	248,316	941,160	0	(387,186)	221,405
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES – End of Year Restricted: Restricted for unemployment compensation Restricted for meter deposits Restricted for public works Restricted for public safety Unassigned	\$	25,377 500 249,787	179,772	248,316	941,160	0	(387,186)	221,405
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$_	275,664	179,772	248,316	941,160	0	(387,186)	221,405

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

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, 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, 2023

	Governmental Activities (Continued)			d)	Business-type Activities			
	I	nfrastructure Fund	Non-Major Funds	Total	Major Funds Water/Sewer Funds	Non-Major Business-type Fund	Total	
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses		30,729	(158,725)	(688,939)	(231,724)	338,890	107,166	
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - Beginning of Year	_	228,263	98,745	2,367,082	1,533,234	(141,544)	1,391,690	
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - End of Year	\$_	258,992	(59,980)	1,678,143	1,301,510	197,346	1,498,856	
CASH BASIS ASSETS - End of Year Cash and cash equivalents Restricted cash	\$	258,992	(92,360) 32,380	1,440,114 238,029	1,081,759 219,751	197,346	1,279,105 219,751	
Total Cash Basis Assets	\$_	258,992	(59,980)	1,678,143	1,301,510	197,346	1,498,856	
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - End of Year Restricted: Restricted for unemployment compensation	\$			25,377				
Restricted for meter deposits Restricted for public works Restricted for public safety	Ψ.		32,380	179,772 32,880	219,751		219,751	
Unassigned	_	258,992	(92,360)	1,440,114	1,081,759	197,346	1,279,105	
Total Cash Basis Fund Balances	\$	258,992	(59,980)	1,678,143	1,301,510	197,346	1,498,856	

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

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

The City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, (the City) was incorporated on February 19, 1867. The City 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 City 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 City 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 ARPA Fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for grant funds.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

The Walkway Lighting Project Fund is a capital projects fund that accounts for a special project.

The Chautauqua Park Amphitheatre Fund is a capital projects fund that accounts for a special project.

The Settlement Fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for grant funds.

The MDOT-LPA Fund is a capital projects fund that accounts for grant funds.

The MS Infrastructure Modernization Fund is a special revenue fund that accounts for grant funds.

The *Debt Service Fund* accounts for ad valorem taxes to be used for debt service on long-term debt.

The government reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

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

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. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in two components:

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted".

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Governmental fund balance is classified as restricted or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the City:

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 - The residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

The City uses restricted/committed 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 City would first use committed, then assigned, and lastly, unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

E. Property Tax Receipts.

State statutes exist under which the Board of Aldermen may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the City. Restrictions associated with property tax levies vary with the statutory authority. The amount of increase in certain property taxes is limited by state law. Generally, this restriction provides that these tax levies shall produce no more than 110% of the amount which resulted from the assessments of the previous year.

The Board of Aldermen, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien on March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase.

(2) Cash and Cash Equivalents.

At year-end, the City's carrying amount of deposits was \$3,176,999 and the bank balance was \$3,315,059. 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 City'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, 2023

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 City will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The City does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the City.

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 City.

Interest Rate Risk: The City 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 City 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 City of Crystal Springs, 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 City 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 City's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2023, 2022, and 2021 were \$260,163, \$261,006, and \$246,947, respectively, which is equal to the required contributions for each year.

(4) 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 Cash Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the City evaluated the activity of the City through February 5, 2024, and determined that no subsequent event has occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

(5) 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 forgo 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 city had no tax abatements for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

OTHER INFORMATION

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual General Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS	-				<u>(=g)</u>
Ad valorem taxes	\$	1,155,600	1,346,165	1,346,165	
Road and bridge tax	·	160,000	185,838	185,838	
License and permits		23,000	35,454	35,454	
Franchise taxes on utilities		83,000	51,417	51,417	
Intergovernmental revenues:		02,000	01,117	01,.17	
Federal revenues:					
Grants			36,811	36,811	
State shared revenues:			,-		
Sales taxes		761,000	925,225	925,225	
Homestead exemption reimbursement		80,000	86,312	86,312	
Grants		36,811			
General municipal aid		2,516	2,430	2,430	
Gasoline tax		4,380	4,331	4,331	
Grand Gulf		44,000	44,520	44,520	
Other		,000	16,628	16,628	
Charges for services:			10,020	10,020	
Garbage		480,000	477,819	477,819	
Industrial rents		60,100	30,600	30,600	
Other		17,125	28,434	28,434	
Fines and forfeits		72,700	159,570	159,570	
Interest income		15,250	8,380	8,380	
Miscellaneous revenue		130,626	355,089	355,089	
Total Receipts	-	3,126,108	3,795,023	3,795,023	0
EXPENDITURES					
General government		449,383	858,106	858,106	
Public safety		1,566,777	1,585,088	1,585,088	
Public works		784,233	886,856	886,856	
Health and welfare		2,100	2,100	2,100	
Culture and recreation		390,315	365,137	365,137	
Economic development		15,000	15,000	15,000	
Capital outlay			48,514	48,514	
Debt service	_		14,677	14,677	
Total Expenditures	-	3,207,808	3,775,478	3,775,478	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures	-	(81,700)	19,545	19,545	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in (out) to other funds	_	113,480	(41,026)	(41,026)	
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	-	113,480	(41,026)	(41,026)	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		31,780	(21,481)	(21,481)	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	-	190,231	297,145	297,145	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$	222,011	275,664	275,664	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual ARPA Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS	-				
Intergovernmental revenues: State shared revenues:					
Other	\$	70,070	70,070	70,070	
Interest income	_	284	284	284	
Total Receipts	-	70,354	70,354	70,354	0
EXPENDITURES					
Public safety		57,550			
Public works		192,082	249,632	249,632	
Total Expenditures	-	249,632	249,632	249,632	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures	-	(179,278)	(179,278)	(179,278)	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	-	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(179,278)	(179,278)	(179,278)	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	-	359,050	359,050	359,050	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$	179,772	179,772	179,772	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual Walkway Lighting Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	_	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS					
Interest income	\$	238	238	238	
Total Receipts		238	238	238	0
EXPENDITURES					
Culture and recreation		1,928			
Capital outlay			1,927	1,927	
Total Expenditures		1,928	1,927	1,927	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures	_	(1,690)	(1,689)	(1,689)	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	_	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(1,690)	(1,689)	(1,689)	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	250,005	250,005	250,005	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	248,315	248,316	248,316	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual Chautauqua Park Amphitheatre Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS	_				
Intergovernmental revenues:					
State shared revenues:					
Grants	\$	500,001	500,001	500,001	
Interest income	_	474	474	474	
Total Receipts	_	500,475	500,475	500,475	0
EXPENDITURES					
Culture and recreation		41,222	40	40	
Capital outlay	_		41,181	41,181	
Total Expenditures	_	41,222	41,221	41,221	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures	_	459,253	459,254	459,254	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	_	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		459,253	459,254	459,254	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	481,906	481,906	481,906	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	941,159	941,160	941,160	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual Settlement Fund - UNAUDITED

For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS					
Intergovernmental revenues:					
Federal revenues:					
Grants	\$	1,218,260	1,218,259	1,218,259	
Interest income	_	26	26	26	
Total Receipts	_	1,218,286	1,218,285	1,218,285	0
EXPENDITURES					
General government		1,691,691			
Capital outlay			1,691,781	1,691,781	
Total Expenditures	_	1,691,691	1,691,781	1,691,781	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures	_	(473,405)	(473,496)	(473,496)	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	_	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(473,405)	(473,496)	(473,496)	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	473,496	473,496	473,496	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	91	0	0	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual MDOT-LPA Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS					
Intergovernmental revenues:					
Federal revenues:					
Grants	\$	300,193	711,194	711,194	
State shared revenues:					
Grants	_	756,117	345,116	345,116	
Total Receipts	-	1,056,310	1,056,310	1,056,310	0
EXPENDITURES					
Public works		1,430,480			
Capital outlay			1,430,745	1,430,745	
Total Expenditures	_	1,430,480	1,430,745	1,430,745	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures	_	(374,170)	(374,435)	(374,435)	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses	_	0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		(374,170)	(374,435)	(374,435)	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning	_	(12,751)	(12,751)	(12,751)	
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	(386,921)	(387,186)	(387,186)	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Budgetary Comparison Schedule -Budget and Actual MS Infrastructure Modernization Fund - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

For the Tear Ended September 30, 2023					Variance with
		Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Final Budget Positive (Negative)
RECEIPTS		<u> </u>			
Miscellaneous revenue	\$	328,431	328,430	328,430	
Total Receipts		328,431	328,430	328,430	0
EXPENDITURES					
Public works		297,701			
Capital outlay			297,701	297,701	
Total Expenditures	_	297,701	297,701	297,701	0
Excess of Receipts					
over (under) Expenditures		30,730	30,729	30,729	0
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)					
Total Other Cash Sources and Uses		0	0	0	0
Net Change in Cash Basis Fund Balance		30,730	30,729	30,729	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Beginning		228,263	228,263	228,263	0
Cash Basis Fund Balances - Ending	\$	258,993	258,992	258,992	0

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements Water/Sewer Funds - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Water	Sewer	T-4-1
RECEIPTS	_	Fund	Fund	<u>Total</u>
Grant	\$	14,500		14,500
Charges for services	Ψ	667,242	514,574	1,181,816
Interest income		197	314,374	1,101,810
Miscellaneous revenue		108,720		108,720
Total Receipts	_	790,659	514,574	1,305,233
Total Recorpts	_	170,037	311,371	1,303,233
DISBURSEMENTS				
Water and sewer utility:				
Personal services		225,739	134,177	359,916
Supplies		64,898	38,575	103,473
Maintenance & repairs		196,230	116,637	312,867
Utilities		100,865	59,953	160,818
Total Disbursements	_	587,733	349,341	937,074
Excess of Receipts over				
(under) Disbursements	_	202,926	165,233	368,159
OTHER CASH SOURCES (USES)				
Capital outlay		(18,951)		(18,951)
Principal paid on loan and lease purchase		(51,661)		(263,889)
Interest paid on loan and lease purchase		(3,416)		(51,624)
Proceeds from debt		18,951		18,951
Transfers in (out) to other funds		(58,481)		54,520
Total Other Cash Sources and (Uses)	_	(113,558)	0	(260,993)
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash				
Sources over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses	\$_	89,368	165,233	107,166

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Changes in Long-term Debt - UNAUDITED For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

	Outstanding				Outstanding	T 4 4
Description	Balance Sept. 30, 2022	Issued	Redeemed	Adjusted	Balance Sept. 30, 2023	Interest Paid
<u>Bonds</u>						
Governmental Activities:						
General obligation bonds, Series 2016	\$ 853,000		83,000		770,000	21,099
Total Bonds	853,000	0	83,000	0	770,000	21,099
Other Long-term Debt						
Governmental Activities:						
Lease purchase - 5 lawn mowers	16,933		14,677		2,256	
Lease purchase - 2017 Pierce pumper	155,682		34,201		121,481	3,620
Total Governmental Activities	172,615	0	48,878	0	123,737	3,620
Business-type Activities:						
WWTP roof and Phase II sewer	27,705		20,153		7,552	699
Sewer project - Jackson Street	46,617		7,997		38,620	1,589
Water meters	664,408		94,238		570,170	18,885
Lawn mower	3,388		2,938		450	
Phase III Sewer - Department of Environmental						
Quality - State revolving loan Department of Environmental Quality -	55,694		21,130		34,564	800
State revolving loan	1,752,124		117,433		1,634,691	29,651
2022 Ford Mayerick	1,732,124	18,951	117,433		18,951	29,031
Total Business-type Activities	2,549,936	18,951	263,889	0	2,304,998	51,624
Total Business-type Activities	2,347,730	10,931	203,009		2,304,998	31,024
Total Other Long-term Debt	2,722,551	18,951	312,767	0	2,428,735	55,244
Total Long-term Debt	\$ 3,575,551	18,951	395,767	0	3,198,735	76,343

Adjustment. To record accrued interest on the loan since the inception of the loan.

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Investments - All Funds - UNAUDITED September 30, 2023

	 Deposit Amount
Certificate of Deposit with Copiah Bank; maturing July 10, 2024; interest rate of 5.15%.	\$ 406,612
Certificate of Deposit with Copiah Bank; maturing January 9, 2024; interest rate of 3.55%.	272,436
Certificate of Deposit with Copiah Bank; maturing April 21, 2024; interest rate of 4.00%.	17,742
Certificate of Deposit with Copiah Bank; maturing December 11, 2023; interest rate of 2.50%.	 13,123
	\$ 709,913
Fund Recap:	
General Fund	\$ 627,463
Debt Service Fund Water and Sewer Fund	43,421 39,029
	 27,027
	\$ 709,913

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Capital Assets - UNAUDITED For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2023

		Beginning	T	ъ	Ending
	_	Balance	Increases	Decreases	Balance
Governmental Activities					
Capital Assets:					
Land	\$	697,923			697,923
Construction in progress		18,105	3,336,042		3,354,147
Buildings		2,550,566			2,550,566
Improvements other than buildings		5,341,891			5,341,891
Mobile equipment		1,816,429	335,911	(44,785)	2,107,555
Furniture and equipment		704,480	31,879		736,359
Equipment under capital lease	_	373,344			373,344
Total Governmental Activities Capital Assets	\$ _	11,502,738	3,703,832	(44,785)	15,161,785
Business-type Activities					
Capital Assets:					
Land	\$	254,800			254,800
Construction in progress					
Buildings		253,700			253,700
Improvements other than buildings		7,635,404			7,635,404
Mobile equipment		228,799	18,951		247,750
Furniture and equipment		321,871			321,871
Equipment under capital lease	_	1,316,129			1,316,129
Total Business-type Activities Capital Assets	\$_	10,010,703	18,951	0	10,029,654

CITY OF CRYSTAL SPRINGS, MISSISSIPPI Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials and Employees - UNAUDITED September 30, 2023

		Surety		
Name	Position	Company	_(Coverage
Warren C. Thornton	Alderman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Ray Brown, Jr.	Alderman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Charles S. Singleton	Alderman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Darren J. Powell	Alderman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Tamra Michelle Terrebonne	Alderwoman	Travelers	\$	50,000
Sally Garland	Mayor	Travelers	\$	50,000
Kimberly Vaughn	City Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Tracey Welch	Deputy City Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Lakeidra Kangar	Municipal Court Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Jacqueline Little	Deputy Court Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Felicia Thompson	Parks & Recreation Director	Travelers	\$	50,000
Rebecca Dionne	Interdepartmental Clerk	Travelers	\$	50,000
Tony Hemphill	Police Chief	Travelers	\$	50,000
Misheila Johnson	Office Manager	Travelers	\$	50,000
Lexy Green	Assistant Office Manager	Travelers	\$	50,000
Jamie Dejean	Maintenance Supervisor	Travelers	\$	50,000
Susan Brewer	Pool Manager	Travelers	\$	50,000
Various	Dispatcher	Travelers	\$	50,000
Joseph McKenny	Police Captain	Travelers	\$	50,000
Various	Police Officer	Travelers	\$	50,000
Bobby Herron	Investigator	Travelers	\$	50,000
Angela Cooper	Tac Officer	Travelers	\$	50,000

Notes to the Other Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2023 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 City, 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 City'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 the Special Revenue Funds.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

September 30, 2023

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number	Federal Expenditures
Major Program:			
U. S. Department of Transportation/ Mississippi Department of Transportation/ Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	STP-0130-00(013)LPA/107363-701000	\$2,100,000
Total Major Program			2,100,000
Non-Major Programs:			
U. S. Department of Transportation/ Mississippi Department of Wildlife, Fisheries, and Parks/ Recreational Trail Program	20.219	22-RTP-360	120,000
U. S. Department of Transportation/ Mississippi Office of Highway Safety/ 402 Police Traffic Services FY23	20.614	PT-2023-PT-20-81	11,811
U.S. Department of Treasury/ Conronavirus State and Local/ ARPA	21.027		249,632
U.S. Department of Treasury/ Conronavirus State and Local/ Premium Pay	21.027	IO HB 1542.A	25,000
Total Non-Major Programs			406,443
Total Major and Non-Major Programs			\$ 2,506,443

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note A - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of the City of Crystal Springs under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *Title 2 U. S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the City of Crystal Springs, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of the City of Crystal Springs.

Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credits made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as expenditures in prior years.

Note C - Indirect Cost Rate

The City of Crystal Springs has not elected to use the 10% de minims indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

SPECIAL REPORTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of City of Crystal Springs (the City), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered City of Crystal Springs's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Crystal Springs's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the City of Crystal Springs's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited the City of Crystal Springs's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the City of Crystal Springs's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2023. The City of Crystal Springs's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, the City of Crystal Springs, complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the City of Crystal Springs and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the City of Crystal Springs's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibility of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the City of Crystal Springs's federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to about occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the City of Crystal Springs's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence that judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the City of Crystal Springs's compliance with the requirements of the major program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
 perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test
 basis, evidence regarding the City of Crystal Springs's compliance with the compliance
 requirements referred to about and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in
 the circumstances.
- obtain an understanding of the City of Crystal Springs's internal control over compliance relevant to
 the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and
 report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the
 purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City of Crystal Springs's internal
 control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures did not disclose any instances of noncompliance which are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items. Our opinion on the major federal program is not modified with respects to these matters.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we considered to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Board of Aldermen City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Crystal Springs, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2024. 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 City's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Due to the reduced scope, these compliance tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. The results of our compliance tests and our audit of the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information disclosed no material instance of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of compliance with certain state laws and regulations and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2023

Section 1: Summary of Auditors' Results

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1.	Type of auditors' report is	sued on the primary go	vernment financial statements:	Unmodified

- 2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a. Material weaknesses identified? No
 - b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None Reported
- 3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements?

Federal Awards:

- 4. Internal control over major program:
 - a. Material weaknesses identified?
 - b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?

None Reported

- 5. Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal program: Unmodified
- 6. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance No with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?
- 7. Federal program identified as a major program:
 - U. S. Department of Transportation/Mississippi Department of Transportation/Highway Planning and Construction, Assistance Listing #20.205
- 8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000
- 9. Qualified as a low-risk auditee?
- 10. Prior fiscal year audit findings and questioned costs relative to federal awards which require the auditee to prepare a Summary Schedule of Prio Audit Findings in accordance with 2CFR 200.511(b)?

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements.

Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to federal awards.