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# **Town of Lyon, Mississippi**

Financial Statements

September 30, 2023

**Ellis & Hirsberg CPA's PLLC**

Clarksdale, Mississippi



**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI  
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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Lyon  
Lyon, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying statement of cash receipts and disbursements - governmental and business-type activities of the Town of Lyon, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2023 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents, 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 the statement of cash receipts and disbursements - governmental and business-type activities.

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Statement 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.

**Other Matters**

*Required Supplementary Information*

Management has omitted the Management Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

### *Supplementary and Other Information*

The supplementary information contained in Schedules 1 through 3 is presented in compliance with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited nor reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements - Governmental and Business-Type Activities and related notes to financial statement 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 Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), we have issued a report dated January 9, 2024 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

*Ellis & Hirsberg CPA's PLLC*

Ellis & Hirsberg CPA's PLLC  
Clarksdale, Mississippi  
January 9, 2024

TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities
	Special Revenue		
	General Fund	Fund	
<u>Revenue Receipts</u>			
Ad Valorem Taxes	201,421.21		201,421.21
Franchise Tax - Utilities	6,439.51		6,439.51
Privilege License	50.00		50.00
Intergovernmental Revenue:			
State Shared Revenue:			
Sales Tax	29,246.00		29,246.00
Gasoline Tax	869.50		869.50
Modernization Use Tax	37,021.62		37,021.62
Municipal Aid	147.95		147.95
Fire Protection		7,656.51	7,656.51
Homestead Exemption	9,400.00		9,400.00
Payments - Nuclear Plant	143.16		143.16
Local Revenue:			
County Road Privilege Tax	1,220.62		1,220.62

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.



**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Proprietary Fund
Charges for Service:			
Water Fees		-	37,493.91
Sewer Fees		-	36,353.99
Other Receipts:			
Public Works Revenue	38,406.00		
Building Permits	350.00		
Mosquito Control Revenue	5,778.00		
Rents	6,514.75		
Interest Earned	14,398.55		3,345.23
Contribution - Law Enforcement	10,000.00		
Sale of Equipment	1,500.00		
Miscellaneous	11,353.37		15,000.00
Transfers In		-	91,111.50
Total Receipts	<u>374,260.24</u>	<u>7,656.51</u>	<u>183,304.63</u>
Cash: Beginning of Year	234,945.93	1,912.37	115,408.98
Total Amount Accounted For	<u>609,206.17</u>	<u>9,568.88</u>	<u>298,713.61</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Total	Business-type Activities
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund		
<u>Disbursements</u>				
General Government				
Personnel Costs	75,127.84		75,127.84	
Contractual Services	51,267.37		51,267.37	
Supplies	2,036.34		2,036.34	
Public Safety - Police				
Personnel Costs	13,868.76		13,868.76	
Contractual Services	1,541.42		1,541.42	
Supplies	2,217.55		2,217.55	
Capital Outlay	11,379.29		11,379.29	
Public Safety - Fire				
Contractual Services		1,912.37	1,912.37	
Public Works Department				
Personnel Costs	63,296.40		63,296.40	
Contractual Services	14,857.47		14,857.47	
Supplies	9,483.52		9,483.52	
Capital Outlay				

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

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**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS**  
**GOVERNMENTAL AND BUSINESS-TYPE ACTIVITIES**  
**FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

	Governmental Activities		Total	Business-type Activities
	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund		
Animal Control				
Personnel Costs	2,344.74		2,344.74	
Supplies	124.82		124.82	
Water & Sewer Department				
Personnel Costs			-	11,610.60
Contractual Services			-	23,560.19
Supplies			-	6,544.22
Capital outlay			-	77,608.58
Debt Service Principal			-	22,398.82
Debt Service Interest			-	11,493.83
Other				
Purchase Certificates of Deposit	2,118.58		2,118.58	651.12
Transfers Out	91,311.50		91,311.50	
Total Disbursements	<u>340,975.60</u>	<u>1,912.37</u>	<u>342,887.97</u>	<u>153,867.36</u>
Cash: End of Year	268,230.57	7,656.51	275,887.08	144,846.25
Total Amount Accounted For	<u>609,206.17</u>	<u>9,568.88</u>	<u>618,775.05</u>	<u>298,713.61</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:**

The Town of Lyon operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government. The Town has an approximate population of 350. The accounting policies of the Town of Lyon conform to the laws of Mississippi for a municipality with revenues or expenditures of less than \$1,000,000. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

**Reporting Entity** - This report includes all of the funds and account groups of the Town of Lyon. The Town has developed criteria to determine whether outside agencies or authorities with activities which benefit the citizens of the Town should be included within its financial reporting entity. The criteria includes, but are not limited to, whether the Town exercises oversight responsibility on financial inter-dependency, selection of governing authority, and accountability for fiscal matter, scope of public service and special financing relationships. No component unit was identified for inclusion or potential inclusion utilizing the criteria indicated.

**Basis of Presentation - Fund Accounting** - The accounts of the Town of Lyon are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The individual funds account for the governmental resources allocated to them for the purpose of carrying on specific activities in accordance with laws, regulations, or other restrictions.

**Basis of Accounting** - All governmental and proprietary funds are accounted for using the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, as allowed by the Mississippi State Department of Audit. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America in that revenues are recognized when received rather than when measurable and available as net current assets and expenditures are generally recognized when the related fund expense is disbursed rather than when the related fund liability is incurred. Consequently, these financial statements are not intended to present financial position or results of operations in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Financial statements issued following accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America normally contain Government-wide Financial Statements, Fund Financial Statements, Management Discussion and Analysis (MD&A), and other supplemental information.

Receipts and disbursements were classified according to requirements for small towns as permitted by the Office of the State Auditor.

The following funds and groups of accounts are used by the Town:

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**Governmental Fund Types:**

**General Fund** - This fund is established to account for resources devoted to financing the general services that the Town performs for its citizens. General tax revenues and other sources of revenue used to finance the fundamental operations of the Town are included in this fund. The fund is charged with all cost of operating the government for which a separate fund has not been established.

**Special Revenue Fund** - The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purposes.

**Proprietary Fund Types:**

**Enterprise Funds** - These funds account for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. Included in this category is the Proprietary Fund.

**Budgetary Data** - Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control for all funds of the Town. Annual operating budgets are adopted each fiscal year through passage of an annual budget ordinance and amended as required for governmental and proprietary funds. For governmental funds, receipts are budgeted on the cash basis.

Expenditures are budgeted on the modified cash basis of accounting. This is consistent with the applicable laws of Mississippi for municipalities. Budgets for Special Revenue Funds are made on a project basis, spanning more than one fiscal year. Budgetary control is exercised at the departmental level or by projects.

All unencumbered budget appropriations, except special revenue project budgets, lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

**Cash** - Cash in excess of current requirements is invested in various interest-bearing bank deposits.

**Property Tax Revenues** - Property taxes are levied on January 1 based on the assessed value of property per the County Tax Bills. Assessed values are an approximation of market value.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue when they are received.

**Encumbrances** - The Town of Lyon does not use encumbrance accounting.

**Compensated Absences** - The Town of Lyon, Mississippi has an informal sick leave and vacation policy.

**Interfund Transfers** - The interfund transfers have not been eliminated.

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**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**Restricted Funds** - When an expenditure is incurred that could be paid by either restricted or unrestricted funds, restricted funds are used first.

**NOTE 2 - PROPERTY TAXES:**

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien as of February 1.

The Town 2022 tax levy was 80.91 mills on assessed valuation for taxing property within the incorporated boundaries. The Town utilized the county tax rolls and values in assessing the ad valorem taxes on real and personal property within the Town boundaries. The Town pays a fee to the Coahoma County Tax Collector to collect its ad valorem taxes.

Property for which ad valorem taxes have not been paid is advertised for sale in April of each year. Property not sold at the auction is purchased by the State of Mississippi. Since unpaid ad valorem taxes at year end are usually not collected within the 60 day period following the close of the Town's fiscal year, delinquent property taxes are not recorded as a receivable on the books of the Town.

**NOTE 3 - CASH AND OTHER DEPOSITS:**

The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions, is now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

The carrying amount of the Town's deposits with financial institutions was \$420,733.33 and the bank balance was \$433,134.27. The bank balance is categorized as follows:

Amount insured or collateralized with securities held by the Town or its agent in the Town's name	\$433,134.27
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**Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits.** Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the Town will not be able to recover deposits, or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the Town. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2023, none of the Town's bank balances of \$433,134.27 were exposed to custodial risk.

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**NOTE 4 - INVESTMENTS:**

Investment balances at September 30, 2023 are as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value Level</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
<u>General Fund</u>			
Certificate of Deposit	December 6, 2023	Level 1	\$296,349.89
Certificate of Deposit	December 6, 2023	Level 1	50,055.28
<u>Proprietary Fund</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value Level</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Certificate of Deposit	December 6, 2023	Level 1	\$30,644.10
Certificate of Deposit	December 6, 2023	Level 1	31,949.59
Certificate of Deposit	December 6, 2023	Level 1	12,418.59
Certificate of Deposit	December 6, 2023	Level 1	18,515.01

Fair value investments classified at Level 1 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using prices quoted in active markets for those securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using the active market rates for the underlying securities. Fair value investments classified as Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy are valued using non-observable inputs.

**Interest Rate Risk.** The Town does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment 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 authorized by Section 21-33-323, Miss. Code (Ann.) (1972). The Town does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

**Custodial Credit Risk - Investments.** Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Town will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the Town. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2023 none of the Town's investment balance of \$439,932.46 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

**NOTE 5 - LONG-TERM DEBT:**

The Town has two interest bearing notes payable as reflected on Schedule 2. These notes and interest are paid annually from water and sewer revenues. Interest expense paid during the year was \$11,493.83.

**NOTE 6 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors, and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Except as described below, the Town has commercial insurance for these risks. Settled claims resulting from these insured risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

**Participation in Public Entity Risk Pool**

The Town is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Workers' Compensation Group (MMWCG). The group is a risk-sharing pool; such a pool is frequently referred to as a self-insurance pool. The pool was formed on March 28, 1989, by the Mississippi Nonprofit Corporation Act, pursuant to Section 71-3-75, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972), to provide public entities within the State of Mississippi worker's compensation and employers' liability coverage. The Town pays premiums on a quarterly basis for its workers' compensation insurance coverage based on total payroll. The participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The risk of total claims exceeding the pool's resources is remote. In the event claims deplete the trust account, pool members would be required to pay for the deficiencies. Settlement amounts have not exceeded for the current year nor the prior three years.

The Town is a member of the Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan, a public entity risk pool. The Mississippi Municipal Liability Plan covers liability against its members. The Plan is funded by member contributions. The Town has not had an additional assessment for excess losses.

**NOTE 7 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

The Town is a rural community located in the Mississippi Delta. It is dependent on ad valorem taxes and user fees from its residents to remain viable.

**NOTE 8 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Events that occur after the statement of net assets 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 assets date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the statement of net assets date require disclosure in



**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

the accompanying notes. Management of the Town of Lyon evaluated the activity of the Town through January 9, 2024 and determined that there were no subsequent events that require disclosure in the financial statements.

TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Other Information</u>	<u>Investment Cost/Value</u>
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	3.50%	January 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	FNB of Clarksdale	296,349.89
General Fund	Certificate of Deposit	3.50%	January 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	FNB of Clarksdale	50,055.28
Proprietary Fund	Certificate of Deposit	3.50%	January 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	FNB of Clarksdale	30,644.10
Proprietary Fund	Certificate of Deposit	3.50%	January 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	FNB of Clarksdale	31,949.59
Proprietary Fund	Certificate of Deposit	3.50%	January 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	FNB of Clarksdale	12,418.59
Proprietary Fund	Certificate of Deposit	3.50%	January 5, 2023	December 6, 2023	FNB of Clarksdale	18,515.01
<u>Total</u>						<u>439,932.46</u>

See independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

<b>Definition &amp; Purpose</b>	<b>Transactions During Fiscal Year</b>			<b>Balance Outstanding 9-30-23</b>
	<b>Balance Outstanding 10-1-22</b>	<b>Issued</b>	<b>Redeemed</b>	
<u>Other Long-Term Debt</u>				
Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality	66,916.33		12,013.40	54,902.93
United States Department of Agriculture	186,748.75		10,385.42	176,363.33
<u>Totals</u>	<u>253,665.08</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,398.82</u>	<u>231,266.26</u>

See independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF LYON, MISSISSIPPI  
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICIALS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2023**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount</u>
John R. Sawyer	Mayor	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	25,000.00
Jennifer Cummins	Town Clerk	Fidelity & Deposit	50,000.00
James Gaston	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	10,000.00
Donald W. Sewell	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	10,000.00
Gary Alan Foster	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	10,000.00
Lee Sturdivant	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	10,000.00
G. Paul Tedford	Alderman	Travelers Casualty & Surety Company	10,000.00
Raney Reece	Commissioner	Western Surety Company	50,000.00

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH  
STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen  
Town of Lyon  
Lyon, Mississippi

We have compiled the accompanying combined statement of cash receipts and disbursements - governmental and business-type activities of the Town of Lyon for the year ended September 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 9, 2024, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

We have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our compilation engagement and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

In connection with our compilation report, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Town of Lyon, Mississippi had not complied with the requirements of the Office of the State Auditor as set forth in the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire and other state laws and regulations.

This report is intended for the information of the Town's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

*Ellis & Hirsberg CPA's PLLC*

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Clarksdale, Mississippi  
January 9, 2024

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING  
AGREED UPON PROCEDURES**

Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Lyon  
Lyon, Mississippi

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on evaluating the Town of Lyon's compliance with the provisions of Section 21-35-31 of Miss. Code Ann. (1972) for the year ended September 30, 2023. Town of Lyon's management is responsible for compliance with the provisions of Section 21-35-31 of Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

The Town of Lyon has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the Mississippi Code requirements for municipalities. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated 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 bank:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance per General Ledger</u>
First National Bank	General	268,230.57
First National Bank	Special Revenue	<u>7,656.51</u>
<u>Total Governmental Activities</u>		<u>275,887.08</u>
First National Bank	Proprietary	<u>144,846.25</u>
<u>Total All Funds</u>		<u><u>420,733.33</u></u>

**Findings:** No exceptions were noted.

2. We determined if investments were in compliance with Section 21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

**Findings:** No exceptions were noted.

3. We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year.
  - A. Verified use of certified county assessment rolls and traced levies to governing body minutes;
  - B. Determined that sales of property for delinquent taxes were conducted;
  - C. Traced settlements to the proper funds;
  - D. Determined that increase in ad valorem taxes were within the growth limitations allowed by Sections 27-39-320 through 27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

**Findings:** No exceptions were noted.

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

<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Ledger Amount</u>
Gasoline Tax	869.50
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	9,400.00
Sales Tax Allocation	15,543.08
Other Aid for Non-State Governmental Entities	37,021.62
Nuclear Plant Payments in Lieu of Taxes	143.16
Fire Protection Allocation	7,656.51
General Municipal Aid	<u>147.95</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>70,781.82</u>

**Findings:** No exceptions were noted.

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 25 items with a dollar value of the sample of \$7,021.65.

**Findings:** No exceptions were noted.

6. Determine that the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire was completed, signed and recorded in the Town Board minutes. Tested the questionnaire to determine that it was accurately prepared.

**Findings:** No exceptions nor instances of non-compliance were noted.

We were engaged by the Town of Lyon to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expressions of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on compliance with State of Mississippi municipal procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of Town of Lyon, Mississippi and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report should not be associated with the financial statements of the Town of Lyon, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2023.

This report is intended solely for the use of the Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi and the Mayor and Board of Aldermen of the Town of Lyon, Mississippi and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes.

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