**@COUNTY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

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# FINANCIAL SECTION

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Adverse opinion on the basic financial statements of a primary government that omits the financial data of each discrete component unit and that does not issue audited financial statements for the reporting entity.**

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Adverse and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities,~~ the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

*Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit~~(s)~~*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~ of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, ~~Business-Type Activities~~, and the/~~E~~a~~ch~~ Major Fund*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, ~~business-type activities~~, and the/~~each~~ major fund of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principle generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions***

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 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, 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 adverse and unmodified opinions.

*Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit~~(s)~~*

The financial statements do not include financial data for the County’s legally separate component unit~~(s)~~. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the County’s primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component unit~~(s)~~. The County has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the County’s legally separate component unit~~(s)~~ on the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~ has not been determined.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 County’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.

***Auditor’s 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 auditor’s 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 GAAS and *Government 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 GAAS and *Government 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 County’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 County’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.

***Required Supplementary Information***

(**Note to Preparer**: Include and edit as applicable the following paragraph to describe the required supplementary information that IS presented. RSI is Management’s Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule(s) and corresponding notes, the Schedule of Changes in the County’s Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios, the Schedule of the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of County Contributions.)

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule~~(s)~~ and corresponding notes, ~~the Schedule of Changes in the County’s Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios,~~ the Schedule of the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of County Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management’s responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

(**Note to Preparer**: Delete the last sentence from the above paragraph, and replace with the following as applicable if a material departure exists.) ~~“Although our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected, the following material departures from the prescribed guidelines exist. Management’s Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedule(s) and corresponding notes, and the Schedule of Changes in the County’s Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (is/are) not in conformity with the requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board because (describe reason not in conformity) We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information.”~~

***Omission of Required Supplementary Information***

(**Note to Preparer**: Include and edit as applicable the following paragraph to describe the required supplementary information that is NOT presented.)

@County County, Mississippi, has omitted the Management’s Discussion and Analysis, ~~the Budgetary Comparison Schedule(s) and the corresponding notes, and the Schedule of Funding Progress – Other Postemployment Benefits~~ 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 an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

***Supplementary Information***

(**Note to Preparer**: Edit this paragraph as applicable to include only information that is included in the report. It is possible that this paragraph will be completely deleted.)

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise @County County, Mississippi’s basic financial statements. The accompanying 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*, ~~and the accompanying Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste~~ is ~~(are~~) presented for purposes of additional analysis and is ~~(are)~~ not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying 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*, ~~and the Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste~~ is ~~(are)~~ the responsibility of management and was ~~(were)~~ derived from and relate(s) directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic 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 ~~and the Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste~~ is ~~(are)~~ fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor’s 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.

(**Note to Preparer**: Edit or delete the following paragraph as applicable.)

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated @Date on our consideration of @County County, Mississippi'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 @County County, Mississippi’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 @County County, Mississippi’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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(**Note to Preparer**: For modifications to the Independent Auditor’s Report refer to the AICPA Audit and Accounting Guide on Audits of State and Local Governments.)

# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Unmodified opinions on the basic financial statements - No component units.**

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi (the County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Opinions***

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 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, 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 opinions.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

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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 County’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.

***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

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* Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
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* 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 County’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 County’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.

***Required Supplementary Information***

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***Supplementary Information***

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***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor’s 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.

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**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Unmodified opinion on financial statements, with reference to another auditor.**

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities~~, the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report~~(s)~~ of the other auditors, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities~~, the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We did not audit the financial statements of [identify component unit(s)], which represent~~(s)~~ \_\_\_ percent, \_\_\_ percent, and \_\_\_ percent, respectively, of the assets, net position, and revenues of the [identify the governmental and/or proprietary opinion unit(s)]. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report~~(s)~~ have/~~have~~ been furnished to us, and our opinion~~(s)~~, insofar as it/~~they~~ relate~~(s)~~ to the amounts included for [identify component unit~~(s)~~] is/~~are~~ based solely on the report of the other auditors.

***Basis for Opinions***

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 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, 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 opinions.

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***Omission of Required Supplementary Information***

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***Supplementary Information***

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Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise @County County, Mississippi’s basic financial statements. The accompanying 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*, ~~and the accompanying Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste~~ is ~~(are~~) presented for purposes of additional analysis and is ~~(are)~~ not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor’s 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.

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**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Qualified and Adverse opinion because discretely presented component units and blended component units are omitted.**

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Adverse, Qualified, and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities,~~ the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

*Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit~~(s)~~*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse, Qualified, and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~ of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Qualified Opinion on Aggregate Remaining Fund Information*

In our opinion, except for the matter described in the Basis for Adverse, Qualified, and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, ~~Business-Type Activities~~, and the/~~E~~a~~ch~~ Major Fund*

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, ~~business-type activities~~, and the/~~each~~ major fund of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principle generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Adverse, Qualified, and Unmodified Opinions***

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 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, 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 adverse, qualified, and unmodified opinions.

*Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Unit~~(s)~~ and Qualified Opinion on the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information*

The financial statements do not include financial data for the County’s legally separate component unit~~(s)~~. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the County’s primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component unit~~(s)~~. The County has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the County’s legally separate component unit~~(s)~~ on the aggregate discretely presented component unit~~(s)~~ and the aggregate remaining fund information has not been determined.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 County’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.

***Auditor’s 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 auditor’s 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 GAAS and *Government 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 GAAS and *Government 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 County’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 County’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.

***Required Supplementary Information***

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***Omission of Required Supplementary Information***

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***Supplementary Information***

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***Other Information***

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor’s 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.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

**Report on basic financial statements that include a qualified opinion on the governmental activities because other postemployment benefit obligations are omitted. No component units. (This example only addresses a qualified opinion on governmental activities. However, if the County has enterprise funds that would be affected by OPEB, you will need to modify this report to address business-type activities also.)**

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

**Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

***Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

*Qualified Opinion on Governmental Activities*

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Governmental Activities of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position, and where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

*Unmodified Opinions on ~~Business-Type Activities~~, the/~~Each~~ Major Fund, and Aggregate Remaining Fund Information*

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the ~~business-type activities~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

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 Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, 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 qualified and unmodified opinions.

*Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on the Governmental Activities*

As discussed in Note \_\_\_ to the financial statements, the County has not recorded a liability for other postemployment benefits in the governmental activities and, accordingly, has not recorded an expense for the current period change in that liability. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that other postemployment benefits attributable to employee services already rendered and that are not contingent on a specific event that is outside the control of the employer and employee be accrued as liabilities and expenses as employees earn the rights to the benefits, which would increase the liabilities, reduce the net position, and change the expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the liabilities, net position, and expenses of the governmental activities has not been determined.

***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

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* Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
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***Required Supplementary Information***

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***Other Information***

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# MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

(**Note to Preparer:** The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) should be prepared by the County’s management. We should not be involved in the preparation of this document. We will be responsible for verifying the required information is included and verifying the financial information is in material compliance with the audited financial statements.

Obtain MD&A in electronic form, as well as a written copy.

If the County fails to provide their MD&A, be sure to edit the applicable sentence in the opinion report to explain the County’s situation.)

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# FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Statement of Net Position

Statement of Activities

## Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds

## Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds

## Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

## Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Fund(s)

## Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Fund(s)

## Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund(s)

## Statement of Fiduciary Net Position

## Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

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| Notes to Financial Statements |

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.
2. Financial Reporting Entity.

@County County, Mississippi (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi. The County is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require @County County to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component unit~~(s)~~ which have significant operational or financial relationships with the County. ~~There are no outside organizations that should be included as component units of the County’s reporting entity.~~

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit as appropriate for one/or more component units.)

Management has chosen to omit from these financial statements the following component unit~~(s)~~ which (has/have) significant operational or financial relationship(s) with the County. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include the data of ~~(this component unit) (all of the County’s component units)~~ necessary for reporting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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State law pertaining to county government provides for the independent election of county officials. The following elected and appointed officials are all part of the County legal entity and therefore are reported as part of the primary government financial statements.

• Board of Supervisors

• Chancery Clerk

• Circuit Clerk

• Justice Court Clerk

• Purchase Clerk

• Tax Assessor-Collector

~~• Tax Assessor~~

~~• Tax Collector~~

• Sheriff

(**Note to Preparer:** Re-letter the notes if the County has component units.)

1. ~~Individual Component Unit Disclosures~~

~~Blended Component Units~~

~~Certain component units, although legally separate from the primary government, are nevertheless so intertwined with the primary government that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government. Therefore, these component units are reported as if they are part of the primary government. The following component units’ (unit’s) balances and transactions are blended with the balances and transactions of the primary government.~~

(**Note to Preparer:** Describe herein each blended CU in separate paragraphs.)

~~Discretely Presented Component Units~~

~~The component units’ (unit’s) columns in the financial statements include the financial data of the following component units of the County. They are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the County. (~~**~~Note to Preparer:~~** ~~Edit next sentence as appropriate.) Except for the (give names of CUs), a majority of the members of the governing bodies of these component units are appointed by the County Board of Supervisors.~~

(**Note to Preparer:** Describe herein each discretely presented CU in separate paragraphs.)

~~Consult your supervisor, if the County has discretely presented component units, which are not reported separately in the financial statements. See the blue book, page 202, for list of minimum information required to be included in the “Condensed Statement of Net Position” and the “Condensed Statement of Activities” for these component units. May add combining exhibits for the component units.~~

1. Basis of Presentation.

The County’s basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, fund financial statements and accompanying note disclosures which provide a detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information concerning the County as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government ~~and its component units~~. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. (**Note to Preparer:** Delete strike out in the following sentence, if there are business-type activities.) Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues ~~and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support.~~ ~~The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.~~

**(Note to Preparer:** Include the policy for allocating indirect expenses to functions in the statement of activities, if applicable.)

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities ~~and business-type activities~~ of the County at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the County’s governmental activities ~~and business-type activities~~. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. ~~Internal service fund balances have been eliminated against the expenses and program revenue.~~ The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each ~~business-type activity or~~ governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the County are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, fund balances, revenues and expenditures~~/expenses~~. Funds are organized into governmental, proprietary and fiduciary, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual Governmental Funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

1. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.

The Government-wide, ~~Proprietary Funds~~ and Fiduciary Funds financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Shared revenues are recognized when the provider government recognizes the liability to the County. Grants are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

(**Note to Preparer:** If the County does not have proprietary funds then delete the following paragraph.)

The revenues and expenses of Proprietary Funds are classified as operating or nonoperating. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a Proprietary Fund’s primary operations. All other revenues and expenses are reported as nonoperating.

Governmental financial statements are presented using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are both measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Available means collected in the current period or within 60 days after year end to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the related fund liabilities are incurred. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recognized only when payment is due. Property taxes, state appropriations and federal awards are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

The County reports the following major Governmental Fund~~(s)~~:

General Fund - This fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

~~(List other individual major funds and a description of each. See the following examples.)~~

~~Countywide Road Maintenance Fund - This fund is used to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for road maintenance.~~

~~Debt Service Fund - This fund is used to account for resources accumulated and used for the payment of long-term debt principal, interest and related costs of borrowing used for road projects.~~

The County reports the following major Enterprise Fund~~(s)~~:

~~(~~**~~Note to Preparer~~**~~: Document the name of the fund and explain the purpose of the fund.) EXAMPLE: Solid Waste Fund - This fund is used to account for the County’s activities of disposal of solid waste within the County.)~~

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Special Revenue Funds - These funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

Debt Service Funds - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

Capital Projects Funds - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlays, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets.

Permanent Funds - These funds are used to account for and report resources that are restricted to the extent that only earnings, and not principal, may be used for purposes that support the County’s programs.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE(~~S~~)

Enterprise Funds - These funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises or where the County has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

Internal Service Funds - These funds are used to account for those operations that provide services to other departments or agencies of the government, or to other governments, on a cost-reimbursement basis. (**Note to Preparer**: Need to define the County’s internal service fund, such as: The County’s internal service fund reports on self-insurance programs for employee medical benefits.)

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE(~~S~~)

Private-purpose Trust Funds - These funds are used to report all trust arrangements, other than those properly reported elsewhere, under which the principal and income benefit individuals, private organizations or other governments.

Custodial Funds - Custodial Funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria.

1. Account Classifications.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

1. Deposits and Investments.

State law authorizes the County to invest in interest bearing time certificates of deposit for periods of fourteen days to one year with depositories and in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or any county, municipality or school district of this state. Further, the County may invest in certain repurchase agreements.

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, and all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally three months or less). Investments in governmental securities are stated at fair value. ~~However, the County did not invest in any governmental securities during the fiscal year.~~

1. Receivables.

Receivables are reported net of allowances for uncollectible accounts, where applicable.

1. Interfund Transactions and Balances.

Transactions between funds that are representative of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements and transactions that have not resulted in the actual transfer of cash at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds." ~~Noncurrent portions of interfund receivables and payables are reported as "advances to/from other funds." Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a nonspendable fund balance account in the General Fund, if applicable, to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. However, this is not applicable to advances reported in other governmental funds, which are reported, by definition, as restricted, committed, or assigned.~~ Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. ~~(~~**~~Note to Preparer~~**~~: Delete the following if no business-type funds.) Any outstanding balances between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as “internal balances.”~~

1. Inventories and Prepaid Items.

(**Note to Preparer:** If the following is not applicable, delete this note disclosure and re-letter notes.)

Inventories in the Proprietary Funds are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in/first-out method.

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for Governmental Fund Types since the costs of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

1. Restricted Assets.

(**Note to Preparer:** If the following is not applicable, delete this note disclosure and re-letter notes.)

Proprietary Fund and component unit assets required to be held and/or used as specified in bond indentures, bond resolutions, trustee agreements, board resolutions and donor specifications have been reported as restricted assets. When both restricted and nonrestricted assets are available for use, the policy is to use restricted assets first.

(**Note to Preparer**: When the County has restricted assets; provide details as to the restrictions. See the following example disclosure.)

~~[Proprietary Fund assets required to be held and/or used as specified in bond indentures, bond resolutions, trustee agreements, board resolutions and donor specifications have been reported as restricted assets. Certain proceeds of the County’s enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because they are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The “capitalized interest” account is funded by bank bond proceeds and is used to pay the related interest due on revenue bonds prior to the completion of construction of the project. The “debt service reserve” account is used to report resources set aside to subsidize potential deficiencies from the County’s operation that could adversely affect debt service payments. The “project fund” account is used to report those proceeds of revenue bonds issuances that are restricted for use in construction. The “startup costs” account is used to report resources set aside to provide funds required to fund startup costs associated with the project. The “bond issuance expense” account is used to segregate resources set aside to pay bond issue cost. When both restricted and nonrestricted assets are available for use, the policy is to use the restricted assets first.]~~

1. Capital Assets.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit the following paragraph if the opinion on capital assets is either qualified or adverse because the capital assets reported on the accompanying Statement of Net Position is not fairly stated or if the opinion is adverse because the capital assets are not capitalized or because infrastructure or depreciation is not provided as required by GAAP.)

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the (applicable) governmental ~~or business-type~~ activities column in the government-wide financial statements. (**Note to Preparer:** Delete next sentence if opinion is Unmodified.) ~~The County did not maintain adequate (~~**~~Note to Preparer:~~** ~~Delete phrases if not applicable and punctuate accordingly.) (subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets.) or (records documenting the County’s infrastructure.) or (records documenting depreciation on applicable assets.)~~ All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. Capital assets include significant amounts of infrastructure, which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition. The extent to which capital assets, ~~other than infrastructure,~~ costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation are not readily available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend their respective lives are not capitalized; however, improvements are capitalized. Interest expenditures are not capitalized on capital assets.

(**Note to Preparer:** For phase 3 counties-Delete if the County has elected to report retroactively.)

Governmental accounting and financial reporting standards allow governments meeting certain criteria to elect not to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively. @County County meets this criteria and has so elected. Therefore, the major general infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, are not reported in the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

(**Note to Preparer:** If the County does not have Proprietary Funds, then delete the following paragraph.)

Capital assets acquired or constructed for Proprietary Fund operations are capitalized at cost in the respective funds in which they are utilized. ~~(~~**~~Note to Preparer:~~** ~~Select one of the following two sentences.)~~ No interest is capitalized on self-constructed assets because noncapitalization of interest does not have a material effect on the County's financial statements. ~~(or)~~ Interest cost incurred during the construction of Proprietary Fund capital assets is capitalized as part of the cost of construction. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of donation.

Capitalization thresholds (dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives are used to report capital assets in the government-wide statements ~~and Proprietary Funds~~. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land. A full year’s depreciation expense is taken for all purchases and sales of capital assets during the year. The following schedule details those thresholds and estimated useful lives:

(**Note to Preparer:** Delete any of the categories below, if not applicable.)

|  |  |  |  |  |
| --- | --- | --- | --- | --- |
|  |  | Capitalization  Thresholds |  | Estimated  Useful Life |
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Land | $ | 0 |  | N/A |
| Infrastructure |  | 0 |  | 20-50 years |
| Buildings |  | 50,000 |  | 40 years |
| Improvements other than buildings |  | 25,000 |  | 20 years |
| Mobile equipment |  | 5,000 |  | 5-10 years |
| Furniture and equipment |  | 5,000 |  | 3-7 years |
| Intangible assets |  | \*\* |  | \*\* |

(**Note to Preparer:** If applicable – edit as necessary.)

~~\*\* Intangible assets for the County represent right-to-use leased assets and are capitalized as a group for reporting purposes. The estimated useful life is the term of the lease agreement. There is no mandated maximum amortization period. Intangible assets with indefinite useful lives should not be amortized.~~

~~The term “depreciation” includes the amortization of intangible assets.~~

1. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources.

(**Note to Preparer:** If the amount reported for a component of net position is significantly affected by a transaction that has resulted in recognition of a deferred outflow of resources and/or a deferred inflow of resources, an explanation of the effect should be disclosed per GASB 63, Paragraph 14.)

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

Deferred amount on refunding - For current refunding’s and advance refunding’s resulting in defeasance of debt reported by governmental activities, business type activities, and proprietary funds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources and recognized as a component of interest expense in a systematic and rational manner over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter.

Deferred outflows related to pensions - This amount represents the County’s proportionate share of the deferred outflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note \_\_\_\_\_ for additional details.

Deferred outflows related to OPEB - This amount represents the County’s deferred outflows of resources reported by the OPEB plan in which the County participates. See Note \_\_\_\_\_ for additional details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Deferred revenues – property taxes/unavailable revenue – property taxes - Deferred inflows of resources should be reported when resources associated with imposed nonexchange revenue transactions are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which property taxes are levied.

Unavailable revenue – fines - When an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available, the government should report a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available.

Deferred inflows related to pensions - This amount represents the County’s proportionate share of the deferred inflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note \_\_\_\_\_ for additional details.

Deferred inflows related to leases/leases – Deferred inflows of resources measured at the initial value of the lease receivable to reflect that the receivable relates to future periods.

Deferred inflows related to OPEB - This amount represents the County’s deferred inflows of resources reported by the OPEB plan in which the County participates. See Note \_\_\_\_\_ for additional details.

1. Leases.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 87, *Leases* (GASB 87), to establish a single leasing model for accounting and reporting purposes. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments. GASB 87 was implemented during fiscal year 2022.

The County uses the [describe the rate used to calculate the present value] to calculate the present value of lease payments when the rate implicit in the lease is not known.

(**Note to Preparer:** Include any other required disclosures either here or in a separate note. See Note 11 in the report model and GASB 87 for a listing of required disclosures.)

1. Long-term Liabilities.

Long-term liabilities are the unmatured principal of bonds, loans, notes or other forms of noncurrent or long-term general obligation indebtedness. Long-term liabilities are not limited to liabilities from debt issuances, but may also include liabilities on financed purchases and other commitments.

In the government-wide financial statements ~~and in the Proprietary Fund financial statements,~~ long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the ~~applicable~~ governmental activities, ~~business-type activities or Proprietary Funds~~ Statement of Net Position. (**Note to Preparer:** Include the following, if applicable for new bonds issued. Consult your supervisor regarding this change in the issuance of bonds. This change will not affect the bond outstanding.) ~~Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount.~~

(**Note to Preparer:**  Include the following paragraph, if applicable for new debt issued.)

~~In the fund financial statements, Governmental Fund Types recognize bond premiums and discounts during the current period. The face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources.~~

(**Note to Preparer:**  Include the following paragraph, if applicable for new bonds issued.)

~~Premiums received on debt issuances are reported as other financing sources while discounts on debt issuances are reported as other financing uses. Issuance costs, whether or not withheld from the actual debt proceeds received, are reported as debt service expenditures.~~

1. Pensions.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees’ Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS’ fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

1. Other Postemployment Benefits.

(**Note to Preparer:** Please refer to GASB No. 75 for details of required disclosures for other postemployment benefits.)

(**Note to Preparer:** This is an example disclosure and will need to be edited to properly disclose the County’s specific situation. Any other postemployment benefits such as life, vision, dental, long-term disability insurances offered to retirees will also need to be addressed.)

Plan Description

The @County County Board of Supervisors administers the County’s health insurance plan, which is authorized by Sections 25-15-101 et seq., Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated. The County’s health insurance plan may be amended by the @County County Board of Supervisors. The County purchases health insurance coverage from a commercial insurance company and offers health insurance benefit coverage through the County’s health insurance plan (the Plan). Since retirees may obtain health insurance by participating in a group with active employees and consequently receive a health insurance premium rate differential, the County has a postemployment healthcare benefit reportable under GASB Statement 75 as a single employer defined benefit health care plan. The County does not issue a publicly available financial report for the Plan. (**Note to Preparer:** If the County has failed to implement GASB 75, select this sentence and delete remainder of note disclosure.) ~~However, the County has not recorded a liability for other postemployment benefits nor has the County reported the note disclosures which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.~~

1. Compensated Absences.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Choose the correct paragraph and delete the others. If you choose the last paragraph, then it will need to be edited. Also, if the first paragraph is chosen, then an internal control finding should be included.)

The County has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee benefits; however, adequate records are not maintained for determining the amount of the liability. Therefore, no liability is recorded in the accompanying financial statements as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe the effects of the unrecorded liability on the financial statements are immaterial.

The County has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee personal leave. No payment is authorized for accrued major medical leave. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require accrual of accumulated unpaid employee benefits as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements and Proprietary Funds financial statements. In fund financial statements, Governmental Funds report the compensated absence liability payable only if the payable has matured, for example, an employee resigns or retires.

1. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components:

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

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” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Net Position Flow Assumption:

(**Note to Preparer:** Modify the following disclosure as it applies to the County.)

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County’s general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County’s general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

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.

Governmental fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned. The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the County: (**Note to Preparer:**  Delete any classification not relevant to the County.)

*Nonspendable fund balance* includes amounts that cannot be spent. This includes amounts that are either not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties are restricted, committed or assigned) or amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as a principal balance of a permanent fund.

*Restricted fund balance* includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources by an external party or imposed by law through either a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

*Committed fund balance* includes amounts that can be used only for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by a formal action of the Board of Supervisors, the County’s highest level of decision-making authority. This formal action is an order of the Board of Supervisors as approved in the board minutes.

*Assigned fund balance* includes amounts that are constrained by the County’s intent to be used for a specific purpose, but are neither restricted nor committed. For governmental funds, other than the General Fund, this is the residual amount within the fund that is not classified as nonspendable and is neither restricted nor committed. Assignments of fund balance are created by the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ pursuant to authorization established by [input policy].

*Unassigned fund balance* is 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.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption:

(**Note to Preparer:**  Modify the following disclosure as it applies to the County.) When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County’s general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County’s general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts. **(Note to Preparer:** If a minimum fund balance policy is formally adopted, describe the policy, including the action taken in adopting the policy.)

1. Property Tax Revenues:

Numerous statutes exist under which the Board of Supervisors may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the County. 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 Supervisors, 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require property taxes to be recognized at the levy date if measurable and available. All property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Motor vehicle and mobile home taxes do not meet the measurability and collectibility criteria for property tax recognition because the lien and due date cannot be established until the date of original purchase occurs.

1. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds.

Intergovernmental revenues, consisting of grants, entitlements and shared revenues, are usually recorded in Governmental Funds when measurable and available. However, the "available" criterion applies for certain federal grants and shared revenues when the expenditure is made because expenditure is the prime factor for determining eligibility. Similarly, if cost sharing or matching requirements exist, revenue recognition depends on compliance with these requirements.

1. Changes in Accounting Standards.

GASB 87, *Leases*, was implemented during fiscal year 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. It established a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments.

1. ~~Fund Reclassification (Accounting Change).~~

~~(~~**~~Note to Preparer:~~** ~~If both fund reclassification and accounting change notes are needed, have an individual note for each. The following paragraph is an example of wording to be used for a fund reclassification.)~~

~~The Solid Waste fund’s beginning fund balance of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was reclassified from the Special Revenue Funds to a beginning retained earnings in the Enterprise Fund because, effective October 1, \_\_\_\_\_\_, it became the objective to account for solid waste disposal operations in a manner similar to private business or to determine revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income of the fund.~~

1. Prior Period Adjustment(s).

(**Note to Preparer:** Only include **significant** errors to the prior year financial statements.)

A summary of the significant net position/fund balance adjustment(s) is as follows:

Exhibit 2 – Statement of Activities – Governmental Activities.

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Exhibit 2 – Statement of Activities – Business-type Activities.

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Exhibit 4 – Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds.

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Exhibit 6 – Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Funds.

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1. Deposits and Investments.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Delete “and Investments” from Exhibits 1, 3 and 8 and Note 4 if the County has no investments.)

Deposits:

The carrying amount of the County's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2022, was $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the bank balance was $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The collateral for public entities’ deposits in financial institutions is 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,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*. 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 Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. 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 Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). 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 County.

Investments:

(**Note to Preparer:**  Edit the following investment paragraphs as appropriate. Refer to your investment confirmation and agreements.)

As provided in *Section 91-13-8,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*, the following investments of the County are handled through a trust indenture between the County and the trustee related to the operations of the ~~Insert Name Here~~ Regional Correctional Facility.

(**Note to Preparer:** Refer to the Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 268 – Fair Value Measurements for the definition of the fair value hierarchy. The fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value into three broad Levels (Levels 1, 2 and 3), moving from quoted prices in active markets in Level 1 to unobservable inputs in Level 3.

Level 1 inputs include US government and agency securities, foreign government debt, listed equities and money market securities.

Level 2 inputs include corporate bonds (investment grade, high yield), mortgage-backed securities, bank loans, loan commitments, less liquid listed equities, municipal bonds and certain OTC derivatives.

Level 3 inputs include distressed debt, private equity, exotic or non-standard derivatives.)

Investments balances at September 30, 2022, are as follows:



Interest Rate Risk. The County 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. (**Note to Preparer:** If the County has adopted an interest rate policy, then explain the policy.) However, *Section 19-9-29,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated* limits the maturity period of any investment to no more than one year.

Credit Risk. State law limits investments to those authorized by *Sections 19-9-29* and *91-13-8*, *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*. The County does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investments choices or one that addresses credit risk. (**Note to Preparer:** If the County has adopted a credit risk policy, then explain the policy.)

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The county does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. (**Note to Preparer:** If the County has adopted a custodial credit risk policy, then explain the policy.) Of the County’s investment , $\_\_\_\_\_\_ of underlying securities were ~~uninsured, unregistered, and~~ held ~~in trust accounts~~ by the investment’s counterparty on behalf of the County, not in the name of the County.

~~Concentration of Credit Risk. (~~**~~Note to Preparer:~~** ~~The County should disclose a description of investment amount and fund name where the investment is reported for any investment which represents 5 percent or more of the total investments. This requirement does not apply to investments issued or explicitly guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds or external investment pools.) The County places no limit on the amount the County may invest in any one issuer. More than 5 percent of the County’s investments are in (description of investment). These investments are \_\_\_% of the County’s total investments and are reported in the (name of the County’s fund). Or use the table below.~~



1. Interfund Transactions and Balances.

(**Note to Preparer:** Loans, advances and transfers will be listed by individual fund name for the General Fund and all Major Funds. These transactions will tie to Exhibit 3, 5 and/or 8 amounts. Any loans, advances or transfers between 2 nonmajor funds will be listed as either “Other Governmental Funds” or “Other Enterprise Funds.” Do not list the individual fund names. There should not be any inter-fund transactions from the General Fund to the General Fund.)

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2022:

1. Due From/To Other Funds:



(**Note to Preparer:**  The purpose of the loans should be disclosed, along with any amounts not expected to be paid within one year.) ~~(Example: The receivables represent an error in posting revenue during the year. OR The amount payable to Countywide Road Fund represents supplies purchased for Countywide Bridge Fund, which are not expected to be repaid within one year.)~~

~~(For most counties, the following will be used.)~~

~~The receivables represent the tax revenue collected in September, 2022, but not settled until October, 2022. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.~~

1. Advances from/to Other Funds:



(**Note to Preparer:**  The purpose of the advances should be disclosed, along with any amounts not expected to be paid within one year.) ~~(Example: The amount payable to the internal service funds represents unpaid charges.~~)

1. Transfers In/Out:



(**Note to Preparer:**  The purpose of the transfers should be disclosed.) (~~Example: The principal purpose of interfund transfers was to provide funds for grant matches or to provide funds to pay for capital outlay. All interfund transfers were routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.)~~

1. Intergovernmental Receivables.

(**Note to Preparer:**  List the material intergovernmental receivables by type of revenue. Ex. motor vehicle license tax, community development block grant, etc. Immaterial receivables may be listed as “Other”.)

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2022, consisted of the following:



1. Loans Receivable.

(**Note to Preparer:** Add a General Description of the terms and conditions of the Loans Receivable.)

Loans receivable balances at September 30, 2022, are as follows:



1. Restricted Assets.

(**Note to Preparer:** If the following is not applicable, delete this note disclosure and re-number notes. Restricted asset accounts will vary with each county. Modify accordingly.)

The balances of the restricted asset accounts in the enterprise funds are as follows:



1. Capital Assets.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Present a summary schedule of capital assets, even if the opinion is qualified because of capital assets.)

(**Note to Preparer:** For FY 2022, the line item for “leased property under capital leases” will only be used to report beginning balances due to the implementation of GASB 87. Amounts should be adjusted to appropriate asset class.)

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2022:







(**Note to Preparer:**  Explain adjustments to the capital assets.)

~~[The adjustments above for leased assets are a result of the implementation of GASB 87. Under the new guidance, leases that were previously reported as capital leases and whereby the asset conveys to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease, are now considered financed purchases. Since these assets are no longer considered leased assets, reclassifications have been made to report them in their respective category.]~~

(**Note to Preparer:**  Insert schedule of capital assets for discretely presented component units, if applicable.)

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:





Commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects at September 30, 2022, consisted of the following:



(**Note to Preparer:** Disclose any other commitments in paragraph form.)

1. Claims and Judgments.

Risk Financing.

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The County pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is $1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool’s retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2022, to January 1, 2023. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss relating to employee health and accident coverage through the Mississippi Public Entity Employee Benefit Trust, a public entity risk pool. The pool is a claims-servicing organization with the County retaining the risk of loss on all claims to which the County is exposed. Premium payments to the pool are determined on an actuarial basis. (**Note to Preparer:**  Based on information received, a county may have one or both of these reinsurances. Edit the next three sentences after getting the appropriate coverage information.) The County has reinsurance, which functions on two separate stop loss coverages: specific and aggregate. These coverages are purchased from an outside commercial carrier. For the current fiscal year, the specific coverage begins when an individual participant’s claim exceeds $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the aggregate policy covers all submitted claims in excess of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Claims expenses and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. (**Note to Preparer:** If the County has no year-end liability, delete the next two sentences and schedule of changes in claims liabilities below.) Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs). The following table provides changes in the balances of claims liabilities for fiscal years 2021 and 2022:



(**Note to Preparer:** If the County has a year-end liability, delete the following sentence.)

The County had no year-end liability because cash on deposit in the risk pool exceeded the pool's accrued unpaid claims in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, reported on the balance sheet.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Include the following if the County stopped participating in the trust fund during the current fiscal year.)

~~Until (enter date), the County financed its exposure to risk of loss relating to employee health and accident coverage through the Mississippi Public Entity Employee Benefit Trust, a public entity risk pool. The pool is a claims-servicing organization with the County retaining the risk of loss on all claims to which the County was exposed. Premium payments to the pool were determined on an actuarial basis. The County purchased commercial insurance to cover all claims in excess of premium contributions. Claims expenses and liabilities were reported when it was probable that a loss had occurred and the amount of that loss could be reasonably estimated.~~

~~The County had no year-end liability because the County terminated their participation in the risk pool on (enter date), and a commercial insurance company began providing coverage.~~

(**Note to Preparer:**  Delete or edit the following information about self-insurance as appropriate.)

The County is exposed to risk of loss relating to employee health, accident and dental coverage. Beginning in 19XX and pursuant to *Section 25-15-101,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*, the County established a risk management fund (included as an Internal Service Fund) to account for and finance its uninsured risk of loss.

Under the plan, amounts payable to the risk management fund are based on actuarial estimates. @County County pays the premium on a single coverage policy for its employees. Employees desiring additional and/or dependent coverage pay the additional premium through a payroll deduction. Premium payments to the risk management fund are determined on an actuarial basis. The County has minimum uninsured risk retention for the County, to the extent that actual claims submitted exceed the predetermined premium. The County has implemented the following plans to minimize this potential loss:

The County has purchased coinsurance, which functions on two separate stop loss coverages: specific and aggregate. These coverages are purchased from an outside commercial carrier. For the current fiscal year, the specific coverage begins when an individual participant’s claim exceeds $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and the aggregate policy covers all submitted claims in excess of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

The County has collected an additional charge for expected future catastrophic losses. This additional charge has resulted in $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the Internal Service Fund’s $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ net position balance at September 30, 2022, being designated for future catastrophic losses.

Claims expenditures and liabilities are reported when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount of that loss can be reasonably estimated. Liabilities include an amount for claims that have been incurred but not reported (IBNRs). At September 30, 2022, the amount of these liabilities was $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. An analysis of claims activities is presented below:



(**Note to Preparer:**  Include the following sentence if applicable.)

The County terminated its risk management fund on (date), and a commercial insurance company began providing employee health and accident coverage.

1. Leases.

(**Note to Preparer:**  The following is meant to provide disclosure guidelines based on GASB 87. Please update the note based on applicability and the leases of the County. Counties should add any disclosures that are deemed necessary and remove any disclosures that are inapplicable. Please refer to GASB 87 for a full listing of required disclosures related to leases.

Please ensure that all the required disclosures in red below and listed full in GASB 87 are included in the report as applicable. The language in black below gives some examples of how disclosures could be worded. Please adjust disclosures based on the County’s leases. It is not required to prepare a separate lease note if the required disclosures are included elsewhere in the report. That is a matter of auditor judgment.)

~~The County is a lessee for various non-cancellable leases of [buildings, equipment, etc.]. For leases that have a maximum possible term of 12 months or less at commencement, the County recognizes expense based on the provisions of the lease contract. For all other leases, other than short-term, the County recognized a lease and an intangible right-to-use lease asset.~~

~~At lease commencement, the County initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, less lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus any initial direct costs ancillary to placing the underlying asset into service, less any lease incentives received at or before the lease commencement date. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized in [depreciation and amortization expense, lease expense, etc.] on a straight-line basis over the shorter of the lease term or the useful life of the underlying asset.~~

~~The County generally uses its [insert rate] as the discount rate for leases unless the rate that the lessor charges is known. [Describe how the County determines the rate.]~~

~~The lease term includes the non-cancellable period of the lease plus any additional periods covered by either a county or lessor option to extend for which it is reasonably certain to be exercised or terminate for which it is reasonably certain to not be exercised. Periods in which both the County and the lessor have a unilateral option to terminate (or if both parties have agreed to extend) are excluded from the lease term.~~

As Lessee:

(**Note to Preparer:** A lessee should disclose the following about its lease activities (which may be grouped for purposes of disclosure), other than short-term leases:

* A general description of its leasing arrangements, including:
* The basis, terms and conditions on which variable payments are determined, and
* The existence, terms and conditions of residual value guarantees provided by the lessee
* The total amount of lease assets, and the related accumulated amortization disclosed separately from other capital assets
* The amount of lease assets by major classes of underlying assets, disclosed separately from other capital assets
* The amount of outflows of resources recognized in the reporting period for variable payments not previously included in the measurement of the lease liability
* The amount of outflows of resources recognized in the period for other payments not previously included in the liability
* Principal and interest requirements to maturity, presented separately, for the lease liability for each of the five subsequent fiscal years and in five-year increments thereafter
* Lease commitments for which the lease term has not yet begun
* The components of any loss associated with an impairment

Additional disclosures also need to be made for the following transactions, if applicable:

* Sublease transactions
* Sale-leaseback transactions
* Lease-leaseback transactions

A lessee is not required to disclose collateral pledged as a security for a lease if that collateral is solely the asset underlying the lease.

Edit as appropriate with the implementation of GASB 87.)

**Lease Assets**



See Note 9 for further details regarding intangible right-to-use assets, which represents leased assets.

**Lease Liabilities**



~~Example:~~

~~@County County entered into a lease agreement with [Name of Lessor] for the lease of [Item to be leased] owned by [Name of Lessor]. The lease stipulated that the lessee would pay approximately $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ per month in lease payments commencing for a term of \_\_\_\_ years.~~



The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2022:



As Lessor:

(**Note to Preparer:** A lessor should disclose the following about its lease activities (which may be grouped for purposes of disclosure) :

* A general description of its leasing arrangements, including the basis, terms and conditions on which any variable payments not included in the measurement of the lease receivable are determined
* The total amount of inflows of resources recognized in the reporting period from leases, if that amount cannot be determined based on the face of the financial statements
* The amount of inflows of resources recognized in the reporting period for variable and other payments not previously included in the measurement of the lease receivable
* The existence, terms and conditions of options by the lessee to terminate the lease or abate payments if the lessor government has issued debt for which the principal and interest payments are secured by the lease payments

Additional disclosures also need to be made for the following transactions, if applicable:

* Leases of assets that are investments
* Certain regulated leases
* Sublease transactions
* Sale-leaseback transactions
* Lease-leaseback transactions

Edit as appropriate with the implementation of GASB 87.)

~~Example:~~

~~On [date], @County County entered into a lease agreement with [Name of Lessee] for the lease of [Item to be leased] owned by the County for the purpose of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. The lease stipulated that the lessee would pay approximately $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_per month in lease payments commencing [Date] for a term of \_\_\_\_ years. At the end of the lease term, [Name of Lessee] has the right to renew for an additional \_\_\_\_ years/option to purchase [name of asset] for $\_\_\_\_\_\_. The County is to receive $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in rent annually with an implicit interest rate of \_\_\_%.~~

Remaining amounts to be received associated with this/~~these~~ lease~~(s)~~ are as follows:



1. Short-term Debt and Liquidity.

(**Note to Preparer:**  GASB 34 requires a schedule of changes in short-term debt, even if there is no short-term debt outstanding at September 30. Also, will need to describe the purpose for which the debt was issued.)

The following is a summary of short-term debt activity for the year ended September 30, 2022:



(**Note to Preparer:** Example of purpose of debt listed above.)

During the month of \_\_\_\_\_, 20XX, the County issued $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of tax anticipation notes with an interest rate of \_\_\_\_\_% and maturity date of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in order to alleviate a temporary operating cash flow deficiency.

1. Long-term Debt.

(**Note to Preparer:** Interest rates should include 2 decimal places, for example 2.00, 2.25, 2.10.)

**(Note to Preparer:** GASB 88 (implemented in fiscal year 2019) defines *debt* as a liability that arises from a contractual obligation to pay cash (or another financial asset) in one or more payments to settle an amount that is fixed at the date when the contractual obligation is established.

Additional disclosures include:

a. Amount of unused lines of credit.

b. Assets pledged as collateral for debt.

c. Terms specified in debt agreements related to significant events of default with finance-related consequences, termination events with finance-related consequences, and subjective acceleration clauses.

Notes should separate information about direct borrowings and direct placement of debt from other debt.

See GASB 88 for further details and illustrations.)

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2022, consisted of the following:





(**Note to Preparer:** If a government pledges future revenues to directly collateralize or secure its debt or indirectly collateralize or secure debt of a component unit, certain disclosures are required. For each period in which debt secured by a pledge of future revenues is outstanding, GASB No. 48, paragraph 21 requires governments to disclose the following :)

1. The specific revenue pledged and the approximate amount of the pledge. The approximate amount is generally equal to remaining principal and interest payments on the debt.
2. Identity of and the general purpose for which the secured debt was issued.
3. The period during which the pledged revenue will not be available for other purposes.
4. The ratio of the pledged amount to the total for that specific revenue, if estimable.
5. A comparison of pledged revenues recognized during the period to the principal and interest payments made during the period for the debt directly or indirectly secured by pledged revenues. Pledged revenues may be presented net of specified operating expenses, as provided in the pledge agreement. The amounts should not be netted in the financial statements.)

(**Note to Preparer:** This is an example disclosure and will need to be edited to properly disclose the County’s specific situation.)

Pledge of Future Revenues - The County has pledged future revenues for housing inmates, net of specified operating expenses, to repay $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_in limited obligation urban renewal revenue bonds issued in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Proceeds from the bonds provided financing for the construction of the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ County Regional Correctional Facility. The bonds are not a general obligation of the County and, therefore, are not secured by the full faith and credit of the County. The bonds are payable solely from income derived from an inmate housing agreement with the Mississippi Department of Corrections for housing state prisoners and income received from any other governments for housing and holding prisoners and are payable through \_\_\_\_\_\_. Annual principal and interest payments on the bonds are expected to require less than \_\_\_ percent of net revenues. The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the bonds is $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Principal and interest paid for the current year and total inmate housing net revenues were $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, respectively.

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the following debt reported in the Statement of Net Position are as follows:

(**Note to Preparer:**  If the County has Special Assessment Debt with Commitments, include the schedule of annual debt service requirements to maturity below.)













Legal Debt Margin - The amount of debt, excluding specific exempted debt that can be incurred by the County is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during a year can be no greater than 15% of assessed value of the taxable property within the County, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation. However, the limitation is increased to 20% whenever a county issues bonds to repair or replace washed out or collapsed bridges on the public roads of the County. As of September 30, 2022, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to \_\_\_\_\_percent of the latest property assessments.

Special Assessment Debt with Commitments - During fiscal year \_\_\_\_, the County issued special assessment bond issues totaling $ . The debt was issued to provide funds for the construction of (describe purpose of the debt). (**Note to Preparer:** Consult your supervisor and edit the following.) The bonds are secured by the full faith and credit of the County. The county levied a special assessment tax upon all taxable property in the benefitted area. The tax is adequate and sufficient to provide for the payment of the principal and interest on the bonds. At September 30, 2022, $ of special assessment receivables are considered delinquent. (**Note to Preparer:**  If the County is not obligated in any manner for the special assessment debt, disclose the amount of the debt and County’s involvement in the debt.)

Current Refunding - On (date?), the County issued $\_\_\_\_\_ in general obligation refunding bonds with an average interest rate of \_\_\_\_\_% to refund $\_\_\_\_\_ of the following outstanding bond issue(s):

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(**Note to Preparer:** Choose appropriate sentence as to the reason for the current refunding and/or edit as necessary.)

The County refunded the above bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over the next \_\_\_\_ years by almost $\_\_\_\_ and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of $\_\_\_\_. The County refunded the above bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over the next \_\_\_\_ years by almost $\_\_\_\_; however, the refunding resulted in an economic loss of $\_\_\_\_.

Advance Refunding - On (date?), the County issued $\_\_\_\_\_ in general obligation refunding bonds with an average interest rate of \_\_\_\_\_% to advance refund $\_\_\_\_\_ of the following outstanding bond issue(s):

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(**Note to Preparer:** If there is a partial refunding of issues, include the appropriate portions of the following paragraph for each issue.)

The (name of issue) had an outstanding balance of $\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the time of refunding, but only $\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the bond was refunded, leaving a remaining principal balance of $\_\_\_\_\_\_, of which $\_\_\_\_\_\_ was redeemed during fiscal year 2022.

The net proceeds of $\_\_\_\_\_ (after payment of $\_\_\_\_\_ in underwriting fees and other issuance costs) were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the bonds. As a result, those bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the Statement of Net Position.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Choose appropriate sentence as to the reason for the advance refunding and/or edit as necessary.)

The County advance refunded the above bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over the next \_\_\_\_ years by almost $\_\_\_\_ and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of $\_\_\_\_. The County advance refunded the above bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over the next \_\_\_\_ years by almost $\_\_\_\_; however, the advance refunding resulted in an economic loss of $\_\_\_\_.

Prior Year Defeasance of Debt - In prior years, the County defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County’s financial statements. On September 30, 2022, $\_\_\_\_ of bonds outstanding were considered defeased.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2022:

(**Note to Preparer:** For FY 2022, the line item for “capital leases” will only be used to report beginning balances due to the implementation of GASB 87. Amounts should be adjusted to the line item, “financed purchases”.)

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(**Note to Preparer:** Edit for appropriate funds.)

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees’ salaries were paid, which are generally the General Fund, Road Maintenance Fund, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. Other Postemployment Benefits.

(**Note to Preparer:** Please refer to GASB No. 75 for details of required disclosures for other postemployment benefits.)

(**Note to Preparer:** This is an example disclosure and will need to be edited to properly disclose the County’s specific situation. Any other postemployment benefits such as life, vision, dental, long-term disability insurances offered to retirees will also need to be addressed.)

Plan Description

The @County County Board of Supervisors administers the County’s health insurance plan, which is authorized by *Sections 25-15-101 et seq*. The County’s health insurance plan may be amended by the @County County Board of Supervisors. The County purchases health insurance coverage from a commercial insurance company and offers health insurance benefit coverage through the County’s health insurance plan (the Plan). Since retirees may obtain health insurance by participating in a group with active employees and consequently receive a health insurance premium rate differential, the County has a postemployment healthcare benefit reportable under GASB Statement 75 as a single employer defined benefit health care plan. The County does not issue a publicly available financial report for the Plan. (**Note to Preparer:** If the County has failed to implement GASB 75, select this sentence and delete remainder of note disclosure.) ~~However, the County has not recorded a liability for other postemployment benefits nor has the County reported the note disclosures, which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.~~

(**Note to Preparer**: The following information is an E**xample** and will be determined by an actuarial valuation and therefore will need to be edited for each county. In addition, this is for a Single Employer that provides OPEB through a Defined Benefit OPEB Plan that is **Not** Administered through a Trust.)

Funding Policy

Employees’ premiums are funded by the County with additional funding provided by retired employees and by active employees for spouse and dependent medical coverage. The Plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. The Board of Supervisors, acting in conjunction with the commercial insurance company, has the sole authority for setting health insurance premiums for the County’s health insurance plan.

Per *Section 25-15-103, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*, any retired employee electing to purchase retiree health insurance must pay the full cost of the insurance premium monthly to the County. For the year ended September 30, 2022, retiree premiums range from $\_\_\_\_\_ to $\_\_\_\_\_ depending on dependent coverage and Medicare eligibility.

Employees covered by benefit terms. At September 30, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:



(**Note to Preparer**: If the OPEB plan was closed to new entrants, the County should disclose that fact, as required by paragraph 165b of GASB Statement No. 75.)

Total OPEB Liability

The County’s total OPEB liability of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ was measured as of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and Other Inputs

The total OPEB liability in the September 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:



The discount rate was based on ~~Name of Index~~

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Mortality rates were based on the

The actuarial assumptions used in the Month XX, XXXX valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period Month XX, XXXX – Month XX, XXXX.

(NOTE TO PREPARER: An actuarial valuation of the total OPEB liability should be performed at least biennially. Refer to GASB 75 paragraph 28 of this statement for other details.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability



Changes of benefit terms reflect an increase in the retirees’ share of health insurance premiums from \_\_ percent in 2021 to \_\_ percent in 2022.

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect a change in the discount rate from \_\_ percent in 2021 to \_\_ percent in 2022.

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.* The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current discount rate:



*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.* The following presents the total OPEB liability of the County, as well as what the County’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:



OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the County recognized OPEB expense of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At September 30, 2022, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:



Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:



1. Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

*General Information about the Pension Plan*

Plan Description. @County County, 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. Plan provisions and the Board of Trustees’ authority to determine contribution rates are established by Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated *Section 25-11-1 et seq*. 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 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity’s participation in PERS by the PERS’ Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity’s employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee’s earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

Contributions. At September 30, 2022, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer’s rate at September 30, 2022 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The County’s contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At September 30, 2022, the County reported a liability of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County’s long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The County’s proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2022 net pension liability was \_\_\_\_\_ percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2022. This was an increase/decrease of \_\_\_\_\_ percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2021 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021.

(**Note to Preparer:** If there has been a change of benefit terms that affected the measurement of the total pension liability since the prior measurement date (June 30, 2021), see GASB Statement No. 68, paragraph 80e for disclosure requirements.)

(**Note to Preparer:** If changes expected to have a significant effect on the measurement of the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability had occurred between the measurement date (June 30, 2022) and the reporting date (September 30, 2022), the County should disclose information required by GASB 68, paragraph 80f.)

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the County recognized pension expense of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. At September 30, 2022 the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

[\*\*\*Note: “**Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments**” is the only deferred item that shall be presented net. All other deferred items should be gross.]



$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:



Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2021, and by the investment experience for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation 2.40 percent

Salary increases 2.65 – 17.90 percent, including inflation

Investment rate of return 7.55 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

(**Note to Preparer:** If different rates are assumed for different periods, information about what rates were applied to the different periods of measurement is required to be disclosed. (GASB 68, paragraph 77))

Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions used for the purposes of determining the total pension liability were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. The experience report is dated April 20, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The most recent target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:



Discount Rate. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.55 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (17.40%). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

(**Note to Preparer:** If there has been a change in the discount rate since the prior measurement date, see GASB 68, paragraph 78a for disclosure requirements.)

Sensitivity to the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.55 percent, as well as what the County’s proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.55 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.55 percent) than the current rate:



(**Note to Preparer:** The amounts for the table above will be computed by applying the County’s allocation percentage to the amounts reported in the corresponding table in the *Actuary’s 2022 GASB 68 Report for PERS* available at www.pers.ms.gov. (This table was on page 8 of the 2022 report.))

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position. Detailed information about the pension plan’s fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

1. Deficit Fund Balances of Individual Funds.

(**Note to Preparer:**  GAAP requires that the notes to the financial statements disclose all material instances where there is a deficit of fund balance/equity/ net position in an individual fund that is not otherwise visible on the face of the financial statements. If the deficit fund balance is the result of accruing a payable, consideration should be given to accruing a corresponding receivable if appropriate.)

The following funds reported deficits in fund balances ~~or net position~~ at September 30, 2022:

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1. Contingencies.

Federal Grants - The County has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the County. No provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the County’s financial statements.

Litigation - The County is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the County with respect to the various proceedings. However, the County’s legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit following paragraph, as appropriate.)

General Obligation Debt Contingencies - The County issued general obligation bonds ~~(notes)~~ to provide funds for constructing and improving capital facilities of the (give name of hospital) and the Sample County Department of Education. Such debt is being retired from pledged resources of these entities and, therefore, is reported as a liability of those entities. However, because general obligation bonds ~~(notes)~~ are backed by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County, the County remains contingently liable for its retirement. The principal amount of such debt outstanding at year end is as follows:

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(**Note to Preparer:** Edit following paragraph, as appropriate.)

Hospital Revenue Bond ~~(Note)~~ Contingencies - The County issues revenue bonds ~~(notes)~~ to provide funds for constructing and improving capital facilities of the (give name of hospital). Revenue bonds ~~(notes)~~ are reported as a liability of the hospital because such debt is payable primarily from the hospital's pledged revenues. However, the County remains contingently liable for the retirement of these bonds ~~(notes)~~ because the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County is secondarily pledged in case of default by the hospital. The principal amount of hospital revenue bonds ~~(notes)~~ outstanding at September 30, 2022, is $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

1. No Commitment Debt (Not Included in Financial Statements).

No commitment debt is repaid only by the entities for whom the debt was issued and includes debt that either bears the County’s name or for which a moral responsibility may exist that is not an enforceable promise to pay. No commitment debt explicitly states the absence of obligation by the County other than possibly an agreement to assist creditors in exercising their rights in the event of default. Because a default may adversely affect the County’s own ability to borrow, the principal amount of such debt outstanding at year end is disclosed as follows:

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1. Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position.

(**Note to Preparer**: Edit the following note based on the specific circumstance(s) of the County. Based on GASB Statement No. 63, disclosures need to be made to show the detail of the different types of deferred amounts unless the significant components are presented on the face of the financial statements, and disclosures should be made to explain the significant effects of deferred amounts on net position.)

The governmental activities’ unrestricted net position amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2023. The $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. The $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of the deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The governmental activities’ unrestricted net position amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenditures resulting from an advance refunding of County debt. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of deferred outflows of resources at September 30, 2022, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years.

The governmental activities’ unrestricted net position amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ includes the effect of recognition of deferring the recognition of revenue resulting from capital leases receivable. The $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of deferred inflows of resources at September 30, 2022, will be recognized as revenue and will increase the unrestricted net position over the next \_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

The governmental activities’ unrestricted net position amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ includes the effect of deferring the recognition of revenue from the up-front payment in the parking facilities service concession arrangement. The $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of the deferred inflow of resources at September 30, 2022 will be recognized as revenue and increase unrestricted net position over the remaining \_\_\_\_ years of the agreement.

The governmental activities’ net investment in capital assets net position of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenditures resulting for an advance refunding of County debt. $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of the $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of deferred outflows of resources at September 30, 2022, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the net investment in capital assets net position over the next \_\_\_\_\_\_ years.

The business-type activities’ unrestricted net position amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to pension in the amount of $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2023. The $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next \_\_\_\_\_\_ years. The $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ balance of the deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next \_\_\_\_\_ years.

1. Segment Information for Enterprise Funds.

**(Note to Preparer:** Related Party Disclosures - Examples of related party transactions provided in GASBS No. 62, paragraph 54, include transactions (a) between a government and its related organizations, joint ventures, and jointly governed organizations; (b) between a government and its elected and appointed officials, management, or members of their immediate families; and (c) between a government and trusts for the benefit of employees, such as pension and OPEB trusts that are managed by or under the trusteeship of the government's management. GASBS No. 62, paragraph 57, defines the terms *related parties*, *immediate families*, and *management*. GASBS No. 62, paragraph 54, clarifies that related party transactions often occur in the normal course of a government's operations. Some related party transactions may not be given accounting recognition, for example, when a government receives services from a joint venture without being billed for them.)

1. Related Organizations.
2. Joint Ventures.

The County participates in the following joint ventures:

(**Note to Preparer:** Include a statement on the amount the County appropriates to the joint venture.)

1. Jointly Governed Organizations.

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

(**Note to Preparer:** Include a statement on the amount the County appropriates to the jointly governed organizations.)

1. Tax Abatements.

(**Note to Preparer:** Please refer to GASB Statement No. 77 for further details for tax abatement disclosures.)

(**Note to Preparer:** The following is a summary of GASB Statement No. 77. This note will need to be modified to properly disclose the County’s specific situation in regards to tax abatements.)

**GASB No. 77 requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose the following information about the agreements:**

* **Brief descriptive information, such as the tax being abates, the authority under which tax abatements are provided, eligibility criteria, the mechanism by which taxes are abated, provisions for recapturing abated taxes, and the types of commitments made by tax abatement recipients.**
* **The gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period.**
* **Commitments made by a government, other than to abate taxes, as part of a tax abatement agreement.**

**Governments should organize those disclosures by major tax abatement program and may disclose information for individual tax abatements within those programs.**

**Tax abatement agreements of other governments should be organized by the government that entered into the tax abatement agreement and the specific tax being abated. Governments may disclose information for individual tax abatement agreements of other governments within the specific tax being abated. For those tax abatement agreements, a reporting government should disclose:**

* **The names of the governments that entered into the agreements.**
* **The specific taxes being abated.**
* **The gross dollar amount of taxes abated during the period.**

1. Asset Retirement Obligations.

(**Note to Preparer:** Per GASB 83 (effective for fiscal year end 9/30/19), if certain asset retirement obligations exist, please include note disclosures that will provide a general description of the asset retirement obligations and associated tangible capital assets; the methods and assumptions used to measure the liabilities; the estimated remaining useful lives of the associated capital assets; how any legal requirements to set aside assets restricted for payment of asset retirement obligations are being met (for example, through surety bonds, insurance policies, letters of credit, guarantees by other entities, or funding trusts); and the amount of the restricted assets (unless they are separately displayed in the financial statements). The reasons for not recognizing an asset retirement obligation that has been incurred but is not reasonably estimable would also have to be disclosed. See GASB 83 for further guidance and examples.)

1. Pollution Remediation Obligations.

(**Note to Preparer**: GASB No. 49 defines a pollution remediation obligation as “an obligation to address the current or potential detrimental effects of existing pollution by participating in pollution remediation activities”. GASB No. 49 requires governments to disclose the following about recognized pollution remediation obligations:

* The nature and source of the obligations (for example, federal, state or local laws).
* The estimated liability (if not apparent from the financial statements), the methods and assumptions used to make the estimate, and the potential that the estimate may change because of, for example, price increases, technology, or applicable laws or regulations.
* Estimated recoveries used to reduce the liability

If pollution remediation liabilities are not recognized in the financial statements because the entire liability or components of it are not yet reasonably estimable, governments should provide a general description of the nature of the pollution remediation activities.)

1. Derivative Instruments.

(**Note to Preparer:** Refer to GASB Statement No. 53 for guidance on implementing this statement and for the required note disclosure.)

1. Extraordinary Items and/or Special Items.

(**Note to Preparer:** Describe any extraordinary or special items, if applicable.)

1. Subsequent Events.

Events that occur after the Statement of Net 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 Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events, which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date, require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of @County County evaluated the activity of the County through @date, ~~(the date the financial statements were available to be issued)~~, and determined that the following subsequent event~~(s)~~ has ~~(have)~~ occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

(**Note to Preparer:** Contingently liable debt should be disclosed. Do not disclose no-commitment debt.)

Subsequent to September 30, 2022, the County issued the following debt obligation(s):



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# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) – General Fund

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) – Major Special Revenue Fund

## Schedule of the County’s Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

## Schedule of County Contributions

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| `Notes to the Required Supplementary Information |
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1. Budgetary Information.

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the County’s budget is to be prepared. Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Supervisors of the County, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the Sheriff and the Tax Assessor-Collector ~~(Tax Assessor and Tax Collector)~~ for his or her respective department, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund 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 Supervisors that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The County’s budget is prepared principally 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. ~~The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) is not presented because funds were not individually budgeted.~~

1. Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally 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 each major Special Revenue Fund. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) is a part of required supplementary information.

1. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation.

The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis are:

1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund:

(**Note to Preparer:** If the County has more than 4 major funds, copy this schedule for additional major funds.



1. Excess of Actual Expenditures Over Budget in Individual Funds.

(**Note to Preparer:** If a material violation occurs, then this note should be part of the notes to the financial statements.)

The following funds had an excess of actual expenditures over budget for the year ended September 30, 2022:



(**Note to Preparer:**  Edit or delete the following sentences.)

All the funds listed above, or (The (list the funds) are in violation of *Section 19-11-17,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*). However, the County has no liability associated with these violations.

1. Unbudgeted Funds.

The following funds were not budgeted for the year ended September 30, 2022:



The unbudgeted funds are in violation of state law. However, the County has no liability associated with the violation.

Pension Schedules

1. Changes of assumptions.

2015

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

2016

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

2017

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumptions was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience more closely.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6.00% to 7.00%.

2019

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:

For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119.

For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119.

Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:

For males, 137% of male rates at all ages.

For females, 115% of female rates at all ages.

Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy

generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

2021

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:

For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75, and 101%  
 for ages above 77.  
 For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72, 100% for ages above 76.  
 Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life  
 expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:

For males, 134% of male rates at all ages.  
For females, 121% of female rates at all ages.  
Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life  
 expectancy generationally.

The expectation of contingent annuitant mortality was based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table with the following adjustments:

For males, 97% of male rates at all ages.  
 For females, 110% of female rates at all ages.  
 Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life  
 expectancy generationally.  
 The price inflation assumption was reduced from 2.75% to 2.40%.  
 The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.65%.  
 The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.75% to 7.55%.  
 The assumed load for administrative expenses was increased from 0.25% to 0.28%  
 of payroll.  
 Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service  
 retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.  
 The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was  
 increased from 9% to 12%.  
 The percentage of active member deaths assumed to be in in the line of duty was decreased from 6% to 4%.

1. Changes in benefit provisions.

2016

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

C. Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2020 valuation for the June 30, 2022 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

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| --- | --- |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age |
| Amortization method | Level percentage of payroll, open |
| Remaining amortization period | 27.7 years |
| Asset valuation method | 5-year smoothed market |
| Price inflation | 2.75 percent |
| Salary increase | 3.00 percent to 18.25 percent, including inflation |
| Investment rate of return | 7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation |

OPEB Schedules

(**Note to Preparer:**  Insert notes to the OPEB schedules here.)

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# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

## Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

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## Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

(**Note to Preparer:** Use this reconciliation when solid waste costs are incurred and recorded in a Special Revenue Fund. Delete lines as necessary for a particular situation.)



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# OTHER INFORMATION

## Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials

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# SPECIAL REPORTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*

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| Independent Auditor's 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* |

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 financial statements of the governmental activities, ~~the business-type activities~~, ~~the aggregate discretely presented component units~~, the/~~each~~ major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of @County County, Mississippi (the County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated @Date. (**Note to Preparer:** Describe any departures from the standard report (for example, a qualified opinion, a modification as to consistency because of a change in accounting principle, or a reference to the report of other auditors.)) [~~Our report includes an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units due to the omission of the discretely presented component units which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be reported with the financial data of the County’s primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units.]~~ [~~The report is qualified on the governmental activities because (explain the qualification, such as) the County did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America or the County did not record a liability or current year expense for other postemployment benefits as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.~~] (**Note to Preparer**: Include next sentences if including reference to other auditors – otherwise delete.) [~~Our report includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of [identify component unit(s)], as described in our report on the County’s financial statements. This report does not include the results of the other auditors’ testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.]~~

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

(**Note to Preparer**: Choose the correct option relative to internal control and delete the others.)

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**OPTION #1:** No Material Weaknesses Identified; No Significant Deficiencies Identified.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered @County County, Mississippi'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 @County County, Mississippi’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’s internal control.

A *deficiency in internal contro*l 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.

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**OPTION #2:** No Material Weaknesses Identified; One or More Significant Deficiencies Identified

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered @County County, Mississippi’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 @County County, Mississippi’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’s internal control.

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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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses~~ as items 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003 that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

(**Note to Preparer:** If this report is issued for an audit that is NOT subject to Single Audit requirements, change “Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs” to “Schedule of Findings and Responses”.)

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003” as appropriate.)

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**OPTION #3:** One or More Material Weaknesses Identified; No Significant Deficiencies Identified.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered @County County, Mississippi’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 @County County, Mississippi’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’s internal control.

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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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses~~ as items 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2021-002, 2022-002 and 2022-003” as appropriate.)

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**OPTION #4:** One or More Material Weaknesses **AND** One or More Significant Deficiencies Identified.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered @County County, Mississippi’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 @County County, Mississippi’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County’s internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses~~, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

(**Note to Preparer:** If this report is issued for an audit that is NOT subject to Single Audit requirements, change “Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs” to “Schedule of Findings and Responses”.)

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 a 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses~~ as items 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003 to be material weaknesses.

(**Note to Preparer:** If this report is issued for an audit that is NOT subject to Single Audit requirements, change “Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs” to “Schedule of Findings and Responses”.)

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003” as appropriate.)

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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses~~ as items 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003 to be significant deficiencies.

(**Note to Preparer:** If this report is issued for an audit that is NOT subject to Single Audit requirements, change “Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs” to “Schedule of Findings and Responses”.)

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003” as appropriate.)

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**Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

**OPTION #1**: No Reportable Instances of Noncompliance Identified

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether @County County, Mississippi'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*.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit the following paragraph as applicable.)

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of @County County, Mississippi, in the Independent Accountant’s Report on Central Purchasing System, Inventory Control System and Purchase Clerk Schedules and the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated @Date, included within this document.

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**OPTION #2**: Reportable Instances of Noncompliance Identified

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether @County County, Mississippi'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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses~~ as items 2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003.

(**Note to Preparer:** If this report is issued for an audit that is NOT subject to Single Audit requirements, change “Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs” to “Schedule of Findings and Responses”.)

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-001, 2022-002 and 2022-003” as appropriate.)

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit the following paragraph as applicable.)

We also noted certain matters, which we have reported to the management of @County County, Mississippi, in the Independent Accountant’s Report on Central Purchasing System, Inventory Control System and Purchase Clerk Schedules and the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated @Date, included within this document.

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**Note to Preparer:** Use the following language with all scenarios and edit as appropriate.

**@County County’s Response~~(s)~~ to Finding~~(s)~~**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on @County County, Mississippi’s response~~(s)~~ to the finding~~(s)~~ identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs ~~and Responses (Auditee’s Corrective Action Plan)~~. @County County, Mississippi’s response~~(s)~~ was(~~were)~~ not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response~~(s)~~.

(**Note to Preparer:** If this report is issued for an audit that is NOT subject to Single Audit requirements, use “Schedule of Findings and Responses”.)

(**Note to Preparer:** If a Corrective Action Plan is required because of a single audit, replace “Schedule of Findings and Responses” to “Auditee’s Corrective Action Plan”.)

**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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity’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 entity’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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(**Note to Preparer**: For modifications, refer to the AICPA Audit Guide on *Government Auditing Standards* and Single Audits.)

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE

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| Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance Required by Uniform Guidance |

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

**Report on Compliance for the ~~(Each)~~ Major Federal Program**

(**Note to Preparer:** Choose the correct opinion paragraph below and delete the others.)

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**OPTION #1**: Unmodified Opinion on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

***Opinion on the ~~(Each)~~ Major Federal Program***

We have audited @County County, Mississippi’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 ~~(each of)~~ @County County, Mississippi’s major federal program(s) for the year ended September 30, 2022. @County County, Mississippi's major federal program~~(s)~~ is~~(are)~~ identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, @County County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on ~~(each of)~~ its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

***Basis for Opinion on the ~~(Each)~~ 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 @County County, Mississippi’s 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 ~~(each)~~ major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of @County County, Mississippi’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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**OPTION #2**: Qualified Opinion on Compliance for One Major Federal Program; Unmodified Opinion on Compliance on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs.

***Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited @County County, Mississippi’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 ~~(each of)~~ @County County, Mississippi’s major federal program(s) for the year ended September 30, 2022. @County County, Mississippi's major federal program~~(s)~~ is~~(are)~~ identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

*Qualified Opinion on [Identify Major Federal Program]*

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, @County County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on [identify the major federal program] for the year ended September 30, 2022.

*Unmodified Opinion on ~~(Each of)~~ the Other Major Federal Programs*

In our opinion, @County County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on ~~(each of)~~ its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

***Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

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 @County County, Mississippi’s 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 ~~(each)~~ major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of @County County, Mississippi’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

*Matter(s) Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on [Identify Major Federal Program]*

As described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, @County County, Mississippi did not comply with requirements regarding [identify the major federal program and associated finding number(s) matched to the type(s) of compliance requirements; for example, the Head Start Cluster as described in finding numbers 2022-001 for Eligibility and 2022-002 for Reporting.]. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for @County County, Mississippi to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

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**OPTION #3**: Adverse Opinion on Compliance for One Major Federal Program; Unmodified Opinion on Compliance on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs.

**Adverse *and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited @County County, Mississippi’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 ~~(each of)~~ @County County, Mississippi’s major federal program(s) for the year ended September 30, 2022. @County County, Mississippi's major federal program~~(s)~~ is~~(are)~~ identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

*Adverse Opinion on [Identify Major Federal Program]*

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, @County County, Mississippi did not comply, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on [identify the major federal program] for the year ended September 30, 2022.

*Unmodified Opinion on ~~(Each of)~~ the Other Major Federal Programs*

In our opinion, @County County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on ~~(each of)~~ its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

***Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions***

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 @County County, Mississippi’s 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 ~~(each)~~ major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of @County County, Mississippi’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

*Matter(s) Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on [Identify Major Federal Program]*

As described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, @County County, Mississippi did not comply with requirements regarding [identify the major federal program and associated finding number(s) matched to the type(s) of compliance requirements; for example, the Head Start Cluster as described in finding numbers 2022-001 for Eligibility and 2022-002 for Reporting.]. Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for @County County, Mississippi to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

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**OPTION #4**: Qualified Opinion on Compliance – Scope Limitation for One Major Federal Program; Unmodified Opinion on Compliance on Each of the Other Major Federal Programs.

***Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

We have audited @County County, Mississippi’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 ~~(each of)~~ @County County, Mississippi’s major federal program(s) for the year ended September 30, 2022. @County County, Mississippi's major federal program~~(s)~~ is~~(are)~~ identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

*Qualified Opinion on [Identify Major Federal Program]*

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, @County County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on [identify the major federal program] for the year ended September 30, 2022.

*Unmodified Opinion on ~~(Each of)~~ the Other Major Federal Programs*

In our opinion, @County County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on ~~(each of)~~ its other major federal programs identified in the summary of auditor’s results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs for the year ended September 30, 2022.

***Basis for Qualified and Unmodified Opinions***

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 @County County, Mississippi’s 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 ~~(each)~~ major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of @County County, Mississippi’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

*Matter(s) Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on [Identify Major Federal Program]*

As described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, we were unable to obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence supporting the compliance of @County County, Mississippi with [identify the major federal program and associated finding number(s) matched to the type(s) of compliance requirements; for example, the Head Start Cluster as described in finding numbers 2022-001 for Eligibility and 2022-002 for Reporting.], consequently we were unable to determine whether @County County, Mississippi complied with those requirements applicable to that program.

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***Responsibilities 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 @County County, Mississippi’s federal programs.

***Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on @County County, Mississippi’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 for 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 the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about @County County, Mississippi’s compliance with the requirements of the ~~(each)~~ major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *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 misstatement, 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 @County County Mississippi’s compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
* Obtain an understanding of @County County, Mississippi’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 @County County, Mississippi’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.

(**Note to Preparer:** If next section is not applicable, delete.)

***Other Matters***

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed 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 2022-001 and 2022-002. Our opinion on the ~~(each)~~ major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-001 and 2022-002” as appropriate.)

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on @County County, Mississippi’s response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. @County County, Mississippi’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

(**Note to Preparer**: Choose the correct option relative to internal control over compliance and delete the others.)

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**OPTION #1:** No findings on internal control over compliance.

**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 a 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 internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above an 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 consider 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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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**OPTION #2:** Significant Deficiencies (but No Material Weaknesses) in Internal Control Over Compliance Identified.

**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Our consideration of 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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 a 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2022-003, 2022-004, and 2022-005, to be significant deficiencies.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-003, 2022-004, and 2022-005” as appropriate.)

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.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on @County County, Mississippi’s response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. @County County, Mississippi’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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**OPTION #3**: Material Weakness(es) in Internal Control Over Compliance Identified; **No** Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control Over Compliance Identified.

**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Our consideration of 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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 a 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2022-003, 2022-004, and 2022-005, to be material weaknesses.

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.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-003, 2022-004, and 2022-005” as appropriate.)

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.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on @County County, Mississippi’s response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. @County County, Mississippi’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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**OPTION #4:** Material Weaknesses **AND** Significant Deficiencies in Internal Control Over Compliance Identified.

**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Our consideration of 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 a 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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2022-005 and 2022-006, to be material weaknesses.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-005 and 2022-006” as appropriate.)

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. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2022-007 and 2022-008 to be significant deficiencies.

(**Note to Preparer:** Edit findings numbers included in the phrase “2022-007 and 2022-008” as appropriate.)

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.

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on @County County, Mississippi’s response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. @County County, Mississippi’s response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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(**Note to Preparer**: For modifications, refer to the AICPA Audit Guide on *Government Auditing Standards* and Single Audits.)

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM,

INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES

(REQUIRED BY *SECTION 31-7-115,* *MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 ANNOTATED*)

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| Independent Accountant's Report on Central Purchasing System, Inventory Control System and Purchase Clerk Schedules (Required By *Section 31-7-115,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*) |

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

We have examined @County County, Mississippi’s (the County) compliance with establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with *Sections 31-7-101* through *31-7-127,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated* and compliance with the purchasing requirements in accordance with bid requirements of *Section 31-7-13,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated* during the year ended September 30, 2022. The Board of Supervisors of @County County, Mississippi is responsible for the County’s compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County’s compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County’s compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County’s compliance with specified requirements. The Board of Supervisors of @County County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the County and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

(**Note to Preparer:** Select next paragraph if opinion on financial statements is adverse or qualified due to a capital assets. Otherwise, delete it. Further, if the capital assets are not capitalized in the Statement of Net Position, then change the fourth sentence in the preceding paragraph to read, “The Board of Supervisors ...has established central purchasing for all funds of the County, but has not established an inventory control system.”)

The County did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory control system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any current evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

(**Note to Preparer:** Select next paragraph if opinion is Unmodified. Otherwise, delete it.)

In our opinion, @County County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2022.

(**Note to Preparer:** Select next paragraph if opinion is either qualified or adverse. Otherwise, delete it.)

The results of our audit procedures disclosed certain instances of noncompliance with the aforementioned code sections. These instances of noncompliance were considered in forming our opinion on compliance. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are disclosed below:

**Purchase Clerk.**

**1.**  (Insert Finding Heading here. Finding Heading is a brief one sentence description of the finding that is underlined).

**Repeat Finding** ~~Yes/No (If yes, list finding number(s))~~

**Criteria**

**Condition**

**Cause**

**Effect**

**Recommendation**

**Views of Responsible**

**Official(s)**

(**Note to Preparer:** The opinion paragraph below addresses two qualifications: (1) an inventory qualification as explained in the third paragraph of this report, and (2) a noncompliance qualification with the central purchasing system. Select next paragraph if opinion is qualified; however, delete the phrase, “except as explained in the third paragraph,” if the opinion on the financial statements does not address a capital assets qualification. Delete next paragraph altogether if the opinion on both central purchasing and inventory is Unmodified.)

In our opinion, except as explained in the third paragraph and except for the noncompliance referred to in the preceding paragraph, @County County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2022.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Select next paragraph if opinion is adverse. Otherwise, delete it.)

In our opinion, because of the noncompliance referred to in the preceding paragraph, @County County, Mississippi, did not comply, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2022.

(**Note to Preparer**: If an adverse opinion is issued but the County passes a retest prior to the issuance of the report, include the following paragraph.)

~~@County County’s purchasing system was not in compliance with state laws governing central purchasing for fiscal year 2022. The system was retested and as of (date of retest), @County County was in compliance with the aforementioned requirements.~~

The accompanying schedules of (1) Purchases Not Made from the Lowest Bidder, (2) Emergency Purchases and (3) Purchases Made Noncompetitively from a Sole Source are presented in accordance with *Section 31-7-115,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*. The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned examination and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in relation to that examination.

@County County’s response~~(s)~~ to the finding~~(s)~~ included in this report was~~(were)~~ not audited, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it~~(them)~~.

This report is intended for use in evaluating @County County, Mississippi’s compliance with the aforementioned requirements, and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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**Note to Preparer**: If there are no purchases from other than the lowest bidder, then delete the rows with column headings and leave the statement, “Our examination...”. Otherwise, delete the row with the statement.

**Note to Preparer**: If a bid did not meet the County’s specifications, it should NOT be considered as a low bid item. The bid should not have been considered and therefore, not accepted by the Board of Supervisors.



**Note to Preparer**: If there are no emergency purchases, then delete the rows with column headings and leave the statement, “Our examination...”. Otherwise, delete the row with the statement.

**Note to Preparer**: If the County includes an item which is not an emergency purchase, a finding should be included in the purchase report.



**Note to Preparer**: If there are no purchases made noncompetitively from a sole source, then delete the rows with column headings and leave the statement, “Our examination...”. Otherwise, delete the row with the statement.

**Note to Preparer**: If the County includes an item which is not a sole source purchase, a finding should be included in the purchase report.



LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

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| Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report |

Members of the Board of Supervisors

@County County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of @County County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2022, we considered @County County, Mississippi’s internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to @County County, Mississippi’s financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the County’s compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated @Date, on the financial statements of @County County, Mississippi.

(**Note to Preparer:** Select the following paragraph if no findings are reported. Otherwise, delete it.)

Although no findings came to our attention as a result of these review procedures and compliance tests, these procedures and tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with *Section 7-7-211,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*, the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

(**Note to Preparer:**  Delete next two paragraphs and the finding references if no findings are reported)

Due to the reduced scope, these review procedures and compliance tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with *Section 7-7-211,* *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*, the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

The results of our review procedures and compliance tests identified certain areas (*delete “areas” and replace with the following phrase as appropriate)* ~~immaterial instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations~~ that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our finding~~(s)~~, recommendation~~(s)~~, and your response~~(s)~~ are disclosed below:

**Board of Supervisors.**

**1.** (Insert Finding Heading here. Finding Heading is a brief one sentence description of the finding that is underlined).

**Repeat Finding** ~~Yes/No (If yes, list finding number(s).)~~

**Criteria**

**Condition**

**Cause**

**Effect**

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**Views of Responsible**

**Official(s)**

The Mississippi Office of the State Auditor has taken exception to certain costs. The details of the exception(s) and disposition(s) are as follows:

Exception Issued On:

(Name, Title)

Nature of Exception:

See (Name of Office?) Finding # \_\_\_ described in this report.

Amount of Exception:

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Disposition of Exception:

This matter has been turned over to the Investigative Division of the Office of the State Auditor.

@County County’s response~~(s)~~ to the finding~~(s)~~ included in this report was~~(were)~~ not audited, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it~~(them)~~.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity, is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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When no single audit, delete the words “and Questioned Costs” and replace with “and Responses” in the title below and subsequent pages.

# SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS ~~AND RESPONSES~~

Section 1: Summary of Auditor’s Results

(**Note to Preparer:** Section 1, Summary of Auditor’s Results, will always be presented as part of the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs (Responses). However, when no single audit is required, delete the table containing items 4 through 10. Read carefully and include the appropriate response in the last column to each item, except for identification of major programs. The response options are included after the statement and should be deleted when removing the strikeout.)





Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

(**Note to Preparer:** Select next sentence if no findings related to the financial statements are reported. Otherwise, delete sentence and disclose findings.)

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.

(**Note to Preparer:** Identify each finding by type. Example: Significant Deficiency, Material Weakness, & Material Noncompliance.)

**Board of Supervisors.**

**Material Weakness**

**2022-001.** (Insert Finding Heading here. Finding Heading is a brief one sentence description of the finding that is underlined. Example 1: Controls over budgeting should be strengthened. Example 2: Bond should be obtained for Purchase Clerk in accordance with state law.)

**Repeat Finding** ~~Yes/No (If yes, include finding number(s).)~~

**Criteria**

**Condition**

**Cause**

**Effect**

**Recommendation**

**Views of Responsible**

**Official(s)**

(**Note to Preparer:** Include response if the audit has no corrective action plan for a single audit. If the audit has a corrective action plan for a single audit, include responses for all findings if any of the findings include an auditor’s note. Otherwise, do not include responses in this section.)

**Significant Deficiency**

**2022-002.**  (Insert Finding Heading here. Finding Heading is a brief one sentence description of the finding that is underlined.)

**Repeat Finding** ~~Yes/No (If yes, include finding number(s).)~~

**Criteria**

**Condition**

**Cause**

**Effect**

**Recommendation**

**Views of Responsible**

**Official(s)**

(**Note to Preparer:** Include response if the audit has no corrective action plan for a single audit. If the audit has a corrective action plan for a single audit, include responses for all findings if any of the findings include an auditor’s note. Otherwise, do not include responses in this section.)

Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

**Note to Preparer:** Select next sentence if no findings related to federal awards are reported. Otherwise, delete sentence and disclose findings.

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

**Compliance Requirement (e.g., Procurement, Suspension and Debarment)**

**Material Weakness**

**Material Noncompliance**

**2022-003.** Insert Finding Heading here. Finding Heading is a brief one sentence description of the finding that is underlined).

**CFDA Number**

**Federal Award**

**Pass-through**

**Questioned Costs**

**Context**

**Repeat Finding** ~~Yes/No (If yes, include finding number(s).)~~

**Criteria**

**Condition**

**Cause**

**Effect**

**Recommendation**

**Views of Responsible**

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AUDITEE’S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

AND

AUDITEE’S SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS

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