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**TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI
COMPILATION REPORT
AND REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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

Management is responsible for the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Town of Goodman, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2020, in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

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

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in financial statements prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Town of Goodman, Mississippi's cash receipts and disbursements. Accordingly, the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements is not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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

The Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements is intended to comply with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, and is not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with the provisions of §21-35-31, Miss Code Ann. (1972), we have issued a report dated August 31, 2026 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Kosciusko, Mississippi
August 31, 2026

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.

TOWN OF GOODMAN
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Taxes		
General property tax	\$ 75,082	\$ -
Franchise tax	26,409	-
Intergovernmental revenue		
State shared revenue		
General municipal aid	691	-
Grantor payments	69,251	-
Sales tax allocation	49,576	-
Gasoline tax	4,158	-
Fire protection allocation	8,362	-
Nuclear plant income	8,744	-
Liquor tax	1,800	-
Homestead reimbursement	6,460	-
Other aid	27,847	-
Charges for services		
Water utility	-	177,146
Sewer	-	66,053
Garbage	-	23,043
Other receipts		
Fines and forfeitures	29,934	-
Licenses and permits	621	-
Rental income	22,688	-
Late charges	-	3,680
Water sales tax	-	2,471
Miscellaneous	18,677	6,107
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	<u>\$ 350,300</u>	<u>\$ 278,500</u>

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
General government	\$ 125,621	\$ -
Public safety		
Police	130,951	-
Fire	930	-
Culture and Recreation		
Libraries	13,051	-
Enterprises		
Water utility	-	180,486
Sanitation	-	45,327
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 270,553</u>	<u>\$ 225,813</u>

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STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>
EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	<u>\$ 79,747</u>	<u>\$ 52,687</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers	15,146	(15,146)
Loans repaid	(15,377)	-
Capital outlay	<u>(5,007)</u>	<u>-</u>
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING (USES)	<u>(5,238)</u>	<u>(15,146)</u>
Excess of cash receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	<u>74,509</u>	<u>37,541</u>
CASH BALANCE-BEGINNING	<u>20,404</u>	<u>18,738</u>
CASH BALANCE-ENDING	<u><u>\$ 94,913</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 56,279</u></u>

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

None

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020

	Balance 9/30/2019	Additions & Reclassifications	Retirements & Reclassifications	Balance 9/30/2020
General Fund:				
Buildings	\$ 1,028,037	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,028,037
Equipment	353,293	5,007	-	358,300
Infrastructure	357,526	-	-	357,526
	<u>\$ 1,738,856</u>	<u>\$ 5,007</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,743,863</u>
Proprietary Fund:				
Water & Sewer	\$ 598,706	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 598,706
	<u>\$ 598,706</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 598,706</u>

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**TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Payee	Balance Outstanding 10/01/2019	Issued	Redeemed	Balance Outstanding 09/30/2020
Bank of Commerce	\$ 58,302	\$ -	\$ 5,377	\$ 52,925
Bank Plus-Fire Truck	10,000	-	10,000	-
	<u>\$ 68,302</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 15,377</u>	<u>\$ 52,925</u>

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**TOWN OF GOODMAN, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2020**

Name	Position	Surety	Term	Bond Amount
Anthony McMullen	Mayor	Travelers	7/1/2017 - 7/1/2021	\$ 50,000
Latoyia Gordon	City Clerk	Travelers	6/8/2019 - 10/26/2020	50,000
Latoyia Gordon	Court Clerk	*	*	*
Jordan Howard	City Clerk	Travelers	9/10/2020 - 9/10/2021	50,000
Jordan Howard	Court Clerk	*	*	*
Charles Henderson	Police Chief	Travelers	12/1/2018 - 2/25/2020	50,000
Willie Mack	Police Chief	Travelers	2/25/2020 - 2/25/2021	50,000
Elijah Brooks	Alderman	Travelers	7/3/2017 - 7/3/2021	25,000
Sandra Young	Alderman	Travelers	7/3/2017 - 7/3/2021	25,000
Michael Howard	Alderman	Travelers	7/3/2017 - 7/3/2021	25,000
Dorothy Falls	Alderman	Travelers	7/3/2017 - 7/3/2021	25,000
Claude Anderson	Alderman	Travelers	7/3/2017 - 7/3/2021	25,000

*Note: The court clerk position was not covered by a bond.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Goodman, Mississippi

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements, Schedule of Investments, Schedule of Capital Assets, Schedule of Long-Term Debt and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officers of the Town of Goodman, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2020, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The financial statement has been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America.

We have performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations as described in the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire that is prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the town's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures disclosed instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

1. Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials

Finding

The court clerk position was not covered by a surety bond. According to Section 9-11-29 Code Ann. (1972), surety bonds for this position is required of municipalities. If one official serves in two separate positions, each one of the positions should be bonded.

Recommendation

All required positions should be covered by a surety bond in order to protect the Town and the public from loss.

Response

The Town recognizes that position should have been covered by a surety bond and will ensure that the position is bonded in the future.

2. Contract with a Certified Public Accountant within twelve months

Finding

According to Section 21-35-31 Code Ann. (1972), municipalities are required to contract with a Certified Public Accountant approved by the State Auditor for its annual compilation report within twelve months of the end of each fiscal year. The Town is several years behind on their annual compilation reports.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Town prioritize contracting with a Certified Public Accountant within twelve months of the end of each fiscal year in order to get their annual compilation reports up to date so that the Town will become in full-compliance with state laws and regulations.

Response

The Town understands the importance in getting their annual compilation reports up to date, so management will ensure the town is contracted with a Certified Public Accountant within twelve months of the end of each fiscal year.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Board of Aldermen, the Mayor, and management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
Town of Goodman, Mississippi

We have applied certain agreed-upon procedures, as discussed below, to the accounting records of the Town of Goodman, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2020, and for the year then ended, as required by the Office of the State Auditor, under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). It is understood the report is solely for the use of the governing body of the Town of Goodman, Mississippi and the Office of the State Auditor and should not be used for any other purposes. Our procedures and findings are as follows:

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

Bank	Fund	Balance
Holmes County Bank	General Funds:	
	General Fund	\$ 51,023
	General Fund	846
	General Fund	500
	General Fund	86
	General Fund	15,749
	General Fund	268
	General Fund	22,512
	General Fund	86
	General Fund	3,843
	Total General Funds	<u>\$ 94,913</u>
	Proprietary Funds:	
	Water Fund	\$ 18,129
	Water Fund	33,577
	Water Fund	4,573
	Total Proprietary Funds	<u>\$ 56,279</u>

The municipality had no investments, therefore there are none to confirm.

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

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

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

There were no ad valorem tax collections for the retirement of General Obligation Debt.

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

Payment Purpose	Receiving Fund	Amount
Gasoline Tax	General Fund	\$ 4,158
Grantor Payments Nontaxable	General Fund	69,251
Liquor Privilege Tax	General Fund	1,800
Fire Protection Allocation	General Fund	8,362
General Municipal Aid	General Fund	691
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	General Fund	6,460
Sales Tax Allocation	General Fund	49,576
Nuclear Plant Payments in lieu of Taxes	General Fund	8,744
Other Municipal Aid	General Fund	27,847
	Total	<u>\$ 176,889</u>

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

The sample consisted of the following:

- a. Number of Sample Items 15
- b. Total Dollar Value of Sample \$48,653.57

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

- 5) We selected a sample of collection of fines and forfeitures and verified that the city clerk had settled these daily. We also selected a sample of state-imposed court assessments collected and determined that the city clerk had settled monthly with the Department of Finance and

Administration. The town does not have a specified court clerk; those duties are performed by the city clerk.

- 6) We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality. The completed survey indicated instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. The court clerk position was not covered by a surety bond. According to Section 9-11-29 Code Ann. (1972), surety bonds for this position is required of municipalities. If one official serves in two separate positions, each one of the positions should be bonded. To be in full-compliance, we suggest that the municipality ensure that all required positions are covered by a surety bond in order to protect the Town and the public from loss.

According to Section 21-35-31 Code Ann. (1972), municipalities are required to contract with a Certified Public Accountant approved by the State Auditor for its annual compilation report within twelve months of the end of each fiscal year. The Town is several years behind on their annual compilation reports. We recommend that the Town prioritize getting their annual compilation reports up to date so that the Town will become in full-compliance with state laws and regulations.

The Board minutes dated October 8, 2020 document approval of the FY2020 Municipal Compliance Questionnaire. The original signed questionnaire was not available in the records. Current management completed/signed the attached copy in connection with the delayed FY2020 engagement. We compared the responses to available historical records and the October 8, 2020 minutes.

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

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

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