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**TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI**

**Audited Financial Statement of Cash Receipts and  
Disbursements and  
Supplemental Information**

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2021**

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor Everette Hill  
and Honorable Members of the Board of Alderpersons  
Town of Como, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Como, Mississippi (the Town), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Town's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

### **Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.



## Opinions

As described in Note 1, the financial statements have been prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash receipts and disbursements of the Town of Como, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2021 on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

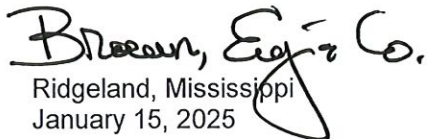
## Other Matters

### *Required Supplemental Information*

The Town of Como, Mississippi, Mississippi has not presented the Management's and Discussion and Analysis or budgetary comparison information that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basis financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational economic or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by the missing information.

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 15, 2025, on our consideration of the Town of Como, 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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Town's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

  
Ridgeland, Mississippi  
January 15, 2025

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Statement of Activities and Net Position - Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

		Program Revenues		Net (Expenses) Revenues Changes in Net Position			
	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
<b>Primary Government:</b>							
Governmental activities:							
Administration	\$ 453,699	-	146,033	631,863	324,197	-	\$ 324,197
Judicial	13,936	-	-	-	(13,936)	-	(13,936)
Public safety	295,689	-	-	-	(295,689)	-	(295,689)
Public works	36,260	-	-	-	(36,260)	-	(36,260)
Library support	12,816	-	-	-	(12,816)	-	(12,816)
Total governmental activities	<u>812,400</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>146,033</u>	<u>631,863</u>	<u>(34,504)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(34,504)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Water/Sewer	388,458	338,659	-	-	-	(49,799)	(49,799)
Garbage	<u>90,727</u>	<u>182,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91,468</u>	<u>91,468</u>
Total Business-type activities	<u>479,185</u>	<u>520,854</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,669</u>	<u>41,669</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 1,291,585</u>	<u>520,854</u>	<u>146,033</u>	<u>631,863</u>	<u>(34,504)</u>	<u>41,669</u>	<u>\$ 7,165</u>
General Revenues:							
Property taxes				\$ 218,163	-		\$ 218,163
Sales tax revenue				269,284	-		269,284
Other intergovernmental revenues				33,558	-		33,558
Franchise taxes				37,528	-		37,528
Fines and report fees				31,992	-		31,992
License and permits				1,008	-		1,008
Miscellaneous				110,114	19,441		129,555
Unrestricted investment earnings				55	-		55
Transfers				-	(91,475)		(91,475)
Total general revenues, special items, and transfers				<u>701,702</u>	<u>(72,034)</u>		<u>629,668</u>
Change in net assets				<u>667,198</u>	<u>(30,365)</u>		<u>636,833</u>
Net Position - Beginning				<u>623,765</u>	<u>110,666</u>		<u>734,431</u>
Net Position - Ending				<u>\$ 1,290,963</u>	<u>80,301</u>		<u>\$ 1,371,264</u>

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Balance Sheet and Net Assets - Cash Basis  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalent	\$ 311,901	56,304	\$ 368,205
Cash, restricted	<u>979,062</u>	<u>23,997</u>	<u>1,003,059</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,290,963</u>	<u>80,301</u>	<u>\$ 1,371,264</u>
NET ASSETS			
Restricted for customers deposits	\$ -	23,997	\$ 23,997
Restricted for fire protection	63,117	-	63,117
Restricted for grants and other activity	915,945	-	915,945
Unassigned	<u>311,901</u>	<u>56,304</u>	<u>368,205</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>1,290,963</u>	<u>80,301</u>	<u>1,371,264</u>
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TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Cash Basis  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	General Fund	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES:		
General property taxes	\$ 218,163	\$ 218,163
Privilege licenses and permits	1,008	1,008
Intergovernmental revenues	1,080,738	1,080,738
Franchise taxes	37,528	37,528
Fines and report fees	32,658	32,658
Interest income	55	55
Tourism	83,177	83,177
Miscellaneous	26,271	26,271
Total Revenues	<u>1,479,598</u>	<u>1,479,598</u>
EXPENDITURES:		
General Government:		
Administration and finance	467,635	467,635
Public Safety		
Police department	259,889	259,889
Fire department	16,446	16,446
Public works	36,260	36,260
Library support	12,816	12,816
Capital outlay:		
Public safety	19,354	19,354
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>812,400</u>	<u>812,400</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	<u>667,198</u>	<u>667,198</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts and Other Cash Sources		
Over Disbursements and Other Cash Uses	667,198	667,198
Cash Basis Fund Balance, October 1	623,765	623,765
Cash Basis Fund Balance, September 30	<u>\$ 1,290,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,290,963</u>
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCES - END OF YEAR		
Restricted for:		
Grants and other activity	915,945	915,945
Fire protection	63,117	63,117
Unassigned	311,901	311,901
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 1,290,963</u>	<u>\$ 1,290,963</u>



TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual  
General Fund - Cash Basis  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual Amounts	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
<b>REVENUES:</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 220,000	220,000	218,163	\$ (1,837)
Homestead exemption	12,000	12,000	21,009	9,009
Licenses and permits	4,000	4,000	1,008	(2,992)
Other intergovernmental revenues	486,000	486,000	767,446	281,446
Franchise taxes	38,000	38,000	37,528	(472)
Sales tax revenue	180,000	180,000	269,284	89,284
Grand gulf	7,000	7,000	6,075	(925)
Fines and report fees	45,000	45,000	32,658	(12,342)
Interest	500	500	55	(445)
Rent income	12,000	12,000	16,924	4,924
Tourism	50,000	50,000	83,177	33,177
Miscellaneous	12,000	12,000	26,271	14,271
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<u>1,066,500</u>	<u>1,066,500</u>	<u>1,479,598</u>	<u>413,098</u>
<b>OPERATING DISBURSEMENTS:</b>				
General Government				
Administration	1,080,100	1,080,100	935,270	144,830
Public Safety				
Police protection	336,600	336,600	259,889	76,711
Fire protection	36,830	36,830	16,446	20,384
Public Works				
Streets improvements	53,705	53,705	36,260	17,445
Library support	22,800	22,800	12,816	9,984
Capital outlays	-	-	19,354	(19,354)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>1,530,035</u>	<u>1,530,035</u>	<u>1,280,035</u>	<u>250,000</u>
Excess (deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	<u>(463,535)</u>	<u>(463,535)</u>	<u>199,563</u>	<u>663,098</u>
<b>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</b>				
Operating transfers in	37,000	37,000	-	(37,000)
Sale of real property/equipment	5,000	5,000	-	(5,000)
Proceeds from bank loan	14,000	14,000	-	(14,000)
<b>Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)</b>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>56,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(56,000)</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	(407,535)	(407,535)	199,563	607,098
Cash Basis Fund Balance, Oct. 1	<u>623,765</u>	<u>623,765</u>	<u>623,765</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Basis Fund Balance, Sept, 30	<u>\$ 216,230</u>	<u>216,230</u>	<u>823,328</u>	<u>\$ 607,098</u>

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position - Cash Basis  
Proprietary Funds  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	<u>Business -Type Activities</u>		
	<u>Water/Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Garbage Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Operating Revenues:			
Charges for services	\$ 338,659	182,195	\$ 520,854
Other revenue	<u>19,441</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,441</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>358,100</u>	<u>182,195</u>	<u>540,295</u>
Operating Expenses:			
Personnel services	86,198	-	86,198
Supplies	86,223	-	86,223
Other services and charges	<u>216,044</u>	<u>90,720</u>	<u>306,764</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>388,465</u>	<u>90,720</u>	<u>479,185</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(30,365)</u>	<u>91,475</u>	<u>61,110</u>
Operating Transfers In	-	-	-
Operating Transfers (Out)	<u>-</u>	<u>(91,475)</u>	<u>(91,475)</u>
Change in Net Position	(30,365)	-	(30,365)
Cash Basis Net Position, October 1	<u>110,666</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>110,666</u>
Cash Basis Net Position, September 30	<u>\$ 80,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 80,301</u>
CASH BASIS NET POSITION - END OF YEAR			
Restricted for:			
Customer deposits	\$ 23,997	-	\$ 23,997
Unassigned	<u>56,304</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>56,304</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 80,301</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 80,301</u>

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
September 30, 2021

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

The Town of Como, Mississippi operates under a Mayor-Alderperson form of government and provides services authorized by its charter. The Town's population is less than 1,200 citizens.

The financial statements of the Town of Como, Mississippi, (the Town) have been prepared in conformity with the cash basis of accounting. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses and requisition of assets are recognized when cash is disbursed rather than when the obligation is incurred. The Town's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. Proprietary funds and similar component units apply Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. The Town does not apply FASB pronouncements issued after November 30, 1989. The more significant of the government's accounting policies are described below.

**A. Fund Accounting**

The financial statements consist of all the funds of the Town of Como, Mississippi: General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, and the Enterprise Funds.

The accounts of the Town of Como, Mississippi are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity.

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

General Fund: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Town. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund: The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of special revenue sources that are legally restricted for specific expenditure purposes. The Special Revenue Fund in this financial statement is used to account for receipts and disbursements of the Town's restricted resources.

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**

Enterprise Fund: The Enterprise Fund is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost and expenses of providing goods and services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges. The Town's Water/Sewer and Garbage funds are included in this category.



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Notes to the Financial Statements  
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**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**MAJOR FUNDS**

For 2021, the Town reports the following major funds:

General Fund - reports as the primary fund of the Town. This fund is used to account for all financial resources not reported in other funds.

Water and Sewer Fund - accounts for the operating activities of the Town's water and sewer utility services.

***B. Measurement Focus and Financial Statement Presentation***

In the government-wide financial statement, both governmental and business-type activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus, within the limitations of the cash basis of accounting which refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The financial statements are prepared on a cash receipts and disbursements basis, according to requirements for small towns in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned, and certain expenditures or expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

Amounts reported as program receipts included (1) receipts from customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, (2) operating grants and contributions, and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are report as general receipts rather than as program receipts.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating receipts and disbursements from nonoperating items. Operating receipts and disbursements generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. All receipts and disbursements not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating receipts and disbursements.

As permitted by generally accepted accounting principles, the Town of Como, Mississippi has elected to apply only applicable FASB Statement and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989 that do not contradict GASB pronouncements in its accounting and reporting practices for its proprietary operations.

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
September 30, 2021

**NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

***C. Cash and Cash Equivalents***

The Town deposits excess funds in the financial institutions selected by the board. State statutes specify how these depositories are to be selected.

Cash and cash equivalents consist of amounts on deposit in demand accounts and certificates of deposits with maturities greater than 12 months when acquired.

***D. Investments***

The Town can invest its excess funds, as permitted by Section 29-3-113, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), in interest-bearing deposits or other obligations of the types described in Section 27-105-33, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), or in any other type investment in which any other agency, instrumentality or subdivision of the State of Mississippi may invest, except that 100% of said funds are authorized to be so invested.

For accounting purposes, certificates of deposits are classified as investments if they have a maturity greater than 12 months when acquired.

Investments are reported at fair value.

***E. Report Classification***

Receipts and disbursements were classified according to requirements for small Towns in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor.

***F. Property Tax***

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and are due and payable at that time. All unpaid taxes levied October 1 become delinquent February 1 of the following year. The millage rate for the Town for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows for general purposes.

<u>Tax Years</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>
General Fund	<u>41.39</u>	<u>41.39</u>
Total Millage	<u>41.39</u>	<u>41.39</u>



TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
September 30, 2021

**NOTE 2 - BUDGET POLICY**

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- ◆ Prior to September 30, the Town Clerk submits to the Mayor and Alderpersons a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following October 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenses and expenditures and the means of financing them.
- ◆ Public notice is given of the Town's budget meetings being open to the public, so that a public hearing is conducted on the budget.
- ◆ The budget as submitted is reviewed by the Mayor and Alderpersons and necessary revisions are made to the budget. Then, the budget is approved prior to September 15.
- ◆ The Budget is formally revised during July of each year or anytime a deficit is indicated.
- ◆ Budgetary comparisons are employed by management as a management control device during the year for all funds.
- ◆ Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

Mississippi laws require that municipalities budget on a modified-cash basis. Claims that have been incurred prior to the end of the year and that are paid within 30 days are recorded under the accrual basis. Prior year claims that are paid after 30 days revert to the cash basis. All revenue is accounted for under the cash basis. The required budgetary basis is therefore not considered a generally accepted accounting principle. Governmental accounting requires that the "budget to actual" statements be prepared according to budgetary laws. The major reconciling items between the budgetary and cash basis presentations are presented on the "budget to actual" statements.

**NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

The collateral for public entities, deposits in financial institutions, is now held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Mississippi Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits.

The carrying amount of the Town's deposits with financial institutions in the governmental activities, business-type activities funds, were \$1,290,963, and \$80,301, respectively. The bank balance was \$1,449,093.

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
September 30, 2021

**NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)**

*Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits.* Custodial credit risk is defined as the risk that, in the event of a failure of a financial institution, the Town will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Town does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasury manages the risk on behalf of the Town. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institutions trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the Town. As of September 30, 2021, none of the Town's bank balance of \$1,449,093 was exposed to custodial credit risk.

**NOTE 4 - GASB 54 FUND BALANCE PRESENTATION - CLASSIFICATION TOTAL**

The Town has implemented GASB Statement 54, as such, the fund balances of the governmental funds are classified by specific purpose as follows:

***Restricted*** - amounts that can be spent for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.

***Unassigned*** - amounts that have not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. The general fund is the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. Other governmental funds besides the general fund can only report a negative unassigned fund balance amount.

**NOTE 5 - CAPITAL OUTLAY DISBURSEMENTS**

The Town of Como, Mississippi had \$19,354 in capital outlay disbursements during the current fiscal year.

**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

**A. General Information**

*Plan Description and Provisions:* The Town of Como, 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 Miss. Cods Ann. Section 25-11-1 et seq., (1972, as amended) and may be amended only by the Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444- PERS.



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September 30, 2021

**NOTE 6 - DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN (Continued)**

*Plan Funding Policy:* PERS members are required to contribute 9.00% of their annual covered salary and the Town of Como, Mississippi is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. This rate was 15.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town of Como, Mississippi, contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 were \$41,985, \$42,875, and \$42,750, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**NOTE 7 - FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS**

During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the Town received federal and state grant funds in the amount of \$777,895, however federal grant expenditures were less than \$750,000.

A single audit in accordance with Uniform Guidance was not required for the year ended September 30, 2021.

**NOTE 8 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

***Federal Grants***

The Town 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 expenditures of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the Town. No provisions for any liability that may result has been recognized in the Town's financial statements

**NOTE 9 - RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Town is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks of loss are covered by participation in a public entity risk pool that operates as a common insurance program and by acquiring commercial insurance coverage. Claims resulting from these risks have historically not exceeded insurance coverage.

**NOTE 10 - ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY**

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

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
September 30, 2021

**NOTE 11 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Events that occur after the Statement of Activities and 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 Activities and Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Activities and Net Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of Town of Como, Mississippi evaluated the activity of the Town through January 15, 2025, which is the date the financial statements are available to be issued.

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**



TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Capital Assets  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

<b>Governmental Activities:</b>	<b>Balance at 10/01/2020</b>	<b>Additions</b>	<b>Deletions</b>	<b>Balance at 09/30/2021</b>
<i>Non-Depreciable Assets</i>				
Land	\$ 125,000	-	-	\$ 125,000
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	<u>125,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>125,000</u>
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i>				
Buildings	750,000	-	-	750,000
Improvements other than buildings	950,000	-	-	950,000
Machinery and equipment	325,000	-	-	325,000
Motor vehicles	-	19,354	-	19,354
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>2,025,000</u>	<u>19,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,044,354</u>
Total Governmental Capital Assets	<u>\$ 2,150,000</u>	<u>19,354</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 2,169,354</u>
<b>Business - Type Activities:</b>				
<i>Non-Depreciable Assets</i>				
Total Non-Depreciable Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Depreciable Capital Assets</i>				
Infrastructure	<u>1,178,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,178,804</u>
Total Depreciable Capital Assets	<u>1,178,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,178,804</u>
Total Business-Type Capital Assets	<u>\$ 1,178,804</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,178,804</u>

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Investments  
September 30, 2021

The Town of Como, Mississippi did have any investments as of September 30, 2021.

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Long -Term Debt  
September 30, 2021

The Town of Como, Mississippi did have any long-term debt as of September 30, 2021.

TOWN OF COMO, MISSISSIPPI  
Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials  
September 30, 2021

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>Amount of Bond</u>
Everette Hill	Mayor	Scott Municipal Insurance	\$ 50,000
James A. Jones	Alderman at Large	CNA Surety	50,000
Melvin Crockett	Alderman	CNA Surety	50,000
Teresa Dishmon	Alderwoman	CNA Surety	50,000
Tonia Heard	Alderwoman	CNA Surety	50,000
Ruby Higginbottom	Alderwoman	CNA Surety	50,000
Alice Houston	Town Clerk	CNA Surety	50,000
Tammy Bobo Campbell	Court Clerk	CNA Surety	50,000
Conrneila Fape Pettis	Chief of Police	CNA Surety	50,000



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

The Honorable Mayor Everette Hill and  
Honorable Members of the Board of Alderpersons  
Town of Como, 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, the cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Town of Como, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Town of Como, Mississippi cash financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2025.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or 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. *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 the internal control was for 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 may exist that have not been identified.

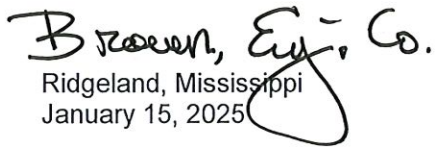


## Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Como, 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 Standard*.

## 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.

  
Ridgeland, Mississippi  
January 15, 2025

## **STATE LEGAL COMPLIANCE SECTION**



**BROWN, EWING & CO.**  
P. A.  
CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH  
STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Honorable Mayor Everette Hill and  
Honorable Members of the Board of Alderpersons  
Town of Como, Mississippi

We have audited the cash basis financial statements of the Town of Como, Mississippi, (the Town) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated January 15, 2025.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States America, *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, we have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of procedures performed to test compliance with certain other laws and regulations and our audit of the financial statements disclosed no instances of noncompliance with other state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Mayor, Board of Alderpersons, management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

*Brown, Ewing & Co.*  
Ridgeland, Mississippi  
January 15, 2025