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TOWN OF GOLDEN

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Office of State Auditor
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RE: Annual Municipal Compilation

Dear Sir:

Accompanying this letter is an electronic copy of the annual compilation and agreed-upon procedures report of the Town of Golden, Mississippi, for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024. A separate management letter was not written to the Town in connection with this compilation.

Sincerely yours,

Sherry Shook, Mayor

February 13, 2026

**Town of Golden, Mississippi
Golden, Mississippi**

**Financial Reports
and
Independent Accountants' Report
on Applying Agreed Upon Procedures**

September 30, 2024

**Jones & Jones
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Town of Golden, Mississippi
September 30, 2024
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statement of the governmental activities and the business-type activities of Town of Golden, Mississippi, which comprise the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2024 for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, and for determining that the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting is an acceptable 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 financial statement nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. We do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on this financial statement.

The financial statement is prepared in accordance with the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has not presented government-wide financial statements to display the financial position and changes in financial position of its governmental activities and business-type activities. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, as applied to the Town's cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, require the presentation of government-wide financial statements. The amounts that would be reported in government-wide financial statements for the Town's governmental activities and business-type activities are not reasonably determinable.

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

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis information and other required supplemental information that is required to be presented for purposes of additional analysis. 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.

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The supplementary information contained in Schedules 1, 2, and 3 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management. The supplementary information was subject to our compilation engagement. We have not audited or reviewed the supplementary information and do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on such information.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), we have issued a report dated February 13, 2026, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jones & Jones", written in a cursive style.

Jones & Jones
Certified Public Accountants
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Booneville, MS

February 13, 2026

Town of Golden, Mississippi
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Governmental and Business-Type Funds
September 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-Type Activities</u>			
	<u>Major Fund</u>			<u>Major Fund</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>RECEIPTS</u>							
Taxes							
General property taxes	\$ 81,080	\$ -	\$ 81,080	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Penalties and interest on delinquent taxes	283	-	283	-	-	-	-
License and permits							
Privilege licenses	1,873	-	1,873	-	-	-	-
Franchise charges - utilities	8,928	-	8,928	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenue							
Federal receipts:							
Payment in lieu of taxes	4,776	-	4,776	-	-	-	-
State shared revenues:							
Homestead exemption	750	-	750	-	-	-	-
City diversion	107,930	-	107,930	-	-	-	-
Gasoline tax and municipal aid	684	-	684	-	-	-	-
Fire insurance premium tax	-	7,102	7,102	-	-	-	-
Modernization	9,817	-	9,817	-	-	-	-
Pro rata county road tax	2,285	-	2,285	-	-	-	-
Charges for services							
Water	-	-	-	256,464	-	-	256,464
Sewer	-	-	-	-	53,493	-	53,493
Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	20,890	20,890
Fines and forfeits, net of state assessments	43,106	-	43,106	-	-	-	-
Cash bonds received	278	-	278	-	-	-	-
Interest	432	147	579	448	172	19	639
Miscellaneous receipts	12,323	-	12,323	22,097	-	-	22,097
Total receipts	\$ 274,545	\$ 7,249	\$ 281,794	\$ 279,009	\$ 53,665	\$ 20,909	\$ 353,583

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Town of Golden, Mississippi
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Governmental and Business-Type Funds
September 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-Type Activities</u>			
	<u>Major Fund</u>			<u>Major Fund</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>DISBURSEMENTS</u>							
General government	\$ 114,234	\$ -	\$ 114,234	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety							
Police	70,090	-	70,090	-	-	-	-
Culture and recreation	3,389	-	3,389	-	-	-	-
Streets	25,423	-	25,423	-	-	-	-
Water	-	-	-	230,044	-	-	230,044
Sewer	-	-	-	-	27,589	-	27,589
Sanitation	-	-	-	-	-	23,720	23,720
Capital outlay							
Water	-	-	-	46,497	-	-	46,497
Debt service							
Principal payment on notes and bonds	-	-	-	12,847	7,890	-	20,737
Interest on notes and bonds	-	-	-	1,949	4,872	-	6,821
Total operating disbursements	\$ 213,136	\$ -	\$ 213,136	\$ 291,337	\$ 40,351	\$ 23,720	\$ 355,408

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Town of Golden, Mississippi
Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
Governmental and Business-Type Funds
September 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>			<u>Business-Type Activities</u>			
	<u>Major Fund</u>			<u>Major Fund</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Fire Protection</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Water</u>	<u>Sewer</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Excess (deficiency) of receipts over disbursements	\$ 61,409	\$ 7,249	\$ 68,658	\$ (12,328)	\$ 13,314	\$ (2,811)	\$ (1,825)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</u>							
Transfers	-	(46,497)	(46,497)	46,497	-	-	46,497
Total other financing sources	-	(46,497)	(46,497)	46,497	-	-	46,497
Excess (deficiency) of receipts and other financing sources over disbursements and other financing uses	61,409	(39,248)	22,161	34,169	13,314	(2,811)	44,672
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>158,982</u>	<u>55,546</u>	<u>214,528</u>	<u>185,309</u>	<u>55,766</u>	<u>8,574</u>	<u>249,650</u>
CASH BASIS FUND BALANCE - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 220,391</u>	<u>\$ 16,298</u>	<u>\$ 236,689</u>	<u>\$ 219,478</u>	<u>\$ 69,080</u>	<u>\$ 5,763</u>	<u>\$ 294,322</u>

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**Town of Golden, Mississippi
Schedule of Investments
September 30, 2024**

<u>Ownership</u>	<u>Type of Investment</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Acquisition Date</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Other Information</u>	<u>Investment Cost/Value</u>
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Town of Golden had no investments during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2024.

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Town of Golden, Mississippi
Schedule of Long Term Debt
September 30, 2024

	Balance	Transactions		Balance
	Outstanding	During Fiscal Year		Outstanding
	<u>09/30/2023</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Redeemed</u>	<u>09/30/2024</u>
<u>REVENUE BONDS</u>				
Farmers Home Administration Sewer Note 92-02	\$ 60,259	\$ -	\$ 6,429	\$ 53,830
Farmers Home Administration Sewer Note 92-04	41,970	-	1,461	40,510
Mississippi Development Authority Water Note	<u>110,579</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>12,847</u>	<u>97,733</u>
Total revenue bonds	<u>\$ 212,809</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 20,737</u>	<u>\$ 192,072</u>

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Town of Golden, Mississippi
Schedule of Surety Bonds for Town Officials
September 30, 2024

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Insurance Company</u>	<u>Bond</u>
Sherry Shook	Mayor	MS Municipal Bond Program	\$ 25,000
Tina Payne	Town Clerk	Western Surety Company	50,000
Karen Brown	Asst Town Clerk	Western Surety Company	50,000
Donavan Cain	Chief of Police	Western Surety Company	50,000
Linda Epps	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	25,000
Sandra Collums	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	25,000
Myra George	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	25,000
James Thompson	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	25,000
Dixie Honeycutt	Alderman	MS Municipal Bond Program	25,000
Perry Mask	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	50,000
Cody Hawkins	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	25,000
Camryn Harnage	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	25,000
Logan Young	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	10,000
Drae Holland Abbott	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	10,000
James A Graham	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	25,000
Mathew Joseph Klamert	Police Officer	Western Surety Company	25,000

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**Independent Accountants' Report on
 Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman
 and Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the accounting records of Town of Golden, Mississippi's compliance with certain laws and regulations required under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. as of September 30, 2024 and for the year then ended. Town of Golden, Mississippi's management is responsible for its compliance with certain laws and regulations required under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

Town of Golden, Mississippi has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of complying with the State of Mississippi requirements under the provisions of Section 21-35-31, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1. We reconciled cash on deposit with the following bank to balances in the respective general ledger accounts and obtained confirmation of the related balances from the bank. No exceptions were noted.

Balance Per Bank	Fund	Reconciled Balance
First American National Bank	General	\$ 220,291
First American National Bank	General	-
Cash on Hand	General	100
	Total General Fund	\$ 220,391
First American National Bank	Water	\$ 155,339
First American National Bank	Water	24,237
First American National Bank	Water	39,902
	Total Water Fund	\$ 219,478

1. Continued

<u>Balance Per Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Reconciled Balance</u>
First American National Bank	Sanitation	\$ 4,067
First American National Bank	Sanitation	1,696
Total Sanitation Fund		<u>\$ 5,763</u>
First American National Bank	Sewer	\$ 50,871
First American National Bank	Sewer	12,958
First American National Bank	Sewer	5,251
Total Sewer Fund		<u>\$ 69,080</u>
First American National Bank	Fire Protection	\$ 16,298
Total Fire Protection		<u>\$ 16,298</u>

2. We verified that there were no investment transactions; therefore, the Town was in compliance with Section 21-33-323 Miss. Code Ann. (1972).
3. We performed the following procedures with respect to taxes on real and personal property (including motor vehicles) levied during the fiscal year.
 - a. Traced levies to governing body minutes. No exceptions were noted.
 - b. Traced settlement of taxes collected to proper funds. No exceptions were noted.
 - c. Analyzed increase in taxes for the most recent period for compliance with increase limitations of Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Miss. Code, Ann. (1972). We noted no increase in taxes and the Town was in compliance with the above sections.
4. 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:

<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Gasoline and Municipal Aid Tax	General Fund	\$ 684
Homestead Exemption	General Fund	750
City Diversion (Sales Tax)	General Fund	107,930
T.V.A. Payments in Lieu of Taxes	General Fund	4,776
Modernization	General Fund*	41,283
Public Safety Grant	General Fund	1,692
Fire Protection Allocation	Fire Fund	7,102
Total		<u>\$ 164,217</u>

* These receipts were received and are maintained in the General Fund until the Town's board identifies an eligible project, at which time the proceeds will be transferred to the appropriate fund.

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

The sample consisted of the following:

Number of sample disbursements	25
Total dollar value of sample	\$ 10,921.71
Number of disbursements in population	692
Total dollar value of population	\$ 376,071.21

We found the Town's purchasing procedures to be in agreement with the requirements of the abovementioned section.

- We selected a sample of collections of fines and forfeitures and verified that the court clerk had settled daily with the Town clerk. We also selected a sample of State imposed court assessments collected and determined that the Town clerk had settled monthly with the Department of Finance and Administration.

	Sample	Population	Assessments Reported
Number of receipts	12	230	Not computed
Dollar value collected	\$ 2,708.00	\$ 43,106.25	\$ 43,106.25

In our sample, we found the Town's collections of fines and forfeitures and State imposed court assessments to be in agreement with the requirements.

- We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the Town. The completed survey indicated no instances of noncompliance with State requirements.

We were engaged by Town of Golden, Mississippi to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the AICPA. 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 compliance with the specified requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the specified users listed above 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; therefore, this report is not suitable for any other purposes.

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

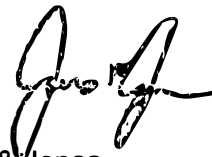
To the Honorable Mayor and Board of Alderman
and Office of the State Auditor, State of Mississippi

We have compiled the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental and Business-Type Funds of the Town of Golden, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2024 in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and have issued our report dated February 13, 2026. The financial statement has been prepared on the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 procedures and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to items tested, the results of those procedures and our compilation of the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements – Governmental and Business-Type Funds of the Town of Golden, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2024 disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

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



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