

## OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR REPORT NOTE:

*Section 7-7-211, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972)* gives the Office of the State Auditor the authority to audit, with the exception of municipalities, any governmental entity in the state. In the case of municipalities, *Section 21-35-31, Mississippi Code Annotated (1972)* requires municipalities to obtain an annual audit performed by a private CPA firm and submit that audit report to the Office of the State Auditor. The Office of the State Auditor files these audit reports for review in case questions arise related to the municipality.

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**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**

**Compilation Report and  
Report on Agreed-Upon Procedures**

**September 30, 2024**

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

The Mayor and Board of Alderpersons  
Town of Soso, Mississippi

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Town of Soso, Mississippi (a government), which comprise of the Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities for the year ended September 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the town's basic financial statement as listed in the table of contents, 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 Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on the Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities.

We draw attention to Note 1 of the financial statements, which describes the basis of accounting. The Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Other Matters**

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

The supplementary information contained in the Schedules on pages 7 and 8 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.

#### *Other Information*

The Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities and related notes to financial statement are intended to comply with the requirements of the Mississippi Office of the State Auditor, and are not intended to be a presentation in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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

GranthamPoole PLLC  
Ridgeland, Mississippi  
February 13, 2026

**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash**  
**Disbursements - Governmental Activities**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2024</b>
Revenue Receipts:		
Licenses and Permits	\$ 653	\$ 653
Franchise and In-Lieu Tax	16,819	16,819
Improvement Revenues:		
Grant Income	8,399	8,399
General Municipal Aid from State	209	209
State Shared Revenues:		
Liquor Tax	1,800	1,800
Sales Tax	119,508	119,508
Gasoline Tax	1,176	1,176
Charges for Services:		
Fines and Forfeitures	5,609	5,609
<b>Total Revenues Receipts</b>	<b>154,173</b>	<b>154,173</b>
Other Receipts:		
Rent	700	700
Interest	3,793	3,793
Sale of Assets	5,000	5,000
Other Income	4,000	4,000
<b>Total Other Receipts</b>	<b>13,493</b>	<b>13,493</b>
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>167,666</b>	<b>167,666</b>
<b>Cash Balance, Beginning of Year</b>	<b>222,123</b>	<b>222,123</b>
<b>Total Amount to Account For</b>	<b>\$ 389,789</b>	<b>\$ 389,789</b>

**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Combined Statements of Cash Receipts and Cash**  
**Disbursements - Governmental Activities**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2024**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	<b>Totals (Memorandum Only)</b>
	<b>General Fund</b>	<b>2024</b>
Cash Disbursements:		
Capital Improvement	\$ 49,517	\$ 49,517
Conference and Training	1,442	1,442
Dues	991	991
Election Expense	1,073	1,073
Fuel	3,011	3,011
Insurance	8,031	8,031
Office Expense	4,311	4,311
Payroll Taxes	169	169
Prisoner Expense	1,845	1,845
Repairs and Maintenance	9,773	9,773
Retirement	9,718	9,718
Salaries	109,906	109,906
Supplies	5,236	5,236
Utilities and Telephone	20,594	20,594
Workmen's Comp	813	813
<b>Total Disbursements</b>	<b>226,430</b>	<b>226,430</b>
 <b>Cash Balance, End of Year</b>	<b>163,359</b>	<b>163,359</b>
 <b>Total Amount to Account For</b>	<b>\$ 389,789</b>	<b>\$ 389,789</b>

**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**September 30, 2024**

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**NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Town of Soso, Mississippi (the “Town”), operates under a Mayor/Alderman form of government subject to the legal budgetary and audit requirements of the Mississippi State Department of Audit for municipalities with a population of 3,000 or less.

A. Reporting Entity.

The Combined Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements of Town of Soso, Mississippi consist of governmental activities of the Town.

B. Fund Accounting.

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

C. Basis of Accounting.

The financials are prepared on a cash receipts and disbursements basis, as prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor. Consequently, certain revenues are recognized when received rather than when earned and certain expenses are recognized when paid rather than when the obligation is incurred.

**NOTE 2 REPORT CLASSIFICATION**

Receipts and disbursements were classified according to requirements for small towns in the State of Mississippi as prescribed by the State Department of Audit.

**NOTE 3 COLLATERAL FOR DEPOSITS**

The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is now held the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5 Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the Town of Soso, Mississippi'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 should be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

**NOTE 4 ENCUMBRANCE ACCOUNTING**

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to serve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not used by the Town of Soso, Mississippi.

**NOTE 5 COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The Town of Soso, Mississippi, does not compensate employees for unused vacation or sick leave.

**NOTE 6 TAX REVENUE**

Property taxes on real property, personal property, mobile homes and automobiles are collected by Jones County. The Department of Finance and Administration directly deposits the funds due the municipality each month as required.

**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**September 30, 2024**

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**NOTE 7 DEFINED BENEFIT PENSION PLAN**

Plan Description: The Town of Soso, 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. Benefit provisions are established by State Law 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, at 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy: PERS members are required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary and the Town of Soso, Mississippi is required to contribute at an actuarial determined rate. In 2024, the employer contribution rate remained at 17.40% of covered salaries through June 30, 2024. Beginning July 2024, the employer contribution rate increased to 17.90%.

The contribution of PERS members is established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The Town of Soso, Mississippi contributions to PERS for the year ended September 30, 2024 were \$10,065, which equaled the required contributions for the year.

**NOTE 8 COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES**

The Town of Soso, Mississippi is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters for which the Town of Soso, Mississippi carries commercial insurance.

Grant monies received and disbursed by the Town of Soso, Mississippi are for specific purposes and are subject to audit and review by the grantor agencies: Such audits may result in requests for reimbursement due to disallowed expenditures. Based upon prior experience, the Town does not believe that such disallowances, if any, would have a material effect on the financial position of the Town.

**NOTE 9 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Events that occur after the Statement of Financial Position report 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 Statements of Financial Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Financial Position date require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of the Town of Soso, Mississippi evaluated the activity of the Town through February 13, 2026, and determined that the following subsequent event required disclosure in the notes to the financial statements:

Subsequent to year-end, the Board adopted an amendment to the ordinance for the retail sales of beer and light wine. The amendment is to be trialed for a 6-month period with the intent to be permanent if no issues arise. The financial impact of this change has not yet been determined.

## **Supplementary Information**

**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Schedule of Investments - All Funds**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2024**

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	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Acquisition Date</b>	<b>Maturity Date</b>	<b>Investment Cost/Value</b>
General Revenue:				
General Fund - Certificate of Deposit	0.35%		02/27/25	\$ 68,790
General Fund - Certificate of Deposit	0.35%		04/04/25	32,751
<b>Total General Fund</b>				<b>\$ 101,541</b>

**TOWN OF SOSO, MISSISSIPPI**  
**Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials**  
**Year Ended September 30, 2024**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Surety Agency</b>	<b>Bond</b>
Ralph Cahill	Mayor	St. Paul Travelers	\$ 25,000
Mike Moore	Mayor	St. Paul Travelers	25,000
Jimmy McCoy	Police Chief	St. Paul Travelers	50,000
Crystal Hendry	Town Clerk	St. Paul Travelers	50,000
Douglas W. Johnston	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Michael Simpson	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Scott Hinton	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
James Hendry	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
Katie P. Hinton	Alderman	St. Paul Travelers	10,000
James T. Hill	Police Officer	St. Paul Travelers	25,000
Dave Gulley III	Police Officer	St. Paul Travelers	25,000
Dalton Ainsworth	Police Officer	St. Paul Travelers	25,000
Nathan Laster	Police Officer	St. Paul Travelers	25,000



## REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

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

We have compiled the accompanying Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities, Schedule of Investments, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Town Officials of the Town of Soso, 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. 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.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures and our compilation of the accompanying Combined Statement of Cash Receipts and Cash Disbursements—Governmental Activities, Schedule of Investment, and Schedule of Surety Bonds for Town Officials of the Town of Soso, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2024, disclosed no instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management 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.

GranthamPoole PLLC  
Ridgeland, Mississippi  
February 13, 2026



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

The Mayor and Board of Alderman  
Town of Soso, Mississippi

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the accounting records of the Town of Soso, Mississippi as of September 30, 2024. Town of Soso, Mississippi’s management is responsible for accounting records.

Town of Soso, Mississippi has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the requirements of the Office of the state Auditor, under 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 Soso, Mississippi, and the Office of the State Auditor and should not be used for any other purposes.. 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:

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance Per General Ledger</u>
Trustmark Bank	General Fund	\$ 61,618
	<b>Total General Fund</b>	<b>\$ 61,618</b>

2. We physically examined securities held for investment. Securities held in trust were confirmed directly with respective trustees. All investment transactions during the year were examined for compliance with investments authorized by Section 21-33-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

<u>Bank</u>	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Balance Per General Ledger</u>
First State Bank	General Fund - CD#60	\$ 68,790
First State Bank	General Fund - CD#30	32,751
	<b>Total Certificates of Deposit</b>	<b>\$ 101,541</b>



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.
  - 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 Sections 27-39-320 to 27-39-323, Miss. Code Ann. (1972).

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

Payments traced were as follows:

<u>Payment Purpose</u>	<u>Receiving Fund</u>	<u>Balance Per General Ledger</u>
Sales Tax Allocation	General Fund	\$ 119,508
Fire Protection	General Fund	8,399
Gasoline Tax	General Fund	1,176
General Municipal Aid	General Fund	209
Liquor Tax Allocation	General Fund	1,800
Public Safety Subsidies	General Fund	4,000
<b>Total General Fund</b>		<b><u>\$ 135,092</u></b>

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

The sample consisted of the following:

Number of Sample Items: 20

Total Dollar Value of Sample: \$6,308

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

6. We selected a sample of collections of fines and forfeitures to verify that the municipal court clerk had settled daily with the municipal clerk. We also selected a sample of state-imposed court assessments collected to determine that the municipal clerk had settled monthly with the Department of Finance and Administration.



We found the municipality to not be in agreement with the requirements of the above-mentioned sections.

7. We have read the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the Municipality. The completed survey indicated no instances of noncompliance with state requirements.

We were engaged by Town of Soso, 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 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 Mayor and Board of Alderman 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 Town of Soso, Mississippi and the Office of the State Auditor, the State of Mississippi and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than those specified parties.

*Grantham Poole PLLC*

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Ridgeland, Mississippi  
February 13, 2026