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**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
COMPILATION REPORT
AND REPORT ON AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

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

Management is responsible for the accompanying Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements of the Town of Cruger, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2025, 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 the Statement of Cash Receipts and Disbursements.

The Statement 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 Cruger, 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 December 17, 2025, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Kosciusko, Mississippi
December 17, 2025

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.

TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

	Governmental Fund	Proprietary Fund
	General Fund	Water & Sewer Fund
CASH RECEIPTS:		
Taxes		
General property tax	\$ 102,376	\$ -
Intergovernmental revenue		
State shared revenue		
General municipal aid	134	-
Sales tax	3,625	-
Gasoline tax	804	-
Nuclear plant	1,664	-
Homestead reimbursement	3,209	-
CDBG Grant	-	102,265
Fire protection	7,708	-
Charges for services		
Water utility	-	66,129
Other receipts		
HOME grant	16,400	-
TOTAL CASH RECEIPTS	\$ 135,920	\$ 168,394

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	<u>Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund</u>
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Water & Sewer Fund</u>
DISBURSEMENTS:		
General government	\$ 224,408	\$ -
Enterprises		
Water utility	-	32,831
 TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS	 <u><u>\$ 224,408</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 32,831</u></u>

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**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

	Governmental Fund	Proprietary Fund
	General Fund	Water & Sewer Fund
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF CASH RECEIPTS OVER DISBURSEMENTS	\$ (88,488)	\$ 135,563
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers	88,500	(88,500)
Capital Outlay	-	(102,265)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	88,500	(190,765)
Excess (Deficiency) of cash receipts over disbursements and other financing sources (uses)	12	(55,202)
CASH BALANCE-BEGINNING	53,992	68,112
CASH BALANCE-ENDING	\$ 54,004	\$ 12,910

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

None

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

General Fund:

	Balance 9/30/2024	Additions & Reclassifications	Retirements & Reclassifications	Balance 9/30/2025
Infrastructure	\$ 53,082	-	-	\$ 53,082
Equipment	1,176,978	-	-	1,176,978
	<u>\$ 1,230,060</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,230,060</u>

Proprietary Fund:

Water & Sewer	<u>\$ 1,374,095</u>	<u>102,265</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>\$ 1,476,360</u>
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**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF LONG-TERM DEBT
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

None

See accompanying independent accountants' compilation report.

**TOWN OF CRUGER, MISSISSIPPI
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS FOR MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS
SEPTEMBER 30, 2025**

Position	Name	Surety	Term	Bond Amount
Mayor	Arrica Weatherall	Travelers	7/1/2025 - 7/1/2029	\$ 50,000
City Clerk	Alice Randle	F & D Company of Maryland	7/10/2024 - 7/10/2026	50,000
Deputy Clerk	Ann Outlaw	Brierfield	7/9/2025 - 7/8/2026	50,000
Alderman	Quentin Delaney	Travelers	7/1/2025 - 7/1/2029	50,000
Alderwoman	Caroline Harris	Travelers	7/1/2025 - 7/1/2029	50,000
Alderwoman	Johnetta Dean	Travelers	7/1/2025 - 7/1/2029	50,000
Alderwoman	Katherine Granderson	Travelers	7/1/2025 - 7/1/2029	50,000
Alderwoman	Veronica Jackson	Travelers	9/9/2025 - 7/1/2029	50,000
Police Officer	David Simmons	Travelers	7/17/2024 - 7/17/2026	*25,000

*As chief law enforcement officer, the bond should be \$50,000.

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Honorable Mayor and Board of Aldermen
 Town of Cruger, 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 Officials of the Town of Cruger, Mississippi, for the year ended September 30, 2025, in accordance with Statements of 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 an instance of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. Our findings and recommendations and our responses are as follows:

1. Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials

Finding

The Town only had one police officer, and he was only bonded for \$25,000. Since there is only one officer, the bond needs to be at a minimum of \$50,000 in order to have the same treatment as a bond for chief officer.

Recommendation

We recommend from this date forward that the Town renew and increase the officer’s bond to \$50,000.

Response

The Town recognizes that the chief officer should have been covered by a \$50,000 bond and will ensure that the position is properly bonded in the future.

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.

Kosciusko, Mississippi
December 17, 2025

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS’ REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

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

We have applied certain agreed-upon procedures, as discussed below, to the accounting records of the Town of Cruger, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2025, 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 Cruger, 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
Bank Plus	General Funds:	
	General Fund	\$ 14,032
	General Fund	39,972
	Total General Funds	<u>\$ 54,004</u>
Bank Plus	Proprietary Funds:	
	Water Fund	\$ 1,823
	Water Fund	4,993
	Water Fund	6,094
	Total Proprietary Funds	<u>\$ 12,910</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 Cruger; 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 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	\$ 804
General Municipal Aid	General Fund	134
Homestead Exemption Reimbursement	General Fund	3,209
Nuclear Plant Payments	General Fund	1,664
Fire Protection	General Fund	7,708
Sales Tax Allocation	General Fund	3,625
CDBG Grant	Water Fund	102,265
		<u>\$ 119,409</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 \$113,281.13

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

- 5) We determined that the Town of Cruger does not have its own court. All cases are sent to the Justice Court. Therefore, there were no fines to be tested for the year.
- 6) We were provided the Municipal Compliance Questionnaire completed by the municipality and verified that it was signed and recorded in the board minutes. We also tested the questionnaire to determine if it was accurately prepared. The completed survey indicated one instance of noncompliance that was noticed on the Schedule of Surety Bonds for Municipal Officials. The Town only had one police officer, and he was only bonded for \$25,000. Since there is only one officer, the bond needs to be at a minimum of \$50,000 in order to have the same treatment as a bond for Chief and Deputy Officer. We recommend from this date forward that the Town renew and increase the officer's bond to \$50,000.

We were engaged by the Town of Cruger 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 Cruger 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 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
December 17, 2025

Watkins Ward and Stafford, P.C.