NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

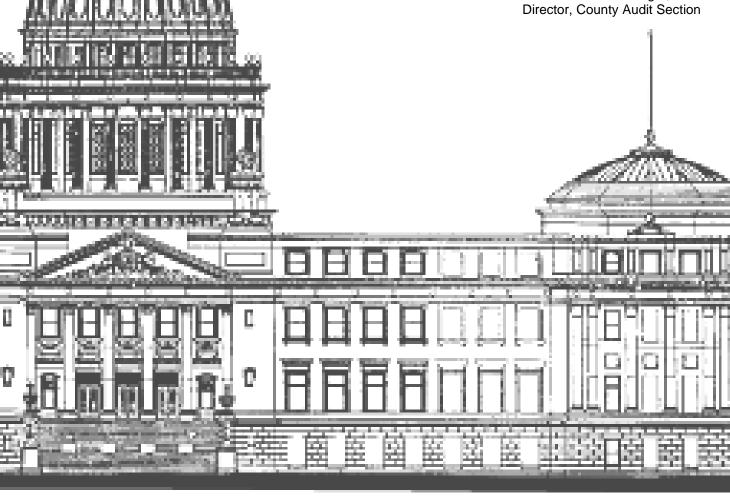


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A Report from the County Audit Section

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June 26, 2024

Members of the Board of Supervisors Neshoba County, Mississippi

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2022 financial and compliance audit report for Neshoba County. This audit was performed pursuant to Section 7-7-211(e), Mississippi Code Ann. (1972). The audit was performed in accordance with 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.

I appreciate the cooperation and courtesy extended by the officials and employees of Neshoba County throughout the audit. Thank you for working to move Mississippi forward by serving as a supervisor for Neshoba County. If I or this office can be of any further assistance, please contact me or Joe McKnight of my staff at (601) 576-2674.

Respectfully submitted,

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR SHAD WHITE

AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors Neshoba County, Mississippi

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Neshoba County, Mississippi, (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of Neshoba County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities, and Each Major Fund

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, business-type activities, and each major fund of Neshoba County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principle generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our adverse and unmodified opinions.

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

The financial statements do not include financial data for the County's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The County has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the County's legally separate component units on the aggregate discretely presented component units has not been determined.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood, that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or
 error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include
 examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting
 estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedules and corresponding notes, the Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and the Schedule of County Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Omission of Required Supplementary Information

Neshoba County, Mississippi, has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic 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 an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinions on the basic financial statements are not affected by this missing information.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Neshoba County, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 26, 2024 on our consideration of Neshoba County, 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 solely 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 effectiveness of Neshoba County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Neshoba County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA Director, County Audit Section

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June 26, 2024

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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	Primary Governme	ent	
	Governmental	Business-type	
	Activities	Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 19,223,347	229,085	19,452,432
Property tax receivable	9,150,955	,	9,150,955
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for	•		
uncollectibles of \$533,032)		309,897	309,897
Fines receivable (net of allowance for			
uncollectibles of \$6,555,801)	1,385,216		1,385,216
Intergovernmental receivables	429,948		429,948
Other receivables	25,458		25,458
Internal balances	319,824	(319,824)	
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	2,144,786	50,585	2,195,371
Other capital assets, net	23,235,516	368,899	23,604,415
Total Assets	55,915,050	638,642	56,553,692
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,859,893	89,311	1,949,204
Deferred amount on refunding	47,440		47,440
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,907,333	89,311	1,996,644
LIABILITIES			
Claims payable	491,163	13,132	504,295
Intergovernmental payables	333,548	10,102	333,548
Accrued interest payable	20,470		20,470
Unearned revenue	4,136,973	22,195	4,159,168
Amounts held in custody for others	43,482	22,133	43,482
Other payables	95,972		95,972
Long-term liabilities	30,372		30,372
Due within one year:			
Capital debt	1,452,347	66,178	1,518,525
Due in more than one year:	1, 102,011	00,170	1,010,020
Capital debt	7,668,526	22,406	7,690,932
Non-capital debt	112,415	3,101	115,516
Net pension liability	12,970,283	604,215	13,574,498
Total Liabilities	27,325,179	731,227	28,056,406
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	43,908	12,526	56,434
Deferred revenues - property taxes	9,150,955		9,150,955
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	9,194,863	12,526	9,207,389
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	16,306,869	330,900	16,637,769
Restricted for:	10,500,003	330,300	10,037,703
Expendable:			
•	117 725		117 725
General government	117,735		117,735
Public safety Public works	5,259,659		5,259,659
	3,121,939		3,121,939
Culture and recreation	97,074		97,074
Economic development and assistance	1,649,715		1,649,715
Debt service	262,712	(0.40.700)	262,712
Unrestricted Total Not Resition	(5,513,362)	(346,700)	(5,860,062)
Total Net Position	\$ 21,302,341	(15,800)	21,286,541

			Program Revenue	es		Net (Expense) Revenu	ue and Changes in	Net Position
				Operating	Capital	Primary Government		
			Charges for	Grants and	Grants and	Governmental	Business-type	
Functions/Programs	_ <u> </u>	xpenses	Services	Contributions	Contributions	Activities	Activities	Total
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$ 4,	,090,528	1,168,232	1,811,646		(1,110,650)		(1,110,650)
Public safety	5,	,603,098	455,373	808,943		(4,338,782)		(4,338,782)
Public works	5,	,711,399		3,442,576	608,030	(1,660,793)		(1,660,793)
Health and welfare		129,758		43,928		(85,830)		(85,830)
Culture and recreation		674,733				(674,733)		(674,733)
Conservation of natural resources		77,357				(77,357)		(77,357)
Economic development and assistance		279,410			100,000	(179,410)		(179,410)
Interest on long-term debt		215,234				(215,234)		(215,234)
Pension expense	1,	,231,792				(1,231,792)		(1,231,792)
Total Governmental Activities	18,	,013,309	1,623,605	6,107,093	708,030	(9,574,581)		(9,574,581)
Business-type activities:								
Solid Waste		790,929	873,364	1,355			83,790	83,790
Total Business-type Activities		790,929	873,364	1,355	_	_	83,790	83,790
Total Primary Government		,804,238	2,496,969	6,108,448	708,030	(9,574,581)	83,790	(9,490,791)
	Gener	ral revenues						
		erty taxes	•		9	9,035,240		9,035,240
	•	•	ivilege taxes		`	354,324		354,324
		Ο.	•	ted to specific prog	ırams	662,287		662,287
		stricted inte				36,869	1,082	37,951
		ellaneous				862,604	17,126	879,730
		al General R	evenues			10,951,324	18,208	10,969,532
		ges in Net P				1,376,743	101,998	1,478,741
	Net Po	osition - Beg	inning			19,925,598	(117,798)	19,807,800
	Net Po	osition - End	ing		5	21,302,341	(15,800)	21,286,541

	N	lajor Funds				
		•	Countywide	American	Other	Total
		General	Bridge and	Rescue Plan	Governmental	Governmental
		Fund	Culvert Fund	Act Fund	Funds	Funds
ASSETS	_					
Cash	\$	4,299,448	1,202,760	4,138,036	9,583,103	19,223,347
Property tax receivable	•	6,190,643	1,660,397	,,,,,,,,,	1,299,915	9,150,955
Fines receivable (net of allowance for		5,100,010	1,000,001		1,=00,010	2,:22,222
uncollectibles of \$6,555,801)		1,385,216				1,385,216
Intergovernmental receivables		358,506			71,442	429,948
Other receivables		2,634			22,824	25,458
Due from other funds		231,149	28,351		52,897	312,397
Advances to other funds		172,189	100,000		02,007	272,189
Total Assets	\$	12,639,785	2,991,508	4,138,036	11,030,181	30,799,510
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LIABILITIES						
Liabilities:						
Claims payable	\$	141,541	11,832		337,790	491,163
Intergovernmental payables	Ψ	333,548	11,002		001,100	333,548
Due to other funds		81,248			183,514	264,762
Unearned revenue		01,240		4,136,973	100,014	4,136,973
Amounts held in custody for others		43,482		4,130,973		43,482
Other payables		95,972				95,972
Total Liabilities	_	695,791	11,832	4,136,973	521,304	5,365,900
Total Liabilities	_	093,791	11,032	4,130,973	521,304	5,305,900
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes		6,190,643	1,660,397		1,299,915	9,150,955
Unavailable revenue - fines		1,385,216	1,000,337		1,299,910	1,385,216
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	_	7,575,859	1,660,397		1,299,915	10,536,171
Total Deletted lilliows of Resources	_	7,575,659	1,000,391	<u> </u>	1,299,915	10,550,171
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Advances		172,189				172,189
Restricted for:		172,103				172,103
General government					117,735	117,735
Public safety					5,259,659	5,259,659
Public works			1,319,279	1,063	1,801,597	3,121,939
Culture and recreation			1,319,219	1,003	97,074	97,074
Economic development and assistance						1,649,715
					1,649,715	
Debt service		4 405 046			283,182	283,182
Unassigned	_	4,195,946	4 240 270	4.000	0.000.000	4,195,946
Total Fund Balances	_	4,368,135	1,319,279	1,063	9,208,962	14,897,439
Total Liabilities Deferred Inflame of Deserver						
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources	æ	12 620 705	2 004 500	/ 120 D26	11 020 101	20 700 510
and Fund Balances	\$_	12,639,785	2,991,508	4,138,036	11,030,181	30,799,510

NESHOBA COUNTY Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position September 30, 2022	Exhibit 3-1
	 Amount
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 14,897,439
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:	
Capital assets are used in governmental activities and are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$24,818,783.	25,380,302
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	1,385,216
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(9,233,288)
Net pension obligations are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(12,970,283)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(20,470)
Deferred amount on refunding	47,440
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions	1,859,893

(43,908)

\$ 21,302,341

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions

Total Net Position - Governmental Activities

NESHOBA COUNTY

Exhibit 4

	М	ajor Funds				
			Countywide	American	Other	Total
		General	Bridge and	Rescue Plan	Governmental	Governmental
	_	Fund	Culvert Fund	Act Fund	Funds	Funds
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$	6,046,532	1,667,095		1,321,613	9,035,240
Road and bridge privilege taxes					354,324	354,324
Licenses, commissions and other revenue		432,449			28,750	461,199
Fines and forfeitures		580,034			33,979	614,013
Intergovernmental revenues		1,325,136		1,518,857	4,633,417	7,477,410
Charges for services		63,400			275,720	339,120
Interest income		17,062	5,620	827	13,360	36,869
Miscellaneous revenues	_	339,983			510,660	850,643
Total Revenues	_	8,804,596	1,672,715	1,519,684	7,171,823	19,168,818
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		3,761,546		384,346	14,509	4,160,401
Public safety		4,115,444		1,134,511	663,308	5,913,263
Public works			2,435,520		3,126,202	5,561,722
Health and welfare		129,758				129,758
Culture and recreation		529,721			52,383	582,104
Conservation of natural resources		77,357				77,357
Economic development and assistance		85,206			739,285	824,491
Debt service:						
Principal		403,384	134,054		837,662	1,375,100
Interest		71,908	8,441		124,838	205,187
Total Expenditures	_	9,174,324	2,578,015	1,518,857	5,558,187	18,829,383
Excess of Revenues over						
(under) Expenditures	_	(369,728)	(905,300)	827	1,613,636	339,435
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Long-term capital debt issued			220,408		2,389,000	2,609,408
Proceeds from sale of capital assets			-,		4,246	4,246
Compensation for loss of capital assets		23,050			•	23,050
Transfers in		,			7,436	7,436
Transfers out					(7,436)	(7,436)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses		23,050	220,408	0	2,393,246	2,636,704
Net Changes in Fund Balances		(346,678)	(684,892)	827	4,006,882	2,976,139
Fund Balances - Beginning		4,714,813	2,004,171	236	5,202,080	11,921,300
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ <u></u>	4,368,135	1,319,279	1,063	9,208,962	14,897,439

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 **Amount** \$ 2,976,139 Net Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because: Governmental Funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that depreciation \$1,647,422 exceeded capital outlays of \$1,556,876 in the current period. (90.546)In the Statement of Activities, only gains and losses from the sale of capital assets are reported, whereas in the Governmental Funds, proceeds from the sale of capital assets increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount of the net gain of \$11,961 and the proceeds from the sale of \$4,246 and the compensation for loss of \$23,050 in the current period. (15,335)Fine revenue recognized on the modified accrual basis in the funds during the current year is reduced because prior year recognition would have been required on the Statement of Activities using the full-accrual basis of accounting. 209,273 Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that debt proceeds of \$2,609,408 exceeded debt repayments of \$1,375,100. (1,234,308)Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the Governmental Funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. However, in the Statement of Activities, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long-term debt is recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when due, rather than as it accrues. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balances by a combination of the following items: The amount of increase in compensated absences liability (21,492)The amount of decrease in accrued interest payable 4,750 The amortization of bond premium 4,180 The amortization of bond refunding charges (18,977)Some items reported in the Statement of Activities relating to the implementation of GASB 68 are not reported in the governmental funds. These activities include: Recording of pension expense for the current period (1,231,792)Recording of contributions made during the year 794,851 Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities 1,376,743

Exhibit 4-1

NESHOBA COUNTY

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	Solid Waste Fund
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 229,085
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for	
uncollectibles of \$533,032)	309,897
Total Current Assets	538,982
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land and construction in progress	50,585
Other capital assets, net	368,899
Total Noncurrent Assets Total Assets	419,484_ 958,466
Total Assets	958,466
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	89,311_
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	89,311
LIABILITIES Current liabilities:	
Claims payable	13,132
Due to other funds	47,635
Advances from other funds	272,189
Unearned revenue	22,195
Capital debt:	00.470
Finance purchases payable	66,178
Total Current Liabilities	421,329
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital debt:	
Finance purchases payable	22,406
Non-capital debt:	
Compensated absences payable	3,101
Net pension liability	604,215
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	629,722
Total Liabilities	1,051,051_
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	12,526
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	12,526
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	330,900
Unrestricted	(346,700)
Total Net Position	\$ (15,800)
	(10,000)

Exhibit 6

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Fund For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds
	Solid Waste
Operating Personues	Fund
Operating Revenues Charges for services	\$ 873,364
Miscellaneous	17,126
Total Operating Revenues	890,490
Total Operating Revenues	890,490
Operating Expenses	
Personal services	285,409
Contractual services	222,341
Materials and supplies	96,604
Depreciation expense	77,805
Indirect administrative cost	47,635
Pension expense	58,240_
Total Operating Expenses	788,034
Operating Income (Loss)	102,456
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest income	1,082
Intergovernmental grants	1,355
Interest expense	(2,895)
Net Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	(458)
Changes in Net Position	101,998
Net Position - Beginning	(117,798)
Net Position - Ending	\$ (15,800)

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund	
	Solid Waste	
	Fund	
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
Receipts from customers	\$ 841,824	
Payments to suppliers	(317,597)	
Payments to employees	(323,763)	
Other operating cash receipts	17,126	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	217,590	
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities		
Intergovernmental grants received	1,355	
Cash paid to other funds:		
Interfund loan repayments	(153,552)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	(152,197)	
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities		
Principal paid on long-term debt	(64,649)	
Interest paid on debt	(2,895)	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related	(=,===)	
Financing Activities	(67,544)	
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Interest on deposits	1,082	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	1,082	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(1,069)	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	230,154	
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 229,085	
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash		
Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:		
Operating income (loss)	\$102,456_	
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash		
provided (used) by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	77,805	
Provision for uncollectible accounts	72,473	
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(105,287)	
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	1,348	
Increase (decrease) in net pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows (net)	20,659	
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences liability	(773)	
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	1,274	
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables	47,635	
Total Adjustments	115,134	
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 217,590	

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position September 30, 2022	
	Custodial Funds
ASSETS	 1 41145
Cash	\$ 177,624
Total Assets	\$ 177,624
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Individuals, organizations and other governments	\$ 177,624
Total Net Position	 177,624

Exhibit 8

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NESHOBA COUNTY

NESHOBA COUNTY	Exhibit 9
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position	

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	 Fullus
Tax collections for other governments	668,639
Licenses and fees collected for State	721,737
Total Additions	 1,390,376
DEDUCTIONS	
Payments of tax to other governments	676,457
Payments of licenses and fees to State	 733,905
Total Deductions	 1,410,362
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	(19,986)
Net Position - Beginning	 197,610
Net Position - Ending	\$ 177,624

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

Neshoba County, Mississippi (the County) is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi. The County is governed by an elected five-member Board of Supervisors. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require Neshoba County to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component units which have significant operational or financial relationships with the County.

Management has chosen to omit from these financial statements the following component units—which have significant operational or financial relationships with the County. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include the data of the County's component units necessary for reporting in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- Neshoba County Public Library
- Neshoba County General Hospital and Nursing Home
- Neshoba County Industrial Development Authority

State law pertaining to county government provides for the independent election of county officials. The following elected and appointed officials are all part of the County legal entity and therefore are reported as part of the primary government financial statements.

- Board of Supervisors
- Chancery Clerk
- Circuit Clerk
- Justice Court Clerk
- Purchase Clerk
- Tax Assessor-Collector
- Sheriff

B. Individual Component Unit Disclosures

Blended Component Units

Certain component units, although legally separate from the primary government, are nevertheless so intertwined with the primary government that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government. Therefore, these component units are reported as if they are part of the primary government. The following component units' balances and transactions are blended with the balances and transactions of the primary government.

The Neshoba County Public Improvement Corporation, which is governed by a three-member board of directors appointed by the Neshoba County Board of Supervisors. Although it is legally separate from the County, the Corporation is reported as if it were a part of the primary government because its sole purpose was to finance and construct a jail for Neshoba County prisoners. The Corporation did not have activity for the year ended September 30, 2022.

C. Basis of Presentation.

The County's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, fund financial statements and accompanying note disclosures which provide a detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information concerning the County as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of inter-fund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The Statement of Net Position presents the financial condition of the governmental activities and business-type activities of the County at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the County's governmental activities and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program and grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Taxes and other revenues not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues of the County, with certain limited exceptions. Internal service fund balances have been eliminated against the expenses and program revenue. The comparison of direct expenses with program revenues identifies the extent to which each business-type activity or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the County.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the County are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, deferred outflows, liabilities, deferred inflows, fund balances, revenues and expenditures/expenses. Funds are organized into governmental, proprietary and fiduciary, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual Governmental Funds and major individual Enterprise Funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column as Other Governmental Funds.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting.

The Government-wide, Proprietary Funds and Fiduciary Funds financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Shared revenues are recognized when the provider government recognizes the liability to the County. Grants are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

The revenues and expenses of Proprietary Funds are classified as operating or nonoperating. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a Proprietary Fund's primary operations. All other revenues and expenses are reported as nonoperating.

Governmental financial statements are presented using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are both measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Available means collected in the current period or within 60 days after year end to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the related fund liabilities are incurred. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recognized only when payment is due. Property taxes, state appropriations and federal awards are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

The County reports the following major Governmental Funds:

<u>General Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

<u>Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for bridge and culvert maintenance.

<u>American Rescue Plan Act Fund</u> – This fund is used to account for monies received from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 that are considered restricted in nature.

The County reports the following major Enterprise Fund:

<u>Solid Waste Fund</u> - This fund is used to account for the County's activities of disposal of solid waste within the County.

Additionally, the County reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - These funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects.

<u>Debt Service Funds</u> - These funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

<u>Enterprise Funds</u> - These funds are used to account for those operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises or where the County has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred and/or net income is necessary for management accountability.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE

<u>Custodial Funds</u> - Custodial Funds are used to report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria.

E. Account Classifications.

The account classifications used in the financial statements conform to the broad classifications recommended in *Governmental Accounting, Auditing and Financial Reporting* as issued in 2012 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

F. Deposits and Investments.

State law authorizes the County to invest in interest bearing time certificates of deposit for periods of fourteen days to one year with depositories and in obligations of the U.S. Treasury, State of Mississippi, or any county, municipality or school district of this state. Further, the County may invest in certain repurchase agreements.

Cash includes cash on hand, demand deposits, and all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (generally three months or less). Investments in governmental securities are stated at fair value. However, the County did not invest in any governmental securities during the fiscal year.

G. Receivables.

Receivables are reported net of allowances for uncollectible accounts, where applicable.

H. Interfund Transactions and Balances.

Transactions between funds that are representative of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements and transactions that have not resulted in the actual transfer of cash at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds." Noncurrent portions of interfund receivables and payables are reported as "advances to/from other funds." Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a nonspendable fund balance account in the General Fund, if applicable, to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. However, this is not applicable to advances reported in other governmental funds, which are reported, by definition, as restricted, committed, or assigned. Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position. Any outstanding balances between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

I. Capital Assets.

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the (applicable) governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. Capital assets include significant amounts of infrastructure, which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition. The extent to which capital assets, other than infrastructure, costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation are not readily available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend their respective lives are not capitalized; however, improvements are capitalized. Interest expenditures are not capitalized on capital assets.

Governmental accounting and financial reporting standards allow governments meeting certain criteria to elect not to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively. Neshoba County meets this criteria and has so elected. Therefore, the major general infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, are not reported in the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

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Capital assets acquired or constructed for Proprietary Fund operations are capitalized at cost in the respective funds in which they are utilized. Interest cost incurred during the construction of Proprietary Fund capital assets is capitalized as part of the cost of construction. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of donation.

Capitalization thresholds (dollar value above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts) and estimated useful lives are used to report capital assets in the government-wide statements and Proprietary Funds. Depreciation is calculated on the straight-line basis for all assets, except land. A full year's depreciation expense is taken for all purchases and sales of capital assets during the year. The following schedule details those thresholds and estimated useful lives:

	_	Capitalization Thresholds	Estimated Useful Life
Land	\$	0	N/A
Infrastructure		0	20-50 years
Buildings		50,000	40 years
Improvements other than buildings		25,000	20 years
Mobile equipment		5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment		5,000	3-7 years

J. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources.

In addition to assets, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

<u>Deferred amount on refunding</u> - For current refunding's and advance refunding's resulting in defeasance of debt reported by governmental activities, business type activities, and proprietary funds, the difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt is reported as a deferred outflow of resources or a deferred inflow of resources and recognized as a component of interest expense in a systematic and rational manner over the remaining life of the old debt or the life of the new debt, whichever is shorter.

<u>Deferred outflows related to pensions</u> - This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred outflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 8 for additional details.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of financial position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

<u>Deferred revenues – property taxes/unavailable revenue – property taxes</u> - Deferred inflows of resources should be reported when resources associated with imposed nonexchange revenue transactions are received or reported as a receivable before the period for which property taxes are levied.

<u>Unavailable revenue – fines</u> - When an asset is recorded in the governmental fund financial statements but the revenue is not available, the government should report a deferred inflow of resources until such time as the revenue becomes available.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

<u>Deferred inflows related to pensions</u> - This amount represents the County's proportionate share of the deferred inflows of resources reported by the pension plan in which the County participates. See Note 8 for additional details.

K. Long-term Liabilities.

Long-term liabilities are the unmatured principal of bonds, loans, notes or other forms of noncurrent or long-term general obligation indebtedness. Long-term liabilities are not limited to liabilities from debt issuances, but may also include liabilities on financed purchases and other commitments.

In the government-wide financial statements and in the Proprietary Fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Position. Bond premiums and discounts are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. In the fund financial statements, the face amount of the debt issued is reported as other financing sources.

L. Pensions.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) and additions to/deductions from PERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by PERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

M. Compensated Absences.

The County has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee personal leave. No payment is authorized for accrued major medical leave. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require accrual of accumulated unpaid employee benefits as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements and Proprietary Funds financial statements. In fund financial statements, Governmental Funds report the compensated absence liability payable only if the payable has matured, for example, an employee resigns or retires.

N. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

Equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components:

Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net position - Consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws and regulations of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - All other net position not meeting the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets."

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Net Position Flow Assumption:

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenses are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned, and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund balances for governmental funds are reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent.

Governmental fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned or unassigned.

The following are descriptions of fund classifications used by the County:

Nonspendable fund balance includes amounts that cannot be spent. This includes amounts that are either not in a spendable form (inventories, prepaid amounts, long-term portion of loans/notes receivable, or property held for resale unless the proceeds from the collection of those receivables or from the sale of those properties are restricted, committed or assigned) or amounts that are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact, such as a principal balance of a permanent fund.

Restricted fund balance includes amounts that have constraints placed upon the use of the resources by an external party or imposed by law through either a constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund. The General Fund should be the only fund that reports a positive unassigned fund balance amount. In other governmental funds if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed or assigned to those purposes, it may be necessary to report a negative unassigned fund balance.

Fund Balance Flow Assumption:

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned or unassigned) resources are available, it is the County's general policy to use restricted resources first. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which unrestricted (committed, assigned and unassigned) resources are available, and amounts in any of these unrestricted classifications could be used, it is the County's general policy to spend committed resources first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

O. Property Tax Revenues:

Numerous statutes exist under which the Board of Supervisors may levy property taxes. The selection of authorities is made based on the objectives and responsibilities of the County. Restrictions associated with property tax levies vary with the statutory authority. The amount of increase in certain property taxes is limited by state law. Generally, this restriction provides that these tax levies shall produce no more than 110% of the amount, which resulted from the assessments of the previous year.

The Board of Supervisors, each year at a meeting in September, levies property taxes for the ensuing fiscal year which begins on October 1. Real property taxes become a lien on January 1 of the current year, and personal property taxes become a lien on March 1 of the current year. Taxes on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

and mobile homes become a lien and are due in the month that coincides with the month of original purchase.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require property taxes to be recognized at the levy date if measurable and available. All property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Motor vehicle and mobile home taxes do not meet the measurability and collectibility criteria for property tax recognition because the lien and due date cannot be established until the date of original purchase occurs.

P. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds.

Intergovernmental revenues, consisting of grants, entitlements and shared revenues, are usually recorded in Governmental Funds when measurable and available. However, the "available" criterion applies for certain federal grants and shared revenues when the expenditure is made because expenditure is the prime factor for determining eligibility. Similarly, if cost sharing or matching requirements exist, revenue recognition depends on compliance with these requirements.

Q. Changes in Accounting Standards.

GASB 87, Leases, was implemented during fiscal year 2022. The objective of this statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by improving accounting and financial reporting for leases by governments. It established a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. This guidance is intended to enhance the accountability, consistency and comparability of lease activities reported by governments.

(2) Deposits.

The carrying amount of the County's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2022, was \$19,630,056, and the bank balance was \$19,590,273. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is 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 of 1972 Annotated. 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. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC).

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the County will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The County does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the County.

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

(3)Interfund Transactions and Balances.

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2022:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	 Amount
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 183,514
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	47,635
Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	General Fund	28,351
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	 52,897
Total		\$ 312,397

A portion of the receivables represent the tax revenue collected in September, 2022, but not settled until October, 2022. All other receivables are to provide for operating expenses. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

B. Advances from/to Other Funds:

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	 Amount
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	\$ 172,189
Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	Solid Waste Fund	 100,000
Total		\$ 272,189

The amount due to the General Fund from the Solid Waste Fund represents indirect administrative costs incurred in prior fiscal years. The amount due from the Solid Waste Fund to the Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund represents unpaid payroll and other operating expenses from a prior year. All interfund balances are not expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

C. Transfers In/Out:

Transfers In	Transfers Out	 Amount
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 7,436

The principal purpose of interfund transfers was to provide for operating expenses. All interfund transfers were routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

(4)Intergovernmental Receivables.

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2022, consisted of the following:

Description		Amount
Governmental Activities:		
Legislative tax credit Gas tax Local tribal assistance grants Additional privilege tax Emergency management performance grants Various other grants	\$ 	237,917 55,203 50,000 37,771 28,034 21,023
Total Governmental Activities	\$_	429,948

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

(5) Capital Assets.

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2022:

Governmental activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2021	Additions	Deletions	_Adjustments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2022
Non-depreciable capital assets:					
Land \$	617,273				617,273
Construction in progress	971,742	555,771			1,527,513
Total non-depreciable capital assets	1,589,015	555,771	0	0	2,144,786
Depreciable capital assets:					
Infrastructure	17,931,773				17,931,773
Buildings	8,097,863				8,097,863
Improvements other than buildings	5,406,738	152,649			5,559,387
Mobile equipment	10,027,130	508,278	32,509	864,980	11,367,879
Furniture and equipment	1,659,765	340,178	62,325	3,159,779	5,097,397
Leased property under capital leases	4,024,759			(4,024,759)	0
Total depreciable capital assets	47,148,028	1,001,105	94,834	0	48,054,299
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Infrastructure	5,812,984	535,409			6,348,393
Buildings	3,756,844	157,405			3,914,249
Improvements other than buildings	3,687,911	200,608			3,888,519
Mobile equipment	7,721,981	476,164	23,406	226,247	8,400,986
Furniture and equipment	1,340,030	277,836	56,093	704,863	2,266,636
Leased property under capital leases	931,110			(931,110)	0
Total accumulated depreciation	23,250,860	1,647,422	79,499	0	24,818,783
Total depreciable capital assets, net	23,897,168	(646,317)	15,335	0	23,235,516
Governmental activities capital assets, net \$	25,486,183	(90,546)	15,335	0	25,380,302

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Business-type activities:

Dusiness-type activities.	_	Balance Oct. 1, 2021	Additions	Adjustments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2022
Non-depreciable capital assets: Land	\$_	50,585			50,585
Total non-depreciable capital assets	-	50,585	0	0	50,585
Depreciable capital assets: Mobile equipment Leased property under capital leases	_	933,548 195,500		195,500 (195,500)	1,129,048 0
Total depreciable capital assets	_	1,129,048	0	0	1,129,048
Less accumulated depreciation for: Mobile equipment Leased property under capital leases	_	664,749 17,595	60,210 17,595	35,190 (35,190)	760,149 0
Total accumulated depreciation	-	682,344	77,805	0	760,149
Total depreciable capital assets, net	_	446,704	(77,805)	0	368,899
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ <u>_</u>	497,289	(77,805)	0	419,484

^{*}The adjustments above for leased assets are a result of the implementation of GASB 87. Under the new guidance, leases that were previously reported as capital leases and whereby the asset conveys to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease, are now considered financed purchases. Since these assets are no longer considered leased assets, reclassifications have been made to report them in their respective category.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

	 Amount
Governmental activities:	_
General government	\$ 343,076
Public safety	444,426
Public works	750,070
Conservation of natural resources	99,160
Economic development and assistance	 10,690
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	\$ 1,647,422
Province of the control of the contr	 Amount
Business-type activities: Solid waste	\$ 77,805

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Commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects at September 30, 2022, consisted of the following:

	Remaining	
	Financial	Expected Date of
Description of Commitment	 Commitment	Completion
LSBP - 50(14) 705	\$ 36,000	12/31/2022
Taylor Building	2,238,933	4/30/2023

(6) Claims and Judgments.

Risk Financing.

The County finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The County pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2022, to January 1, 2023. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

(7) Long-term Debt.

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2022, consisted of the following:

Desc	cription and Purpose		Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date
Gove	ernmental Activities:				
A. (General Obligation Bonds: Road and Bridge Bonds, series 2009 Recreational Facilities Refunding Bonds, series 2013 Series 2013 (EOC and Solid Waste)	\$	340,000 855,000 850,000	3.10-3.38% 2.00-2.50% 2.00-2.75%	05/2024 06/2025 05/2031
	Total General Obligation Bonds	\$	2,045,000		
B.	Financed Purchases: Jail Surveillance System Emergency 911 system consoles Turnkey election systems John Deere 310SL backhoe Caterpillar excavator (5) Sheriff interceptors, (5) Ford F150s, (1) Ford F350 Energy Conservation Project and Library (1) 2021 & (1) 2022 Caterpillar	_	7,258 143,634 66,941 56,871 51,477 208,950 1,737,719 181,156	3.48% 2.86% 2.86% 2.93% 2.31% 2.23% 1.69% 1.41%	06/2023 01/2024 01/2024 04/2025 07/2025 01/2024 12/2031 11/2026
Т	otal Financed Purchases		2,454,006		
C.	Other Loans: MDA Capital Improvements Revolving Loan FY22 Economic Development Project Total Other Loans	\$ 	2,278,115 2,324,853 4,602,968	2.00% 2.79%	01/2033 03/2037

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				Am	nount	Interest	Final Maturity
Description and Purpose				Outstar	nding	Rate	Date
Business-type Activities:							
A. Financed Purchases: International garbage tru	ıck, 202	1	\$	88	,584	2.34%	02/2024
Annual debt service requirement follows:	ents to i	maturity for the	followin	ig debt re	ported	I in the Statement	of Net Position are as
Governmental Activities:	Ge	eneral Obligation	Bonds		Fin	anced Purchases	
Year Ending September 30		Principal Principal		Interest	<u></u>	Principal_	Interest
2023	\$	530,000		53,105		590,720	39,590
2024		545,000		39,779		359,707	28,274
2025 2026		380,000 90,000		25,263 15,763		256,208	23,212
2027		95,000 95,000		13,513		231,239 192,920	19,176 15,619
2028 - 2032		405,000		28,206		823,212	29,838
2020 2002		100,000		20,200	-	020,212	20,000
Total	\$	2,045,000		175,629	_	2,454,006	155,709
					Oth	ner Loans	
Year Ending September 30	_					Principal	Interest
2023					\$	331,626	107,691
2024						339,266	104,835
2025 2026						347,428 355,620	91,888 83,696
2027						364,012	75,304
2028 - 2032						1,953,050	243,530
2033 - 2037						911,966	55,019
Total					\$	4,602,968	761,963
Business-type Activities:						anned Durches	
Year Ending September 30	-				Fin	anced Purchases Principal	Interest
2023					\$	66,178	1,366

<u>Legal Debt Margin</u> - The amount of debt, excluding specific exempted debt that can be incurred by the County is limited by state statute. Total outstanding debt during a year can be no greater than 15% of assessed value of the taxable property within the County, according to the then last completed assessment for taxation. However, the limitation is increased to 20% whenever a county issues bonds to repair or replace washed out or collapsed bridges on the public roads of the County. As of September 30, 2022, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 1.04

22,406

88,584

109

1,475

2024

Total

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percent of the latest property assessments.

<u>Prior Year Defeasance of Debt</u> - In prior years, the County defeased certain general obligation bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments on the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the County's financial statements. On September 30, 2022, \$845,000 of bonds outstanding were considered defeased.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2022:

Governmental Activities:		Balance Oct. 1, 2021	Additions	Reductions	Adjustments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2022	Amount due within one year
Compensated absences	\$	90,923	21,492			112,415	
General obligation bonds Add:		2,560,000		515,000		2,045,000	530,000
Premiums		23,079		4,180		18,899	
Capital leases		2,833,489			(2,833,489)	0	
Financed purchases			220,408	599,891	2,833,489	2,454,006	590,720
Other loans	_	2,474,177	2,389,000	260,209		4,602,968	331,626
Total	\$_	7,981,668	2,630,900	1,379,280	0	9,233,288	1,452,346
		Balance Oct. 1, 2021		ctions Adjus	stments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2022	Amount due within one year
Business-type Activities:							
Compensated absences	\$	3,874		773		3,101	
Capital leases		153,233		(*	153,233)	-	
Financed purchases			64	,649	153,233	88,584	66,178
Total	\$	157,107	65	5,422	0	91,685	66,178

^{*}The adjustments above for leased liabilities are a result of the implementation of GASB 87. Under the new guidance, leases that were previously reported as capital leases and whereby the asset conveys to the lessee at the conclusion of the lease, are now considered financed purchases. Since these liabilities are no longer considered leased liabilities, reclassifications have been made to report them in their respective category.

Compensated absences will be paid from the fund from which the employees' salaries were paid, which are generally the General Fund, County Unit Road Maintenance Fund, Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund, and Solid Waste Fund.

(8) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

General Information about the Pension Plan

<u>Plan Description</u>. Neshoba County, 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 *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated Section 25-11-1 et seq.* 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

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information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

Benefits Provided. Membership in PERS is a condition of employment granted upon hiring for qualifying employees and officials of the State of Mississippi, state universities, community and junior colleges, and teachers and employees of the public school districts. For those persons employed by political subdivisions and instrumentalities of the State of Mississippi, membership is contingent upon approval of the entity's participation in PERS by the PERS' Board of Trustees. If approved, membership for the entity's employees is a condition of employment and eligibility is granted to those who qualify upon hiring. Participating members who are vested and retire at or after age 60 or those who retire regardless of age with at least 30 years of creditable service (25 years of creditable service for employees who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011) are entitled, upon application, to an annual retirement allowance payable monthly for life in an amount equal to 2.0 percent of their average compensation for each year of creditable service up to and including 30 years (25 years for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), plus 2.5 percent for each additional year of creditable service with an actuarial reduction in the benefit for each year of creditable service below 30 years or the number of years in age that the member is below 65, whichever is less. Average compensation is the average of the employee's earnings during the four highest compensated years of creditable service. Benefits vest upon completion of eight years of membership service (four years of membership service for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2007). PERS also provides certain death and disability benefits. A Cost-of-Living Adjustment (COLA) payment is made to eligible retirees and beneficiaries. The COLA is equal to 3.0 percent of the annual retirement allowance for each full fiscal year of retirement up to the year in which the retired member reaches age 60 (55 for those who became members of PERS before July 1, 2011), with 3.0 percent compounded for each fiscal year thereafter. Plan provisions are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

<u>Contributions</u>. At September 30, 2022, PERS members were required to contribute 9% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The employer's rate at September 30, 2022 was 17.40% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members and employers are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. The County's contributions (employer share only) to PERS for the years ending September 30, 2022, 2021 and 2020 were \$832,432, \$760,728 and \$722,935, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At September 30, 2022, the County reported a liability of \$13,574,498 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The County's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the County's long-term share of contribution to the pension plan relative to projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. The County's proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2022 net pension liability was 0.065948 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2022. This was an increase of .001172 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2021 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended September 30, 2022, the County recognized pension expense of \$1,290,032. At September 30, 2022, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	_	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience Net difference between projected and actual earnings	\$	189,838	
on pension plan investments		741,455	
Changes of assumptions		461,146	
Changes in the proportion and differences between the County's contributions and proportionate share of			
contributions		316,237	56,434
County contributions subsequent to the measurement			
date	_	240,528	
Total	\$_	1,949,204	56,434

\$240,528 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction to the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending September 30	Amount
2023	\$ 521,745
2024	455,557
2025	(61,651)
2026	736,591
Total	\$1,652,242_

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u>. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 was determined by an actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2021, and by the investment experience for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. The following actuarial assumptions are applied to all periods in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40 percent	
Salary increases	2.65 – 17.90 percent, including inflation	
Investment rate of return	7.55 percent, net of pension plan investment including inflation	expense,

Mortality rates for service retirees were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments: For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75 and 101% for ages above 77. For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72 and 100% for ages above 76. Mortality rates for disability retirees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table adjusted 134% for males and 121% for females. Mortality rates for Contingent Annuitants were based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table, adjusted 97% for males and 110% for females. Mortality rates will be projected generationally using the MP-2020 projection scale to account for future improvements in life expectancy.

The actuarial assumptions used for the purposes of determining the total pension liability were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the four-year period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2020. The experience report is dated April 20, 2021.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of

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pension plan investment expense and the assumed rate of inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The most recent target asset allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

		Long-Term
	Target	Expected Real
Asset Class	Allocation	Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	25.00 %	4.60 %
International Equity	20.00	4.50
Global Equity	12.00	4.85
Fixed Income	18.00	1.40
Real Estate	10.00	3.65
Private Equity	10.00	6.00
Private Infrastructure	2.00	4.00
Private Credit	2.00	4.00
Cash Equivalents	1.00	(0.10)
Total	100.00_%	

<u>Discount Rate</u>. The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.55 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (9.00%) and that employer contributions will be made at the current contribution rate (17.40%). Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate. The following presents the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.55 percent, as well as what the County's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (6.55 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (8.55 percent) than the current rate:

		1%	Current	1%
		Decrease	Discount Rate	Increase
	_	(6.55%)	(7.55%)	(8.55%)
County's proportionate share of				
the net pension liability	\$	17,716,107	13,574,498	10,159,953

<u>Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u>. Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued PERS financial report.

(9) Contingencies.

<u>Federal Grants</u> - The County 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 expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the County. No provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the County's financial statements.

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<u>Litigation</u> - The County is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the County with

respect to the various proceedings. However, the County's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

(10) Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position.

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$(5,513,362) includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions in the amount of \$229,669 resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2023. The \$1,630,224 balance of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next four years. The \$43,908 balance of the deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next three years.

The governmental activities' net investment in capital assets amount of \$16,306,869 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenditures resulting from an advance refunding of County debt. The \$47,440 of the \$1,907,333 balance of deferred outflows of resources at September 30, 2022, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the unrestricted net position over the next three years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$(346,700) includes the effect of deferred inflows/outflows of resources related to pensions. A portion of the deferred outflows of resources related to pension in the amount of \$10,859 resulting from County contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended September 30, 2023. The \$78,452 balance of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension at September 30, 2022, will be recognized in pension expense over the next four years.

(11) Related Organizations.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors created districts to provide fire protection services to the County. The Board appoints the commissioners of each district, but the County's accountability for the district does not extend beyond making the appointments. Each district receives an equal amount of the avails of a two mill tax levy on the real property in the County, which provides an annual appropriation from the County in the amount of \$10,000. These funds are spent through the purchasing system of the County via the County Fire Coordinator. Additionally, the County provides workers' compensation coverage for volunteer firefighters and maintains liability insurance on all fire department apparatus. Neshoba County provided \$124,707 for the operation of the 12 districts in fiscal year 2022.

District	Enabling Legislation	Funding
Arlington Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotate \$	10,000
County Line Volunteer Fire Department	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Dixon Community Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
East Neshoba Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Fairview Volunteer Fire Department	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Hope Community Fire Department	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
House Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Linwood Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Longino Central Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
North Bend Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Stallo Volunteer Fire Department	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000
Tucker Community Volunteer Fire Co.	19-5-151, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated	10,000

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(12) Joint Venture.

The County participates in the following joint venture:

Neshoba County is a participant with Neshoba County General Hospital and Nursing Home in a joint venture, authorized by Section 45-55-1, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, to operate the Neshoba County Ambulance Enterprise. The joint venture was created to provide the operation of a public ambulance service to the citizens of the County. The joint venture is controlled by a five member Enterprise Management Committee including Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Hospital Chief Financial Officer, Hospital Director of Ambulance, County Emergency Management Director, and County Administrator. The County provided no direct financial support to the venture in fiscal year 2022.

(13) Jointly Governed Organizations.

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

East Central Community College operates in a district composed of the counties of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston. The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors appoints six of the 30 members of the college board of trustees. The County appropriated \$662,892 for the maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2022.

Central Mississippi Emergency Medical Services District operates in a district composed of the counties of Attala, Clarke, Copiah, Holmes, Lauderdale, Leake, Madison, Neshoba, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Warren and Yazoo. The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 26 board members. The County provided no financial support in fiscal year 2022.

East Central Mississippi Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith. The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 15 members of the board of directors. The County appropriated \$15,000 to support of the district in fiscal year 2022.

Region Ten, Weems Community Mental Health operates in a district composed of the counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Smith. The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the nine members of the board of commissioners. The County appropriated \$21,600 for support of the commission in fiscal year 2022.

The Philadelphia-Neshoba County Museum Council is composed of five members, two of which are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The County appropriated \$12,500 in financial support to the council in fiscal year 2022.

The Philadelphia-Neshoba Tourism Council was created by the Mississippi Legislature for the promotion of tourism and economic development in the City of Philadelphia and Neshoba County. The Board of Supervisors appoints two of the five members of the council. The County provided no financial support to the tourism council in fiscal year 2022.

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(14) Tax Abatements.

For the year beginning October 1, 2016, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), implemented Statement 77, Tax Abatement Disclosures. This statement requires governmental entities to disclose the reduction in tax revenues resulting from an agreement between one or more governments and an individual or entity in which (a) one or more governments promise to forgo tax revenues to which they are otherwise entitled and (b) the individual or entity promises to take a specific action after the agreement has been entered into that contributes to economic development or otherwise benefits the governments or the citizens of those governments.

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors negotiates property tax abatements on an individual basis. All abatements are for ten years and are for economic development purposes. The County had a tax abatement agreement with one entity as of September 30, 2022.

The County had one type of abatement, which does not provide for the abatement of school or state tax levies:

Section 27-31-101, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated

All allowable property tax levies:

		Amount of Taxes			
	% of Taxes	Aba	ted during the		
Category	Abated		Year		
	_	•	_		
Construction and expansion of a manufacturing facility	58%	\$	603,292		

The company was not required to comply with any special provisions in order to receive the abatement, and the County made no commitments as part of the agreement other than to reduce taxes.

(15) Subsequent Events.

Events that occur after the Statement of 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 Net Position date are recognized in the accompanying financial statements. Subsequent events, which provide evidence about conditions that existed after the Statement of Net Position date, require disclosure in the accompanying notes. Management of Neshoba County evaluated the activity of the County through March 29, 2023, (the date the financial statements were available to be issued), and determined that the following subsequent events have occurred requiring disclosure in the notes to the financial statements.

Issue	Interest	Issue						
Date	Rate	Amount	Type of Financing	Source of Financing				
•								
5/1/2023	2.00%	\$ 1,250,000	Other Loan	Ad valorem taxes				

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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NESHOBA COUNTY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
General Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022
UNAUDITED

UNAUDITED					
					Variance with
				Actual	Final Budget
		Original	Final	(Budgetary	Positive
	_	Budget	Budget	Basis)	(Negative)
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$	6,157,786	6,054,335	6,054,335	
Licenses, commissions and other revenue		301,050	409,182	409,182	
Fines and forfeitures		506,500	570,638	570,638	
Special assessments			3,008	3,008	
Intergovernmental revenues		1,164,000	1,336,710	1,336,710	
Charges for services		70,000	66,040	66,040	
Interestincome		33,000	17,452	17,452	
Miscellaneous revenues	_	236,500	315,364	315,364	
Total Revenues	_	8,468,836	8,772,729	8,772,729	0
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government		4,006,736	3,997,608	3,997,608	
Public safety		3,636,653	4,103,536	4,103,536	
Health and welfare		109,224	136,846	136,846	
Culture and recreation		616,543	530,202	530,202	
Education		50,000	54,713	54,713	
Conservation of natural resources		85,269	77,307	77,307	
Economic development and assistance		85,000	85,206	85,206	
Debt service:		,	,	,	
Principal			403,384	403,384	
Interest			71,909	71,909	
Bond issue costs			7 1,000	7 1,000	
Total Expenditures	_	8,589,425	9,460,711	9,460,711	0
Excess of Revenues					
		(120 590)	(607.000)	(607.000)	0
over (under) Expenditures	_	(120,589)	(687,982)	(687,982)	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Compensation for loss of capital assets			41,776	41,776	
Transfers in			249,384	249,384	
Transfers out			(177,679)	(177,679)	
Other financing sources		174,000	, ,	, ,	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	_	174,000	113,481	113,481	0
Net Change in Fund Balance		53,411	(574,501)	(574,501)	0
Fund Balances - Beginning		1,194,954	4,365,221	4,365,221	0
i una balances - beginning	_	1,134,304	4,000,221	4,000,221	
Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	1,248,365	3,790,720	3,790,720	0

NESHOBA COUNTY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022
UNAUDITED

UNAUDITED					Variance with
				Actual	Final Budget
		Original	Final	(Budgetary	Positive
	_	Budget	Budget	Basis)	(Negative)
REVENUES					
Property taxes	\$	1,650,692	1,668,291	1,668,291	
Interest income	_	10,500	5,621	5,621	
Total Revenues	_	1,661,192	1,673,912	1,673,912	0
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
Public works		1,608,667	2,239,984	2,239,984	
Principal		100,620	134,054	134,054	
Interest	_		8,441	8,441_	
Total Expenditures		1,709,287	2,382,479	2,382,479	0
Excess of Revenues					
over (under) Expenditures		(48,095)	(708,567)	(708,567)	0
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Transfers in			100,000	100,000	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	-	0	100,000	100,000	0
Total Outof I manoring Courses and Coos	-		100,000	100,000	
Net Change in Fund Balance		(48,095)	(608,567)	(608,567)	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	_	818,181	1,811,328	1,811,328	0
Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	770,086	1,202,761	1,202,761	0

NESHOBA COUNTY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
American Rescue Plan Act Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022
UNAUDITED

				Actual	Variance with Final Budget
		Original	Final	(Budgetary	Positive
		Budget	Budget	Basis)	(Negative)
REVENUES					
Intergovernmental revenues	\$	2,827,915	2,827,915	2,827,915	
Interest income		1,000	827	827	
Total Revenues	_	2,828,915	2,828,742	2,828,742	0_
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government		2,500,000	1,518,857	1,518,857	
Total Expenditures	_	2,500,000	1,518,857	1,518,857	0
Net Change in Fund Balance		328,915	1,309,885	1,309,885	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	_		2,828,151	2,828,151	0
Fund Balances - Ending	\$_	328,915	4,138,036	4,138,036	0

NESHOBA COUNTY
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years*
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022
UNAUDITED

	_	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)		0.065948%	0.064776%	0.062646%	0.064378%	0.064140%	0.060444%	0.059500%	0.063500%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$	13,574,498	9,574,176	12,127,538	11,325,361	10,668,387	10,047,844	10,628,186	9,815,848
Covered payroll	\$	4,540,077	4,306,912	4,171,476	4,192,740	4,095,955	3,877,536	3,806,398	3,951,341
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll		298.99%	222.30%	290.73%	270.12%	260.46%	259.13%	279.22%	248.42%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability		59.93%	70.44%	58.97%	61.59%	62.54%	61.49%	57.47%	61.70%

^{*} The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the twelve months ended at the measurement date of June 30 of the fiscal year presented. This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until a full 10 year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

NESHOBA COUNTY
Schedule of County Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years*
For the Year Ended September 30, 2022
UNAUDITED

	 2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	\$ 832,432 832,432	760,728 760,728	722,935 722,935	673,496 673,496	651,891 651,891	622,113 622,113	614,159 614,159	612,694 612,694
Contribution deficiency (excess)	\$ 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Covered payroll	\$ 4,784,092	4,372,002	4,154,799	4,162,520	4,138,978	3,949,912	3,899,422	3,890,123
Contributions as a percentage of covered payroll	17.40%	17.40%	17.40%	16.18%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%	15.75%

^{*} This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, GASB Statement No. 68 was implemented for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, and, until, a full 10 year trend is compiled, the County has only presented information for the years in which information is available.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

A. Budgetary Information.

Statutory requirements dictate how and when the County's budget is to be prepared. Generally, in the month of August, prior to the ensuing fiscal year beginning each October 1, the Board of Supervisors of the County, using historical and anticipated fiscal data and proposed budgets submitted by the Sheriff and the Tax Assessor-Collector for his or her respective department, prepares an original budget for each of the Governmental Funds for said fiscal year. The completed budget for the fiscal year includes for each fund every source of revenue, each general item of expenditure, and the unencumbered cash and investment balances. When during the fiscal year it appears to the Board of Supervisors that budgetary estimates will not be met, it may make revisions to the budget.

The County's budget is prepared principally on the cash basis of accounting. All appropriations lapse at year end, and there are no encumbrances to budget because state law does not require that funds be available when goods or services are ordered, only when payment is made.

B. Basis of Presentation.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, actual amounts on a budgetary (Non-GAAP Basis) and variances between the final budget and the actual amounts. The schedule is presented for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) is a part of required supplementary information.

C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation.

The major differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis are:

- 1. Revenues are recorded when received in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).
- 2. Expenditures are recorded when paid in cash (budgetary) as opposed to when susceptible to accrual (GAAP).

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund and each major Special Revenue Fund:

	Governmental Fund Types			
			Countywide	American
		General	Bridge and	Rescue Plan
	_	Fund	Culvert Fund	Act Fund
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$	(574,501)	(608,567)	1,309,885
Increase (Decrease)				
Net adjustments for revenue accruals		(236,243)	119,211	(1,309,058)
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	_	464,066	(195,536)	
GAAP Basis	\$_	(346,678)	(684,892)	827

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

Pension Schedules

A. Changes of assumptions.

2015

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Table projected to 2016 using Scale BB rather than the RP-2000 Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Disabled Retiree Table, rather than the RP-2000 Disabled Mortality Table, which was used prior to 2015.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

Assumed rates of salary increase were adjusted to more closely reflect actual and anticipated experience.

The price inflation and investment rate of return assumptions were changed from 3.50% to 3.00% and 8.00% to 7.75%, respectively.

2016

The assumed rate of interest credited to employee contributions was changed from 3.50% to 2.00%.

2017

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant Blue Collar Mortality Table projected with Scale BB to 2022. Small adjustments were also made to the Mortality Table for disabled lives.

The wage inflation assumptions was reduced from 3.75% to 3.25%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 6.00% to 7.00%.

2019

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:

For males, 112% of male rates from ages 18 to 75 scaled down to 105% for ages 80 to 119.

For females, 85% of the female rates from ages 18 to 65 scaled up to 102% for ages 75 to 119.

Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubT.H-2010 Disabled Retiree Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:

For males, 137% of male rates at all ages.

For females, 115% of female rates at all ages.

Projection scale MP-2018 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.75%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.25% to 3.00%.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, and service retirement rates were also adjusted to more closely reflect actual experience.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 7% to 9%.

2021

The expectation of retired life mortality was changed to the PubS.H-2010(B) Retiree Table with the following adjustments:

For males, 95% of male rates up to age 60, 110% for ages 61 to 75, and 101%

for ages above 77.

For females, 84% of female rates up to age 72, 100% for ages above 76.

Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of disabled mortality was changed to PubG.H-2010 Disabled Table for disabled retirees with the following adjustments:

For males, 134% of male rates at all ages.

For females, 121% of female rates at all ages.

Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The expectation of contingent annuitant mortality was based on the PubS.H-2010(B) Contingent Annuitant Table with the following adjustments:

For males, 97% of male rates at all ages.

For females, 110% of female rates at all ages.

Projection scale MP-2020 will be used to project future improvements in life expectancy generationally.

The price inflation assumption was reduced from 2.75% to 2.40%.

The wage inflation assumption was reduced from 3.00% to 2.65%.

The investment rate of return assumption was changed from 7.75% to 7.55%.

The assumed load for administrative expenses was increased from 0.25% to 0.28% of payroll.

Withdrawal rates, pre-retirement mortality rates, disability rates and service

retirement rates were also adjusted to reflect actual experience more closely.

The percentage of active member disabilities assumed to be in the line of duty was increased from 9% to 12%.

The percentage of active member deaths assumed to be in in the line of duty was decreased from 6% to 4%.

B. Changes in benefit provisions.

<u> 2016</u>

Effective July 1, 2016, the interest rate on employee contributions shall be calculated based on the money market rate as published by the Wall Street Journal on December 31 of each preceding year with a minimum rate of one percent and a maximum rate of five percent.

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

C. Method and assumptions used in calculations of actuarially determined contributions.

The actuarially determined contribution rates in the schedule of employer contributions are calculated as of June 30, two years prior to the end of the fiscal year in which contributions are reported (June 30, 2020 valuation for the June 30, 2022 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

inflation

Actuarial cost method Amortization method Remaining amortization period Asset valuation method Price inflation Salary increase

Investment rate of return

Entry age
Level percentage of payroll, open
27.7 years
5-year smoothed market
2.75 percent
3.00 percent to 18.25 percent, including inflation
7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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NESHOBA COUNTY Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title or Cluster	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Pass-through Entity Identifying Number		Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Justice Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Public Safety				
Edward Byrne memorial justice assistance grant program	16.738	20LB1501	\$	3,644
Total U.S. Department of Justice				3,644
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Passed-through the Mississippi Emergency Management Agency E-911 grant program	20.615	Unknown		135,980
E-911 grant program	20.013	Olikilowii	_	133,360
Highway Safety Cluster:	20.616	M5X-2022-MD-15-		26 722
DUI enforcement grant program Total Highway Safety Cluster	20.010	IVDX-2022-IVID-15-		36,733 36,733
T. 1110 D				470.740
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			_	172,713
U.S. Department of the Treasury Coronavirus state and local fiscal recovery funds (Direct Award)*	21.027	N/A		1,518,857
			_	<u> </u>
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			_	1,518,857
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ <u></u>	1,695,214

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note A - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the "Schedule") includes the federal award activity of Neshoba County under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2022. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of *Title 2 U.S.Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Neshoba County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash

Note B - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Negative amounts shown on the Schedule represent adjustments or credit made in the normal course of business to amounts reported as

Note C - Indirect Cost Rate

Neshoba County has elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

^{*} Denotes major federal award program

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OTHER INFORMATION

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NESHOBA COUNTY Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 UNAUDITED

Name	Position	Company	Bond	
Keith Lillis	Supervisor District 1	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Kevin Cumberland	Supervisor District 2	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Kinsey Smith	Supervisor District 3	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Kevin Wilcher	Supervisor District 4	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Obbie Riley	Supervisor District 5	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Jeff Mayo	County Administrator	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Guy Nowell	Chancery Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Melissa Johnson	Purchase Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Jeff Mayo	Assistant Purchase Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Pam Cheatham	Receiving Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$75,000	
Brenda Nowell	Assistant Receiving Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Laura McLemore	Inventory Control Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$75,000	
Eddie Posey	Road Manager	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Joshua Burt	Constable	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
James McCrory	Constable	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Patti Duncan Lee	Circuit Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Tammy Clemons	Deputy Circuit Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Aida Del Carmen Ward	Deputy Circuit Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Eric Clark	Sheriff	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Paul Payne	Justice Court Judge	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Johnathan Spears	Justice Court Judge	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Kimberly Yates	Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Pasty Long	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Jean Nowell	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Twyla Lovern	Deputy Justice Court Clerk	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Mike Lewis	Tax Assessor-Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$100,000	
Emily Beckham	Deputy Tax Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Comisha Moore	Deputy Tax Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Kay Dearing	Deputy Tax Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Lakesha Jones	Deputy Tax Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Annie Peebles	Deputy Tax Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	
Wendy Alexander Shuler	Deputy Tax Collector	Travelers Casualty and Surety of America	\$50,000	

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SPECIAL REPORTS

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STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR SHAD WHITE

AUDITOR

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors Neshoba County, 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 (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Neshoba County, Mississippi (the County), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 26, 2024. Our report includes an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units due to the omission of the discretely presented component units which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be reported with the financial data of the County's primary government unless the County also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Neshoba County, 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 Neshoba County, Mississippi's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 internal control was for the 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 and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Finding and Questioned Cost as item 2022-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Neshoba County, 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 financial statements. 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 Standards*.

We noted certain matters that we reported to the management of Neshoba County, Mississippi, in the Limited Internal Control and Compliance Review Management Report dated June 26, 2024 included within this document.

Neshoba County's Response to Finding

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Neshoba County, Mississippi's response to the finding identified in our audit and described in the accompanying Auditee's Corrective Action Plan. Neshoba County, Mississippi's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA Director, County Audit Section

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June 26, 2024



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR SHAD WHITE

AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Members of the Board of Supervisors Neshoba County, Mississippi

Report on Compliance for the Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Neshoba County, Mississippi's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on Neshoba County, Mississippi's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2022. Neshoba County, Mississippi's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, Neshoba County, Mississippi complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2022.

Basis for Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Neshoba County, Mississippi's and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Neshoba County, Mississippi's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Neshoba County, Mississippi's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Neshoba County, Mississippi's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Neshoba County, Mississippi's compliance with the requirements of the major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, Government Auditing Standards, and the Uniform Guidance, we

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and
 perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis,
 evidence regarding Neshoba County Mississippi's compliance with the compliance requirements referred
 to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Neshoba County, Mississippi's internal control over compliance relevant to the
 audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report
 on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of
 expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Neshoba County, Mississippi's internal control over
 compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT CPA Director, County Audit Section

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June 26, 2024



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR SHAD WHITE

AUDITOR

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES (REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972 ANNOTATED)

Members of the Board of Supervisors Neshoba County, Mississippi

We have examined Neshoba County, Mississippi's (the County) compliance with establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated and compliance with the purchasing requirements in accordance with bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated during the year ended September 30, 2022. The Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the County's compliance based on our examination.

Our examination was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and, accordingly, included examining, on a test basis, evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe our examination provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our examination does not provide a legal determination on the County's compliance with specified requirements. The Board of Supervisors of Neshoba County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the County and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory control system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any current evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Neshoba County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements for the year ended September 30, 2022.

The accompanying schedules of (1) Purchases Not Made from the Lowest Bidder, (2) Emergency Purchases and (3) Purchases Made Noncompetitively from a Sole Source are presented in accordance with *Section 31-7-115*, *Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated*. The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned examination and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in relation to that examination.

This report is intended for use in evaluating Neshoba County, Mississippi's compliance with the aforementioned requirements, and is not intended to be and should not be relied upon for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA
Director, County Audit Section

June 26, 2024

NESHOBA COUNTY Schedule of Purchases From Other Than the Lowest Bidder

For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Our tests did not identify any purchases from other than the lowest bidder.

NESHOBA COUNTY Schedule of Emergency Purchases For the Year Ended September 30, 2022 Schedule 2

Our tests did not identify any emergency purchases.

NESHOBA COUNTY <u>Schedule 3</u>

Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Our tests did not identify any purchases made noncompetitively from a sole source.



STATE OF MISSISSIPPI OFFICE OF THE STATE AUDITOR SHAD WHITE

AUDITOR

LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors Neshoba County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Neshoba County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2022, we considered Neshoba County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Neshoba County, Mississippi's financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued 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 County's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated June 26, 2024, on the financial statements of Neshoba County, Mississippi.

Due to the reduced scope, these review procedures and compliance tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

The results of our review procedures and compliance tests identified certain areas that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our findings, recommendations, and your responses are disclosed below:

Board of Supervisors.

Controls over repayment of interfund advances should be strengthened.

Repeat Finding Yes

Criteria The Mississippi Code is silent regarding the authority of the County to make interfund

loans.

Condition As reported in the prior nine years' audit reports, the County has interfund loans

outstanding that are over a year old. These interfund loans totaled \$272,189 as of September 30, 2022. These advances included loans for unpaid indirect costs and

payroll expenses associated with garbage collection activities.

Cause Deficiency of controls requiring the repayment of interfund loans.

Effect Failure to repay these loans constitutes a diversion of legally restricted funds.

Recommendation The Board of Supervisors should ensure that these old interfund advances are repaid.

Views of Responsible

Official(s) Neshoba County is working to repay said interfund loans with the advance to the Bridge

Fund to be completely paid back in FY 2023.

2. The privilege tax on heavy trucks was improperly settled to the county school district in

addition to rental car tax.

Repeat Finding No

Criteria Section 27-19-11, Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, states that counties receiving the

annual highway privilege tax on vehicles with a gross weight exceeding ten thousand (10,000) pounds and the additional privilege tax on vehicles with a licensed weight exceeding eighty-four thousand (84,000) pounds shall distribute these proceeds as they would if these collections were ad valorem taxes. In addition, Section 27-65-231(3), Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, On or before February 15 of each year, the proceeds of the proceeds of the tax imposed by this section on business rental activities shall be paid by the State Tax Commission to the county in which such proceeds were collected. Within seven days after receipt of the tax proceeds, the county shall apportion and pay such tax proceeds as follows: The situs of the rental transactions from which tax proceeds were derived shall first be determined, and then the tax proceeds collected at a situs shall be distributed among the county, municipality and school district of the situs, as appropriate, in the same proportion and in the same manner that motor vehicle ad valorem taxes would be distributed among such taxing district (based on their respective millage rates) if collected at the same time as the receipt of such proceeds and paid by a motor vehicle owner located at the same address as the situs of the rental transaction.

verticle owner located at the same address as the situs of the rental transaction

Condition The County did not settle all of the required portion of the additional privilege tax on heavy

trucks to the county school district, in addition to, the rental car tax.

Cause The County misinterpreted the law.

Effect Failure to settle all of the required funds deprives the county school district of entitled funds.

Recommendation The County should settle the privilege tax on heavy trucks to the county school district as

if they were ad valorem taxes.

Views of Responsible

Official(s) Neshoba County will comply with the settlement of privilege, additional privilege and

rental vehicle taxes as required. Supporting documentation of the method of distribution

of privilege taxes is attached.

Neshoba County's responses to the findings included in this report were not audited, and accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity, is not intended to be, and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA Director, County Audit Section

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June, 26,2024

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

1. Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements:

Governmental activities	Unmodified	
Business-type activities	Unmodified	
Aggregate discretely presented component units	Adverse	
General Fund	Unmodified	
Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	Unmodified	
American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Unmodified	
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified	
Solid Waste Fund	Unmodified	

2. Internal control over financial reporting:

a.	Material weakness identified?	No
b.	Significant deficiency identified?	Yes
Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted?		

Federal Awards:

3.

- 4. Internal control over major federal programs:
 - a. Material weakness identified?
 - b. Significant deficiency identified?

 None Reported
- 5. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified
- 6. Any audit finding(s) disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)?
- 7. Identification of major federal programs:
 - a. AL# 21.027, Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
- 8. Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$750,000
- 9. Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?
- 10. Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) and questioned costs relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings in accordance with 2 CFR 200.511(b)?
 No

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended September 30, 2022

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

Justice Court Clerk.

Significant Deficiency

2022-001. The Justice Court Clerk should implement internal controls over the collection and

disbursement of cash.

Repeat Finding No

Criteria An effective system of internal control over cash should include:

Timely deposits of cash receipts.

 Preparation and maintenance of a cash journal, case files, and timely recording of transactions.

Reconciling the cash journal to the bank accounts monthly.

Maintaining an accurate bond listing to identify cash bond holdings.

Condition During a cash count on December 18, 2023, we noted the following problems in the Justice

Court Clerk's office:

 We discovered that the bank accounts had not been reconciled to the cash journals for several months.

 We were unable to verify the completeness of the cash journals and other supporting records including the bond listing.

Cause Controls over the collection and disbursement of cash were never designed or

implemented by the inexperienced staff in the Justice Court Clerk's office.

Effect Failure to perform bookkeeping functions could result in the loss or misappropriation of

funds.

Recommendation The Justice Court Clerk should implement internal controls over the collection and

disbursement of cash that ensure bookkeeping functions are performed and in a timely

manner.

Views of Responsible

Official(s) See Auditee's Corrective Action Plan.

Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings and questioned costs related to federal awards.

AUDITEE'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN



NESHOBA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Office of the State Auditor 501 N. West Street, Suite 801 Jackson, Mississippi 39201

Neshoba County respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended September 30, 2022.

The findings from the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs are discussed below. The findings are numbered consistently with the numbers assigned in the schedule. Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results did not include findings and is not addressed.

SECTION 2: FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2022-001

Corrective Action Planned

The Neshoba County Board of Supervisors has terminated the employment of the existing Justice Court Clerk and will be appointing a new Justice Court Clerk who will receive significant training in all aspects of the duties required. Specifically, training on the internal controls over the collection and disbursement of cash in the Justice Court Clerk's Office and the importance thereof, will be emphasized.

Anticipated Completion Date:

September 30, 2024

Name of Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action:

Jeff Mayo, County Administrator, 601-656-6281

SECTION 3: FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS

There are no findings and questioned costs related to federal awards noted.

Sincerely,

President, Neshoba County Board of Supervisors

Date

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