

NESHOBA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021



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March 29, 2023

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Neshoba County, Mississippi

Dear Board Members:

I am pleased to submit to you the 2021 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shad White", is written over a horizontal line.

Shad White

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Neshoba County, Mississippi

Report on the Financial Statements

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

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Basis for 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 amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component units has not been determined.

Adverse Opinion

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units" paragraph, the 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, 2021, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Neshoba County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

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, 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 to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

The Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2023 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

March 29, 2023

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NESHOBA COUNTY
Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2021

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 14,542,475	230,154	14,772,629
Property tax receivable	9,099,083		9,099,083
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$460,559)		277,083	277,083
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$5,898,651)	1,175,943		1,175,943
Intergovernmental receivables	476,277		476,277
Other receivables	26,120		26,120
Internal balances	425,741	(425,741)	
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,589,015	50,585	1,639,600
Other capital assets, net	23,897,168	446,704	24,343,872
Total Assets	51,231,822	578,785	51,810,607
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred outflows related to pensions	1,330,286	62,718	1,393,004
Deferred amount on refunding	66,417		66,417
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	1,396,703	62,718	1,459,421
LIABILITIES			
Claims payable	274,912	11,784	286,696
Intergovernmental payables	347,574		347,574
Accrued interest payable	25,220		25,220
Unearned revenue	2,827,915	20,921	2,848,836
Other payables	98,912		98,912
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year:			
Capital debt	1,271,692	64,649	1,336,341
Due in more than one year:			
Capital debt	6,619,053	88,584	6,707,637
Non-capital debt	90,923	3,874	94,797
Net pension liability	9,150,561	423,615	9,574,176
Total Liabilities	20,706,762	613,427	21,320,189
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Deferred inflows related to pensions	2,897,082	145,874	3,042,956
Deferred revenues - property taxes	9,099,083		9,099,083
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	11,996,165	145,874	12,142,039
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	17,661,855	344,056	18,005,911
Restricted for:			
Expendable:			
General government	104,871		104,871
Public safety	1,640,582		1,640,582
Public works	5,114,272		5,114,272
Culture and recreation	80,998		80,998
Debt service	240,544		240,544
Unrestricted	(4,917,524)	(461,854)	(5,379,378)
Total Net Position	\$ 19,925,598	(117,798)	19,807,800

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

NESHOBA COUNTY
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position		
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Government Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 2,659,558	1,339,022	256,677		(1,063,859)		(1,063,859)
Public safety	4,621,361	530,115	346,453		(3,744,793)		(3,744,793)
Public works	3,072,990		1,375,802	893,540	(803,648)		(803,648)
Health and welfare	122,848		45,289		(77,559)		(77,559)
Culture and recreation	599,775				(599,775)		(599,775)
Conservation of natural resources	67,359				(67,359)		(67,359)
Economic development and assistance	90,767				(90,767)		(90,767)
Interest on long-term debt	219,480				(219,480)		(219,480)
Pension expense	622,084				(622,084)		(622,084)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>12,076,222</u>	<u>1,869,137</u>	<u>2,024,221</u>	<u>893,540</u>	<u>(7,289,324)</u>		<u>(7,289,324)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Solid waste	<u>731,693</u>	<u>797,832</u>	<u>26,234</u>			<u>92,373</u>	<u>92,373</u>
Total Business-type Activities	<u>731,693</u>	<u>797,832</u>	<u>26,234</u>			<u>92,373</u>	<u>92,373</u>
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 12,807,915</u>	<u>2,666,969</u>	<u>2,050,455</u>	<u>893,540</u>	<u>(7,289,324)</u>	<u>92,373</u>	<u>(7,196,951)</u>
General revenues:							
Property taxes					\$ 9,089,546		9,089,546
Road & bridge privilege taxes					358,666		358,666
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					678,787		678,787
Unrestricted interest income					84,607	2,231	86,838
Miscellaneous					651,654	35,666	687,320
Total General Revenues					<u>10,863,260</u>	<u>37,897</u>	<u>10,901,157</u>
Changes in Net Position					3,573,936	130,270	3,704,206
Net Position - Beginning					<u>16,351,662</u>	<u>(248,068)</u>	<u>16,103,594</u>
Net Position - Ending					<u>\$ 19,925,598</u>	<u>(117,798)</u>	<u>19,807,800</u>

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

NESHOBA COUNTY
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
 September 30, 2021

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds					Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	County Unit Road Fund	Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
ASSETS						
Cash	\$ 4,906,152	2,053,431	1,811,327	2,828,151	2,943,414	14,542,475
Property tax receivable	6,157,786	521,200	1,650,692		769,405	9,099,083
Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$5,898,651)	1,175,943					1,175,943
Intergovernmental receivables	265,777	75,200			135,300	476,277
Other receivables	3,387				22,733	26,120
Due from other funds	52,189	41,692	29,548		21,363	144,792
Advances to other funds	173,552		200,000			373,552
Total Assets	\$ 12,734,786	2,691,523	3,691,567	2,828,151	3,892,215	25,838,242
LIABILITIES						
Liabilities:						
Claims payable	\$ 147,155	87,684	36,704		3,369	274,912
Intergovernmental payables	347,574					347,574
Due to other funds	92,603					92,603
Unearned revenue				2,827,915		2,827,915
Other payables	98,912					98,912
Total Liabilities	686,244	87,684	36,704	2,827,915	3,369	3,641,916
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:						
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	6,157,786	521,200	1,650,692		769,405	9,099,083
Unavailable revenue - fines	1,175,943					1,175,943
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	7,333,729	521,200	1,650,692	0	769,405	10,275,026
Fund balances:						
Nonspendable:						
Advances	173,552					173,552
Restricted for:						
General government					104,871	104,871
Public safety					1,640,582	1,640,582
Public works		2,082,639	2,004,171	236	1,027,226	5,114,272
Culture and recreation					80,998	80,998
Debt service					265,764	265,764
Unassigned	4,541,261					4,541,261
Total Fund Balances	4,714,813	2,082,639	2,004,171	236	3,119,441	11,921,300
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Fund Balances	\$ 12,734,786	2,691,523	3,691,567	2,828,151	3,892,215	25,838,242

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

NESHOBA COUNTY

Exhibit 3-1

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position
September 30, 2021

	<u>Amount</u>
Total Fund Balance - Governmental Funds	\$ 11,921,300
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 \$23,250,860.	25,486,183
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	1,175,943
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(7,981,668)
Net pension obligations are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	(9,150,561)
Accrued interest payable is not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, is not reported in the funds.	(25,220)
Deferred amount on refunding	66,417
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	1,330,286
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions	<u>(2,897,082)</u>
Total Net Position - Governmental Activities	\$ <u><u>19,925,598</u></u>

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

	Major Funds				Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	County Unit Road Fund	Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund		
REVENUES						
Property taxes	\$ 5,925,281	536,447	1,591,255		1,036,563	9,089,546
Road and bridge privilege taxes		358,666				358,666
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	302,441				29,941	332,382
Fines and forfeitures	598,558				8,635	607,193
Intergovernmental revenues	1,146,064	683,880	3,301		1,763,303	3,596,548
Charges for services	80,001				361,683	441,684
Interest income	43,416	13,209	12,795	236	14,951	84,607
Miscellaneous revenues	236,971	15,503	1		352,014	604,489
Total Revenues	<u>8,332,732</u>	<u>1,607,705</u>	<u>1,607,352</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>3,567,090</u>	<u>15,115,115</u>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	3,587,761				11,992	3,599,753
Public safety	4,428,183				377,947	4,806,130
Public works		1,411,716	1,343,028		847,647	3,602,391
Health and welfare	122,848					122,848
Culture and recreation	490,262				15,762	506,024
Conservation of natural resources	67,359					67,359
Economic development and assistance	80,076					80,076
Debt service:						
Principal	295,950	10,305	196,155		1,144,618	1,647,028
Interest	42,137	258	8,464		157,279	208,138
Total Expenditures	<u>9,114,576</u>	<u>1,422,279</u>	<u>1,547,647</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,555,245</u>	<u>14,639,747</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(781,844)</u>	<u>185,426</u>	<u>59,705</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>1,011,845</u>	<u>475,368</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Long-term capital debt issued	998,904		170,908			1,169,812
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	455,000	46,788	2,470			504,258
Compensation for loss of capital assets	22,249					22,249
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>1,476,153</u>	<u>46,788</u>	<u>173,378</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,696,319</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	694,309	232,214	233,083	236	1,011,845	2,171,687
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>4,020,504</u>	<u>1,850,425</u>	<u>1,771,088</u>		<u>2,107,596</u>	<u>9,749,613</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 4,714,813</u>	<u>2,082,639</u>	<u>2,004,171</u>	<u>236</u>	<u>3,119,441</u>	<u>11,921,300</u>

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

NESHOBA COUNTY

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, 2021

Exhibit 4-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 2,171,687
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 capital outlays of \$2,440,318 exceeded depreciation of \$1,626,357 in the current period.	813,961
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 \$47,165 and the proceeds from the sale of \$504,258 and the compensation for loss of \$22,249 in the current period.	(479,342)
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.	487,878
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 repayments of \$1,647,028 exceeded debt proceeds of \$1,169,812.	477,216
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 decrease in compensated absences liability	11,917
The amount of decrease in accrued interest payable	4,731
The amortization of bond premium	5,454
The amortization of bond deferred refunding	(21,527)
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	(622,084)
Recording of contributions made during the year	724,045
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 3,573,936</u>

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

NESHOBA COUNTY
Statement of Net Position - Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2021

Exhibit 5

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 230,154
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$460,559)	<u>277,083</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>507,237</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets:	
Land and construction in progress	50,585
Other capital assets, net	<u>446,704</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>497,289</u>
Total Assets	<u>1,004,526</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to pensions	<u>62,718</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>62,718</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Claims payable	11,784
Due to other funds	52,189
Advances from other funds	373,552
Unearned revenue	20,921
Capital debt:	
Capital leases payable	<u>64,649</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>523,095</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital debt:	
Capital leases payable	88,584
Non-capital debt:	
Compensated absences payable	3,874
Net pension liability	<u>423,615</u>
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>516,073</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>1,039,168</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to pensions	<u>145,874</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>145,874</u>
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	344,056
Unrestricted	<u>(461,854)</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (117,798)</u>

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

NESHOPA COUNTY

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Exhibit 6

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 797,832
Miscellaneous	<u>35,666</u>
Total Operating Revenues	<u>833,498</u>
Operating Expenses	
Personal services	280,287
Contractual services	196,693
Materials and supplies	76,728
Depreciation expense	77,805
Indirect administrative cost	52,189
Pension expense	<u>31,519</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>715,221</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>118,277</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest income	2,231
Intergovernmental grants	26,234
Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets	(13,710)
Interest expense	<u>(2,762)</u>
Net Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>11,993</u>
Changes in Net Position	130,270
Net Position - Beginning	<u>(248,068)</u>
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ (117,798)</u>

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

NESHOBA COUNTY
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Exhibit 7

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 750,777
Payments to suppliers	(320,134)
Payments to employees	(317,405)
Other operating cash receipts	35,666
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>148,904</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities	
Intergovernmental grants received	26,234
Cash paid to other funds:	
Interfund loan repayments	(150,057)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>(123,823)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Proceeds of long-term debt	195,500
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	4,275
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(195,500)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(42,267)
Interest paid on debt	(2,762)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	<u>(40,754)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities	
Interest on deposits	2,231
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	<u>2,231</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(13,442)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	243,596
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 230,154</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ 118,277
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	77,805
Provision for uncollectible accounts	49,941
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(99,736)
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	(46,713)
Increase (decrease) in pension liability and deferred outflows/inflows (net)	(5,166)
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences liability	(433)
Increase (decrease) in unearned revenue	2,740
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables	52,189
Total Adjustments	<u>30,627</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 148,904</u>

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

NESHOBA COUNTY
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
September 30, 2021

Exhibit 8

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ <u>197,610</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u><u>197,610</u></u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for:	
Individuals, organizations and other governments	\$ <u>197,610</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u><u>197,610</u></u>

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

NESHOBA COUNTY
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Exhibit 9

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ADDITIONS	
Tax collections for other governments	\$ 697,397
Licenses and fees collected for other governments	<u>796,786</u>
Total Additions	<u>1,494,183</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Payments of tax to other governments	663,177
Payment of licenses and fees to State	<u>636,088</u>
Total Deductions	<u>1,299,265</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	194,918
Net Position - Beginning	2,692
Net Position - Ending	<u>\$ 197,610</u>

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

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

(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 all 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 unit's 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, 2021.

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.

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Government-wide Financial Statements:

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. 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

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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.

The County reports the following major Governmental Funds:

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

County Unit Road Fund - This fund is used to account for monies from specific revenue sources that are restricted for road maintenance.

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

American Rescue Plan Act Fund - 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:

Solid Waste Fund - 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

Special Revenue Funds - 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.

Debt Service Funds - 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

Enterprise Funds - 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

Custodial Funds - 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.

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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.

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

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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
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

* Leased property capitalization policy and estimated useful life will correspond with the amounts for the asset classification, as listed above.

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.

Deferred amount on refunding - 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.

Deferred outflows related to pensions - 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 11 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.

Deferred revenues – property taxes/unavailable revenue – property taxes - 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.

Unavailable revenue – fines - 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.

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Deferred inflows related to pensions - 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 11 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 lease-purchase agreements 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."

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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

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on both real and personal property, however, are due on or before February 1 of the next succeeding year. Taxes on motor vehicles 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.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board issued GASB 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance* in May 2020. The objective of this Statement was to provide temporary relief to governments in light of the COVID-19 pandemic by postponing effective dates of certain Statements and Implementation Guides. The effective dates of GASB 83-84, GASB 88-93, and Implementation Guides No. 2017-3, 2018-1, 2019-1, and 2019-2 were postponed one year. The effective dates of GASB 87, *Leases*, and Implementation Guide No. 2019-3, *Leases*, were postponed eighteen months.

GASB 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, was implemented during fiscal year 2021. The objective of this statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This statement describes four fiduciary funds that should be reported, if applicable: (1) pension (and other employee benefit) trust funds, (2) investment trust funds, (3) private-purpose trust funds, and (4) custodial funds.

(2) Fund Reclassification (Accounting Change):

Effective October 1, 2020, and in accordance with the implementation of GASB Statement No. 84, the Payroll Clearing Fund that was previously reported as a Fiduciary Fund was reclassified and reported in the General Fund. Therefore, the County has adjusted beginning fund balance/net position for the General Fund in the amount of \$0.

For the Fiduciary Fund Custodial Activities, the County has treated the beginning of year net position of \$2,692 as having been recognized in the period incurred. The County has adjusted beginning net position for their fiduciary activities from \$0 to \$2,692.

(3) Deposits:

The carrying amount of the County's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2021, was \$14,970,239, and the bank balance was \$14,954,929. 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.

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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.

(4) Interfund Transactions and Balances.

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2021:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	\$ 52,189
County Unit Road Fund	General Fund	41,692
Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	General Fund	29,548
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	<u>21,363</u>
Total		<u>\$ 144,792</u>

The amount due to the General Fund from the Solid Waste Fund represents indirect administrative costs incurred during the fiscal year. The remaining receivables represents the tax revenue collected in September 2021, but not settled until the subsequent month. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

B. Advances from/to Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	173,552
Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund	Solid Waste Fund	<u>200,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 373,552</u>

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.

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(5) Intergovernmental Receivables.

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Description	Amount
Governmental Activities:	
Legislative tax credit	\$ 185,687
Fire insurance rebate	131,641
Gasoline tax	58,532
Emergency management performance grant reimbursement	28,636
Additional privilege tax	21,884
Privilege tax	13,002
Various grant reimbursements	36,895
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 476,277

(6) Capital Assets.

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2021:

Governmental activities:	Balance Oct. 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments*	Balance Sept. 30, 2021
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 477,273	140,000			617,273
Construction in progress	2,262,975	841,314		(2,132,547)	971,742
Total non-depreciable capital assets	2,740,248	981,314	0	(2,132,547)	1,589,015
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Infrastructure	15,799,226			2,132,547	17,931,773
Buildings	8,552,109		454,246		8,097,863
Improvements other than buildings	5,406,738				5,406,738
Mobile equipment	10,049,232	118,073	354,334	214,159	10,027,130
Furniture and equipment	1,748,717	171,119	260,071		1,659,765
Leased property under capital leases	3,069,106	1,169,812		(214,159)	4,024,759
Total depreciable capital assets	44,625,128	1,459,004	1,068,651	2,132,547	47,148,028
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Infrastructure	5,277,575	535,409			5,812,984
Buildings	3,626,694	166,490	36,340		3,756,844
Improvements other than buildings	3,493,408	194,503			3,687,911
Mobile equipment	7,582,310	362,202	318,903	96,372	7,721,981
Furniture and equipment	1,545,352	28,744	234,066		1,340,030
Leased property under capital leases	688,473	339,009		(96,372)	931,110
Total accumulated depreciation	22,213,812	1,626,357	589,309	0	23,250,860
Total depreciable capital assets, net	22,411,316	(167,353)	479,342	2,132,547	23,897,168
Governmental activities capital assets, net	\$ 25,151,564	813,961	479,342	0	25,486,183

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Business-type activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2020	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2021
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Land	\$ 50,585			50,585
Total non-depreciable capital assets	50,585	0	0	50,585
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Mobile equipment	1,113,403		179,855	933,548
Leased property under capital leases		195,500		195,500
Total depreciable capital assets	1,113,403	195,500	179,855	1,129,048
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Mobile equipment	766,409	60,210	161,870	664,749
Leased property under capital leases		17,595		17,595
Total accumulated depreciation	766,409	77,805	161,870	682,344
Total depreciable capital assets, net	346,994	117,695	17,985	446,704
Business-type activities capital assets, net	\$ 397,579	117,695	17,985	497,289

*Adjustments are to reflect certain routine reclassifications of completed construction in progress and to reclassify paid off capital leases.

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

	Amount
Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 346,056
Public safety	420,592
Public works	749,858
Culture and recreation	99,160
Economic development and assistance	10,691
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	\$ 1,626,357
<u>Amount</u>	
Business-type activities:	
Solid waste	\$ 77,805

Commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects at September 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

Description of Commitment	Remaining Financial Commitment	Expected Date of Completion
Bridge replacement - County Road 705	\$ 36,000	12/31/2022

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(7) 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, 2021, to January 1, 2022. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

(8) Operating Leases.

As Lessee:

The County has entered into numerous agreements to lease office and storage space which are classified as operating leases. These agreements generally are renewable on a month-to-month basis. It is expected that in the normal course of business most of these leases will be renewed or replaced by similar leases. Operating lease payments are recorded as expenditures or expenses when paid or incurred. Expenditures for rental of offices and storage space under operating leases for the year ended September 30, 2021 amounted to \$6,534.

(9) Capital Leases.

As Lessee:

The County is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2021:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
Improvements other than building	\$ 2,268,252	
Mobile equipment	864,980	195,500
Furniture and equipment	<u>891,527</u>	
Total	4,024,759	195,500
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(931,110)</u>	<u>(17,595)</u>
Leased Property Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ 3,093,649</u>	<u>177,905</u>

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The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2021:

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 560,629	49,983	64,649	2,895
2023	547,316	37,311	66,178	1,366
2024	315,698	26,612	22,406	109
2025	211,561	22,175		
2026	185,957	18,775		
2027 - 2031	978,278	45,381		
2032 - 2036	34,050	72		
Total	<u>\$ 2,833,489</u>	<u>200,309</u>	<u>153,233</u>	<u>4,370</u>

(10) Long-term Debt.

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2021, consisted of the following:

<u>Description and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>
Governmental Activities:			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
Road and Bridge Bonds, series 2009	\$ 500,000	3.10-3.38%	05/2024
Recreational Facilities Refunding Bonds, series 2013	1,130,000	2.00-2.50%	06/2025
Series 2013 (EOC and Solid Waste)	930,000	2.00-2.75%	05/2031
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$ 2,560,000</u>		
B. Capital Leases:			
Jail management system	\$ 6,814	2.34%	04/2022
Jail surveillance system	17,833	3.48%	06/2023
2018 ambulance	9,228	3.32%	12/2021
Broom sweeper	6,117	2.20%	05/2022
Emergency 911 system consoles	254,889	2.86%	01/2024
Turnkey election systems	118,799	2.86%	01/2024
John Deere 310SL backhoe	77,757	2.93%	04/2025
Caterpillar excavator	68,856	2.31%	07/2025
(5) Sheriff interceptors, (5) Ford F150, (1) Ford F350	361,641	2.23%	01/2024
Energy conservation project and library	1,911,555	1.69%	12/2031
Total Capital Leases	<u>\$ 2,833,489</u>		
C. Other Loans:			
MDA capital improvements revolving loan	<u>\$ 2,474,177</u>	2.00%	01/2033

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<u>Description and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>
Business-type Activities:			
A. Capital Leases:			
International garbage truck, 2021	\$ <u>153,233</u>	2.34%	02/2024

Annual debt service requirements to maturity for the following debt reported in the Statement of Net Position are as follows:

Governmental Activities:

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>		<u>Other Loans</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2022	\$ 515,000	65,605	196,063	47,588
2023	530,000	53,105	200,020	43,631
2024	545,000	39,779	204,057	39,594
2025	380,000	25,262	208,176	35,475
2026	90,000	15,762	212,378	31,273
2027 - 2031	500,000	41,719	1,127,945	90,307
2032 - 2036	-	-	325,538	4,557
Total	\$ <u>2,560,000</u>	<u>241,232</u>	<u>2,474,177</u>	<u>292,425</u>

Legal Debt Margin - 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, 2021, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 1.32 percentage of the latest property assessments.

Prior Year Defeasance of Debt - 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, 2021, \$1,400,000 of bonds outstanding were considered defeased.

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The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2021:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2021	Amount due within one year
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 102,840		11,917	90,923	
General obligation bonds	3,350,000		790,000	2,560,000	515,000
Add:					
Premiums	28,533		5,454	23,079	
Capital leases	2,328,522	1,169,812	664,845	2,833,489	560,629
Other loans	2,666,360		192,183	2,474,177	196,063
Total	\$ 8,476,255	1,169,812	1,664,399	7,981,668	1,271,692

	Balance Oct. 1, 2020	Additions	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2021	Amount due within one year
Business-type Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 4,307		433	3,874	
Capital leases		195,500	42,267	153,233	64,649
Total	\$ 4,307	195,500	42,700	157,107	64,649

Compensated absences will be paid from the funds 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.

(11) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. 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 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

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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.

Contributions. At September 30, 2021, 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, 2021 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, 2021, 2020 and 2019 were \$760,728, \$722,935 and \$673,496, 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, 2021, the County reported a liability of \$9,574,176 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, 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, 2021 net pension liability was 0.064776 percent, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2021. This was an increase of 0.00213 percent from its proportionate share used to calculate the September 30, 2020 net pension liability, which was based on a measurement date of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the County recognized pension expense of \$653,603. At September 30, 2021, the County reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 150,922	
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		2,899,870
Changes of assumptions	736,536	
Changes in the proportion and differences between the County's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	307,476	143,086
County contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>198,070</u>	
Total	<u>\$ 1,393,004</u>	<u>3,042,956</u>

\$198,070 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, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year ending September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2022	\$ (325,866)
2023	(298,375)
2024	(364,564)
2025	<u>(859,217)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (1,848,022)</u>

Actuarial Assumptions. The total pension liability as of June 30, 2021 was determined by an actuarial valuation prepared as of June 30, 2020, by the new actuarial assumptions adopted by the Board subsequent to the June 30, 2020 valuation based on the experience investigation for the four-year period ending June 30, 2020, and by the investment experience for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021. 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 expense, including inflation

Mortality rates 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.

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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 lognormal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected nominal returns, net of 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:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	27.00 %	4.60 %
International Equity	22.00	4.50
Global Equity	12.00	4.80
Fixed Income	20.00	(0.25)
Real Estate	10.00	3.75
Private Equity	8.00	6.00
Cash Equivalents	1.00	(1.00)
Total	<u>100.00 %</u>	

Discount Rate. 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:

	<u>1% Decrease (6.55%)</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate (7.55%)</u>	<u>1% Increase (8.55%)</u>
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$ 13,559,278	9,574,176	6,290,135

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

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(12) Contingencies.

Federal Grants - 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.

Litigation - 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.

(13) Effect of Deferred Amounts on Net Position.

The governmental activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$(4,917,524) 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 \$188,518 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, 2022. The \$1,141,768 balance of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2021, will be recognized in pension expense over the next three years. The \$2,897,082 balance of the deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2021, will be recognized in pension expense over the next four years.

The governmental activities' net investment in capital assets net position of \$17,661,855 includes the effect of deferring the recognition of expenditures resulting from an advance refunding of County debt. \$66,417 of the \$1,396,703 balance of deferred outflows of resources at September 30, 2021, will be recognized as an expense and will decrease the net investment in capital assets net position over the next four years.

The business-type activities' unrestricted net position amount of \$(461,854) 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 \$9,552 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, 2022. The \$53,166 balance of the deferred outflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2021, will be recognized in pension expense over the next three years. The \$145,874 balance of the deferred inflows of resources related to pensions at September 30, 2021, will be recognized in pension expense over the next four years.

(14) 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 \$68,426 for the operation of the 12 districts in fiscal year 2021.

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

(15) 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 in fiscal year 2021, but was liable for capital leases on one ambulance with an outstanding principal balance at year-end of \$9,228. This debt is retired with payments received from the hospital.

(16) 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 \$663,176 for the maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2021.

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 2021.

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 the district in fiscal year 2021.

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 2021.

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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 2021.

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 2021.

(17) 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, 2021.

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:

<u>Category</u>	<u>% of Taxes Abated</u>	<u>Amount of Taxes Abated during the Year</u>
Construction and expansion of a manufacturing facility	58%	501,708

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.

(18) 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.

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Subsequent to September 30, 2021, the County issued the following debt obligations:

<u>Issue Date</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Issue Amount</u>	<u>Type of Financing</u>	<u>Source of Financing</u>
11/21/2021	1.41%	\$ 220,408	Finance Purchase	Ad valorem taxes
12/20/2021	2.00%	1,250,000	Other loan	Ad valorem taxes
03/08/2022	2.79%	2,389,000	Other loan	Ad valorem taxes

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General Fund
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 UNAUDITED

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 5,850,222	5,924,111	5,924,111	
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	270,585	295,378	295,378	
Fines and forfeitures	373,000	580,899	580,899	
Intergovernmental revenues	1,349,000	1,566,887	1,566,887	
Charges for services	70,000	77,961	77,961	
Interest income	20,500	43,333	43,333	
Miscellaneous revenues	210,500	345,418	345,418	
Total Revenues	<u>8,143,807</u>	<u>8,833,987</u>	<u>8,833,987</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	3,848,715	3,658,146	3,658,146	
Public safety	3,316,541	3,403,447	3,403,447	
Health and welfare	108,484	116,420	116,420	
Culture and recreation	536,547	517,114	517,114	
Education	245,000	41,664	41,664	
Conservation of natural resources	82,566	67,352	67,352	
Economic development and assistance	80,000	80,076	80,076	
Debt service:				
Principal		295,950	295,950	
Interest		42,137	42,137	
Total Expenditures	<u>8,217,853</u>	<u>8,222,306</u>	<u>8,222,306</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(74,046)</u>	<u>611,681</u>	<u>611,681</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		455,000	455,000	
Compensation for loss of capital assets		47,177	47,177	
Transfers in		239,557	239,557	
Transfers out		(170,700)	(170,700)	
Other financing sources	169,000			
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>169,000</u>	<u>571,034</u>	<u>571,034</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	94,954	1,182,715	1,182,715	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,100,000</u>	<u>3,182,506</u>	<u>3,182,506</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,194,954</u>	<u>4,365,221</u>	<u>4,365,221</u>	<u>0</u>

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

NESHOBA COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 County Unit Road Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2021
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 527,598	535,864	535,864	
Road and bridge privilege taxes	340,000	355,708	355,708	
Licenses, commissions and other revenue		6,347	6,347	
Intergovernmental revenues	583,000	661,401	661,401	
Interest income	8,000	13,209	13,209	
Miscellaneous revenues	5,000	13,009	13,009	
Total Revenues	<u>1,463,598</u>	<u>1,585,538</u>	<u>1,585,538</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	1,616,634	1,433,343	1,433,343	
Debt service:				
Principal	10,563	10,305	10,305	
Interest		258	258	
Total Expenditures	<u>1,627,197</u>	<u>1,443,906</u>	<u>1,443,906</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(163,599)</u>	<u>141,632</u>	<u>141,632</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		49,657	49,657	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>0</u>	<u>49,657</u>	<u>49,657</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(163,599)	191,289	191,289	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>1,862,142</u>	<u>1,862,142</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 836,401</u>	<u>2,053,431</u>	<u>2,053,431</u>	<u>0</u>

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NESHOBA COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2021
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,531,697	1,590,245	1,590,245	
Interest income	10,000	12,795	12,795	
Miscellaneous revenues		3,301	3,301	
Total Revenues	<u>1,541,697</u>	<u>1,606,341</u>	<u>1,606,341</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	1,406,743	1,147,018	1,147,018	
Debt service:				
Principal	216,773	196,155	196,155	
Interest		8,464	8,464	
Total Expenditures	<u>1,623,516</u>	<u>1,351,637</u>	<u>1,351,637</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(81,819)</u>	<u>254,704</u>	<u>254,704</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		2,470	2,470	
Transfers in		100,000	100,000	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>0</u>	<u>102,470</u>	<u>102,470</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(81,819)	357,174	357,174	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>900,000</u>	<u>1,454,154</u>	<u>1,454,154</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 818,181</u>	<u>1,811,328</u>	<u>1,811,328</u>	<u>0</u>

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

NESHOBA COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 American Rescue Plan Act Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2021
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental revenues	\$	2,827,915	2,827,915	
Interest income		236	236	
Total Revenues	<u>0</u>	<u>2,828,151</u>	<u>2,828,151</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Total Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>0</u>	<u>2,828,151</u>	<u>2,828,151</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	0	2,828,151	2,828,151	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>2,828,151</u>	<u>2,828,151</u>	<u>0</u>

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

NESHOBA COUNTY
Schedule of the County's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
Last 10 Fiscal Years*
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021
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	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
County's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	0.064776%	0.062646%	0.064378%	0.064140%	0.060444%	0.059500%	0.063500%
County's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 9,574,176	12,127,538	11,325,361	10,668,387	10,047,844	10,628,186	9,815,848
Covered payroll	\$ 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	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	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.

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

NESHOBA COUNTY
Schedule of County Contributions
Last 10 Fiscal Years*
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021
UNAUDITED

	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Contractually required contribution	\$ 760,728	722,935	673,496	651,891	622,113	614,159	612,694
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>760,728</u>	<u>722,935</u>	<u>673,496</u>	<u>651,891</u>	<u>622,113</u>	<u>614,159</u>	<u>612,694</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Covered payroll	\$ 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%	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.

The accompanying notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this schedule.

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

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:

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>			
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>County Unit Road Fund</u>	<u>Countywide Bridge and Culvert Fund</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan Act Fund</u>
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ 1,182,715	191,289	357,174	2,828,151
Increase (Decrease)				
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	233,164	19,298	71,919	(2,827,915)
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>(721,570)</u>	<u>21,627</u>	<u>(196,010)</u>	<u> </u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 694,309</u>	<u>232,214</u>	<u>233,083</u>	<u>236</u>

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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.

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

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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.

2016

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.

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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, 2019 valuation for the June 30, 2021 fiscal year end). The following actuarial methods and assumptions were used to determine the most recent contribution rate reported in that schedule:

Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of payroll, open
Remaining amortization period	28.8 years
Asset valuation method	5-year smoothed market
Price inflation	2.75 percent
Salary increase	3.00 percent to 18.25 percent, including inflation
Investment rate of return	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation

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OTHER INFORMATION

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NESHOBA COUNTY
 Schedule of Surety Bonds for County Officials
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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
Karen Butler	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, 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, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2023. 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.

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 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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 March 29, 2023, included within this document.

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 result 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

March 29, 2023



**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, 2021. 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, 2021.

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.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Joe E. Mcknight". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JOE E. MCKNIGHT, CPA
Director, County Audit Section

March 29, 2023

NESHOBA COUNTY

Schedule of Purchases From Other Than the Lowest Bidder
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Schedule 1

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, 2021

Schedule 2

Our tests did not identify any emergency purchases.

NESHOBA COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Schedule 3

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

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**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
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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, 2021, 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 @Date, 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.

1. 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 eight years' audit reports, the County has interfund loans outstanding that are over a year old. These interfund loans totaled \$373,552 as of September 30, 2021. These advances include 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 as quickly as resources will allow.
Circuit Clerk.	
2.	<u>The Circuit Clerk understated fees subject to the cap on the annual financial report.</u>
Repeat Finding	No
Criteria	<i>Section 9-1-43(1), Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated</i> , limits the compensation of the Circuit Clerk to \$94,500 after making deductions for employee salaries and related salary expenses and expenses allowed as deductions by Schedule C of the Internal Revenue Code. All fees received in excess of this amount, less any allowable expenses, are to be deposited by the Clerk into the County's General Fund on or before April 15th for the preceding calendar year.
Condition	Based on test work performed, the Clerk understated fees subject to the cap by \$5,496 for the 2021 calendar year.
Cause	The Circuit Clerk lacked the necessary controls.
Effect	Failure to properly report the amount in excess over the salary cap of \$94,500 could result in the loss of public funds.
Recommendation	The Circuit Clerk should settle the additional \$5,496 over the salary cap to the County's General Fund and ensure that future fees reported on the Annual Financial Report are complete and accurate.
Views of Responsible Official(s)	The issue has been resolved to the best of my knowledge and belief with the funds submitted to Neshoba County, Mississippi on September 21, 2022.
Auditor's Note	The overpayment was returned to the County on September 22, 2022, as evidence by receipt warrant number 2022-1163.

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.



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March 29, 2023

NESHOBA COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

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NESHOPA COUNTY

Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

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
County Unit Road 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?	None Reported

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements noted? No

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings related to the financial statements that are required to be reported by *Government Auditing Standards*.