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**NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**AUDITED PRIMARY GOVERNMENT**  
**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND**  
**SPECIAL REPORTS**

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2005**

NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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**NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT  
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Noxubee County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the county's primary government as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the county's management. 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Noxubee County, Mississippi, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that comprise the county's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the county's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the county's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of Noxubee County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2005, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of Noxubee County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 21, 2006, on our consideration of Noxubee 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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Noxubee County, Mississippi, has not presented the Management's Discussion and Analysis that is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule and corresponding notes are not a required part of the basic financial statements but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the primary government financial statements that collectively comprise Noxubee County, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Reconciliation of Operating Costs of Solid Waste is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

*Rea, Shaw, Giffin & Stuart, LLP*

REA, SHAW, GIFFIN & STUART, LLP

Meridian, Mississippi  
September 21, 2006

NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
PRIMARY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 1**

**STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

September 30, 2005

**ASSETS**

Cash and investments	\$ 1,905,545
Property tax receivable	3,982,045
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$567,645	162,811
Fines receivable, net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$532,971	46,501
Loan receivable	774,508
Intergovernmental receivables	47,886
Capital assets, net	<u>13,402,586</u>
Total assets	\$ <u>20,321,882</u>

**LIABILITIES**

Claims payable	\$ 83,587
Intergovernmental payables	190,006
Deferred revenue	3,982,045
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year:	
Capital related debt	195,538
Non-capital debt	88,021
Due in more than one year:	
Capital related debt	609,442
Non-capital debt	<u>1,073,369</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u>6,222,008</u>

**NET ASSETS**

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 12,597,606
Restricted for:	
Public works	778,352
Economic development	815,697
Unemployment compensation	24,710
Culture and recreation	46,201
Other purposes	7,753
Unrestricted (deficit)	<u>(170,445)</u>
Total Net Assets	\$ <u>14,099,874</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 2**

**STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

<u>Functions/Programs</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>in Net Assets</u>
			<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
					<u>Activities</u>
Primary government:					
Governmental activities:					
General government	\$ 1,987,871	\$ 205,970	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (1,781,901)
Public safety	1,088,763	134,726	197,081	-	(756,956)
Public works	2,257,570	517,270	703,876	60,126	(976,298)
Health and welfare	173,730	-	17,872	-	(155,858)
Culture and recreation	60,786	-	-	-	(60,786)
Education	87,261	-	-	-	(87,261)
Conser. of natural resources	109,600	-	-	-	(109,600)
Economic development	257,585	-	172,571	190,000	104,986
Interest on long-term debt	94,533	-	-	-	(94,533)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 6,117,699</u>	<u>\$ 857,966</u>	<u>\$ 1,091,400</u>	<u>\$ 250,126</u>	<u>\$ (3,918,207)</u>
General revenues:					
Taxes:					
Property taxes					\$ 3,950,325
Road & bridge privilege taxes					102,090
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					361,945
Unrestricted investment income					61,745
Miscellaneous					55,679
Gain on sale of capital assets					<u>3,852</u>
Total general revenues					<u>\$ 4,535,636</u>
Change in net assets					<u>\$ 617,429</u>
Net Assets - Beginning					\$ 14,343,125
Prior period adjustment					<u>(860,680)</u>
Net Assets - Beginning, as restated					<u>\$ 13,482,445</u>
Net Assets - Ending					<u>\$ 14,099,874</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 3**

**BALANCE SHEET – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

September 30, 2005

	<u>Major Funds</u>			
	<u>General</u>	<u>Pride of</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Fund</u>	<u>the South</u>	<u>Governmental</u>	<u>Governmental</u>
		<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and investments	\$ 977,502	\$ -	\$ 928,043	\$ 1,905,545
Property tax receivable	2,971,777	-	1,010,268	3,982,045
Accounts receivable, net	162,811	-	-	162,811
Fines receivable, net	46,501	-	-	46,501
Loan receivable	-	774,508	-	774,508
Intergovernmental receivables	45,386	-	-	45,386
Due from other funds	10,906	-	30,644	41,550
<b>Total assets</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,214,883</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 774,508</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,968,955</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,958,346</u></b>
 <b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Claims payable	\$ 31,511	\$ -	\$ 52,076	\$ 83,587
Intergovernmental payables	119,547	-	-	119,547
Due to other funds	101,103	-	8,406	109,509
Deferred revenue	3,181,089	-	1,010,268	4,191,357
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$ 3,433,250</u></b>	<b><u>\$ -</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,070,750</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 4,504,000</u></b>
 Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Loan receivable	\$ -	\$ 774,508	\$ -	\$ 774,508
Unemployment	-	-	24,710	24,710
Unreserved, reported in:				
General fund	781,633	-	-	781,633
Special revenue funds	-	-	872,304	872,304
Capital project funds	-	-	1,191	1,191
<b>Total fund balances</b>	<b><u>\$ 781,633</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 774,508</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 898,205</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,454,346</u></b>
<b>Total liabilities &amp; fund balances</b>	<b><u>\$ 4,214,883</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 774,508</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,968,955</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 6,958,346</u></b>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 3.1**

**RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS**

September 30, 2005

Total fund balance - governmental funds	\$ 2,454,346
<p>Amounts reported for governmental services in the statement of net assets (Exhibit 1) are different because:</p>	
<p>Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds (Note 8):</p>	
Capital assets net of depreciation as of 10/1/04	\$ 14,398,187
Plus adjustments to add book value of assets acquired in prior years but never put on the inventory listing	26,102
Plus capital outlay expenditures made during year	576,510
Less depreciation expense recorded during year	(698,980)
Less net book value of capital assets sold during year	(62,502)
Less adjustments for amounts under threshold	(97,143)
Less adjustment for amount in construction in progress that was for road maintenance	<u>(739,588)</u>
	\$ 13,402,586
Accounts receivable that have accrued at year end but are not available to liquidate liabilities of the current period are not reported in the funds	\$ 162,811
Fines receivable that have accrued at year end but are not available to liquidate liabilities of the current period are not reported in the funds	\$ 46,501
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:	
Long-term liabilities (Note 11)	<u>\$ (1,966,370)</u>
Total net assets - governmental activities	<u>\$ 14,099,874</u>

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**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 4**

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

	<u>Major Funds</u>			
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Pride of the South Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 3,204,201	\$ -	\$ 746,124	\$ 3,950,325
Road and bridge privilege taxes	-	-	102,090	102,090
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	101,106	-	6,840	107,946
Fines and forfeitures	123,487	-	-	123,487
Intergovernmental revenues	408,841	32,213	1,828,521	2,269,575
Charges for services	109,263	-	517,270	626,533
Interest income	47,690	-	14,055	61,745
Miscellaneous revenues	42,681	-	12,998	55,679
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 4,037,269</u>	<u>\$ 32,213</u>	<u>\$ 3,227,898</u>	<u>\$ 7,297,380</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	\$ 1,870,409	\$ -	\$ 7,532	\$ 1,877,941
Public safety	1,018,685	-	151,068	1,169,753
Public works	3,219	-	2,524,260	2,527,479
Health and welfare	171,317	-	3,759	175,076
Culture and recreation	51,398	-	9,388	60,786
Education	10,206	-	77,055	87,261
Conservation of natural resources	109,600	-	-	109,600
Economic development and assistance	29,331	-	357,789	387,120
Debt service:				
Principal	577,462	56,550	144,634	778,646
Interest	43,203	32,213	19,117	94,533
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 3,884,830</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 3,294,602</u>	<u>\$ 7,268,195</u>
Excess of Expenditures over Revenues	<u>\$ 152,439</u>	<u>\$ (56,550)</u>	<u>\$ (66,704)</u>	<u>\$ 29,185</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Long-term capital debt issued	\$ 109,862	\$ -	\$ 39,270	\$ 149,132
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	-	-	12,680	12,680
Transfers in	-	-	44,944	44,944
Transfers out	(44,944)	-	-	(44,944)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>\$ 64,918</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 96,894</u>	<u>\$ 161,812</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 217,357	\$ (56,550)	\$ 30,190	\$ 190,997
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>\$ 564,276</u>	<u>\$ 831,058</u>	<u>\$ 868,015</u>	<u>\$ 2,263,349</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 781,633</u>	<u>\$ 774,508</u>	<u>\$ 898,205</u>	<u>\$ 2,454,346</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 4.1**

**RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND  
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES – GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

Net changes in fund balances - governmental funds (Exhibit 4)	\$ 190,997
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities (Exhibit 2) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the costs of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that depreciation (\$698,980) exceeded capital outlays (\$496,111) in the current period.	(202,869)
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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 assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that proceeds from the sale (\$12,680) exceeded the gain (\$3,852) in the current period.	(8,828)
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Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that debt repayments (\$778,646) exceeded debt proceeds (\$149,132).	629,514
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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. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the increase in compensated absences.	<u>8,615</u>
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Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit 2)	<u>\$ 617,429</u>
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The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**Exhibit 8**

**STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY ASSETS AND LIABILITIES**

September 30, 2005

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and investments	\$ 122,457
Due from other funds	<u>70,459</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 192,916</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accrued liabilities	\$ 18,133
Intergovernmental payables	172,283
Due to other funds	<u>2,500</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 192,916</u>

The Notes to Financial Statements are an integral part of this statement.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

##### A. Financial Reporting Entity

Noxubee 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 Noxubee 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 conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- Noxubee County Library
- Noxubee County General Hospital
- Noxubee County Economic Development District

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. Basis of Presentation

The county's basic financial statements consist of government-wide statements, including a Statement of Net Assets and a Statement of Activities and fund financial statements, which provide a detailed level of financial information.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Government-wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Assets 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 interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the financial condition of the governmental 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. 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, 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 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, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. Funds are organized into governmental and fiduciary. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. Nonmajor funds are aggregated and presented in a single column.

##### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The government-wide and fiduciary fund 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

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

recognizes the liability to the county. Grants are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

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 sixty days after year-end to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the related fund liabilities are incurred. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recognized only when payment is due. Property taxes, state appropriations and federal awards are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period.

The county reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund – This fund is used to account for all activities of the general government for which a separate fund has not been established.

Pride of the South Fund – Accounts for monies received from a local industry that are then sent to the appropriate governmental entity for repayment of a CDBG loan granted in a prior year.

Additionally, the county reports the following fund types:

##### Governmental Fund Types

Special Revenue Funds – These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Special Revenue Funds account for, among others, certain federal grant programs, taxes levied with statutorily defined distributions and other resources restricted as to purpose.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### Governmental Fund Types (continued)

Debt Service Funds – These funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Capital Projects Funds – These funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities. Such resources are derived principally from proceeds of general obligation bond issues and federal grants.

##### Fiduciary Fund Types

Agency Funds – These funds account for various taxes, deposits and other monies collected or held by the county, acting in the capacity of an agent, for distribution to other governmental units or designated beneficiaries.

##### D. 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 2005 by the Government Finance Officers Association.

##### E. 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, all certificates of deposit and cash equivalents, which are short-term highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to cash (with maturities generally less than three months). However, the county did not invest in any governmental securities during the fiscal year.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### **Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

##### F. Receivables

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

##### G. 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." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets.

##### H. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements. Prepaid items, such as prepaid insurance, are not reported for governmental fund types since the costs of such items are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

##### 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 activities column in the government-wide financial statement. 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.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### I. Capital Assets (continued)

General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, as well as those acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

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. 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.

	<u>Capitalization Thresholds</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ -	N/A
Infrastructure	-	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 will correspond with the amounts for the asset classification, as listed above.

General infrastructure assets reported on the government-wide financial statements include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, as well as those acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

##### J. 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, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the governmental activities Statement of Net Assets.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

##### K. Equity Classifications

###### Government-wide Financial Statements

Equity is classified as net assets and displayed in three components:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – 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 assets – Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulation of other governments; or law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net assets – All other net assets not meeting the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

###### Fund Financial Statements

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is classified as reserved or unreserved.

Unreserved fund balance represents the amount available for budgeting future operations. Reservations of fund balance represent amounts that are not appropriable or are legally segregated for a specific purpose.

##### L. 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.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### **Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies** (continued)

##### L. Property Tax Revenues (continued)

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

##### M. 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.

##### N. 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. 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.

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### Note 2. Changes in Accounting Standards

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosures, an amendment of GASB Statement No. 3*. GASB Statement No. 40 addresses common deposit and investment risks related to credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk and foreign currency risk. The provisions of this new statement have been incorporated into the financial statements and the accompanying notes.

#### Note 3. Prior Period Adjustment

A summary of the significant fund equity adjustment on Exhibit 2 – Statement of Activities is as follows:

Explanation	Amount
During the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, the County removed some amounts from construction in progress that had been recorded in prior years. These amounts were actually expenses for the upkeep and maintenance of infrastructure rather than for the improvement of, or additions to, existing infrastructure.	\$ (860,680)
Total prior period adjustment	<u>\$ (860,680)</u>

#### Note 4. Deposits

The carrying amount of the county's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2005, was \$2,028,002, and the bank balance was \$2,135,923. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are 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, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

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

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**Note 4. Deposits** (continued)

does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the County. 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.

**Note 5. Interfund Transactions and Balances**

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2005:

Due From/To Other Funds

Receivable Fund	Payable Fund	
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ 8,406
General Fund	Agency fund	2,500
Other Governmental Funds	General fund	30,644
Agency fund	General fund	70,459
Total		\$ 112,009

The receivables represent the tax revenue collected but not settled until October 2005. Also, the amount payable to agency fund includes money borrowed by the general fund during the year which is expected to be repaid within one year.

Transfers In/Out

Transfer In	Transfer Out	
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	\$ 44,944
Total		\$ 44,944

The principal purpose of interfund transfers was to provide funds for grant matches and to provide funds for capital outlay.

**Note 6. Intergovernmental Receivables**

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2005 consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities

Legislative tag credit	\$ 47,886
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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 7. Loan Receivable

Loan receivable at September 30, 2005 consists of the following:

Description	Date of Loan	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	Balance Receivable
Pride of the South Catfish, Inc.	06/01	4.0	06/16	<u>\$ 774,508</u>

#### Note 8. Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2005:

Governmental activities:

	Balance 10/1/04	Addition	Deletion	Adjustment	Balance 9/30/05
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 333,656	\$ -	\$ (6,436)	\$ -	\$ 327,220
Construction in progress	<u>1,369,639</u>	<u>80,399</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(739,588)</u>	<u>710,450</u>
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>\$ 1,703,295</u>	<u>\$ 80,399</u>	<u>\$ (6,436)</u>	<u>\$ (739,588)</u>	<u>\$ 1,037,670</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Infrastructure	\$ 15,133,060	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (100)	\$ 15,132,960
Buildings	5,716,411	129,535	-	-	5,845,946
Improvements other than buildings	77,358	-	-	-	77,358
Mobile equipment	1,938,219	48,010	(5,200)	304,351	2,285,380
Furniture and equipment	150,177	19,940	(24,254)	-	145,863
Property under capital leases	<u>1,656,657</u>	<u>199,098</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(304,351)</u>	<u>1,551,404</u>
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>\$ 24,671,882</u>	<u>\$ 396,583</u>	<u>\$ (29,454)</u>	<u>\$ (100)</u>	<u>\$ 25,038,911</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Infrastructure	\$ 6,694,031	\$ 305,393	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,999,424
Buildings	2,606,042	85,141	-	-	2,691,183
Improvements other than buildings	3,095	3,095	-	-	6,190
Mobile equipment	1,533,653	64,878	(2,808)	232,326	1,828,049
Furniture and equipment	60,635	14,432	-	833	75,900
Property under capital leases	<u>1,079,534</u>	<u>226,041</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(232,326)</u>	<u>1,073,249</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ 11,976,990</u>	<u>\$ 698,980</u>	<u>\$ (2,808)</u>	<u>\$ 833</u>	<u>\$ 12,673,995</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>\$ 12,694,892</u>	<u>\$ (302,397)</u>	<u>\$ (26,646)</u>	<u>\$ (933)</u>	<u>\$ 12,364,916</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 14,398,187</u>	<u>\$ (221,998)</u>	<u>\$ (33,082)</u>	<u>\$ (740,521)</u>	<u>\$ 13,402,586</u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

**Note 8. Capital Assets** (continued)

The adjustments are to correct classifications and errors, to adjust for items under thresholds, and adjust for infrastructure asset amounts acquired in prior years' but not previously recorded.

Depreciation expense was charged to the governmental functions as follows:

General government	\$ 116,294
Public safety	127,815
Public works	<u>454,871</u>
 Total depreciation activities depreciation expense	 <u>\$ 698,980</u>

Commitments with respect to unfinished capital projects at September 30, 2005, consisted of the following:

Description of Commitment	Remaining Financial Commitment	Expected Date of Completion
APL-0052(15)B - Road	\$ -	10/31/05
LSBP-52(11) - Bridge	-	10/31/05
LSBP-52(12) - Bridge	-	10/31/05
LSBP-52(8) - Bridge	3,135	12/31/06

**Note 9. 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 \$750,000 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, 2005, to January 1, 2006. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

**Note 10. Capital Leases**

As Lessee

The county is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2005:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Mobile equipment	\$ 890,805
Furniture and equipment	<u>660,599</u>
	\$ 1,551,404
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,073,249</u>
Leased Property under Capital Leases	<u><u>\$ 478,155</u></u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2005:

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2006	\$ 133,785	\$ 26,099
2007	129,646	19,988
2008	81,894	14,758
2009	69,226	11,014
2010	46,967	7,535
2011 - 2015	<u>98,436</u>	<u>10,770</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 559,954</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 90,164</u></u>

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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**Note 11. Long-term Debt**

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2005, consists of the following:

<u>Description and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>
Governmental Activities:			
A. Capital Leases:			
Voting system	\$ 65,981	4.97	06/09
Beat 1 Caterpillar 140H motor grader	38,313	3.99	01/08
Beat 5 Caterpillar 140H motor grader	35,692	3.99	12/07
Beat 5 2004 GMC Sierra pickup	12,792	3.59	04/08
NWVFD fire truck	109,862	4.49	03/15
Beat 1 1995 International dump truck	22,383	4.75	06/09
Beat 4 1991 Excavator	13,886	4.75	06/09
Three fire trucks	199,948	5.85	07/11
(2) 2003 Ford Crown Victorias	15,631	3.59	04/07
Equipment for (2) police cruisers	4,387	3.59	07/07
Hardware upgrade & software	34,879	3.99	11/07
Movable shelving system	286	6.50	10/05
Extension service phone system	1,292	11.50	08/07
Beat 3 1991 Case tractor w/boom	<u>4,622</u>	4.19	12/06
Total Capital Leases	<u>\$ 559,954</u>		
B. Other Loans:			
E-911 equipment	\$ 237,930	5.49	01/09
Capital improvements revolving loan	282,892	4.00	02/14
Pride of the South Catfish, Inc. community development block grant #00-052-RV-LN01	774,508	4.00	06/16
Bankfirst used 580 case backhoe	<u>7,097</u>	5.00	11/06
Total Other Loans	<u>\$ 1,302,427</u>		

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

**Note 11. Long-term Debt** (continued)

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

<u>Year Ending September 30</u>	<u>Other Loans</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2006	\$ 149,774	\$ 54,348
2007	149,363	47,486
2008	156,370	40,479
2009	163,713	33,136
2010	103,266	25,440
2011 - 2015	514,472	62,709
2016 - 2020	65,469	1,096
Total	<u>\$ 1,302,427</u>	<u>\$ 264,694</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, 2005, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 2.06% of the latest property assessments.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2005:

Governmental activities:	Balance 10/1/2004	Additions	Reductions	Adj	Balance 9/30/2005	Amount due within one year
Compensated absences	\$ 112,604	\$ -	\$ (8,615)	\$ -	\$ 103,989	**
Capital leases	564,773	149,132	(153,951)	-	559,954	133,785
Other loans	<u>1,927,122</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(624,695)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,302,427</u>	<u>149,774</u>
Total long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 2,604,499</u>	<u>\$ 149,132</u>	<u>\$ (787,261)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,966,370</u>	<u>\$ 283,559</u>

\*\* Due to immateriality, the current portion of compensated absences has not been estimated.

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**NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

**Note 12. Deficit Fund Balances of Individual Funds**

The following funds reported deficits in fund balances at September 30, 2005:

Fund	Deficit Amount
Homeland Security Fund	\$ (4,977)
State Domestic Preparedness Fund	(3,429)
Court Administration Fund	(630)
District 2 Road & Bridge Fund	(8,363)

**Note 13. 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.

General Obligation Debt Contingencies

The County issued general obligation bonds to provide funds for constructing and improving capital facilities of the Noxubee County General Hospital. Such debt is being retired from pledged resources of this entity and, therefore, is reported as a liability of that entity. However, because general obligation bonds are backed by the full faith, credit and taxing power of the County, the County remains contingently liable for its retirement. The principal amount of such debt outstanding at year end is as follows:

Description	Balance at Sept. 30, 2005
General obligation nursing home bonds	\$ <u>774,563</u>

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### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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#### **Note 14. Joint Venture**

The County participates in the following joint venture:

Noxubee County is a participant with the Counties of Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Oktibbeha and Webster, and the Cities of Ackerman, Columbus, Eupora, Louisville, Macon, Starkville and West Point in a joint venture, authorized by Section 17-17-307, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority. The joint venture was created to provide a regional disposal site for solid waste. The Noxubee County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 38 members of the board of directors. The authority is funded by user fees based on the volume of solid waste. Complete financial statements for the Golden Triangle Regional Solid Waste Management Authority can be obtained from P. O. Drawer DN, Mississippi State, MS 39762.

#### **Note 15. Jointly Governed Organizations**

The County participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Prairie Opportunity, Inc. operates in a district composed of the Counties of Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston. The Noxubee County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 21 board members. One board member from each of the counties must come from the private sector (recipient of services), and one member from each county must come from the community. These 14 board members are not appointed by the County Board of Supervisors. The counties generally provide no financial support to the organization.

Community Counseling Services operates in a district composed of the Counties of Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston. The Noxubee County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the seven members of the board of commissioners. The County appropriated \$20,900 for support of the agency in fiscal year 2005.

Golden Triangle Planning and Development District provides services for the Counties of Choctaw, Clay, Lowndes, Noxubee, Oktibbeha, Webster and Winston. The Noxubee County Board of Supervisors appoints four of the 28 members of the board of directors. The County contributes a small percentage of the district's total revenue.

East Mississippi Community College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Clay, Kemper, Lauderdale, Lowndes, Noxubee and Oktibbeha. The Noxubee County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 12 members of the college board of trustees. The County appropriated \$234,357 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2005.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### Note 16. Defined Benefit Pension Plan

##### Plan Description

The County contributes to the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan. PERS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by state law and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature. PERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That information may be obtained by writing to Public Employees' Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005 or by calling 1-800-444-PERS.

##### Funding Policy

PERS members are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual covered salary, and the County is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 10.75% of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of PERS members 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, 2005, 2004, and 2003 were \$179,235, \$156,075, and \$163,650, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

#### Note 17. Subsequent Events

Subsequent to September 30, 2005, Noxubee 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>
10/05	3.97%	\$ 106,503	Lease Purchase	Ad Valorem Taxes
11/05	4.00%	400,000	Tax Anticipation Note	Ad Valorem Taxes
4/06	4.08%	37,740	Other Loan	Ad Valorem Taxes
4/06	4.75%	40,000	Other Loan	Ad Valorem Taxes
7/06	4.04%	17,359	Lease Purchase	Ad Valorem Taxes
10/06	4.25%	<u>14,668</u>	Lease Purchase	Ad Valorem Taxes
		<u>\$ 616,270</u>		

## **SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE GENERAL FUND**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Variances	
	Original	Final		Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis	Favorable (Unfavorable)
			Original to Final		Final to Actual
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ 2,930,606	\$ 3,046,606	\$ 3,177,882	\$ 116,000	\$ 131,276
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	83,920	83,920	94,738	-	10,818
Fines and forfeitures	95,000	95,000	113,769	-	18,769
Intergovernmental revenues	534,027	517,027	564,723	(17,000)	47,696
Charges for services	112,500	110,500	109,263	(2,000)	(1,237)
Interest income	12,000	12,000	47,646	-	35,646
Miscellaneous revenues	30,310	41,310	41,435	11,000	125
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 3,798,363</b>	<b>\$ 3,906,363</b>	<b>\$ 4,149,456</b>	<b>\$ 108,000</b>	<b>\$ 243,093</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
Current:					
General government	\$ 2,119,795	\$ 2,176,490	\$ 1,911,706	\$ (56,695)	\$ 264,784
Public safety	971,420	1,030,582	1,041,699	(59,162)	(11,117)
Public works	3,010	3,220	3,219	(210)	1
Health and welfare	169,185	170,894	167,963	(1,709)	2,931
Culture and recreation	51,398	51,398	51,398	-	-
Education	166,117	166,206	166,088	(89)	118
Conservation of natural resources	112,461	113,659	110,764	(1,198)	2,895
Economic development and assistance	88,778	63,294	38,231	25,484	25,063
Debt service	456,563	456,563	456,563	-	-
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 4,138,727</b>	<b>\$ 4,232,306</b>	<b>\$ 3,947,631</b>	<b>\$ (93,579)</b>	<b>\$ 284,675</b>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	\$ (340,364)	\$ (325,943)	\$ 201,825	\$ 14,421	\$ 527,768
Other Financing Sources (Uses)	\$ 406,642	\$ (8,600)	\$ (56,272)	(415,242)	(47,672)
<b>Net Change in Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 66,278</b>	<b>\$ (334,543)</b>	<b>\$ 145,553</b>	<b>\$ (400,821)</b>	<b>\$ 480,096</b>
Fund Balance - Beginning	682,684	682,684	682,684		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$ 748,962	\$ 348,141	\$ 828,237		

The Notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this statement.

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**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE FOR THE PRIDE OF THE SOUTH FUND**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variances</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Non-GAAP Budgetary Basis</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>	
				<u>Original to Final</u>	<u>Final to Actual</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>					
Property taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Road and bridge privilege taxes	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Fines and forfeitures	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Interest income	-	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous revenues	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>					
<b>Current</b>					
Debt service	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	<u>\$ (88,763)</u>	<u>\$ (88,763)</u>	<u>\$ (88,763)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Financing Sources	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ 88,763</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>		
Fund Balance - Ending	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>		

The Notes to the Required Supplementary Information are an integral part of this statement.

## NOXUBEE COUNTY

### NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

#### **Note 1. 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 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.

#### **Note 2. 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 supplemental information.

#### **Note 3. 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).

**Note 3. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation (continued)**

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund and each major special revenue fund:

	Governmental Fund Types	
	General Fund	Pride of the South Fund
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ 145,553	\$ -
Increase (Decrease)		
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	(143,502)	-
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>215,306</u>	<u>-</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 217,357</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING COSTS OF SOLID WASTE**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

OPERATING EXPENDITURES, CASH BASIS	
Salaries	\$ 291,425
Expendable Commodities	
Gasoline and petroleum products	72,855
Repair parts	35,316
Utilities	4,715
Feeding of prisoners	26,266
Maintenance	42,323
Contractual disposal services	165,113
Insurance and equipment	<u>31,746</u>
Solid Waste Cash Basis Operating Expenditures	\$ 669,759
FULL COST EXPENSES	
Indirect administrative costs	\$ 6,925
Depreciation on equipment	5,728
Interest on solid waste debt	<u>266</u>
Solid Waste Full Cost Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 682,678</u>

**NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SPECIAL REPORTS**

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

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

We have audited the primary government financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Noxubee County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2005, which collectively comprise the county's basic primary government financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 21, 2006. The auditor's report on the primary government financial statements is modified to reflect that the primary government financial statements do not include the financial data of the county's component units. 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.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Noxubee County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the primary government financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Noxubee County, Mississippi's ability to initiate, record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as items 05-1 and 05-2.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the primary government financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the reportable conditions described above, we consider item 05-2 to be a material weakness.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Noxubee County, Mississippi's primary government financial statements are free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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*. However, we noted certain instances of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of Noxubee County, Mississippi in the Independent Auditors' Report on Central Purchasing System, Inventory Control System and Purchase Clerk Schedules dated September 21, 2006, included within this document.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

*Rea, Shaw, Giffin & Stuart, LLP*

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT  
ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM  
AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES**

TO THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

We have made a study and evaluation of the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Noxubee County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2005. Our study and evaluation included tests of compliance of the Purchase Clerk and Inventory Control Clerk records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

The Board of Supervisors of Noxubee County, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). In addition, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for purchasing in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The Board of Supervisors of Noxubee 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 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.

The results of our audit procedures disclosed certain instances of noncompliance with the aforementioned code sections. These instances of noncompliance were also considered in forming our opinion on compliance. Our findings and recommendations and your responses are disclosed below:

## Inventory Control Clerk

### 1. Finding

In the course of our audit for the year ended September 30, 2005, audit tests of capital assets revealed the following weaknesses:

- a. As reported in prior years' audit reports, the cost basis of certain assets sold during the year was not removed from the capital asset inventory ledger.
- b. Asset numbers of certain items that have been on the listing in prior years were changed and those original asset numbers have been assigned to other items.
- c. The cost basis of certain assets that were on the listing in prior years have been changed through the beginning balance rather than through an addition, deletion, or adjustment.
- d. An asset that was shown as a disposal in the prior year was found to still be on the capital asset listing this year.

### Recommendation

The Inventory Control Clerk should establish adequate control procedures to maintain accurate inventory records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets.

### Inventory Control Clerk's Response

I will be certain to remove all sold and deleted items for that fiscal year. I will double check all asset numbers to try and be sure not to change or reassign the same numbers to a different item. I will be sure to do the cost basis of assets as an addition, deletion, or adjustment through the year instead of through the beginning balance. Also, all items disposed of for the year will be removed during the year.

In our opinion, except as explained in the third paragraph and except for the noncompliance referred to in the preceding paragraph, Noxubee County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with state laws governing central purchasing, inventory and bid requirements.

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, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The information contained on these schedules has been subjected to procedures performed in connection with our aforementioned study and evaluation of the purchasing system and, in our opinion, is fairly presented when considered in relation to that study and evaluation.

This report is intended for use in evaluating the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Noxubee County, Mississippi, 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.

*Rea, Shaw, Giffin & Stuart, LLP*

REA, SHAW, GIFFIN & STUART, LLP

Meridian, Mississippi  
September 21, 2006

**SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES NOT MADE FROM THE LOWEST BIDDER**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

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

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

Schedule 2

**SCHEDULE OF EMERGENCY PURCHASES**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

<u>Date</u>	<u>Item Purchased</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Reason for Emergency Purchase</u>
9/22/2005	Repair air conditioner at the jail.	\$ 7,500	Triangle Air & Electric, Inc.	Air conditioner at the jail stopped working.

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

Schedule 3

**SCHEDULE OF PURCHASES MADE NONCOMPETITELY FROM A SOLE SOURCE**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2005

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

**NOXUBEE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

**NOXUBEE COUNTY**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

For The Year Ended September 30, 2005

**SECTION I: SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS**

**Financial Statements:**

- |  |             |
|--|-------------|
| 1. Type of auditor's report issued on the primary government financial statements:     | Unqualified |
| 2. Material noncompliance relating to the primary government financial statements?     | No          |
| 3. Internal control over financial reporting:  |             |
| a. Material weaknesses identified?   | Yes         |
| b. Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | Yes         |

**SECTION II: FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

**Board of Supervisors and Chancery Clerk**

05-1. Finding

The Board of Supervisors and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors should ensure that all revenues and expenditures for each fund remain within the budgeted amounts set by the board so that there are no deficit cash balances at year end. At September 30, 2005, we noted that one fund had a deficit cash balance. The fund and deficit balance is as follows:

District 2 Road & Bridge      \$ 8,121

Recommendation

The Board of Supervisors and the Chancery Clerk should closely monitor the transactions of each fund in order to prevent deficit cash balances in the future.

Board of Supervisors' Response

The Board regrets this oversight and promises future diligence so this will not be repeated.

## **Circuit Clerk**

### 05-2. Finding

As reported in prior years' audit reports, we noted the following deviations from the prescribed accounting system for Circuit Clerks contained in the *Mississippi County Financial Accounting Manual*:

- a. Bond records were not maintained.
- b. The clerk is not preparing the distribution of cash form that is required in order to identify all funds held by the clerk for distribution at year end.

The current year revealed the following deviation:

- c. We were unable to verify the validity of certain material reconciling items on the bank reconciliations.

### Recommendation

The Circuit Clerk should comply with the accounting system prescribed in the manual or hire someone to perform these tasks.

### Circuit Clerk's Response

I will comply with the stated recommendations.

## **SECTION III: FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

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