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COPIAH COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

**Audited Primary Government Financial Statements
And Special Reports**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

COPLAH COUNTY

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COPIAH COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE PRIMARY GOVERNMENT BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Copiah County, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Copiah County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2006, 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 of America. 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 Copiah 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 Copiah County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2006, 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 Copiah County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2006, 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 6, 2007, on our consideration of Copiah 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.

Copiah County, Mississippi, has not presented 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 Schedules 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 inquires 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 Copiah County, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, 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.



Windham and Lacey, PLLC
September 6, 2007

COPIAH COUNTY

PRIMARY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

COPIAH COUNTY
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2006

Exhibit 1

| | Primary Government |
|---|------------------------------------|
| | <u>Governmental Activities</u> |
| ASSETS | |
| Cash | \$ 5,987,205 |
| Property tax receivable | 5,033,102 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$199,774 | 355,154 |
| Fines receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$798,636 | 28,558 |
| Intergovernmental receivables | 458,751 |
| Other receivables | 46,213 |
| Loans receivable | 155,110 |
| Capital lease receivable | 1,204,436 |
| Capital assets, net | <u>50,011,763</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>63,280,292</u> |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Claims payable | 804,798 |
| Intergovernmental payables | 187,062 |
| Deferred revenue | 5,141,601 |
| Other payables | 45,959 |
| Long-term liabilities | |
| Due within one year: | |
| Capital related debt | 700,667 |
| Non-capital debt | 31,919 |
| Due in more than one year: | |
| Capital related debt | 5,152,319 |
| Non-capital debt | <u>267,215</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>12,331,539</u> |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 44,158,777 |
| Restricted net assets: | |
| Debt service | 59,626 |
| Public safety | 603,619 |
| Public works | 2,294,888 |
| Economic development | 1,732,236 |
| Other | 878,729 |
| Unrestricted | <u>1,220,878</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$ 50,948,753</u> |

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

COPIAH COUNTY
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
September 30, 2006

Exhibit 3

| | Major Funds | | | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General Funds | General County Road Fund | Other Governmental Funds | |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 2,600,920 | 1,356,271 | 2,030,014 | 5,987,205 |
| Property tax receivable | 3,025,076 | 1,011,214 | 996,812 | 5,033,102 |
| Accounts receivable , net of allowance for uncollectible of \$199,774 | | | 355,154 | 355,154 |
| Fines receivable , net of allowance for uncollectible of \$798,636 | 28,558 | | | 28,558 |
| Intergovernmental receivables | 185,305 | 146,503 | 126,943 | 458,751 |
| Loans receivable | | | 155,110 | 155,110 |
| Capital lease receivable | 1,204,436 | | | 1,204,436 |
| Other receivables | 21,984 | | 24,229 | 46,213 |
| Due from other funds | | 46,891 | 29,488 | 76,379 |
| Total Assets | \$ 7,066,279 | 2,560,879 | 3,717,750 | 13,344,908 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Claims payable | \$ 280,594 | 200,024 | 324,180 | 804,798 |
| Intergovernmental payables | 187,062 | | | 187,062 |
| Due to other funds | 93,903 | | | 93,903 |
| Deferred revenue | 4,258,070 | 1,011,214 | 1,351,967 | 6,621,251 |
| Other Payables | 28,432 | | | 28,432 |
| Total Liabilities | 4,848,061 | 1,211,238 | 1,676,147 | 7,735,446 |
| Fund balances: | | | | |
| Reserved for: | | | | |
| Debt Service | | | 59,626 | 59,626 |
| Loan Receivable | | | 155,110 | 155,110 |
| Unreserved, reported in: | | | | |
| General fund | 2,218,218 | | | 2,218,218 |
| Special revenue funds | | 1,349,641 | 1,826,867 | 3,176,508 |
| Total Fund Balances | 2,218,218 | 1,349,641 | 2,041,603 | 5,609,462 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$ 7,066,279 | 2,560,879 | 3,717,750 | 13,344,908 |

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

COPIAH COUNTY
 Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
 September 30, 2006

Exhibit 3-1

| | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|----------------------|
| Total fund balance - governmental funds (Exhibit 3) | \$ 5,609,462 |
| Amounts reported for governmental services in the Statement of Net Assets (Exhibit 1) are different because: | |
| Capital assets are used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation \$75,151,833. | 50,011,763 |
| Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. | |
| Capital lease receivable | 1,095,936 |
| Fines receivable | 28,558 |
| Accounts receivable | 355,154 |
| Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current-period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | |
| Long-term liabilities | (6,010,756) |
| Compensated absences | <u>(141,364)</u> |
| Total net assets - governmental activities (Exhibit 1) | \$ <u>50,948,753</u> |

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

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Exhibit 4

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | Major Funds | | | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General Fund | General County Road Fund | Other Governmental Funds | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 4,553,236 | 1,158,837 | 1,443,295 | 7,155,368 |
| Road and bridge privilege taxes | | 346,909 | | 346,909 |
| Licenses, commissions and other revenue | 256,364 | | 28,103 | 284,467 |
| Fines and forfeitures | 396,919 | | 59,626 | 456,545 |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 495,841 | 2,214,657 | 1,299,630 | 4,010,128 |
| Charges for services | 342,654 | | 1,128,486 | 1,471,140 |
| Interest income | 115,148 | 31,366 | 80,050 | 226,564 |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 112,025 | 161,386 | 58,953 | 332,364 |
| Total Revenues | <u>6,272,187</u> | <u>3,913,155</u> | <u>4,098,143</u> | <u>14,283,485</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 2,886,370 | | 240,793 | 3,127,163 |
| Public safety | 2,350,940 | | 695,233 | 3,046,173 |
| Public works | 12,050 | 4,484,076 | 2,095,115 | 6,591,241 |
| Health and welfare | 320,415 | | | 320,415 |
| Culture and recreation | 132,519 | | | 132,519 |
| Conservation of natural resources | 75,357 | | | 75,357 |
| Economic development and assistance | 229,953 | | 346,890 | 576,843 |
| Debt service: | | | | |
| Principal | 19,568 | 212,355 | 357,390 | 589,313 |
| Interest | 1,866 | 39,218 | 228,722 | 269,806 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>6,029,038</u> | <u>4,735,649</u> | <u>3,964,144</u> | <u>14,728,831</u> |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>243,149</u> | <u>(822,494)</u> | <u>133,999</u> | <u>(445,346)</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Long-term capital debt issued | 70,810 | 1,139,880 | | 1,210,690 |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets | | 349,508 | | 349,508 |
| Compensation for loss of capital assets | 35,720 | 13,583 | | 49,303 |
| Payments received from capital lease | | | 96,941 | 96,941 |
| Transfers in | 11,475 | | 108,399 | 119,874 |
| Transfers out | (973) | | (118,901) | (119,874) |
| Total Other Financing Sources and Uses | <u>117,032</u> | <u>1,502,971</u> | <u>86,439</u> | <u>1,706,442</u> |
| Net Changes in Fund Balances | 360,181 | 680,477 | 220,438 | 1,261,096 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>1,858,037</u> | <u>669,164</u> | <u>1,821,165</u> | <u>4,348,366</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | \$ <u><u>2,218,218</u></u> | <u><u>1,349,641</u></u> | <u><u>2,041,603</u></u> | <u><u>5,609,462</u></u> |

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

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Exhibit 4-1

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, 2006

| | <u>Amount</u> |
|--|---------------------|
| Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit 4) | \$ 1,261,096 |
| 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 assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that capital outlays of \$3,394,491 exceeded depreciation of \$1,192,328 in the current period. | 2,202,163 |
| 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 and loss from the sale of capital assets decrease financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount of the gain of \$187,716 and the proceeds from the sale in the current period of \$349,508. | (161,792) |
| 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. | (6,169) |
| Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of 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 proceeds \$1,210,690 exceeded debt repayments \$589,313. | (621,377) |
| 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 assets differs from the change in fund balances by a combination of the following items: | |
| Change in principal amount of capital lease receivable | (81,416) |
| Change in compensated absences | (12,173) |
| Garbage collection fees | <u>90,036</u> |
| Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit 2) | \$ <u>2,670,368</u> |

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

COPIAH COUNTY
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
September 30, 2006

Exhibit 5

| | <u>Agency Funds</u> |
|--|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash | \$ 222,356 |
| Due from other funds | <u>17,524</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 239,880</u> |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Claims payable and other accrued liabilities | \$ 140,199 |
| Intergovernmental payables | <u>99,681</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 239,880</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, 2006

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

Copiah 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 Copiah 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.

- Copiah County Economic Development District
- Hardy Wilson Memorial Hospital
- Copiah-Jefferson Regional Library System

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.

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.

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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 (excluding agency 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 revenue is 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. Agency funds have no measurement focus, but use the accrual basis of accounting.

Governmental financial statements are presented using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized in the accounting period when they are both measurable and available to finance operations during the year or to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Available means collected in the current period or within 60 days after year end to liquidate liabilities existing at the end of the year. Measurable means knowing or being able to reasonably estimate the amount. Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period when the related fund liabilities are incurred. Debt service expenditures and expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgements, 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.

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

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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.

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.

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.

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 (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.

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.

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Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

H. 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 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.

Governmental accounting and financial reporting standards allow governments meeting certain criteria to elect not to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively. Copiah County meets this criteria but has elected to report infrastructure retroactively. General infrastructure assets acquired after September 30, 1980 are reported on the government-wide financial statements. Current year general infrastructure assets are reported on the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets.

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.

| | 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 useful life will correspond with the amounts for the asset classification, as listed above.

I. 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.

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

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.

J. 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, constructions or improvements 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, with unreserved classified as designated and undesignated.

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.

K. Property Tax Revenues.

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

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

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Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

L. 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.

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. 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.

(2) Changes in Accounting Standards.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, the county implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 42, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Impairment of Capital Assets and for Insurance Recoveries*. GASB Statement No. 42 requires governments to report the effects of capital asset impairment in their financial statements when impairment occurs. The provisions of this new statement have been incorporated into the financial statements and accompanying notes.

(3) Deposits.

The carrying amount of the county's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2006, was \$6,209,561, and the bank balance was \$6,473,198. 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, 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 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.

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(4) Interfund Transactions and Balances.

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2006:

A. Due To/From Other Funds:

| Receivable Fund | Payable Fund | Amount |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------------|
| General County Road | General Fund | \$ 46,891 |
| Nonmajor Governmental Funds | General Fund | 29,488 |
| Agency Funds | General Fund | <u>17,524</u> |
| Total | | <u>\$ 93,903</u> |

All amounts listed are the tax and fine revenues collected but not settled until October, 2006. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

B. Transfers In/Out:

| Transfer In | Transfer Out | Amount |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| Major Funds: | | |
| General Fund | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | \$ 11,475 |
| Nonmajor Governmental Funds | General Fund | 973 |
| Nonmajor Governmental Funds | Nonmajor Governmental Funds | <u>107,426</u> |
| Total | | <u>\$ 119,874</u> |

The purpose of these transfers were allocations between funds for debt service and other routine transfers for operations.

(5) Intergovernmental Receivables.

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2006, consisted of the following:

Governmental Activities:

| Description | Amount |
|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| Legislative tag credit | \$ 125,735 |
| Federal grants receivable | 209,857 |
| Motor vehicle fuel tax | 27,928 |
| Overweight fines | 19,667 |
| Other | <u>75,564</u> |
| Total Governmental Activities | <u>\$ 458,751</u> |

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(6) Loans Receivable.

Loans receivable balances at September 30, 2006, are as follows:

| Description | Date of Loan | Interest Rate | Maturity Date | Balance Payable |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-----------------|
| CDBG Loan - L.C. Industries | 12/98 | 5.25% | 03/11 | \$ 155,110 |

(7) Capital Assets.

The following is a summary of the capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2006:

| | Beginning Balance | Increases | Decreases | Adjustments * | Ending Balance |
|--|----------------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| Governmental activities: | | | | | |
| Capital assets, not being depreciated: | | | | | |
| Land | \$ 835,355 | | | | 835,355 |
| Construction in progress | 1,791,160 | 1,746,592 | | (1,879,381) | 1,658,371 |
| Total capital assets, not being depreciated | <u>2,626,515</u> | <u>1,746,592</u> | <u>0</u> | <u>(1,879,381)</u> | <u>2,493,726</u> |
| Capital assets, being depreciated: | | | | | |
| Buildings | 7,102,899 | | | | 7,102,899 |
| Improvements other than buildings | 813,536 | | | 1,011,825 | 1,825,361 |
| Mobile equipment | 3,416,039 | 373,623 | (367,662) | 234,520 | 3,656,520 |
| Furniture and equipment | 783,856 | 12,032 | (24,890) | | 770,998 |
| Property under capital leases | 1,900,518 | 1,210,690 | (202,856) | (234,520) | 2,673,832 |
| Infrastructure | 105,721,150 | 51,554 | | 867,556 | 106,640,260 |
| Total capital assets being depreciated | <u>119,737,998</u> | <u>1,647,899</u> | <u>(595,408)</u> | <u>1,879,381</u> | <u>122,669,870</u> |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation for: | | | | | |
| Buildings | 3,233,403 | 126,673 | | | 3,360,076 |
| Improvements other than buildings | 127,870 | 73,014 | | | 200,884 |
| Mobile equipment | 2,089,805 | 294,551 | (318,756) | 105,499 | 2,171,099 |
| Furniture and equipment | 647,819 | 41,750 | (23,541) | | 666,028 |
| Property under capital leases | 335,430 | 305,410 | (91,285) | (105,534) | 444,021 |
| Infrastructure | 67,958,795 | 350,930 | | | 68,309,725 |
| Total accumulated depreciation | <u>74,393,122</u> | <u>1,192,328</u> | <u>(433,582)</u> | <u>(35)</u> | <u>75,151,833</u> |
| Total capital assets, being depreciated, net | <u>45,344,876</u> | <u>455,571</u> | <u>(161,826)</u> | <u>1,879,416</u> | <u>47,518,037</u> |
| Governmental activities capital assets, net | \$ <u>47,971,391</u> | <u>2,202,163</u> | <u>(161,826)</u> | <u>35</u> | <u>50,011,763</u> |

* The adjustments consist of the following items: completed construction projects transferred to infrastructure; reclassification of leased property to mobile equipment for equipment for which the lease obligation has been paid, and other minor adjustments.

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

| | |
|--|-------------------------|
| Governmental activities: | |
| General government | \$ 42,488 |
| Public safety | 283,130 |
| Public works | 712,651 |
| Health and welfare | 27,615 |
| Culture and recreation | 12,506 |
| Conservation of natural resources | 14,569 |
| Economic development and assistance | <u>99,369</u> |
| Total depreciation expense - governmental activities | \$ <u>1,192,328</u> |

(8) 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, 2006, to January 1, 2007. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

(9) Capital Leases.

As Lessor:

The county leases the following property with varying terms and options as of September 30, 2006:

| <u>Asset</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|
| Industrial buildings | \$ <u>1,267,148</u> |
| Total | \$ <u><u>1,267,148</u></u> |

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The future minimum lease receivables and the present value of the net minimum lease receivables as of September 30, 2006, are as follows:

| Year Ending September 30, | Governmental Activities | | |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|----------|-----------|
| | Principal | Interest | Total |
| 2007 | \$ 75,569 | 13,827 | 89,396 |
| 2008 | 75,135 | 12,801 | 87,936 |
| 2009 | 77,145 | 11,791 | 88,936 |
| 2010 | 83,166 | 10,770 | 93,936 |
| 2011 | 84,243 | 9,692 | 93,935 |
| 2012-2016 | 361,699 | 32,598 | 394,297 |
| 2017-2021 | 225,075 | 14,925 | 240,000 |
| 2022-2026 | 113,905 | 2,095 | 116,000 |
| Total | \$ 1,095,937 | 108,499 | 1,204,436 |

As Lessee:

The county is obligated for the following capital assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2006:

| Asset | Governmental Activities |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Mobile equipment | \$ 2,673,832 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (444,021) |
| Total | \$ 2,229,811 |

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2006:

| Year Ending September 30 | Governmental Activities | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
| | Principal | Interest |
| 2007 | \$ 448,490 | 81,546 |
| 2008 | 464,011 | 75,079 |
| 2009 | 1,265,474 | 50,073 |
| 2010 | 299,164 | 9,992 |
| Total | \$ 2,477,139 | 216,690 |

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(10) Long-term Debt.

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2006, consisted of the following:

| Description and Purpose | Amount Outstanding | Interest Rate | Final Maturity Date |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | |
| A. General Obligation Bonds: | | | |
| Industrial park - Series 2000 | \$ 1,295,000 | 8.50% | 08/20 |
| Industrial development - Series 2001 | <u>940,000</u> | 6.75/8.0% | 07/21 |
| Total General Obligation Bonds | \$ <u>2,235,000</u> | | |
| B. Capital Leases: | | | |
| Road equipment -12 dump trucks | \$ 1,139,880 | 3.29% | 03/10 |
| 3 Sheriff's cars | 70,810 | 3.77% | 04/09 |
| Road equipment -13 pieces | 867,310 | 3.31% | 09/09 |
| E911 equipment | 82,534 | 4.77% | 04/09 |
| Bridge equipment | 275,643 | 3.31% | 09/09 |
| 3 Sheriff's cars | <u>40,962</u> | 2.82% | 03/08 |
| Total Capital Leases | \$ <u>2,477,139</u> | | |
| C. Other Loans: | | | |
| CAP loan - Sugar Farm Road | \$ 219,822 | 3.00% | 01/21 |
| CAP loan - 2 fire trucks and pumper | 6,260 | 3.70% | 03/07 |
| CAP loan - 5 fire trucks | 242,241 | 3.00% | 05/11 |
| CAP loan - 1 fire truck | 82,007 | 3.00% | 05/11 |
| CAP loan - fire trucks | 170,901 | 3.00% | 02/15 |
| CAP loan - D G Foods | 419,617 | 3.00% | 12/14 |
| CDBG loan - L.C Industries | <u>157,770</u> | 5.25% | 03/11 |
| Total Other Loans | \$ <u>1,298,618</u> | | |

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

Governmental Activities:

| Year Ending September 30 | General Obligation Bonds | | Other Loans | |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------|-------------|----------|
| | Principal | Interest | Principal | Interest |
| 2007 | \$ 110,000 | 168,556 | 174,096 | 39,756 |
| 2008 | 110,000 | 160,244 | 182,956 | 33,723 |
| 2009 | 110,000 | 151,899 | 189,307 | 27,373 |
| 2010 | 110,000 | 143,505 | 195,893 | 20,787 |
| 2011 | 120,000 | 135,095 | 150,487 | 14,334 |
| 2012-2016 | 745,000 | 530,981 | 330,174 | 30,342 |
| 2017-2021 | 930,000 | 201,818 | 75,705 | 5,022 |
| Total | \$ 2,235,000 | 1,492,098 | 1,298,618 | 171,337 |

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, 2006, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 2.1% of the latest property assessments.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2006:

| | Balance 10/1/2005 | Additions | Reductions | Balance 9/30/2006 | Amount due within one year |
|--------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | |
| Compensated absences | \$ 129,192 | 12,173 | | 141,365 | |
| General obligation bonds | 2,335,000 | | 100,000 | 2,235,000 | 110,000 |
| Capital leases | 1,542,785 | 1,210,690 | 276,336 | 2,477,139 | 448,490 |
| Other loans | 1,511,595 | | 212,977 | 1,298,618 | 174,096 |
| Total | \$ 5,518,572 | 1,222,863 | 589,313 | 6,152,120 | 732,586 |

(11) 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.

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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.

(12) Jointly Governed Organizations.

The county participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the Counties of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo. The Copiah County Board of Supervisors appoints three of the 33 members of the board of directors. The county contributes a small percentage of the district's total revenue.

Copiah-Lincoln Community College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln and Simpson. The Copiah County Board of Supervisors appoints six of the 27 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated \$750,230 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2006.

Hinds Community College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Claiborne, Copiah, Hinds, Rankin and Warren. The Copiah County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 15 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated \$246,469 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2006.

Region Eight Mental Health Commission operates in a district composed of the Counties of Copiah, Madison, Rankin and Simpson. The Copiah County Board of Supervisors appoints one member of the board of commissioners. The county appropriated \$65,140 for support of the commission in fiscal year 2006.

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 Copiah County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 26 members of the board. The county provides only modest financial support for the district.

(13) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description. Copiah 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. 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 rate at September 30, 2006, was 11.30% 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, 2006, 2005 and 2004 were \$381,181, \$342,074 and \$303,608, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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(14) Commitments.

In November, 2004, Copiah County voluntarily undertook an obligation to pay the first three years of a CAP loan of which the City of Hazlehurst is obligated and liable. After making 36 monthly payments, the county is excused from further obligation on the debt which totaled \$55,633 at its issue date.

(15) Subsequent Events.

Subsequent to September 30, 2006, Copiah 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> |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------------|
| 03/01/07 | 4.0/5.5% | \$ 6,000,000 | General Obligation Road & Bridge Bonds | Tax levy |
| 03/23/07 | 4.08% | 390,668 | Lease purchase - trucks | Road fund |
| 10/01/06 | 4.24% | 154,977 | Lease purchase - computer equipment | General fund |
| 12/17/06 | 4.14% | 40,420 | Lease purchase - pickups | General fund |
| 04/25/07 | 4.29% | 107,716 | Lease purchase - road equipment | Road fund |

On March 19, 2007, the county paid off a lease purchase of road equipment to BancorpSouth that was outstanding at September 30, 2006. The balance of the obligation repaid was \$785,732.

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REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COPIAH COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 4,131,497 | 4,595,093 | 4,595,093 | |
| Licenses, commissions and other revenue | 223,750 | 247,218 | 247,218 | |
| Fines and forfeitures | 245,000 | 370,489 | 370,489 | |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 369,612 | 644,261 | 644,261 | |
| Charges for services | 210,000 | 325,396 | 325,396 | |
| Interest income | 35,000 | 115,124 | 115,124 | |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 58,500 | 117,996 | 117,996 | |
| Total Revenues | <u>5,273,359</u> | <u>6,415,577</u> | <u>6,415,577</u> | <u>0</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 2,613,742 | 2,753,130 | 2,753,130 | |
| Public safety | 2,111,039 | 2,320,014 | 2,320,014 | |
| Public works | 102,050 | 11,790 | 11,790 | |
| Health and welfare | 319,884 | 316,276 | 316,276 | |
| Culture and recreation | 133,088 | 130,255 | 130,255 | |
| Conservation of natural resources | 71,689 | 76,256 | 76,256 | |
| Economic development and assistance | 89,247 | 225,367 | 225,367 | |
| Total Expenditures | <u>5,440,739</u> | <u>5,833,088</u> | <u>5,833,088</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>(167,380)</u> | <u>582,489</u> | <u>582,489</u> | <u>0</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | | 70,810 | 70,810 | |
| Compensation for loss of capital assets | | 35,720 | 35,720 | |
| Transfers in | | 11,475 | 11,475 | |
| Transfers out | | (973) | (973) | |
| Total Other Financing Sources and Uses | <u>0</u> | <u>117,032</u> | <u>117,032</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (167,380) | 699,521 | 699,521 | 0 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>995,273</u> | <u>1,592,143</u> | <u>1,592,143</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | <u>\$ 827,893</u> | <u>2,291,664</u> | <u>2,291,664</u> | <u>0</u> |

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

COPIAH COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General County Road
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 1,178,601 | 1,170,302 | 1,170,302 | |
| Road and bridge privilege taxes | 320,000 | 352,362 | 352,362 | |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 960,450 | 1,051,170 | 1,051,170 | |
| Interest income | 4,000 | 31,366 | 31,366 | |
| Miscellaneous revenues | | 161,386 | 161,386 | |
| Total Revenues | <u>2,463,051</u> | <u>2,766,586</u> | <u>2,766,586</u> | <u>0</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| Public works | 2,320,572 | 3,259,714 | 3,259,714 | |
| Debt service | 219,550 | 251,574 | 251,574 | |
| Total Expenditures | <u>2,540,122</u> | <u>3,511,288</u> | <u>3,511,288</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>(77,071)</u> | <u>(744,702)</u> | <u>(744,702)</u> | <u>0</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Proceeds from long-term debt | | 1,139,880 | 1,139,880 | |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets | | 349,508 | 349,508 | |
| Compensation for loss of capital assets | | 13,583 | 13,583 | |
| Total Other Financing Sources and Uses | <u>0</u> | <u>1,502,971</u> | <u>1,502,971</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (77,071) | 758,269 | 758,269 | 0 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>509,065</u> | <u>598,002</u> | <u>598,002</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | <u>\$ 431,994</u> | <u>1,356,271</u> | <u>1,356,271</u> | <u>0</u> |

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

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Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

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 supplemental 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>General County Road</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance - Budget (Cash Basis) | \$ 699,521 | 758,269 |
| Increase (decrease): | | |
| Net adjustments for revenue accruals | (143,390) | 1,146,569 |
| Net adjustments for expenditure accruals | <u>(195,950)</u> | <u>(1,224,361)</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance GAAP Basis | <u>\$ 360,181</u> | <u>680,477</u> |

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
September 30, 2006

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title | Federal CFDA Number | Grant Identification Number | Agency or Pass-through Number | Federal Disbursements/ Expenditures |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| MAJOR PROGRAMS: | | | | |
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Dev./ Mississippi Development Authority/ Community Development Block Grant Industrial development | 14.228 | CDBG 2003 1120 | 1120-03-015-ED-01 | \$ 346,889 |
| Federal Election Commission - Election Assistance Commission/Mississippi Secretary Of State/Help America Vote Act Voting Machines | 90.401 | N/A | N/A | <u>188,221</u> |
| Total Major Programs | | | | <u>535,110</u> |
| NON-MAJOR PROGRAMS: | | | | |
| U.S Department of Labor/Mississippi Department Of Employment Security/Workforce Investment | 17.258 | W05-3-029-3082 | W05-3-029-3082 | 3,393 |
| U.S. Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration | 20.106 | 3-28-0023-003-2004 | N/A | 122,594 |
| U.S. Department of Transportation/MDOT Highway Planning and Construction Bridge Inspections | 20.205 | N/A | BR NBIS 065 B | 23,060 |
| Department of Homeland Security/Mississippi Emergency Management Agency/Domestic Assistance Preparedness Equipment Grant | 97.004 | 04HS015 05HS015 | 04HS015 05HS015 | 3,698 40,431 |
| Department of Homeland Security Disaster Grants-Public Assistance | 97.036 | FEMA-1604-DR-MS | 029-99029-00 | 268,271 |
| Department of Homeland Security/Mississippi Emergency Management Agency/ Terrorism Prevention Grant | 97.074 | 05LE015 | 05LE015 | <u>29,244</u> |
| Total Non-Major Programs | | | | <u>490,691</u> |
| Total Major and Non-Major Programs | | | | <u>\$ 1,025,802</u> |

Note A - Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Copeiah County and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

Note B - Help America Vote Act (CFDA # 90.401)

Of the federal expenditures presented in the schedule, federal awards totaling \$188,221 represent non-cash awards for computerized voting machines during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006.

COPIAH COUNTY

SPECIAL REPORTS

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Copiah County, Mississippi

We have audited the primary government financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Copiah County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2006, which collectively comprise Copiah County, Mississippi's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated September 6, 2007. 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 Copiah County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the primary government financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a 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 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Copiah County, Mississippi's 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.


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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Copiah County, Mississippi

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Copiah County, Mississippi, with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2006. Copiah County, Mississippi's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of Copiah County, Mississippi's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Copiah County, Mississippi's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Copiah County, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on Copiah County, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, Copiah County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2006.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Copiah County, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Copiah County, Mississippi's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a 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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM, INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES (REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISS. CODE ANN. (1972))

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Copiah County, Mississippi

We have made a study and evaluation of the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Copiah County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2006. 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 Copiah 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 Copiah 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.

In our opinion, Copiah 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 Copiah 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.


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September 6, 2007

COPIAH COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Not Made From the Lowest Bidder
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Schedule 1

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

COPIAH COUNTY
Schedule of Emergency Purchases
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Schedule 2

Our test results did not identify any emergency purchases.

COPIAH COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Schedule 3

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Item Purchased</u> | <u>Amount Paid</u> | <u>Vendor</u> | <u>Reason for Sole Source Purchase</u> |
|-------------|---|--------------------|---------------|---|
| 04/27/06 | Electronic voting machine and equipment | \$ 4,105 | Diebold | Only source of equipment that would interface to voting machine donated by the state. |

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Copiah County Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Copiah County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2006, we considered Copiah County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Copiah 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 September 6, 2007, on the financial statements of Copiah County, Mississippi.

Although no findings came to our attention as a result of these review procedures and compliance tests, these procedures and tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), 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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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COPIAH COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

COPIAH COUNTY

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's 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? | No |
| b. | Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | No |

Federal Awards:

- | | | |
|----|--|-------------|
| 4. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: | Unqualified |
| 5. | Internal control over major programs: | |
| a. | Material weaknesses identified? | No |
| b. | Reportable conditions identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | No |
| 6. | Any audit findings reported as required by Section ____,510(a) of Circular A-133? | No |
| 7. | Federal programs identified as major programs: | |
| | U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/Community Development Block Grant -- Industrial Development, CFDA #14.228 | |
| | Federal Election Commission -- Election Assistance Commission/ Mississippi Secretary of State/Help America Vote Act Voting Machines, CFDA #90.401. | |
| | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$300,000 |
| | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? | No |
| 8. | Prior fiscal year audit findings and questioned cost relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings as discussed in Section ____,315(b) of OMB Circular A-133? | No |

COPLAH COUNTY

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended September 30, 2006

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*.

Section 3: Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

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