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JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

February 1, 2009

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jasper County, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jasper County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, which, collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the county's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion 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.

As discussed in Note 1(H) to the financial statements, management has not recorded certain general infrastructure assets in the governmental activities and accordingly has not recorded depreciation expense on those assets. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that these general infrastructure assets be capitalized and depreciated which would increase the assets and expenses of the governmental activities. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets and expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

The financial statements do not include financial data for the county's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the county's primary government unless the county also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The county has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component units is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the omission of the discretely presented component units, as discussed above, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of Jasper County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2007, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matters discussed in the third paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of Jasper County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2007, 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 addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jasper County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2007, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated February 1, 2009, on our consideration of Jasper County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and 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 and 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.

Jasper 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 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 financial statements that collectively comprise Jasper 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.

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JASPER COUNTY
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Jasper County
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2007

Exhibit 1

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 2,692,122	\$ 35,700	\$ 2,727,822
Property tax receivable	6,423,774	-	6,423,774
Accounts receivable, (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$338,477)		95,468	95,468
Fines receivable, (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$966,559)	124,452		124,452
Loans Receivable	533,284		533,284
Capital leases receivable	1,180,522		1,180,522
Intergovernmental receivables	90,286		90,286
Internal balances	98,596	(98,596)	-
Capital assets, net	12,663,889	516,530	13,180,419
Total Assets	23,806,925	549,102	24,356,027
LIABILITIES			
Claims payable	665,354	25,776	691,130
Intergovernmental payables	137,189		137,189
Deferred revenue	6,571,531		6,571,531
Amounts held in custody for others	12,516		12,516
Long-term liabilities			-
Due within one year:			-
Capital related debt	2,629,293	117,244	2,746,537
Due in more than one year:			
Capital related debt	7,447,727	328,841	7,776,568
Non-capital debt	55,980	5,807	61,787
Total Liabilities	17,519,590	477,668	17,997,258
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	2,586,869	70,445	2,657,314
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	316,879		316,879
Unemployment Compensation	11,590		11,590
Public Works	-	989	989
Lease Receivable	533,284		533,284
Unrestricted	2,838,713		2,838,713
Total Net Assets	\$ 6,287,335	\$ 71,434	\$ 6,358,769

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

Jasper County
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Primary Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 3,325,605	\$ 398,301		\$ -	\$ (2,927,304)	\$ -	\$ (2,927,304)
Public safety	2,669,706	209,235	111,599	1,844	(2,347,028)	-	(2,347,028)
Public works	4,860,259	2,887,461	2,887,461		(1,972,798)	-	(1,972,798)
Health and welfare	268,141	29,064	29,064		(239,077)	-	(239,077)
Culture and recreation	29,662				(29,662)	-	(29,662)
Conversation of natural resources	35,752				(35,752)	-	(35,752)
Economic development and assistance	2,035,504			1,965,000	(70,504)	-	(70,504)
Interest on long-term debt	405,863				(405,863)	-	(405,863)
Total Governmental Activities	13,630,492	607,536	3,028,124	1,966,844	(8,027,988)	-	(8,027,988)
Business-type activities:							
Garbage and Solid Waste	639,655	409,044	-	-	-	(230,611)	(230,611)
Total Business-type Activities	639,655	409,044	-	-	-	(230,611)	(230,611)
Total Primary Government	\$ 14,270,147	\$ 1,016,580	\$ 3,028,124	\$ 1,966,844	\$ (8,027,988)	\$ (230,611)	\$ (8,258,599)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					\$ 5,558,678		\$ 5,558,678
Road & bridge privilege taxes					216,808		216,808
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					1,903,640		1,903,640
Unrestricted investment income					491,252		491,252
Gain or loss on disposal of capital assets					(985,957)		(985,957)
Miscellaneous					23,095	305,938	329,033
Total General Revenues					7,207,516	305,938	7,513,454
Changes in Net Assets					(820,472)	75,327	(745,145)
Net Assets - Beginning					7,107,807	(3,893)	7,103,914
Net Assets - Ending					\$ 6,287,335	\$ 71,434	\$ 6,358,769

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

Jasper County
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
 September 30, 2007

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Economic Development Trust Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 694,397	\$ 167,513	\$ 1,830,212	\$ 2,692,122
Property tax receivable	4,137,828		2,285,946	6,423,774
Intergovernmental receivables	90,286		-	90,286
Fines Receivable, net	124,452		-	124,452
Loans Receivable	-		533,284	533,284
Capital lease receivable	-		1,180,522	1,180,522
Due from other funds	5,208		38,262	43,470
Advances to other funds	138,399		-	138,399
Total Assets	\$ 5,190,570	\$ 167,513	\$ 5,868,226	\$ 11,226,309
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Claims payable	\$ 166,650	\$ -	\$ 498,704	\$ 665,354
Intergovernmental payables	137,189		-	137,189
Due to other funds	50,778		-	50,778
Advances from other funds	-		45,011	45,011
Deferred revenue	4,262,280		3,466,468	7,728,748
Total Liabilities	4,616,897	-	4,010,183	8,627,080
Fund balances:				
Unreserved, reported in:				
General fund	435,274			435,274
Special revenue funds		167,513	996,290	1,163,803
Reserved for:				
Debt service funds			316,879	316,879
Advances	138,399			138,399
Unemployment Compensation			11,590	11,590
Loans Receivable			533,284	533,284
Total Fund Balances	573,673	167,513	1,858,043	2,599,229
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 5,190,570	\$ 167,513	\$ 5,868,226	\$ 11,226,309

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

Jasper County
Reconciliation of Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2007

Exhibit 3-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Total fund balance - governmental funds (Exhibit 3)	\$ 2,599,229
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 of \$ 4,936,903	12,663,889
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	124,452
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current-period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(10,133,000)
Capital leases are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	1,032,765
Total net assets - governmental activities (Exhibit 1)	\$ <u>6,287,335</u>

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

Jasper County
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Exhibit 4

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Economic Development Trust Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,226,422	\$ -	\$ 2,332,256	\$ 5,558,678
Road and bridge privilege taxes	-	-	216,808	216,808
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	138,319	-	-	138,319
Fines and forfeitures	274,387	-	-	274,387
Intergovernmental revenues	1,929,249	1,965,000	2,971,386	6,865,635
Charges for services	40,020	-	162,598	202,618
Interest income	92,003	-	399,250	491,253
Miscellaneous revenues	77,331	10,000	343,442	430,773
Total Revenues	5,777,731	1,975,000	6,425,740	14,178,471
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	3,133,785	-	39,509	3,173,294
Public safety	1,857,317	-	446,834	2,304,151
Public works	-	-	8,220,718	8,220,718
Health and welfare	266,822	-	-	266,822
Culture and recreation	19,197	-	1,324	20,521
Conservation of natural resources	35,051	-	-	35,051
Economic development and assistance	-	2,004,131	31,373	2,035,504
Debt service:				
Principal	299,410	92,126	2,578,117	2,969,653
Interest	71,752	8,482	325,629	405,863
Total Expenditures	5,683,334	2,104,739	11,643,504	19,431,577
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	94,397	(129,739)	(5,217,764)	(5,253,106)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	12,359	-	1,508,382	1,520,741
Long-term Capital Debt Issued	433,298	-	1,282,452	1,715,750
Transfers in	-	191,762	1,412,835	1,604,597
Transfers out	(1,466,960)	-	(412,637)	(1,879,597)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(1,021,303)	191,762	3,791,032	2,961,491
Net Changes in Fund Balances	(926,906)	62,023	(1,426,732)	(2,291,615)
Fund Balance - Beginning	1,500,579	105,490	3,284,775	4,890,844
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ 573,673	\$ 167,513	\$ 1,858,043	\$ 2,599,229

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

Jasper County
 Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes
 in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Exhibit 4-1

	Amount
Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit 4)	\$ (2,291,615)
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 \$ 3,949,643 exceeded depreciation of \$ 1,110,559 in the current period.	2,839,084
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 of the net loss of \$ 985,957 and the proceeds from the sale of \$ 1,520,741 in the current period.	(2,506,698)
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.	18,225
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 repayments \$ 2,969,653 exceeded debt proceeds \$ 1,715,750.	1,253,903
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 the increase in compensated absences.	(6,267)
In the statement of activities, only interest income from payments received on capital leases are reported, whereas in the governmental funds, both principal and interest payments received increase financial resource. Thus, the change in net assets differs from change in fund balances by the principal collections on the capital leases.	(127,104)
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit 2)	<u>\$ (820,472)</u>

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

	<u>Business-type Activities-Enterprise Fund</u>
	Solid Waste
	Enterprise Fund
	Major
	<u>Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 35,700
Accounts receivable, net	95,468
Total Current Assets	<u>131,168</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net	516,530
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>516,530</u>
Total Assets	<u>647,698</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Claims payable	25,776
Due to other funds	5,208
Advances from other funds	93,388
Current portions of long-term capital-related debt:	
Loans Payable	2,759
Capital leases payable	114,485
Total Current Liabilities	<u>241,616</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital Debt:	
Loans Payable	11,338
Capital leases payable	317,503
Non-Capital Debt:	
Compensated absences payable	5,807
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>334,648</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	70,445
Restricted for public works	989
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 71,434</u>

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

Jasper County
 Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets - Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Exhibit 6

	<u>Business-type Activities-Enterprise</u>
	Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Major Fund
	<u>Fund</u>
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 409,044
Miscellaneous	30,938
Total Operating Revenues	<u>439,982</u>
Operating Expenses	
Personal services	326,996
Contractual services	158,491
Materials and supplies	117,217
Depreciation expense	23,942
Indirect administrative cost	5,208
Total Operating Expenses	<u>631,854</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(191,872)</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest expense	(7,801)
Transfer In	275,000
Loss on Disposal of Assets	-
Net Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>267,199</u>
Changes in Net Assets	<u>75,327</u>
Net Assets - Beginning	<u>(3,893)</u>
Net Assets Ending	<u>\$ 71,434</u>

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

Jasper County
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Exhibit 7

Business-type Activities-Enterprise Fund

Solid Waste
Enterprise Fund
Major
Fund

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 389,853
Payments to suppliers	(252,978)
Payments to employees	(326,996)
Other operating cash receipts	30,938
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(159,183)</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities	
Other receipts	275,000
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>275,000</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Proceeds of long-term debt	292,768
Principal paid on long-term debt	(87,460)
Interest paid on debt	(7,801)
Net Purchases of Assets	<u>(292,768)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related	<u>(95,261)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	20,556
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	15,144
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 35,700</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (191,872)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	23,942
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(19,191)
(Increase) decrease in Interfund receivables	9,813
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	11,473
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences liability	1,444
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables	(3,314)
Increase (decrease) in advances from other funds	8,522
Total Adjustments	<u>32,689</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (159,183)</u>

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

Jasper County
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
September 30, 2007

Exhibit 8

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 185,908
Due from other funds	12,516
Total Assets	<u>\$ 198,424</u>
LIABILITIES	
Claims payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 969
Intergovernmental payables	197,455
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 198,424</u>

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

JASPER COUNTY
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

(1) Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

Jasper 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 Jasper 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.

- Stringer Fire Protection District
- Jasper General Hospital
- Jasper 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.

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 which are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The Statement of Net Assets presents the financial condition of the governmental activities and business-type activities of the county at year-end. The Government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function or program of the county's governmental activities and business-type activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a service, program or department and therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include charges paid by the recipient of the goods or services offered by the program, 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

JASPER COUNTY
Notes to Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

the extent to which each business segment or governmental function is self-financing or draws from the general revenues of the county.

Fund Financial Statements:

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

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

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

The county's Proprietary Funds apply all applicable Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements and only the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

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

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

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.

Economic Development Trust Fund – This fund is used to account for the activities of the economic development.

The county reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

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Solid Waste Fund – This fund is used to account for the county’s activities of disposal of solid waste within the county.

Additionally, the county reports the following fund types:

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Special Revenue Funds – These funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources 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.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

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

FIDUCIARY FUND 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 (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.

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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." Noncurrent portions of interfund receivables and payables are reported as "advances to/from other funds." Advances between funds, as reported in the financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable Governmental Funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources. Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets. Any outstanding balances between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

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 applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. However, the capital assets amount reported on the accompanying Statement of Net Assets, is not fairly presented because the county did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the existence, completeness, and valuation of capital assets and records documenting the county's infrastructure. All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. The extent to which capital assets 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 cost 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. Jasper County meets this criteria and has so elected. Therefore, the major general infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, are not reported in the government-wide financial statements. Also, general infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002 are not reported on the government-wide financial statements.

Capital assets acquired or constructed for Proprietary Fund operations are capitalized at cost in the respective funds in which they are utilized. No interest is capitalized on self-constructed assets because noncapitalization of interest does not have a material effect on the county's financial statements. Donated capital assets are recorded at their fair value at the time of donation.

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

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

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

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.

In the government-wide financial statements and in the Proprietary Funds, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or Proprietary Funds Statement of Net 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, construction 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 and regulations 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.”

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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.

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.

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 in the government-wide financial statements and Proprietary Funds financial statements. In fund financial statements, Governmental Funds report the compensated absences liability payable only if the payable has matured, for example an employee resigns or retires.

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(2) Deposits

The carrying amount of the county's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2007, was \$ 2,913,730 and the bank balance was \$ 3,183,939. The collateral for public entities' deposit 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 pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the county.

(3) Interfund Transactions and Balances

The following is a summary of interfund balances at September 30, 2007:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Solid Waste	\$ 5,208
Other Governmental Funds	General	38,262
Agency Funds	General	<u>12,516</u>
Total		<u>\$ 55,986</u>

The General Fund receivable is the amount of indirect costs due from the Solid Waste Fund. The Solid Waste receivable represents the amount of user fees collected but not settled until October, 2007. All other receivables represent the tax revenue collected but not settled until October, 2007. All interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

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B. Advances to/from Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Solid Waste	\$ 138,399
General	Other Governmental Funds	<u>45,011</u>
Total		<u>\$ 183,410</u>

The General Fund receivable from the Solid Waste Fund represents the indirect costs due from solid waste. Other advances were made to resolve cash flow problems.

C. Transfers In/Out

<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Economic Development	General Fund	\$ 191,762
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	1,000,198
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	412,637
Enterprise Fund	General Fund	<u>275,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 1,879,597</u>

The principal purpose of interfund transfers was to provide funds for grant matches or to provide funds to pay for capital outlay. All interfund transfers were routine and consistent with the activities of the fund making the transfer.

(4) Intergovernmental Receivables

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2007, consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	
Legislative tax credit	<u>\$ 90,286</u>

(5) Loans Receivable

Loans receivable at September 30, 2007, consist of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Date of Loan</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>	<u>Balance Payable</u>
McNeil Cabinet Company, Inc.	06-03	3.85%	06-13	\$ 186,414
Hol-Mac Corporation	05-00	6.00%	05-10	114,024
Timber Plus	04-05	3.85%	04-14	76,452
Carleton, Inc.	12-06	5.00%	12-16	<u>156,394</u>
Total				<u>\$ 533,284</u>

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(6) Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2007:

Governmental activities

	Balance Oct. 1, 2006	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2007
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets</u>				
Land	\$ 604,591	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 604,591
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>604,591</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>604,591</u>
<u>Depreciable Capital assets:</u>				
Infrastructure – Roads	1,696,535	1,836,081		3,532,616
Buildings	5,567,152	-	-	5,567,152
Improvements other than buildings	38,167	-	-	38,167
Mobile equipment	3,225,383	256,118	647,290	2,834,211
Furniture and equipment	654,541	120,700	131,816	643,425
Leased property under capital leases	4,615,127	1,736,744	1,971,241	4,380,630
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>15,796,905</u>	<u>3,949,643</u>	<u>2,750,347</u>	<u>16,996,201</u>

	Balance Oct. 1, 2006	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2007
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Buildings	\$ 1,515,153	\$ 127,126	\$ -	\$ 1,642,279
Improvements other than buildings	27,504	1,528	-	29,032
Mobile equipment	1,353,952	568,692	57,647	1,864,997
Furniture and equipment	463,330	45,422	8,566	500,186
Leased property under capital leases	710,054	367,791	177,436	900,409
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,069,993</u>	<u>1,110,559</u>	<u>243,649</u>	<u>4,936,903</u>
Total depreciable capital Assets, net	<u>11,726,912</u>	<u>2,839,084</u>	<u>2,506,698</u>	<u>12,059,298</u>
Governmental activities capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 12,331,503</u>	<u>\$ 2,839,084</u>	<u>\$ 2,506,698</u>	<u>\$ 12,663,889</u>

Business- type activities:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2006	Additions	Deletions	Balance Sept. 30, 2007
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>				
Mobile equipment	\$ 29,483	\$ 14,768	\$ -	\$ 44,251
Leased property under Capital leases	251,213	278,000	-	529,213
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>280,696</u>	<u>292,768</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>573,464</u>

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>Oct. 1, 2006</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2007</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Mobile equipment	5,992	1,330	-	7,322
Leased property under Capital leases	<u>27,000</u>	<u>22,612</u>	-	<u>49,612</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>32,992</u>	<u>23,942</u>	-	<u>56,934</u>
 Total depreciable capital Assets, nets	 <u>247,704</u>	 <u>268,826</u>	 -	 <u>516,530</u>
 Business-type activities Capital assets, net	 <u>\$ 247,704</u>	 <u>\$ 268,826</u>	 \$ -	 <u>\$ 516,530</u>

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

	Amount
Governmental Activities	
General government	\$ 144,600
Public safety	365,615
Public works	589,184
Health	1,319
Culture and recreation	9,140
Economic Development	<u>701</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,110,559</u>
Business-type Activities:	
Solid waste	<u>\$ 23,942</u>

(7) Claims and Judgments

Risk Financing.

The county finances its exposure to risk of loss related to worker's compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Worker's Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The county pays premiums to the pool for its worker's compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers all statutory limits set by the Worker's 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, 2007 to January 1, 2008. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

(8) Capital Leases

As Lessor:

The county leases the following property with varying terms and options as of September 30, 2007:

<u>Class of Property</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Buildings	<u>\$ 1,970,026</u>

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Capital Leases-Continued

The future minimum lease receivables and the present value of the net minimum lease receivables as of September 30, 2007, are as follows:

Year Ending September 30:	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2008	\$ 132,403	27,865
2009	80,652	22,913
2010	42,351	20,723
2011	44,217	18,852
2012	46,171	16,902
2013-2017	608,591	39,096
2018-2021	<u>78,380</u>	<u>1,406</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 1,032,765</u>	 <u>\$ 147,757</u>

As Lessee:

The county is obligated for the following assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2007:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
Mobile equipment	4,141,140	529,213
Other furniture and equipment	<u>239,490</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 4,380,630	 529,213
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>900,409</u>	<u>49,612</u>
 Leased Property Under Capital Leases	 <u>\$ 3,480,221</u>	 <u>\$ 479,601</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2007:

Year Ending September 30:	<u>Government Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2008	1,887,399	151,889	114,485	14,246
2009	578,592	94,649	118,980	10,033
2010	563,973	74,030	95,151	5,577
2011	733,963	49,780	58,235	3,210
2012	260,621	29,657	45,137	719
2013-2017	<u>647,000</u>	<u>37,812</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 4,671,548</u>	 <u>\$ 437,817</u>	 <u>\$ 431,988</u>	 <u>\$ 33,785</u>

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(9) Long-term Debt

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2007, consisted of the following:

<u>Description and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>
Governmental Activities:			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
District 3 road and bridge bonds - 2002	605,000	3.40/4.375%	06/01/12
District 1 road and bridge bonds - 2004	555,000	2.80/4.00	06/01/14
District 2 road and bridge bonds - 2004	555,000	2.80/4.00	06/01/14
District 4 road and bridge bonds - 2004	445,000	2.80/4.00	06/01/14
District 5 road and bridge bonds - 2004	370,000	2.80/4.00	06/01/14
Countywide road and bridge bonds - 2004	980,000	2.80/4.00	06/01/14
Fire department bonds - 2005	1,335,000	2.92	09/30/17
Countywide road and bridge bonds - 2006	365,000	3.875	09/30/16
Total General Obligation Bonds	\$ 5,210,000		
B. Capital Leases:			
Ford F-150 Super crew	\$ 20,975	4.50	08-09-11
Oracle workgroup server	3,059	4.20	12-31-07
Crown Victoria	12,208	3.95	02-15-10
2003 Crown Victoria	33,672	3.95	07-15-09
10 Crown Victorias	211,703	4.50	08-23-11
Scanning System	96,305	3.80	10-12-11
Book Scanning	58,217	3.80	10-12-11
2004 Ford Expedition	1,537	4.50	08-23-11
Countywide force feed loader	43,578	3.30	05-24-09
Caterpillar Model 938G	84,949	4.38	07-15-08
Caterpillar Hydraulic Excavator and Shovel	72,774	3.95	02-25-08
District 1 - 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup	3,230	3.30	04-28-08
District 1 - 2004 Caterpillar tractor	23,761	3.80	08-17-09
District 1 - Case Super Loader Extindahoe	64,307	4.38	07-15-10
District 1 - 2 Kubota Tractors	41,507	3.55	10-10-10
District 1 - Alamo mower and ditcher	26,713	3.55	12-01-09
District 1 - Caterpillar Motorgrader 140H	167,846	3.70	02-16-11
District 1 - 2 Alamo Batwing Mowers	28,836	4.50	08-21-12
District 1 - Alamo Boom Mower	40,831	4.50	08-21-12
District 1 - John Deere Tractor	55,423	4.00	08-06-12
District 1 - 4000 Gallon DuraTank	38,806	4.50	08-27-12
District 1 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 1 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 2 - 2003 Mack truck	2,821	4.20	11-09-07
District 2 - 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 pickup	2,774	3.30	03-29-08
District 2 - 2004 Caterpillar tractor	46,521	3.80	08-17-09
District 2 - 2004 Caterpillar Motorgrader	132,607	3.80	03-15-08
District 2 - 2 Kubota Tractors	41,507	3.55	10-10-10
District 2 - Caterpillar Backhoe Loader	55,956	3.90	03-15-10
District 2 - 2 Kubota Diesel Tractors	30,215	3.70	03-22-09
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08

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(10) Long-term Debt – Continued

District 3 - 2004 GMC pickup	5,608	3.80	08-10-08
District 3 - Case Model 590 Super Loader/Extendahoe	64,307	4.38	07-15-10
District 3 - Kubota Tractor	10,338	3.55	10-10-10
District 3 - Caterpillar motor grader model 12H	162,565	3.65	05-15-11
District 3 - 2 Kubota Tractors	42,287	3.70	12-22-10
District 3 - Caterpillar Model D5G	74,115	3.70	03-27-11
District 3 - Caterpillar Vibratory Compactor	30,774	3.85	05-06-12
District 3 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 3 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 3 - Broom Machine	32,182	3.80	06-15-12
District 4 - 2006 Chevrolet Kodiak C7500 Truck	64,113	3.74	05-01-11
District 4 - Caterpillar motor grader model 12H	162,565	3.65	05-15-11
District 4 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
District 5 - Case tractor	1,808	3.70	01-05-08
District 5 - John Deere 6403 tractor	1,263	3.70	11-14-07
District 5 - Kubota Tractor	1,403	3.55	10-10-07
District 5 - Caterpillar Backhoe Loader	64,582	4.50	09-04-12
District 5 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	98,500	3.65	06-16-08
Jail construction	<u>1,526,000</u>	3.81	11-01-14
 Total Capital Leases	 <u>\$ 4,671,548</u>		

<u>Description and Purpose</u>	<u>Amount Outstanding</u>	<u>Interest Rates</u>	<u>Final Maturity Date</u>
C. Other Loans:			
Loan for Hol-Mac	\$ 139,095	4.00	02-01-09
Loan for Hol-Mac	3,690	4.00	04-01-09
Beat 4 office/shop	<u>52,687</u>	2.50	03-15-09
 Total Other Loans	 <u>\$ 195,472</u>		

Business-type Activities:

A - Capital Leases:			
2006 Sterling truck	72,097	3.79	04-06-10
2006 Freight liner truck	47,264	3.79	04-06-10
2006 Freight liner truck	47,264	3.79	04-06-10
2 GMC Trucks with Dump Body	<u>265,363</u>	3.80	06-15-12

Total Capital Leases \$ 431,988

B - Other Loans:			
2007 F-150	<u>\$ 14,097</u>	3.80	06-15-12

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Long-Term Debt - Continued

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
2008	620,000	192,270	121,894	5,068
2009	655,000	171,534	73,578	1,086
2010	670,000	148,523		
2011	710,000	124,066		
2012	730,000	97,391		
2013-2017	<u>1,825,000</u>	<u>155,822</u>	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 5,210,000</u>	<u>\$ 889,606</u>	<u>\$ 195,472</u>	<u>\$ 6,154</u>

Business-Type Activities:

Year Ending September 30	Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest
2008	2,759	490
2009	2,869	381
2010	2,978	270
2011	3,095	153
2012	<u>2,396</u>	<u>40</u>
Total	<u>\$ 14,097</u>	<u>\$ 1,334</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, 2007, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 5.95% of the latest property assessments.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2007:

	Balance Oct. 1, 2006	Additions	Reductions	Balance Sept. 30, 2007	Amount due within one year
Governmental Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 49,713	\$ 6,267	\$ -	\$ 55,980	\$ -
General obligation bonds	5,875,000	-	665,000	5,210,000	620,000
Capital leases	5,142,941	1,715,750	2,187,143	4,671,548	1,887,399
Other loans	<u>312,982</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>117,510</u>	<u>195,472</u>	<u>121,894</u>
Total	<u>\$ 11,380,636</u>	<u>\$ 1,722,017</u>	<u>\$ 2,969,653</u>	<u>\$ 10,133,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,629,293</u>
Business-type Activities:					
Compensated absences	\$ 4,363	\$ 1,444	\$ -	\$ 5,807	\$ -
Capital leases	240,777	278,000	86,789	431,988	114,485
Other Loans	<u>-</u>	<u>14,768</u>	<u>671</u>	<u>14,097</u>	<u>2,759</u>
Total	<u>\$ 245,140</u>	<u>\$ 294,212</u>	<u>\$ 87,460</u>	<u>\$ 451,892</u>	<u>\$ 117,244</u>

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(10) Commitments and 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.

(11) Joint Ventures

The county participates in the following joint venture:

Jasper County is a participant with Clarke County in a joint venture authorized by Section 39-3-11, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the East Mississippi Regional Library System (Regional Library). The joint venture was created to provide free public library service to citizens of the respective counties, and is governed by a five-member board. The two counties rotate board appointments so that each county has a majority of board members in alternate years. Each county is obligated by contract to levy not less than one-half mill tax as provided by Section 39-3-35, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), for the ongoing financial support of the joint venture. Complete financial statements for the Regional Library can be obtained from the East Mississippi Regional Library, Quitman, Mississippi.

(12) Jointly Governed Organizations

The county participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Mid-Mississippi Development District operates in a district composed of the Counties of Clarke, Jasper, Lauderdale, Newton, Scott, and Smith. The district was organized to foster, encourage, and facilitate economic development in the member counties. The district's board of trustees is composed of 30 members, five each from the six member counties. The county appropriated a modest amount for support of the district.

East Central Mississippi Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the Counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith. The Jasper County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 15 members of the board of directors. The county appropriated \$14,434 for the support of the district in fiscal year 2007.

Jones County Junior College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Clarke, Covington, Greene, Jasper, Jones, Perry, Smith, and Wayne. The Jasper County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 20 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated \$213,483 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2007.

Multi-County Community Service Agency operates in a district composed of the Counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Newton, and Wayne. The entity was created to administer programs conducted by community action agencies, limited purpose agencies, and related programs authorized by federal law. The Jasper County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 24 members of the board of directors. Most of the

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funding for the entity is derived from federal funds. The county pays a modest amount of the agency's monthly bills.

Region Ten Mental Health-Mental Retardation Commission operates in a district composed of the Counties of Clarke, Jasper, Kemper, Lauderdale, Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott, and Smith. The Jasper County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the nine members of the board of commissioners. The county appropriated \$25,618 for support of the commission in fiscal year 2007.

(13) Defined Benefit Pension Plan

Plan Description. Jasper 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 current rate is 11.85% 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, 2007, 2006, and 2005, were \$368,849, \$332,502 and \$286,762, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(14) Subsequent Events

Subsequent to September 30, 2007, the county issued the following bonds:

1. General Obligation Series 2008 Road and Bridge District 3 for \$775,000 on 7/21/08. The series 2002 \$1,100,000 bonds were refunded.
2. General Obligation Series 2008 Road and Bridge District 5 for \$1,000,000 on 7/21/08. The series 2004 \$500,000 bonds were refunded.
3. General Obligation Series 2008 Road and Bridge District 1 for \$1,020,000 on 7/21/08. The series 2004 \$750,000 bonds were refunded.
4. General Obligation Series 2008 Road and Bridge District 2 for \$1,370,000 on 7/21/08. The series 2006 \$400,000 bonds were refunded.

On August 31 2007, the county entered into an operating lease with Holmac Corporation for a building. The county will receive a \$55,000 annual rent payment beginning on January 1, 2009 for a period of five years.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

JASPER COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 General Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,466,705	\$ 3,343,328	\$ 3,343,328	\$ -
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	146,350	170,628	170,628	-
Fines and forfeitures	432,750	214,688	214,688	-
Intergovernmental revenues	646,350	2,002,805	1,987,334	(15,471)
Charges for services	35,000	40,020	40,020	-
Interest income	73,460	29,124	29,124	-
Miscellaneous revenues	75,000	156,078	156,078	-
Total Revenues	<u>4,875,615</u>	<u>5,956,671</u>	<u>5,941,200</u>	<u>(15,471)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	3,339,058	2,970,671	2,970,671	-
Public safety	1,993,279	1,631,402	1,631,402	-
Health and welfare	377,826	257,896	257,896	-
Culture and recreation	46,683	19,197	19,197	-
Conservation of natural resources	35,858	34,856	34,856	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	263,233	263,233	-
Interest	-	71,567	71,567	-
Total Expenditures	<u>5,792,704</u>	<u>5,248,822</u>	<u>5,248,822</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(917,089)</u>	<u>707,849</u>	<u>692,378</u>	<u>(15,471)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Long-term capital debt issued				
Transfers in		2,005,000	2,005,000	-
Transfers out	(1,001,988)	(3,471,960)	(3,471,960)	-
Other financing sources		12,359	12,359	-
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>(1,001,988)</u>	<u>(1,454,601)</u>	<u>(1,454,601)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,919,077)	(746,752)	(762,223)	(15,471)
Fund Balances - Beginning	(1,365,159)	1,291,277	1,264,744	-
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ (3,284,236)</u>	<u>\$ 544,525</u>	<u>\$ 502,521</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

JASPER COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 Economic Development Trust Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Road and Bridge Privilege Tax	-	-	-	
Intergovernmental Revenue	-	-	1,965,000	1,965,000
Interest Income	41,765	63,115	63,115	-
Miscellaneous Revenues	-	10,000	10,000	-
Total Revenues	<u>41,765</u>	<u>73,115</u>	<u>2,038,115</u>	<u>1,965,000</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Economic Development	249,629	103,759	103,759	-
Total Expenditures	<u>249,629</u>	<u>103,759</u>	<u>103,759</u>	<u>-</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(207,864)</u>	<u>(30,644)</u>	<u>1,934,356</u>	<u>1,965,000</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from long-term debt	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	189,817	75,000	75,000	-
Transfers out	(150,000)	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>39,817</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>75,000</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(168,047)	44,356	2,009,356	1,965,000
Fund Balances - Beginning				-
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ (168,047)</u>	<u>\$ 44,356</u>	<u>\$ 2,009,356</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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

JASPER COUNTY
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

B. 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.

C. 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. The Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) is a part of required supplemental information.

D. 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:

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Economic Development Trust Fund</u>
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ (762,223)	2,009,356
Increase (Decrease)		
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	268,887	52,667
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>(433,570)</u>	<u>(2,000,000)</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ (926,906)</u>	<u>\$ 62,023</u>

JASPER COUNTY
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Federal Grantor/ Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-through Number	Federal Expenditures
MAJOR FEDERAL AWARDS			
U.S. Department of Housing and Community Development Passed through Mississippi Development Authority-Community Development Block Grant	14.218	1123-06-031-EO-01	\$ <u>1,000,000</u>
Total Expenditures of Major Federal Awards			<u>1,000,000</u>
OTHER FEDERAL AWARDS			
U.S. Department of Transportation-Federal Highway Administration Passed through Mississippi Department of Transportation Highway Planning and Construction	20.205		111,116
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Passed through Mississippi Emergency Management Agency-Public Assistance Grant	97.036	1604 DR MS	424,867
US Department of Homeland Security Passed through Mississippi Department of Public Safety-Homeland Security Grant	97.067	05HS031 04H5031 05LE031 06LE031	<u>59,929</u>
Total Expenditures of Other Federal Awards			<u>595,912</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 1,595,912</u>

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURE OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note A – Significant Accounting Policies

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

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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*

February 1, 2009

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jasper County, Mississippi

We have audited the primary government financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the business-type activities, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Jasper County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 1, 2009. The report includes an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component units due to the omission of the discretely presented units which are required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be reported with the financial data of the county's primary government unless the county also issues financial statements for the reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The report is qualified on the governmental activities because the county did not record certain general infrastructure assets and related depreciation in the government wide financial statements as required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Jasper County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Jasper County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the county's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the county's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the county's internal control. However, of the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we consider items 07-01, 07-02, 07-03, 07-04, and 07-05 to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the county's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above, we consider items 07-01, 07-04, and 07-05 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Jasper 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*.

Jasper County's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit Jasper County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, federal award 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

February 1, 2009

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jasper County, Mississippi

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Jasper 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, 2007. Jasper 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 Jasper 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 the 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 Jasper 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 Jasper County, Mississippi's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion Jasper 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, 2007.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Jasper 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 Jasper 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, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control over compliance.

A control deficiency in a county's internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the county's ability to administer a federal program such that there is more than a remote likelihood that noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the county's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

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))

February 1, 2009

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jasper County, Mississippi

We have made a study and evaluation of the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Jasper County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2007. 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 Jasper 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 Jasper 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.

The county did not maintain adequate subsidiary records documenting the infrastructure in capital assets.

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 a certain instance of noncompliance with the aforementioned code sections. This instance of noncompliance was considered in forming our opinion on compliance. Our finding and recommendation and your response are disclosed below:

Inventory Control Clerk.

Finding

Section 31-7-107, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), requires the Inventory Control Clerk to maintain an inventory system. Infrastructure constructed during the current fiscal year was not added to the capital asset inventory. The listing for leased property under capital leases is not complete.

Recommendation

The Inventory Control Clerk should maintain accurate inventory records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets including current infrastructure and leased property under capital leases. Documentation of the infrastructure assets should be obtained from the County Engineer.

Inventory Control Clerk's Response

Infrastructure information will be collected and entered on the inventory and capital leases will be entered correctly.

In our opinion, except as explained in the third paragraph and except for the noncompliance referred to in the preceding paragraph, Jasper 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 Jasper 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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JASPER COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Not Made From the Lowest Bidder
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Schedule 1

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

JASPER COUNTY
Schedule of Emergency Purchases
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Schedule 2

Our test results did not identify any emergency purchases.

JASPER COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Schedule 3

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

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

February 1, 2009

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Jasper County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Jasper County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2007, we considered Jasper 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 Jasper 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 date February 1, 2009, on the financial statement of Jasper 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 on 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 is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this party. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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**JASPER COUNTY
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

JASPER COUNTY
 Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2007

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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

Governmental Activities	Qualified
Business-type activities	Unqualified
General Fund	Unqualified
Economic Development Trust Fund	Unqualified
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unqualified
Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units	Adverse

2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - a. Material weakness identified? Yes
 - b. A significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be a material weakness? Yes

3. Noncompliance material to the primary government financial statements? No

Federal Awards:

1. Internal control over major programs:
 - a. Material weakness(es) identified? No
 - b. Reportable condition identified that is not considered to be a material weakness? None Reported

2. Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unqualified
 - Any audit finding(s) reported as required by Section ___ .510(a) of Circular A-133? No

3. Federal programs identified as major programs:
 - a. Public Assistance Grant, 97.036

4. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B program: \$300,000

5. Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? No

6. Prior fiscal year audit finding(s) 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

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

07-1. Inventory Control Clerk.
Finding

Significant Deficiency-Material Weakness

We noted deficiencies in the policies and procedures of the internal control structure of capital assets. Infrastructure constructed during the current fiscal year was not added to the capital asset inventory. The listing for leased property under capital leases is not complete.

Effect

Failure to have adequate inventory controls in place could result in a loss or misappropriation of assets.

Recommendation

The Inventory Control Clerk should maintain accurate inventory records documenting the existence, completeness and valuation of capital assets including current infrastructure and leased property under capital leases. Documentation of the infrastructure assets should be obtained from the County Engineer.

Inventory Control Clerk's Response

Infrastructure information will be collected and entered on the inventory and capital leases will be entered correctly.

07-2. Board of Supervisors
Finding

Significant Deficiency

The Board of Supervisors does not have a fraud prevention policy in place for employees.

Effect

Failure to have an adequate fraud prevention policy could result in the occurrence of fraud.

Recommendation

We recommend that the Board of Supervisors develop a written fraud prevention policy and incorporate this into its employee handbook.

Response

The Board of Supervisors has discussed the need for a Fraud Prevention Policy and has determined that there is a need. We will attempt to revise our Personnel Policy and Drug Policy and add a Fraud Prevention Policy.

07-3 Tax Collector
Finding

Significant Deficiency

The tax collector did not make timely deposits for the District 1-Paulding Office.

Effect

Failure to deposit funds in a timely manner could result in a misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation

We recommended that the tax collector reconcile daily deposits by date to the bank statements.

Response

The failure was addressed and will not occur in the future. However, the failure to make timely deposits was done with full disclosure for the sole purpose of making necessary changes, and was locked securely in the vault each day.

Board of Supervisors

07-4 Finding

Significant Deficiency-Material Weakness

A critical aspect of effective financial management is the maintenance of accurate accounting records. Management does not have personnel that possess the necessary qualifications and training to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Due to the fact that county personnel lacked the skills and knowledge to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording the entity's financial transactions and preparing its financial statements, the auditor was relied on to perform these tasks. Without adequate controls in place over the recording and reporting of financial records, the risk increases that inaccurate information may be reported and increases the possibility of the loss or misappropriation of public funds.

Recommendation

The Board of Supervisors should establish adequate controls and procedures to ensure that financial transactions are recorded, presented and disclosed in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

07-5 Finding

Significant Deficiency-Material Weakness

Generally accepting accounting principles require the financial data for the county's component units to be reported with the financial data of the county's primary government unless the county also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The financial statements do not include the financial data for the county's legally separate component units. The failure to properly follow generally accepted accounting principles resulted in an adverse opinion on the discretely presented component units.

Recommendation

The Board of Supervisors should provide the financial data for its discretely presented component units for the inclusion in the county's financial statements.

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.