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JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
Audited Financial Statements and Special Reports
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

JASPER COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

June 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, 2008, 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, 2008, 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, 2008, 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, 2008, 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 June 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.

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JASPER COUNTY
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Jasper County
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2008**

Exhibit 1

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 4,635,405	\$ 92,459	\$ 4,727,864
Property tax receivable	7,422,152	-	7,422,152
Accounts receivable, (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$417,951)	-	179,121	179,121
Fines receivable, (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$1,024,279)	131,618	-	131,618
Loans Receivable	415,215	-	415,215
Capital leases receivable	1,020,254	-	1,020,254
Intergovernmental receivables	97,791	-	97,791
Internal balances	79,617	(92,412)	(12,795)
Capital assets, net	12,456,757	214,588	12,671,345
Total Assets	26,258,809	393,756	26,652,565
LIABILITIES			
Claims payable	1,171,940	31,348	1,203,288
Intergovernmental payables	147,048	-	147,048
Deferred revenue	7,542,044	-	7,542,044
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year:			
Capital related debt	1,876,392	67,869	1,944,261
Due in more than one year:			
Capital related debt	9,876,872	47,553	9,924,425
Non-capital debt	57,865	6,176	64,041
Total Liabilities	20,672,161	152,946	20,825,107
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	703,493	99,166	802,659
Restricted for:			
Debt Service	24,802	-	24,802
Public Works	-	141,644	141,644
Loans Receivable	415,215	-	415,215
Unrestricted	4,443,138	-	4,443,138
Total Net Assets	\$ 5,586,648	\$ 240,810	\$ 5,827,458

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

Jasper County
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

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 Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
Primary government:								
Governmental activities:								
General government	\$ 3,158,341	\$ 380,729	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,777,612)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (2,777,612)
Public safety	2,338,069	183,501	142,575	-	(2,011,993)	-	-	(2,011,993)
Public works	5,948,296	-	2,866,414	-	(3,081,882)	-	-	(3,081,882)
Health and welfare	239,493	-	29,364	-	(210,129)	-	-	(210,129)
Culture and recreation	22,919	-	-	-	(22,919)	-	-	(22,919)
Conservation of natural resources	47,237	-	-	-	(47,237)	-	-	(47,237)
Economic development and assistance	102,216	-	-	-	(102,216)	-	-	(102,216)
Interest on long-term debt	448,511	-	-	-	(448,511)	-	-	(448,511)
Total Governmental Activities	12,305,082	564,230	3,038,353	-	(8,702,499)	-	-	(8,702,499)
Business-type activities:								
Garbage and Solid Waste	805,742	690,304	-	-	-	(115,438)	-	(115,438)
Total Business-type Activities	805,742	690,304	-	-	-	(115,438)	-	(115,438)
Total Primary Government	\$ 13,110,824	\$ 1,254,534	\$ 3,038,353	\$ -	\$ (8,702,499)	\$ (115,438)	\$ -	\$ (8,817,937)
General revenues:								
Taxes:								
Property taxes					\$ 5,976,479	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,976,479
Road & bridge privilege taxes					214,605	-	-	214,605
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					2,263,073	-	-	2,263,073
Unrestricted investment income					301,602	-	-	301,602
Gain or loss on disposal of capital assets					(935,837)	-	-	(935,837)
Miscellaneous					181,890	284,814	-	466,704
Total General Revenues					8,001,812	284,814	-	8,286,626
Changes in Net Assets					(700,687)	169,376	-	(531,311)
Net Assets - Beginning					6,287,335	71,434	-	6,358,769
Net Assets - Ending					\$ 5,586,648	\$ 240,810	\$ -	\$ 5,827,458

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

Jasper County
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 3

	<u>Major Funds</u>		Total Governmental Funds
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 690,481	\$ 3,944,924	\$ 4,635,405
Property tax receivable	4,734,075	2,688,076	7,422,151
Intergovernmental receivables	97,792	-	97,792
Fines Receivable, net	131,618	-	131,618
Loans Receivable	-	415,215	415,215
Capital lease receivable	-	1,020,254	1,020,254
Due from other funds	7,893	39,162	47,055
Advances to other funds	143,607	-	143,607
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,805,466</u>	<u>\$ 8,107,631</u>	<u>\$ 13,913,097</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Claims payable	\$ 229,003	\$ 942,938	\$ 1,171,941
Intergovernmental payables	147,048	-	147,048
Due to other funds	66,034	-	66,034
Advances from other funds	-	45,011	45,011
Deferred revenue	4,865,693	3,708,330	8,574,023
Total Liabilities	<u>5,307,778</u>	<u>4,696,279</u>	<u>10,004,057</u>
Fund balances:			
Unreserved, reported in:			
General fund	354,081	-	354,081
Special revenue funds	-	2,971,335	2,971,335
Reserved for:			
Debt service funds	-	24,802	24,802
Advances	143,607	-	143,607
Loans Receivable	-	415,215	415,215
Total Fund Balances	<u>497,688</u>	<u>3,411,352</u>	<u>3,909,040</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 5,805,466</u>	<u>\$ 8,107,631</u>	<u>\$ 13,913,097</u>

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, 2008

Exhibit 3-1

	<u>Amount</u>
Total fund balance - governmental funds (Exhibit 3)	\$ 3,909,040
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 \$ 5,371,541	12,456,757
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and therefore are deferred in the funds.	131,618
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current-period and therefore are not reported in the funds.	(11,811,129)
Capital leases are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	900,362
Total net assets - governmental activities (Exhibit 1)	\$ <u>5,586,648</u>

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	<u>Major Funds</u>		
	General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES			
Property taxes	\$ 3,604,672	\$ 2,371,807	\$ 5,976,479
Road and bridge privilege taxes	-	214,605	214,605
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	197,100	-	197,100
Fines and forfeitures	226,478	14,959	241,437
Intergovernmental revenues	2,316,354	3,079,543	5,395,897
Charges for services	37,560	171,640	209,200
Interest income	80,194	221,408	301,602
Miscellaneous revenues	124,411	205,515	329,926
Total Revenues	<u>6,586,769</u>	<u>6,279,477</u>	<u>12,866,246</u>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	3,037,501	48,473	3,085,974
Public safety	1,757,786	386,992	2,144,778
Public works	-	7,319,133	7,319,133
Health and welfare	238,174	-	238,174
Culture and recreation	14,978	5,348	20,326
Conservation of natural resources	46,536	-	46,536
Economic development and assistance	-	102,216	102,216
Debt service:			
Principal	289,653	3,935,752	4,225,405
Interest	67,297	381,214	448,511
Total Expenditures	<u>5,451,925</u>	<u>12,179,128</u>	<u>17,631,053</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>1,134,844</u>	<u>(5,899,651)</u>	<u>(4,764,807)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from Sale of Assets	29,558	609,551	639,109
Long-term Capital Debt Issued	-	5,636,286	5,636,286
Transfers in	1,497,585	3,906,011	5,403,596
Transfers out	(2,737,972)	(2,866,401)	(5,604,373)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>(1,210,829)</u>	<u>7,285,447</u>	<u>6,074,618</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	<u>(75,985)</u>	<u>1,385,796</u>	<u>1,309,811</u>
Fund Balance - Beginning	<u>573,673</u>	<u>2,025,556</u>	<u>2,599,229</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 497,688</u>	<u>\$ 3,411,352</u>	<u>\$ 3,909,040</u>

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, 2008

Exhibit 4-1

	Amount
Net changes in fund balances - total governmental funds (Exhibit 4)	\$ 1,309,811
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 \$2,233,467 exceeded depreciation of \$ 1,131,016 in the current period.	1,102,451
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 \$ 935,837 and the proceeds from the sale of \$ 639,109 in the current period.	(1,574,946)
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.	7,166
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net assets. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that debt proceeds \$ 5,636,286 exceeded debt repayments \$ 4,225,405.	(1,410,881)
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.	(1,885)
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.	(132,403)
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Exhibit 2)	\$ (700,687)

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

Jasper County
Statement of Net Assets - Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 5

	<u>Business-type Activities-Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Solid Waste</u>
	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>
	<u>Major</u>
	<u>Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash	\$ 92,459
Accounts receivable, net	179,121
Due from Other Funds	14,077
Total Current Assets	<u>285,657</u>
Noncurrent assets:	
Capital assets, net	214,588
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>214,588</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 500,245</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Claims payable	31,348
Due to other funds	7,893
Advances from other funds	98,596
Current portions of long-term capital-related debt:	
Loans Payable	2,868
Capital leases payable	65,001
Total Current Liabilities	<u>205,706</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Capital Debt:	
Loans Payable	8,469
Capital leases payable	39,084
Non-Capital Debt:	
Compensated absences payable	6,176
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>53,729</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	99,166
Restricted for public works	141,644
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 240,810</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, 2008

	<u>Business-type Activities-Enterpris</u>
	<u>Solid Waste Enterprise Fund Major Fund</u>
Operating Revenues	
Charges for services	\$ 690,304
Miscellaneous	84,037
Total Operating Revenues	774,341
Operating Expenses	
Personal services	378,123
Contractual services	151,752
Materials and supplies	238,222
Depreciation expense	23,942
Indirect administrative cost	7,893
Total Operating Expenses	799,932
Operating Income (Loss)	(25,591)
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	
Interest expense	(5,810)
Transfer In	205,000
Transfer Out	(4,223)
Net Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	194,967
Changes in Net Assets	169,376
Net Assets - Beginning	71,434
Net Assets Ending	\$ 240,810

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, 2008

Exhibit 7

Business-type Activities-Enterprise Fund

Solid Waste
Enterprise Fund
Major
Fund

Cash Flows From Operating Activities	
Receipts from customers	\$ 606,651
Payments to suppliers	(385,473)
Payments to employees	(378,123)
Other operating cash receipts	84,037
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>(72,908)</u>
Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities	
Other receipts	200,777
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	<u>200,777</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Proceeds from sale of assets	265,363
Principal paid on long-term debt	(330,663)
Interest paid on debt	(5,810)
Net Purchases of Assets	-
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related	<u>(71,110)</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	56,759
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	35,700
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	<u>\$ 92,459</u>
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities:	
Operating income (loss)	\$ (25,591)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:	
Depreciation expense	23,942
Gain on sale of asset	12,637
Changes in assets and liabilities:	
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(83,653)
(Increase) decrease in Interfund receivables	(14,077)
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	5,572
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences liability	369
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables	2,685
Increase (decrease) in advances from other funds	5,208
Total Adjustments	<u>(47,317)</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	<u>\$ (72,908)</u>

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

Jasper County
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 8

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 212,028
Intergovernmental Receivables	1,149,754
Due from other funds	12,795
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1,374,577</u>
LIABILITIES	
Claims payable and other accrued liabilities	\$ 5,713
Intergovernmental payables	1,368,864
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 1,374,577</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, 2008

(I) 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, 2008

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.

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, 2008, was \$ 4,939,892 and the bank balance was \$5,155,068. 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, 2008:

A. Due From/To Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General	Solid Waste	\$ 7,893
Other Governmental Funds	General	39,162
Agency Funds	General	12,795
Solid Waste	General	<u>14,077</u>
Total		<u>\$ 73,927</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, 2008. All other receivables represent the tax revenue collected but not settled until October, 2008. 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	\$ 98,596
General	Other Governmental Funds	<u>45,011</u>
Total		<u>\$ 143,607</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>
General	Other Fund	\$ 1,493,362
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	2,532,972
Other Governmental Funds	Other Governmental Funds	1,368,816
Enterprise Fund	General Fund	205,000
General Fund	Enterprise Fund	<u>4,223</u>
Total		<u>\$ 5,604,373</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, 2008, consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>	
Legislative tax credit	\$ 97,791
(5) <u>Loans Receivable</u>	

Loans receivable at September 30, 2008, 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	\$ 156,881
Hol-Mac Corporation	05-00	6.00%	05-10	73,969
Timber Plus	04-05	3.85%	04-14	66,048
Carleton, Inc.	12-06	5.00%	12-16	<u>118,317</u>
Total				<u>\$ 415,215</u>

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(6) Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets activity for the year ended September 30, 2008:

Governmental activities

	Balance Oct. 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments	Balance Sept. 30, 2008
<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>-</u>	<u>604,591</u>
<u>Depreciable Capital assets:</u>					
Infrastructure – Roads	3,532,616	498,750	-	-	4,031,366
Buildings	5,567,152	-	999,999	-	4,567,153
Improvements other than buildings	38,167	-	-	-	38,167
Mobile equipment	2,834,211	125,227	447,794	-	2,511,644
Furniture and equipment	643,425	18,619	-	-	662,044
Leased property under capital leases	4,380,630	1,590,871	836,168	278,000	5,413,333
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>16,996,201</u>	<u>2,233,467</u>	<u>2,283,961</u>	<u>278,000</u>	<u>17,223,707</u>
	Balance Oct. 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments	Balance Sept. 30, 2008
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	\$ 1,642,279	\$ 107,125	\$ 60,003	\$ -	\$ 1,689,401
Improvements other than buildings	29,032	1,502	-	-	30,534
Mobile equipment	1,864,997	514,989	344,926	-	2,035,060
Furniture and equipment	500,186	37,895	-	-	538,081
Leased property under capital leases	900,409	469,505	291,449	-	1,078,465
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>4,936,903</u>	<u>1,131,016</u>	<u>696,378</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,371,541</u>
Total depreciable capital Assets, net	<u>12,059,298</u>	<u>1,102,451</u>	<u>1,587,583</u>	<u>278,000</u>	<u>11,852,166</u>
Governmental activities capital Assets, net	<u>\$ 12,663,889</u>	<u>\$ 1,102,451</u>	<u>\$ 1,587,583</u>	<u>\$ 278,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,456,757</u>
<u>Business- type activities:</u>					
	Balance Oct. 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments	Balance Sept. 30, 2008
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Mobile equipment	\$ 44,251	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 44,251
Leased property under Capital leases	529,213	-	-	(278,000)	251,213
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>573,464</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(278,000)</u>	<u>295,464</u>

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	<u>Balance</u> <u>Oct. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2008</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>				
Mobile equipment	7,322	-	-	7,322
Leased property under				
Capital leases	49,612	23,942	-	73,554
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>56,934</u>	<u>23,942</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>80,876</u>
 Total depreciable capital				
Assets, net	<u>516,530</u>	<u>(23,942)</u>	<u>278,000</u>	<u>214,588</u>
 Business-type activities				
Capital assets, net	<u>\$ 516,530</u>	<u>\$ (23,942)</u>	<u>\$ 278,000</u>	<u>\$ 214,588</u>

The adjustment represents the transfer of two trucks from the enterprise fund to governmental funds

Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

	Amount
Governmental Activities	
General government	\$ 70,483
Public safety	193,291
Public works	862,630
Health	1,319
Culture and recreation	2,592
Economic Development	<u>701</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,131,016</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) Operating Lease

As Lessor:

The county receives income from property it leases under a non cancelable operating lease. Total income from the lease was \$0 for the year ended September 30, 2008. The future minimum lease receivable for the lease is as follows:

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Operating Lease - Continued

<u>Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$55,000
2010	55,000
2011	55,000
2012	55,000
2013	<u>55,000</u>
Total Minimum Payments Required	<u>\$275,000</u>

(9) Capital Leases

As Lessor:

The county leases the following property with varying terms and options as of September 30, 2008:

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

The future minimum lease receivables and the present value of the net minimum lease receivables as of September 30, 2008, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending September 30:</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2009	\$ 80,652	\$ 22,913
2010	42,351	20,723
2011	44,217	18,852
2012	46,171	16,902
2013	48,211	14,861
2014-2018	624,243	25,501
2019-2023	<u>14,517</u>	<u>140</u>
Total	<u>\$ 900,362</u>	<u>\$ 119,892</u>

As Lessee:

The county is obligated for the following assets acquired through capital leases as of September 30, 2008:

<u>Classes of Property</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
Mobile equipment	\$ 5,614,279	\$ 251,213
Other furniture and equipment	<u>239,490</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	5,853,769	251,213
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>1,078,465</u>	<u>73,554</u>
Leased Property Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ 4,775,304</u>	<u>\$ 177,659</u>

The following is a schedule by years of the total payments due as of September 30, 2008:

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Capital Leases - Continued

Year Ending September 30:	Government Activities		Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 1,132,815	\$ 170,319	\$ 65,001	\$ 2,859
2010	1,175,871	127,359	39,084	501
2011	1,229,654	81,832		
2012	760,151	42,412		
2013	304,196	21,833		
2014-2018	442,000	17,068		
Total	\$ 5,044,687	\$460,823	\$ 104,085	\$ 3,360

(10) Long-term Debt

Debt outstanding as of September 30, 2008, consisted of the following:

Description and Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Interest Rates	Final Maturity Date
Governmental Activities:			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
District 3 road and bridge bonds - 2008	\$ 775,000	3.70%	06-01-18
District 1 road and bridge bonds - 2008	1,020,000	3.70	06-01-18
District 2 road and bridge bonds - 2008	1,370,000	3.70	06-01-18
District 4 road and bridge bonds - 2004	390,000	2.80/4.00	06-01-14
District 5 road and bridge bonds - 2008	1,000,000	3.875	09-30-20
Countywide road and bridge bonds - 2004	855,000	2.80/4.00	06-01-14
Fire department bonds - 2005	1,225,000	2.92	09-30-17
Total General Obligation Bonds	\$ 6,635,000		
B. Capital Leases:			
Ford F-150 Super crew	\$ 15,967	4.50	08-09-11
Crown Victoria	7,297	3.95	02-15-10
5 2003 Crown Victorias	15,612	3.95	07-15-09
10 Crown Victorias	161,157	4.50	08-23-11
Scanning System	74,106	3.80	10-12-11
Book Scanning	45,892	3.80	10-12-11
Countywide force feed loader	17,722	3.30	05-24-09
2008 Chevrolet Truck Express	17,132	4.00	02-07-11
Caterpillar Excavator	99,227	4.00	02-10-11
Broce Broom	20,150	3.65	03-25-11
District 1 - Caterpillar tractor	134,405	4.25	01-17-13
District 1 - Case Super Loader Extendahoe	54,730	4.38	07-15-10
District 1 - 2 Kubota Tractors	28,549	3.55	10-10-10
District 1 - Alamo mower and ditcher	15,134	3.55	12-01-09
District 1 - Caterpillar Motorgrader 140H	152,012	3.70	02-16-11
District 1 - 2 Alamo Batwing Mowers	23,477	4.50	08-21-12
District 1 - Alamo Boom Mower	33,244	4.50	08-21-12
District 1 - John Deere Tractor	45,018	4.00	08-06-12
District 1 - 4000 Gallon DuraTank	31,595	4.50	08-27-12
District 1 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12

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(10) Long-term Debt – Continued

District 1 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 1 - 2 GMC Trucks Dump Body	106,709	3.80	06-15-12
District 1 - Kubota tractor	38,446	3.80	08-01-12
District 2 - Caterpillar tractor	134,405	4.25	01-17-13
District 2 - 140 M Motograder	187,441	4.25	02-10-13
District 2 - 2 Kubota Tractors	28,549	3.55	10-10-10
District 2 - Caterpillar Backhoe Loader	33,439	3.90	03-15-10
District 2 - 2 Kubota Diesel Tractors	10,262	3.70	03-22-09
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 2 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 3 - Case Model 590 Super Loader/Extendahoe	54,730	4.38	07-15-10
District 3 - Kubota Tractor	810	3.55	10-10-10
District 3 - Caterpillar motor grader	190,110	3.65	03-25-13
District 3 - 2 Kubota Tractors	30,768	3.70	12-22-10
District 3 - Caterpillar Model D5G	53,926	3.70	03-27-11
District 3 - Caterpillar Vibratory Compactor	24,638	3.85	05-06-12
District 3 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 3 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 3 - Broom Machine	25,874	3.80	06-15-12
District 4 - 2006 Chevrolet Kodiak C7500 Truck	47,494	3.74	05-01-11
District 4 - Caterpillar motor grader model 12H	148,912	3.65	05-15-11
District 4 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-16-08
District 4 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 4 - GMC Truck with Dump Body	106,709	3.80	06-15-12
District 4 - Caterpillar Backhoe Loader	75,868	4.25	11-30-12
District 5 - Caterpillar Backhoe Loader	52,804	4.50	09-04-12
District 5 - 2007 Mack Truck with 16' Ox Dump Body	92,768	3.65	06-23-12
District 5 - Caterpillar motor grader	166,527	3.65	03-25-13
District 5 - 2008 Ford F-250	16,603	4.00	12-10-11
District 5 - Kubota Tractor	29,099	4.50	10-22-11
District 5 - Kubota Tractor	29,123	4.00	10-25-11
District 5 - 2008 Ford F-150	22,074	4.00	02-07-12
District 5 - 2009 Ford F-650	49,493	3.75	08-25-13
Jail construction	<u>1,367,000</u>	3.81	11-01-14
 Total Capital Leases	 <u>\$ 5,044,687</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	\$ 45,543	4.00	02-01-09
Loan for Hol-Mac	1,364	4.00	04-01-09
Beat 4 office/shop	<u>26,670</u>	2.50	03-15-09
 Total Other Loans	 <u>\$ 73,577</u>		

Business-type Activities:

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Long-Term Debt - Continued

A - Capital Leases:			
2006 Sterling truck	45,036	3.79	04-06-10
2006 Freight liner truck	29,524	3.79	04-06-10
2006 Freight liner truck	<u>29,525</u>	3.79	04-06-10

Total Capital Leases \$ 104,085

B - Other Loans:			
2007 F-150	<u>11,337</u>	3.80	06-15-12

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
2009	\$ 670,000	\$ 217,302	\$ 73,577	\$ 1,086
2010	665,000	222,302	-	-
2011	685,000	198,130	-	-
2012	710,000	172,810	-	-
2013	735,000	146,459	-	-
2014-2018	2,970,000	351,103	-	-
2019-2023	<u>200,000</u>	<u>11,625</u>	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 6,635,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,319,731</u>	<u>\$ 73,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,086</u>

Business-Type Activities:

Year Ending September 30	Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 2,868	\$ 381
2010	2,978	270
2011	3,095	153
2012	2,396	40
2013	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 11,337</u>	<u>\$ 844</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, 2008, the amount of outstanding debt was equal to 5.55% of the latest property assessments.

Advance Refunding- On July 21, 2008, the county issued \$4,165,000 in general obligation refunding bonds with interest rates of 3.70 to 3.875% to advance refund \$1,895,000 of the following outstanding bond issues:

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Long-Term Debt - Continued

<u>Issue</u>	<u>Average Interest Rate</u>	<u>Outstanding Amount Refunded</u>
District 3 Road and Bridge Bonds, Series 2002	3.89%	\$605,000
District 5 Road and Bridge Bonds, Series 2004	3.40%	370,000
District 1 Road and Bridge Bonds, Series 2004	3.40%	555,000
District 2 Road and Bridge Bonds, Series 2006	3.875%	365,000

The county advance refunded the above bonds to provide additional funds for current road and bridge projects.

The following is a summary of changes in long-term liabilities and obligations for the year ended September 30, 2008:

	<u>Balance Oct. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Adjustments</u>	<u>Balance Sept. 30, 2008</u>	<u>Amount due within one year</u>
Governmental Activities:						
Compensated absences	\$ 55,980	\$ 1,885	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 57,865	\$ -
General obligation bonds	5,210,000	4,165,000	2,740,000	-	6,635,000	670,000
Capital leases	4,671,548	1,471,286	1,363,510	265,363	5,044,687	1,132,815
Other loans	195,472	-	121,895	-	73,577	73,577
Total	<u>\$ 10,133,000</u>	<u>\$5,638,171</u>	<u>\$ 4,225,405</u>	<u>\$ 265,363</u>	<u>\$11,811,129</u>	<u>\$ 1,876,392</u>
Business-type Activities:						
Compensated absences	\$ 5,807	\$ 369	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,176	\$ -
Capital leases	431,988	-	62,540	(265,363)	104,085	65,001
Other Loans	14,097	-	2,760	-	11,337	2,868
Total	<u>\$ 451,892</u>	<u>\$ 369</u>	<u>\$ 65,300</u>	<u>\$ (265,363)</u>	<u>\$ 121,598</u>	<u>\$ 67,869</u>

(11) 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.

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(12) 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.

(13) 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 2008.

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 \$236,859 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2008.

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 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 \$24,345 for support of the commission in fiscal year 2008.

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(14) 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, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$404,543, \$368,849 and \$332,502, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(15) Subsequent Events

On May 18, 2009, the Board authorized the purchase of a building and land in Stringer, Mississippi for up to \$354,000.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

JASPER COUNTY
Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
General Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 4,211,826	\$ 3,595,867	\$ 3,595,867	\$ -
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	173,850	192,754	192,754	-
Fines and forfeitures	432,750	224,176	226,160	1,984
Intergovernmental revenues	1,060,400	2,305,799	2,289,007	(16,792)
Charges for services	35,000	37,560	37,560	-
Interest income	68,800	22,759	22,759	-
Miscellaneous revenues	75,000	215,415	215,415	-
Total Revenues	6,057,626	6,594,330	6,579,522	(14,808)
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	3,594,404	3,011,292	2,963,271	48,021
Public safety	2,126,068	2,067,426	1,758,497	308,929
Health and welfare	381,356	304,901	257,220	47,681
Culture and recreation	46,683	14,978	14,978	-
Conservation of natural resources	54,236	46,551	46,551	-
Debt service:				
Principal	-	-	285,218	(285,218)
Interest	-	-	71,732	(71,732)
Total Expenditures	6,202,747	5,445,148	5,397,467	47,681
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	(145,121)	1,149,182	1,182,055	32,873
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Long-term capital debt issued	-	-	-	-
Transfers in	-	-	-	-
Transfers out	-	(2,690,291)	(1,250,387)	1,439,904
Other financing sources (uses)	(1,000,000)	1,527,446	39,836	(1,487,610)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	(1,000,000)	(1,162,845)	(1,210,551)	(47,706)
Net Change in Fund Balance	(1,145,121)	(13,663)	(28,496)	(14,833)
Fund Balances - Beginning	573,673	573,673	573,673	-
Fund Balances - Ending	\$ (571,448)	\$ 560,010	\$ 545,177	\$ (14,833)

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, 2008

A. Budgetary Information

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

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

B. Basis of Presentation

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

C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation

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

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

The following schedule reconciles the budgetary basis schedules to the GAAP basis financial statements for the General Fund:

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>
	General Fund
Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ (28,496)
Increase (Decrease)	
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	1,155,949
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>(1,203,438)</u>
GAAP Basis	<u>\$ (75,985)</u>

JASPER COUNTY
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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*

June 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, 2008, which collectively comprise the county's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 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 08-01, 08-02, 08-03, 08-04, 08-05, and 08-6 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 08-01, 08-04, and 08-05 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 CENTRAL PURCHASING SYSTEM,
INVENTORY CONTROL SYSTEM, AND PURCHASE CLERK SCHEDULES
(REQUIRED BY SECTION 31-7-115, MISS. CODE ANN. (1972))

June 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, 2008. 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

As reported in the prior year's audit report, 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, 2008

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, 2008

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, 2008

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

June 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, 2008, 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 June 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 RESPONSES

JASPER COUNTY
 Schedule of Findings and Responses
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

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|----|--|-------------|
| 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 |

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

08-1. Inventory Control Clerk Finding

Significant Deficiency-Material Weakness

As reported in the prior year's audit report, 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.

08-2. Board of Supervisors Finding

Significant Deficiency

As reported in the prior year's audit report, 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.

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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.

08-3
Tax Collector
Finding

Significant Deficiency

As reported in the prior year's audit report, 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.

08-4
Board of Supervisor
Finding

Significant Deficiency-Material Weakness

As reported in the prior year's audit report, 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.

08-5
Finding

Significant Deficiency-Material Weakness

As reported in the prior year's audit report, 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

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Schedule of Findings and Responses
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

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.

08-6 Sheriff's Office
Finding

Significant Deficiency

Bank deposits were not made in a timely manner.

Effect

Failure to deposit funds in a timely manner could result in an inappropriate accounting for funds collected.

Recommendation

Bank deposits should be made in a timely manner.

Response

In February of 2008, our dispatch department ran out of receipts. Receipts were ordered but we had to make copies with no numbers until those receipt books came in. On March 10, I went ahead and did a deposit to the best of my ability, but I could not do final deposit and close out until March 17th when I redid all receipts after books came in.

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.