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LEAKE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

LEAKE COUNTY
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LEAKE COUNTY

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Leake 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 Leake 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

The financial statements do not include financial data for the county's legally separate component unit. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the financial data for this component unit 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 unit. The county has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The amount by which this departure would affect the assets, liabilities, net assets, revenue and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component unit is not reasonably determinable.

In our opinion, because of the omission of the discretely presented component unit, as discussed previously, the financial statements referred to previously 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 unit of Leake County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2008, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended.

In addition, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leake County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 1, 2009, on our consideration of Leake County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Leake 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.


Windham and Lacey, PLLC
October 1, 2009

LEAKE COUNTY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LEAKE COUNTY
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 1

	Primary Government		Total
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 5,209,065	1,853,641	7,062,706
Investments		2,644,337	2,644,337
Property tax receivable	3,741,167	79,206	3,820,373
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$385,568		718,868	718,868
Fines receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$946,148	573,519		573,519
Intergovernmental receivables	100,889		100,889
Other receivables	1,365		1,365
Internal balances	46,188	(46,188)	0
Bond issue cost, net	103,091		103,091
Capital assets:			
Land and construction in progress	1,611,641	2,910	1,614,551
Other capital assets, net	10,919,453	4,283,563	15,203,016
Total Assets	22,306,378	9,536,337	31,842,715
LIABILITIES			
Claims payable	288,671	132,299	420,970
Intergovernmental payables	146,992		146,992
Deferred revenue	3,741,167	79,206	3,820,373
Other payables	36,240		36,240
Accrued interest payable	88,502	24,439	112,941
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year:			
Capital debt	740,806	509,012	1,249,818
Non-capital debt	150,000		150,000
Due in more than one year:			
Capital debt	4,397,613	3,609,409	8,007,022
Non-capital debt	3,254,696		3,254,696
Compensated absences payable	173,489	158,966	332,455
Total Liabilities	13,018,177	4,513,331	17,531,508
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	7,392,675	168,052	7,560,727
Restricted:			
General	31,222		31,222
Debt service	444,159		444,159
Public safety	716,032	3,130,576	3,846,608
Public works	1,424,890	1,724,379	3,149,269
Health and welfare	780,170		780,170
Culture and recreation	29,334		29,334
Capital projects	13,098		13,098
Unrestricted:	(1,543,379)		(1,543,379)
Total Net Assets	\$ 9,288,201	5,023,006	14,311,207

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

LEAKE COUNTY

Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Exhibit 2

Functions/Programs	Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets			
	Expenses	Fines, Fees and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Primary government:							
Governmental activities:							
General government	\$ 2,948,148	845,282	230,620		(1,872,246)		(1,872,246)
Public safety	2,140,309	647,452	199,966	388,371	(1,292,891)		(1,292,891)
Public works	2,046,940		789,103		(869,466)		(869,466)
Health and welfare	133,243		28,822	8,423	(95,998)		(95,998)
Culture and recreation	245,288		84,200	4,000	(157,088)		(157,088)
Conservation of natural resources	77,298		39,844		(37,454)		(37,454)
Economic development and assistance	215,506		104,692		(110,814)		(110,814)
Interest on long-term debt	817,785				(817,785)		(817,785)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>8,624,517</u>	<u>1,492,734</u>	<u>1,477,247</u>	<u>400,794</u>	<u>(5,253,742)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(5,253,742)</u>
Business-type activities:							
Regional jail	3,354,498	3,523,369	74,643			243,514	243,514
Solid waste	563,976	572,281				8,305	8,305
Total Primary Government	<u>\$ 12,542,991</u>	<u>5,588,384</u>	<u>1,551,890</u>	<u>400,794</u>	<u>(5,253,742)</u>	<u>251,819</u>	<u>(5,001,923)</u>
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Property taxes					5,483,795	114,036	5,597,831
Road & bridge privilege taxes					255,931		255,931
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs					491,881	120,881	491,881
Unrestricted investment income					135,901		256,782
Miscellaneous					711,807	43,237	755,044
Gain from sale of assets					117,594		117,594
Total General Revenues and transfers					<u>7,196,909</u>	<u>278,154</u>	<u>7,475,063</u>
Changes in Net Assets					<u>1,943,167</u>	<u>529,973</u>	<u>2,473,140</u>
Net Assets - Beginning					<u>7,480,628</u>	<u>4,493,033</u>	<u>11,973,661</u>
Prior period adjustment					<u>(135,594)</u>		<u>(135,594)</u>
Net Assets - Beginning, as restated					<u>7,345,034</u>	<u>4,493,033</u>	<u>11,838,067</u>
Net Assets - Ending					<u>\$ 9,288,201</u>	<u>5,023,006</u>	<u>\$ 14,311,207</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY
Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 3

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Funds	County Road and Bridge Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$ 1,689,281	1,422,820	2,096,964	5,209,065
Property tax receivable	2,295,608	986,020	459,539	3,741,167
Fines receivable, net of allowance for uncollectible of \$946,148	573,519			573,519
Intergovernmental receivables	100,889			100,889
Other receivables	1,364			1,364
Due from other funds	48,559	49,693	13,134	111,386
Advances to other funds	18,000			18,000
Total Assets	<u>\$ 4,727,220</u>	<u>2,458,533</u>	<u>2,569,637</u>	<u>9,755,390</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities:				
Claims payable	\$ 164,571	94,037	30,061	288,669
Intergovernmental payables	146,992			146,992
Due to other funds	62,698		2,500	65,198
Advances from other funds			18,000	18,000
Deferred revenue	2,869,127	986,020	459,539	4,314,686
Other payables	36,239			36,239
Total Liabilities	<u>3,279,627</u>	<u>1,080,057</u>	<u>510,100</u>	<u>4,869,784</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Debt service			444,159	444,159
Advances	18,000			18,000
Unreserved - undesignated, reported in:				
General Fund	1,429,593			1,429,593
Special Revenue Funds		1,378,476	1,615,378	2,993,854
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,447,593</u>	<u>1,378,476</u>	<u>2,059,537</u>	<u>4,885,606</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	<u>\$ 4,727,220</u>	<u>2,458,533</u>	<u>2,569,637</u>	<u>9,755,390</u>

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LEAKE 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)	\$ 4,885,606
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.	12,531,094
Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds.	
Fines receivable	573,519
Bond issue cost, net	103,091
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.	
Long-term liabilities	(8,543,116)
Compensated absences	(173,489)
Accrued interest on debt	(88,502)
Other	<u>(2)</u>
Total net assets - Governmental Activities (Exhibit 1)	\$ <u>9,288,201</u>

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LEAKE COUNTY

Exhibit 4

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

	Major Funds			Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	County Road and Bridge Fund	Other Governmental Funds	
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,404,592	1,419,309	659,894	5,483,795
Road and bridge privilege taxes		255,931		255,931
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	213,049			213,049
Fines and forfeitures	309,128		114,253	423,381
Intergovernmental revenues	777,989	1,081,766	509,957	2,369,712
Charges for services	401,956		192,276	594,232
Interest income	79,385	30,337	27,758	137,480
Miscellaneous revenues	68,273	82,117	559,836	710,226
Total Revenues	<u>5,254,372</u>	<u>2,869,460</u>	<u>2,063,974</u>	<u>10,187,806</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	2,928,897		216,398	3,145,295
Public safety	1,767,151		316,626	2,083,777
Public works	45,625	2,947,413	21,884	3,014,922
Health and welfare	100,322		18,156	118,478
Culture and recreation	165,038		76,344	241,382
Conservation of natural resources	74,848			74,848
Economic development and assistance	67,522		117,244	184,766
Debt service:				
Principal	69,085	563,885	444,917	1,077,887
Interest	12,292	35,900	683,664	731,856
Total Expenditures	<u>5,230,780</u>	<u>3,547,198</u>	<u>1,895,233</u>	<u>10,673,211</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>23,592</u>	<u>(677,738)</u>	<u>168,741</u>	<u>(485,405)</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Long-term capital debt issued	347,080	794,293		1,141,373
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,800	553,421		555,221
Transfers in			93,968	93,968
Transfers out	(93,968)			(93,968)
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>254,912</u>	<u>1,347,714</u>	<u>93,968</u>	<u>1,696,594</u>
Net Changes in Fund Balances	278,504	669,976	262,709	1,211,189
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,169,089</u>	<u>708,500</u>	<u>1,796,828</u>	<u>3,674,417</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,447,593</u>	<u>1,378,476</u>	<u>2,059,537</u>	<u>4,885,606</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY

Exhibit 4-1

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

	<u>Amount</u>
Net changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Exhibit 4)	\$ 1,211,189
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 \$1,792,828 exceeded depreciation of \$740,218 in the current period.	1,052,610
In the Statement of Activities, only gains and losses from the sale of capital assets are reported, whereas in the governmental funds, proceeds from the sale of capital assets increase financial resources and loss from the sale of capital assets decrease financial resources. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount of the gain of \$117,594 and the proceeds from the sale in the current period of \$555,221.	(437,627)
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. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balance by the increase (decrease) in fines receivable.	253,560
Debt proceeds provide current financial resources to Governmental Funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the Governmental Funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by the amount that debt repayments of \$1,077,890 exceeded debt proceeds of \$1,141,373.	(63,483)
Under the modified accrual basis of accounting used in the Governmental Funds, expenditures are not recognized for transactions that are not normally paid with expendable available financial resources. However, in the Statement of Activities, which is presented on the accrual basis, expenses and liabilities are reported regardless of when financial resources are available. In addition, interest on long- term debt is recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when due, rather than as it accrues. Thus, the change in net assets differs from the change in fund balances by a combination of the following items:	
Change in compensated absences	26,020
Change in accrued interest payable	(88,502)
The amortization of:	
Issuance cost on limited obligation bond	(7,364)
Discount on limited obligation bond	(3,236)
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Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities (Exhibit 2)	\$ <u>1,943,167</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY
Statement of Net Assets - Proprietary Funds
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 5

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Major Funds		
	Regional Jail Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Current assets:			
Cash	\$ 814,045	1,039,596	1,853,641
Investments	2,644,337		2,644,337
Property tax receivable		79,206	79,206
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$385,568)		718,868	718,868
Due from other funds		2,371	2,371
Total Current Assets	<u>3,458,382</u>	<u>1,840,041</u>	<u>5,298,423</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Capital assets:			
Other capital assets, net	4,165,505	120,967	4,286,472
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>4,165,505</u>	<u>120,967</u>	<u>4,286,472</u>
Total Assets	<u>7,623,887</u>	<u>1,961,008</u>	<u>9,584,895</u>
LIABILITIES			
Current liabilities:			
Claims payable	106,167	26,132	132,299
Due to other funds	42,428	6,131	48,559
Accrued interest payable	24,439		24,439
Deferred revenue		79,206	79,206
Capital debt:			
Capital leases payable		62,980	62,980
Other long-term liabilities	446,032		446,032
Total Current Liabilities	<u>619,066</u>	<u>174,449</u>	<u>793,515</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Capital debt:			
Other long-term liabilities	3,609,409		3,609,409
Compensated absences payable	154,772	4,193	158,965
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>3,764,181</u>	<u>4,193</u>	<u>3,768,374</u>
NET ASSETS			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	110,064	57,987	168,051
Restricted for:			
Public works		1,724,379	1,724,379
Public safety	3,130,576		3,130,576
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,240,640</u>	<u>1,782,366</u>	<u>5,023,006</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY

Exhibit 6

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets - Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Major Funds		
	Regional Jail Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
Operating Revenues			
Charges for services	\$ 3,523,369	572,281	4,095,650
Miscellaneous revenue	21,231	22,006	43,237
Total Operating Revenues	<u>3,544,600</u>	<u>594,287</u>	<u>4,138,887</u>
Operating Expenses			
Personal services	1,776,411	163,468	1,939,878
Contractual services	452,523	302,130	754,653
Materials and supplies	715,009	52,525	767,535
Depreciation expense	135,953	34,611	170,564
Indirect administrative cost	42,428	6,131	48,559
Total Operating Expenses	<u>3,122,324</u>	<u>558,865</u>	<u>3,681,189</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>422,276</u>	<u>35,422</u>	<u>457,698</u>
Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)			
Property tax		114,035	114,035
Interest income	94,662	26,219	120,881
Operating grants	74,643		74,643
Interest expense	(232,173)	(5,111)	(237,284)
Net Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>(62,868)</u>	<u>135,143</u>	<u>72,275</u>
Changes in Net Assets	359,408	170,565	529,973
Net Assets - Beginning	<u>2,881,232</u>	<u>1,611,801</u>	<u>4,493,033</u>
Net Assets - Ending	<u>\$ 3,240,640</u>	<u>1,782,366</u>	<u>5,023,006</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Exhibit 7

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds		
	Major Funds		Total
	Regional Jail Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from users	\$ 3,523,369		3,523,369
Receipts from customers		495,081	495,081
Payments to suppliers		(380,391)	(380,391)
Payments to employees	(1,769,259)	(167,010)	(1,936,269)
Payments for contractual services	(1,179,412)		(1,179,412)
Other operating cash receipts	21,231	46,905	68,136
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	595,929	(5,415)	590,514
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Operating grants received	74,643		74,643
Cash received from property taxes		114,035	114,035
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities	74,643	114,035	188,678
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds of long-term debt	3,755,000		3,755,000
Proceeds from sale of capital assets	1,635	4,742	6,377
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(598,682)	(10,750)	(609,432)
Principal paid on long-term debt	(4,142,061)	(60,475)	(4,202,536)
Interest paid on debt	(232,173)	(5,111)	(237,284)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(1,216,281)	(71,594)	(1,287,875)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Interest and dividends on investments	94,662	26,219	120,881
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	94,662	26,219	120,881
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(451,047)	63,245	(387,802)
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year	3,909,429	976,351	4,885,780
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$ 3,458,382	1,039,596	4,497,978

LEAKE COUNTY
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Funds
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Exhibit 7 (Continued)

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds</u>		
	<u>Major Funds</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Regional Jail Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 422,276	35,422	457,698
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Depreciation expense	135,953	34,611	170,564
Change in assets and liabilities:			
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(77,200)	(77,200)
(Increase) decrease in interfund receivables		24,899	24,899
Increase (decrease) in claims payable	42,395	(10,425)	31,970
Increase (decrease) in interfund payables	(36,286)	(9,180)	(45,466)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest payable	24,439		24,439
Increase (decrease) in compensated absences liability	7,152	(3,542)	3,610
Total adjustments	<u>173,653</u>	<u>(40,837)</u>	<u>132,816</u>
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ <u>595,929</u>	<u>(5,415)</u>	<u>590,514</u>

Noncash Capital Financing Activity:

Leake County Regional Jail Fund issued limited obligation urban renewal revenue refunding bonds for \$3,755,000 for 9 years at 4.00/4.13%. Principal payments of \$100,000 were made on the bonds during the year.

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

LEAKE COUNTY
Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 8

	<u>Agency Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 134,504
Intergovernmental receivables	229,920
Total Assets	<u>\$ 364,424</u>
LIABILITIES	
Amounts held in custody for others	\$ 162,034
Intergovernmental payables	202,389
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 364,424</u>

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

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Notes to Financial Statements
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(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

Leake 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 Leake 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 unit, which has a significant operational or financial relationship with the county. Accordingly, the financial statements do not include the data of this component unit necessary for reporting in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

- Leake Memorial Hospital

State law pertaining to county government provides for the independent election of county officials. The following elected and appointed officials are all part of the county legal entity and therefore are reported as part of the primary government financial statements.

- Board of Supervisors
- Chancery Clerk
- Circuit Clerk
- Justice Court Clerk
- Purchase Clerk
- Tax Assessor-Collector
- Sheriff

B. Basis of Presentation.

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

Government-wide Financial Statements:

The Statement of Net Assets and Statement of Activities display information concerning the county as a whole. The statements include all nonfiduciary activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities are generally financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues and other nonexchange revenues and are reported separately from business-type activities. Business-type activities rely mainly on fees and charges for support. The primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

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

Fund Financial Statements:

Fund financial statements of the county are organized into funds, each of which is considered to be separate accounting entities. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that constitute its assets, 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 (excluding agency funds) financial statements are presented using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Shared 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. Agency funds have no measurement focus, but use the accrual basis of accounting.

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.

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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.

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

The county reports the following major Proprietary Funds:

Regional Jail Fund - This fund is used to account for monies from inmate housing agreement income with the Mississippi Department of Corrections for housing state prisoners.

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 (other than for major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. Special Revenue Funds account for, among others, certain federal grant programs, taxes levied with statutorily defined distributions and other resources restricted as to purpose.

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

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES

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.

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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.

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 fund 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 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. Restricted Assets.

Proprietary Fund assets required to be held and/or used as specified in bond indentures, bond resolutions, trustee agreements, board resolutions and donor specifications have been reported as restricted assets. When both restricted and nonrestricted assets are available for use, the policy is to use restricted assets first.

I. Capital Assets.

Capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in Governmental Fund statements and the related assets are reported as capital assets in the (applicable) governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. All purchased capital assets are stated at historical cost where records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no records exist. Capital assets include significant amounts of infrastructure which have been valued at estimated historical cost. The estimated historical cost was based on replacement cost multiplied by the consumer price index implicit price deflator for the year of acquisition. The extent to which capital assets, other than infrastructure, costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation are not readily available. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the time of donation. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of assets or materially extend their respective lives are not capitalized; however, improvements are capitalized. Interest expenditures are not capitalized on capital assets.

Governmental accounting and financial reporting standards allow governments meeting certain criteria to elect not to report major general infrastructure assets retroactively. Leake County meets this criteria and has so elected. Therefore, the major general infrastructure assets acquired prior to October 1, 2002, are not reported in the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 2002.

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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.

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

	<u>Capitalization Thresholds</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Land	\$ 0	N/A
Infrastructure	0	20-50 years
Buildings	50,000	40 years
Mobile equipment	5,000	5-10 years
Furniture and equipment	5,000	3-7 years
Leased property under capital leases	*	*

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

J. Long-term Liabilities.

Long-term liabilities are the unmatured principal of bonds, loans, notes or other forms of noncurrent or long-term general obligation indebtedness. Long-term liabilities are not limited to liabilities from debt issuances, but may also include liabilities on lease-purchase agreements and other commitments.

In the government-wide financial statements and in the Proprietary Fund financial statements, long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities, business-type activities or Proprietary Funds Statement of Net Assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

K. Equity Classifications.

Government-wide Financial Statements:

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

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes or other borrowings attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted net assets - Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws 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 with unreserved classified as designated and undesignated.

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

L. Property Tax Revenues.

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

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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require property taxes to be recognized at the levy date if measurable and available. All property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Motor vehicle and mobile home taxes do not meet the measurability and collectibility criteria for property tax recognition because the lien and due date cannot be established until the date of original purchase occurs.

M. Intergovernmental Revenues in Governmental Funds.

Intergovernmental revenues, consisting of grants, entitlements and shared revenues, are usually recorded in Governmental Funds when measurable and available. However, the "available" criterion applies for certain federal grants and shared revenues when the expenditure is made because expenditure is the prime factor for determining eligibility. Similarly, if cost sharing or matching requirements exist, revenue recognition depends on compliance with these requirements.

N. Compensated Absences.

The county has adopted a policy of compensation for accumulated unpaid employee personal leave. No payment is authorized for accrued major medical leave. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require accrual of accumulated unpaid employee benefits as long-term liabilities in the government-wide financial statements and Proprietary Funds financial statements. In fund financial statements, Governmental Funds report the compensated absence liability payable only if the payable has matured, for example an employee resigns or retires.

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(2) Prior Period Adjustment.

A summary of significant fund equity adjustment is as follows:

Exhibit 2 - Statement of Activities

<u>Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>
To correct error in capital assets. The prior years' expenditures were understated as certain costs were capitalized inappropriately.	\$ (135,594)
Total prior period adjustment	<u>\$ (135,594)</u>

(3) Deposits.

The carrying amount of the county's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2008, was \$7,197,211, and the bank balance was \$7,334,519. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions is held in the name of the State Treasurer under a program established by the Mississippi State Legislature and is governed by Section 27-105-5, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Under this program, the entity's funds are protected through a collateral pool administered by the State Treasurer. Financial institutions holding deposits of public funds must pledge securities as collateral against those deposits. In the event of failure of a financial institution, securities pledged by that institution would be liquidated by the State Treasurer to replace the public deposits not covered by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation.

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of a financial institution, the county will not be able to recover deposits or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The county does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. However, the Mississippi State Treasurer manages that risk on behalf of the county. Deposits above FDIC coverage are collateralized by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the name of the Mississippi State Treasurer on behalf of the county.

Investments:

As provided in Section 91-13-8, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the following investments of the county are handled through a trust indenture between the county and the trustee related to the operations of the Leake County Mississippi Regional Correctional Facility.

Investment balances at September 30, 2008, are as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturities</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>	<u>Rating</u>
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp Bonds	8 years and 9 months	\$ 341,507	Withdrawn
Hancock Horizon Treasury Securities			
Money Market Mutual Fund	Less than 1 year	<u>2,302,830</u>	Aaa
Total		<u>\$ 2,644,337</u>	

Interest Rate Risk. The county does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, Section 19-9-29, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), limits the maturity period of any investment to no more than one year. The average weighted maturity of the securities in the Hancock Horizon Treasury Security Money Market Fund was less than one year.

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Credit Risk. State law limits investments to those authorized by Sections 19-9-29 and 91-13-8, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The county does not have a formal investment policy that would further limit its investment choices or one that addresses credit risk.

Custodial Credit Risk – Investments. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the county will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The county does not have a formal policy for custodial credit risk. These investments are held by the Hancock Bank trust department. All of the county’s investments are uninsured and unregistered and held by the counterparty in the entity’s name. The investment in the Hancock Horizon Treasury Money Market Mutual Fund and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp Bonds are not backed by the full faith and credit of the federal government.

Concentration of Credit Risk. The county places no limit on the amount the county may invest in any one issuer. More than five percent of the county’s investments are in Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp Bonds. These investments are 13% of the county’s total investments and are reported in the Regional Jail Fund.

(4) 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 Fund	Regional Jail Fund	\$ 42,428
General Fund	Solid Waste Fund	6,131
County Road and Bridge Fund	General Fund	47,193
County Road and Bridge Fund	Other Governmental Funds	2,500
Other Governmental Funds	General Fund	13,134
Solid Waste Fund	General Fund	<u>2,371</u>
Total		<u>\$ 113,757</u>

The General Fund receivables from the Regional Jail Fund and Solid Waste Fund represent indirect costs incurred during the fiscal year. All other receivables represent tax revenue collected but not settled until October 2008. Interfund balances are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

B. Advances From/To Other Funds:

<u>Receivable Fund</u>	<u>Payable Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
General Fund	Other Governmental Funds	\$ <u>18,000</u>
Total		<u>\$ 18,000</u>

The amount payable to the General Fund represents a loan for a debt service payment.

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C. Transfers In/Out:

<u>Transfer In</u>	<u>Transfer Out</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Major Funds: Other Governmental Funds	Major Funds: General Fund	\$ 93,968
Total		\$ <u>93,968</u>

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

(5) Intergovernmental Receivables.

Intergovernmental receivables at September 30, 2008, consisted of the following:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Legislative tag credit	\$ 100,889
Total Governmental Activities	\$ <u>100,889</u>

(6) Capital Assets.

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

Governmental activities:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>Oct. 1, 2007</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Adjustments *</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>Sept. 30, 2008</u>
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 1,375,560				1,375,560
Construction in progress	297,528	236,081		(297,528)	236,081
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>1,673,088</u>	<u>236,081</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(297,528)</u>	<u>1,611,641</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	3,534,287			41,666	3,575,953
Mobile equipment	3,941,629	71,244	(256,570)	(74,109)	3,682,194
Furniture and equipment	749,479	5,862	(79,477)		675,864
Leased property under capital leases	1,728,078	1,141,373	(643,855)	(61,485)	2,164,111
Infrastructure	5,770,062	338,268		255,862	6,364,192
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>15,723,535</u>	<u>1,556,747</u>	<u>(979,902)</u>	<u>161,934</u>	<u>16,462,314</u>

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	Balance Oct. 1, 2007	Additions	Deletions	Adjustments *	Balance Sept. 30, 2008
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	1,077,725	57,166			1,134,891
Mobile equipment	2,805,721	240,678	(230,914)		2,815,485
Furniture and equipment	626,158	34,968	(75,789)		585,337
Leased property under capital leases	396,659	251,563	(235,573)		412,649
Infrastructure	438,656	155,843			594,499
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>5,344,919</u>	<u>740,218</u>	<u>(542,276)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,542,861</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>10,378,616</u>	<u>816,529</u>	<u>(437,626)</u>	<u>161,934</u>	<u>10,919,453</u>
Governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 12,051,704</u>	<u>1,052,610</u>	<u>(437,626)</u>	<u>(135,594)</u>	<u>12,531,094</u>
Business-type activities:					
<u>Non-depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Land	\$ 2,910				2,910
Total non-depreciable capital assets	<u>2,910</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>2,910</u>
<u>Depreciable capital assets:</u>					
Buildings	4,606,447	525,449			5,131,896
Mobile equipment	375,710	67,093	(47,418)		395,385
Furniture and equipment	170,732	16,890	(16,350)		171,272
Leased property under capital leases	181,526				181,526
Total depreciable capital assets	<u>5,334,415</u>	<u>609,432</u>	<u>(63,768)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>5,880,079</u>
<u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u>					
Buildings	966,041	102,640			1,068,681
Mobile equipment	324,355	15,525	(42,677)		297,203
Furniture and equipment	127,596	19,723	(14,715)		132,604
Leased property under capital leases	65,352	32,676			98,028
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>1,483,344</u>	<u>170,564</u>	<u>(57,392)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,596,516</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>3,851,071</u>	<u>438,868</u>	<u>(6,376)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,283,563</u>
Business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>\$ 3,853,981</u>	<u>438,868</u>	<u>(6,376)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,286,473</u>

* Adjustments to capital assets were to reclassify completed construction in progress to infrastructure and to adjust mobile equipment and leased property totals for the prior period adjustment as detailed in Note (2).

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

Governmental activities:	
General government	\$ 81,946
Public safety	156,106
Public works	452,762
Health and welfare	14,765
Culture and recreation	1,188
Conservation of natural resources	2,711
Economic development and assistance	<u>30,740</u>
Total governmental activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 740,218</u>
Business-type activities:	
Solid waste	\$ 34,611
Correctional facility	<u>135,953</u>
Total business-type activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 170,564</u>

(7) Claims and Judgments.

Risk Financing.

The county finances its exposure to risk of loss related to workers' compensation for injuries to its employees through the Mississippi Public Entity Workers' Compensation Trust, a public entity risk pool. The county pays premiums to the pool for its workers' compensation insurance coverage, and the participation agreement provides that the pool will be self-sustaining through member premiums. The retention for the pool is \$1,000,000 for each accident and completely covers statutory limits set by the Workers' Compensation Commission. Risk of loss is remote for claims exceeding the pool's retention liability. However, the pool also has catastrophic reinsurance coverage for statutory limits above the pool's retention, provided by Safety National Casualty Corporation, effective from January 1, 2008, to January 1, 2009. The pool may make an overall supplemental assessment or declare a refund depending on the loss experience of all the entities it insures.

(8) Operating Leases.

As Lessor:

The county receives income from property it leases under noncancellable operating leases. Total income from such leases was \$115,183 for the year ended September 30, 2008. The future minimum lease receivable for this lease is as follows:

<u>Year Ended September 30</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2009	\$ <u>28,796</u>
Total Minimum Payments Required	<u>\$ 28,796</u>

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(9) Capital Leases.

As Lessee:

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

Classes of Property	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities
Mobile equipment	\$ 2,001,586	181,526
Furniture and equipment	<u>162,525</u>	<u> </u>
Total	2,164,111	181,526
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(412,649)</u>	<u>(98,028)</u>
Leased Property Under Capital Leases	<u>\$ 1,751,462</u>	<u>83,498</u>

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

Year Ending September 30	Governmental Activities		Business-type Activities	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	443,842	65,016	62,980	2,807
2010	448,897	48,172		
2011	466,461	30,338		
2012	256,095	14,485		
2013	<u>165,573</u>	<u>6,406</u>		
Total	<u>\$ 1,780,868</u>	<u>164,417</u>	<u>62,980</u>	<u>2,807</u>

(10) Long-term Debt.

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

Description and Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date
Governmental Activities:			
A. General Obligation Bonds:			
Road and bridge bonds, Series 2001	\$ 1,900,000	4.10/4.87%	02/2021
Industrial park development bonds, Series 2002	<u>786,000</u>	4.75%	02/2022
Total General Obligation Bonds	<u>\$ 2,686,000</u>		

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Description and Purpose	Amount Outstanding	Interest Rate	Final Maturity Date
B. Limited Obligation Bonds:			
Special obligation bonds - Leake Memorial Hospital	\$ 3,450,000	3.625/6.45%	01/2023
C. Capital Leases:			
Two 2006 Ford Crown Victorias	11,842	3.97%	07/2009
Five motorgraders	579,923	3.95%	11/2011
Two Mack dump trucks	74,883	4.22%	05/2012
Computer software upgrade	63,695	4.37%	10/2012
IBM computer upgrade	71,677	4.54%	10/2012
Three 2008 Crown Victorias	60,195	3.97%	01/2011
Heating and cooling system	124,360	3.24%	05/2013
Five Mack dump trucks / One Mack tractor truck	629,200	4.06%	11/2012
2006 Caterpillar D4G dozer	61,493	3.14%	04/2012
Four John Deere tractors	103,600	3.12%	05/2011
Total Capital Leases	\$ 1,780,868		
D. Other Loans:			
Justice Court building	75,666	4.22%	10/2010
Five fire trucks	31,072	4.65%	03/2009
TVA loan – Hisan Industries	279,598	2.75%	09/2013
TVA loan – Hisan Industries	285,216	3.00%	12/2014
Total Other Loans	\$ 671,552		
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 8,588,420		
Business-type Activities:			
A. Limited Obligation Bonds:			
Urban renewal revenue refunding bonds	\$ 3,655,000	4.00/4.13%	08/2017
B. Capital Leases:			
Two garbage trucks	\$ 62,980	4.14%	07/2009
C. Other Loans:			
Correctional facility addition	\$ 400,441	4.23%	08/2012
Total Business-type Activities	\$ 4,118,421		

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

Governmental Activities:

Year Ending September 30	General Obligation Bonds		Limited Obligation Bonds	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 142,000	122,331	150,000	205,292
2010	153,000	116,005	160,000	197,729
2011	160,000	109,278	165,000	189,500
2012	167,000	102,146	175,000	180,022
2013	180,000	94,474	185,000	169,222
2014-2018	1,044,000	337,055	1,110,000	659,962
2019-2023	840,000	75,662	1,505,000	254,936
Total	\$ 2,686,000	956,951	3,450,000	1,856,663

Year Ending September 30	Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 154,964	18,560
2010	127,792	14,240
2011	141,946	10,223
2012	112,208	5,649
2013	115,445	2,412
2014-2018	19,197	120
Total	\$ 671,552	51,204

Business-type Activities:

Year Ending September 30	Limited Obligation Bonds		Other Loans	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2009	\$ 350,000	146,631	96,032	15,091
2010	360,000	132,631	100,174	10,949
2011	380,000	118,231	104,494	6,629
2012	400,000	103,031	99,741	2,122
2013	420,000	87,031		
2014-2018	1,745,000	170,724		
Total	\$ 3,655,000	758,279	400,441	34,791

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 2.3% of the latest property assessments.

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Advance Refunding – On April 25, 2008, the county issued \$3,755,000 in limited obligation refunding bonds with an average interest rate of 4.00% - 4.13% to advance refund \$3,753,201 of the following outstanding bond issue:

Issue	Average Interest Rate	\$	Outstanding Amount Refunded
Urban Renewal Revenue Bonds	5.51% - 5.78%	\$	3,753,201

The Urban Renewal Revenue Bonds had an outstanding balance of \$3,950,000 at the time of refunding, but only \$3,753,201 of the bond was refunded, leaving a remaining principal balance of \$196,799 of which \$196,799 was redeemed during fiscal year 2008.

The net proceeds of \$3,769,739 were used to purchase U.S. government securities. Those securities were deposited in an irrevocable trust with an escrow agent to provide for all future debt service payments on the bonds. As a result, those bonds are considered to be defeased, and the liability for those bonds has been removed from the Statement of Net Assets.

The county advance refunded the above bonds to reduce its total debt service payments over the next 9 years by almost \$343,017 and to obtain an economic gain (difference between the present values of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$263,313.

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

	Balance Oct. 1, 2007	Additions	Reductions	Adjustments	Balance Sept. 30, 2008	Amount due within one year
Governmental Activities:						
General obligation bonds	\$ 2,826,000		140,000		2,686,000	142,000
Limited obligation bonds	3,595,000		145,000		3,450,000	150,000
Less deferred amounts: for issuance discounts - limited obligation bonds	(48,540)		(3,236)		(45,304)	
Total bonds payable	6,372,460		281,764		6,090,696	
Capital leases	1,252,388	1,141,373	612,894		1,780,867	443,842
Other loans	851,548		179,996		671,552	154,964
Compensated absences	199,509		26,020		173,489	-
Total	\$ 8,675,905	1,141,373	1,100,674	0	8,716,604	598,806
Business-type Activities:						
Compensated absences	\$ 155,355	3,611			158,966	-
Limited obligation bonds	3,950,000	3,755,000	4,050,000		3,655,000	350,000
Capital leases	123,455		60,475		62,980	62,980
Other loans	492,502		92,061		400,441	96,032
Total	\$ 4,721,312	3,758,611	4,202,536	0	4,277,387	509,012

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For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

(11) Deficit Fund Balances of Individual Funds.

The following funds reported deficits in fund balances at September 30, 2008:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>
Other Governmental Funds:	
E911	\$ (10,514)
Economic Development	<u>(892)</u>
Total	<u>\$ (11,406)</u>

(12) Contingencies.

Federal Grants - The county has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the county. No provision for any liability that may result has been recognized in the county's financial statements.

Litigation - The county is party to legal proceedings, many of which occur in the normal course of governmental operations. It is not possible at the present time to estimate ultimate outcome or liability, if any, of the county with respect to the various proceedings. However, the county's legal counsel believes that ultimate liability resulting from these lawsuits will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the county.

(13) Joint Ventures.

The county participates in the following joint ventures:

Leake County is a participant with the City of Carthage in a joint venture authorized by Section 39-3-11, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Carthage-Leake County Airport. The joint venture was created to provide airport facilities to the area and is governed by a six-member board appointed by the Board of Supervisors and the city council; three from each government. By contractual agreement, the county's appropriation to the joint venture was \$1,500 in fiscal year 2008. Complete financial statements for the Carthage-Leake County Airport can be obtained from the Carthage-Leake County Airport, P.O. Box 577, Carthage, MS 39051.

Leake County is a participant with the counties of Attala, Holmes, Montgomery and Winston in a joint venture authorized by Section 39-3-9, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Mid-Mississippi Regional Library System. The joint venture was created to provide free public library service to the citizens of the member counties. The Leake County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the five members of the board of directors. By contractual agreement, the county's appropriation to the joint venture was \$152,000 in fiscal year 2008.

(14) Jointly Governed Organizations.

The county participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

East Central Community College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Leake, Neshoba, Newton, Scott and Winston. The Leake County Board of Supervisors appoints six of the 30 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated \$330,100 for maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2008.

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Central Mississippi Emergency Medical Services District operates in a district composed of the Counties of Attala, Clarke, Copiah, Holmes, Lauderdale, Leake, Madison, Neshoba, Rankin, Scott, Smith, Warren and Yazoo. The Leake County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 26 board members. The county provided no financial support in fiscal year 2008.

East Central Community Action Agency, Inc. operates in a district composed of the Counties of Leake, Neshoba, Rankin, Scott and Smith. The Leake County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 30 board members. The county provided no financial support in fiscal year 2008.

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 Leake County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the 15 members of the board of directors. The county appropriated \$15,058 for support of the district in fiscal year 2008.

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 Leake County Board of Supervisors appoints one of the nine members of the board of commissioners. The county appropriated \$18,200 for support of the commission in fiscal year 2008.

(15) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

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

Funding Policy. PERS members are required to contribute 7.25% of their annual covered salary, and the county is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate at September 30, 2008 was 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 \$475,127, \$452,044 and \$411,160, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(16) Subsequent Events.

Subsequent to September 30, 2008, Leake County issued the following debt obligations:

Issue Date	Interest Rate	Issue Amount	Type of Financing	Source of Financing
10/27/2008	3.45%	\$ 32,246	Lease purchase	BancorpSouth

LEAKE COUNTY

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LEAKE 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	\$ 3,422,064	3,395,437	3,395,437	
Licenses, commissions and other revenue	209,253	211,290	211,290	
Fines and forfeitures	297,275	291,201	291,201	
Intergovernmental revenues	593,200	1,072,889	1,072,889	
Charges for services	200,000	401,956	401,956	
Interest income	60,000	75,883	75,883	
Miscellaneous revenues	71,200	69,304	69,304	
Total Revenues	<u>4,852,992</u>	<u>5,517,960</u>	<u>5,517,960</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government	2,862,256	2,703,360	2,703,360	
Public safety	1,419,463	1,674,502	1,674,502	
Public works	59,775	45,890	45,890	
Health and welfare	111,624	106,075	106,075	
Culture and recreation	179,780	180,020	180,020	
Conservation of natural resources	92,798	81,766	81,766	
Economic development and assistance	67,058	67,372	67,372	
Debt service:				
Principal	89,940	69,085	69,085	
Interest	14,448	12,292	12,292	
Total Expenditures	<u>4,897,142</u>	<u>4,940,362</u>	<u>4,940,362</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(44,150)</u>	<u>577,598</u>	<u>577,598</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of capital assets		1,800	1,800	
Transfers in	505,000	175,495	175,495	
Transfers out		(190,775)	(190,775)	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>505,000</u>	<u>(13,480)</u>	<u>(13,480)</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	460,850	564,118	564,118	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>832,492</u>	<u>832,492</u>	<u>832,492</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 1,293,342</u>	<u>1,396,610</u>	<u>1,396,610</u>	<u>0</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY
 Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
 Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis)
 County Road and Bridge Fund
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 1,470,029	1,416,945	1,416,945	
Road and bridge privilege taxes	220,000	237,332	237,332	
Intergovernmental revenues	793,000	947,628	947,628	
Charges for services	2,000			
Interest income	60,000	30,337	30,337	
Miscellaneous revenues	79,525	82,117	82,117	
Total Revenues	<u>2,624,554</u>	<u>2,714,359</u>	<u>2,714,359</u>	<u>0</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public works	2,599,933	2,379,373	2,379,373	
Debt service:				
Principal	457,913	563,886	563,886	
Interest	42,093	35,900	35,900	
Total Expenditures	<u>3,099,939</u>	<u>2,979,159</u>	<u>2,979,159</u>	<u>0</u>
Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures	<u>(475,385)</u>	<u>(264,800)</u>	<u>(264,800)</u>	<u>0</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Proceeds from sale of assets		553,422	553,422	
Transfers in		15,337	15,337	
Transfers out		(25,175)	(25,175)	
Total Other Financing Sources and Uses	<u>0</u>	<u>543,584</u>	<u>543,584</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance	(475,385)	278,784	278,784	0
Fund Balances - Beginning	<u>1,144,035</u>	<u>1,144,035</u>	<u>1,144,035</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balances - Ending	<u>\$ 668,650</u>	<u>1,422,819</u>	<u>1,422,819</u>	<u>0</u>

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

LEAKE COUNTY

Notes to the Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

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

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

- B. Basis of Presentation.

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

- C. Budget/GAAP Reconciliation.

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

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

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

	<u>Governmental Fund Types</u>	
	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>County Road and Bridge Fund</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance - Budget (Cash Basis)	\$ 564,118	278,784
Increase (decrease):		
Net adjustments for revenue accruals	(357,613)	139,764
Net adjustments for expenditure accruals	<u>71,999</u>	<u>251,428</u>
Net Change in Fund Balance GAAP Basis	<u>\$ 278,504</u>	<u>669,976</u>

LEAKE COUNTY

SPECIAL REPORTS

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Leake County, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Leake 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 October 1, 2009. Our report includes an adverse opinion on the aggregate discretely presented component unit due to the omission of the discretely presented component unit which is required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America to be reported with 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 unit. 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 Leake County, Mississippi's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Leake 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as 08-1 and 08-2 to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

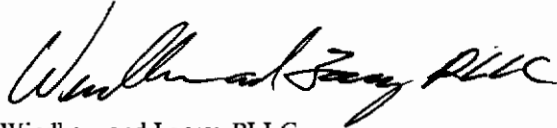
A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the county's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the 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 08-1 and 08-2 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Leake County, Mississippi's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors and others within the entity 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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October 1, 2009

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Leake County, Mississippi

We have made a study and evaluation of the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Leake 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 Leake 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 Leake County, Mississippi, has established centralized purchasing for all funds of the county and has established an inventory control system. The objective of the central purchasing system is to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that purchases are executed in accordance with state law.

Because of inherent limitations in any central purchasing system and inventory control system, errors or irregularities may occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the system to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the degree of compliance with the procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, Leake 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 Leake 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.


Windham and Lacey, PLLC
October 1, 2009

LEAKE COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Not Made From Lowest Bidder
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Schedule 1

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

LEAKE COUNTY
Schedule of Emergency Purchases
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Schedule 2

Our test results did not identify any emergency purchases.

LEAKE COUTNY
Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitely From a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Schedule 3

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

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

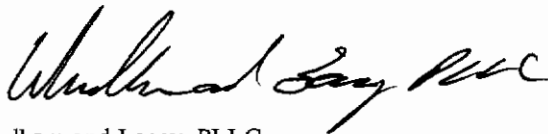
Members of the Board of Supervisors
Leake County, Mississippi

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Leake County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2008, we considered Leake County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on internal control.

In addition, for areas not considered material to Leake County, Mississippi's financial reporting, we have performed some additional limited internal control and state legal compliance review procedures as identified in the state legal compliance audit program issued by the Office of the State Auditor. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the county's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. This report does not affect our report dated October 1, 2009, on the financial statements of Leake County, Mississippi.

Although no findings came to our attention as a result of these review procedures and compliance tests, these procedures and tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of the internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Supervisors, and others within the entity and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Windham and Lacey, PLLC
October 1, 2009

LEAKE COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

LEAKE COUNTY
 Schedule of Findings
 For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Section 1: Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements:

1.	Type of auditor's report issued on the financial statements:	
	Governmental Activities	Unqualified
	Business-type Activities	Unqualified
	General Fund	Unqualified
	County Road and Bridge 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. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	None Reported
3.	Noncompliance material to the financial statements?	No

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

Significant Deficiency – Material Weakness

08-1. Finding

Generally accepted 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 issued financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its 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 inclusion in the county's financial statements.

LEAKE COUNTY

Schedule of Findings
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08-2. Finding

A critical aspect of effective financial management is the preparation of accurate financial statements. As reported in the prior year's audit report, management did not have personnel that possessed the necessary expertise to prepare financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Therefore, since the county personnel lacked expertise to apply generally accepted accounting principles in preparing its financial statements, the auditor was relied upon to perform these tasks. Without adequate controls in place over the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, the risk increases that inaccurate information may be reported.

Recommendation

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