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SIMPSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

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

SIMPSON COUNTY

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SIMPSON COUNTY

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Simpson County, Mississippi

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Simpson 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 did not audit the financial statements of the Simpson County Human Resource Agency, a component unit, which represents 100% of the assets and revenues of the discretely presented component unit. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the aforementioned component unit, is based solely on the report of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. The financial statements of the Simpson County Human Resource Agency audited by other auditors, were audited in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 and the report of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

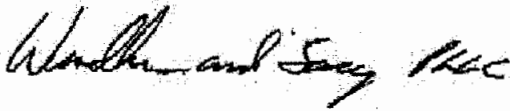
In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Simpson County, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2008, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, 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 April 30, 2009, on our consideration of Simpson 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.

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

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

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Simpson County, Mississippi's basic financial statements. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.



Windham and Lacey, PLLC
April 30, 2009

SIMPSON COUNTY

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

SIMPSON COUNTY
Statement of Net Assets
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 1

| | Primary Government | | | Component |
|--|----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Governmental Activities | Business type Activities | Total | Unit Human Resource Agency |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 5,955,543 | 225,805 | 6,181,348 | |
| Property tax receivable | 5,446,492 | | 5,446,492 | |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$583,735) | | 193,570 | 193,570 | |
| Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$2,165,127) | 743,509 | | 743,509 | |
| Intergovernmental receivables | 154,102 | | 154,102 | |
| Other receivables | 2,258 | | 2,258 | 56,525 |
| Capital assets: | | | | |
| Land and construction in progress | 1,600,659 | | 1,600,659 | |
| Other capital assets, net | 49,172,183 | 527,885 | 49,700,068 | 14,925 |
| Other assets | | | | |
| Total Assets | <u>63,074,746</u> | <u>947,260</u> | <u>64,022,006</u> | <u>71,450</u> |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Claims payable | 305,721 | 32,193 | 337,914 | 42,059 |
| Accrued salaries and withholdings | | | | 53,446 |
| Intergovernmental payables | 792,908 | | 792,908 | |
| Deferred revenue | 5,446,492 | | 5,446,492 | |
| Compensated absences | 180,489 | 20,935 | 201,424 | |
| Other payables | 66,465 | | 66,465 | 30,212 |
| Due within one year: | | | | |
| Capital debt | 620,328 | | 620,328 | |
| Due in more than one year: | | | | |
| Capital debt | 4,301,253 | | 4,301,253 | |
| Total Liabilities | <u>11,713,656</u> | <u>53,128</u> | <u>11,766,784</u> | <u>125,717</u> |
| NET ASSETS | | | | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 45,851,261 | 527,885 | 46,379,146 | 14,925 |
| Restricted: | | | | |
| Expendable: | | | | |
| Debt service | 118,211 | | 118,211 | |
| Public safety | 586,091 | | 586,091 | |
| Public works | 1,374,676 | 366,247 | 1,740,923 | |
| Culture and recreation | 41,895 | | 41,895 | |
| Economic development | 494,752 | | 494,752 | |
| Unrestricted | 2,894,204 | | 2,894,204 | (69,192) |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$ 51,361,090</u> | <u>894,132</u> | <u>52,255,222</u> | <u>(54,267)</u> |

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

SIMPSON 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 | | | Component Unit |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|------------------------------------|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|
| | Expenses | Charges for Services | Operating Grants and Contributions | Capital Grants and Contributions | Primary Governmental Activities | Business-type Activities | |
| Primary government: | | | | | | | |
| Governmental activities: | | | | | | | |
| General government | \$ 3,125,724 | 1,005,025 | 139,161 | 370,727 | (1,749,972) | | (1,749,972) |
| Public safety | 2,748,830 | 517,774 | 1,354,980 | 280,174 | (1,811,721) | | (1,811,721) |
| Public works | 2,385,169 | | 31,748 | 138,833 | (891,356) | | (891,356) |
| Health and welfare | 274,739 | | | 250,735 | 7,744 | | 7,744 |
| Culture and recreation | 179,112 | | | | (179,112) | | (179,112) |
| Conservation of natural resources | 88,026 | | | 15,000 | (88,026) | | (88,026) |
| Economic development and assistance | 148,729 | | | | (133,729) | | (133,729) |
| Interest on long-term debt | 156,917 | | | | (156,917) | | (156,917) |
| Total Governmental Activities | 9,107,246 | 1,522,799 | 1,525,889 | 1,055,469 | (5,003,089) | 0 | (5,003,089) |
| Business-type activities: | | | | | | | |
| Solid Waste | 829,829 | 737,280 | | | | (92,549) | (92,549) |
| Total Business-type Activities | 829,829 | 737,280 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (92,549) | (92,549) |
| Total Primary Government | \$ 9,937,075 | 2,260,079 | 1,525,889 | 1,055,469 | (5,003,089) | (92,549) | (5,095,638) |
| Component unit: | | | | | | | |
| Human Resource Agency | \$ 1,136,795 | 6,267 | 947,439 | 0 | | | (183,089) |

SIMPSON COUNTY
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

(Exhibit 2 Continued)

| | Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets | | | Component Unit |
|--|---|--------------------------|------------|----------------|
| | Primary Government | | Total | |
| | Governmental Activities | Business-type Activities | | |
| General revenues: | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 4,924,079 | | 4,924,079 | |
| Road & bridge privilege taxes | 334,085 | | 334,085 | |
| Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs | 1,095,359 | | 1,095,359 | 66,076 |
| Unrestricted interest income | 257,763 | 10,604 | 268,367 | 1 |
| Rental income | 140,578 | | 140,578 | |
| Miscellaneous | 931,130 | | 931,130 | 93,719 |
| Gain (loss) from disposal of assets | 63,550 | (1,520) | 62,030 | |
| Transfers | (293) | 293 | | |
| Total General Revenues, Special Item, Extraordinary Item and Transfers | 7,746,251 | 9,377 | 7,755,628 | 159,796 |
| Changes in Net Assets | 2,743,162 | (83,172) | 2,659,990 | (23,293) |
| Net Assets - Beginning | 48,362,387 | 977,304 | 49,339,691 | (133,894) |
| Prior year adjustments | 255,541 | | 255,541 | 102,920 |
| Net Assets - Beginning, as restated | 48,617,928 | 977,304 | 49,595,232 | (30,974) |
| Net Assets - Ending | \$ 51,361,090 | 894,132 | 52,255,222 | (54,267) |

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

SIMPSON COUNTY
 Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
 September 30, 2008

Exhibit 3

| | Major Funds | | | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General Funds | Road Maintenance Fund | Other Governmental Funds | |
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 2,695,624 | 1,118,710 | 2,141,209 | 5,955,543 |
| Loans receivable | | | | |
| Property tax receivable | 3,631,935 | 602,207 | 1,212,350 | 5,446,492 |
| Fines receivable (net of allowance for uncollectible of \$2,165,127) | 743,509 | | | 743,509 |
| Intergovernmental receivables | 133,916 | | 20,186 | 154,102 |
| Other receivables | 2,258 | | | 2,258 |
| Due from other funds | | 31,260 | 24,671 | 55,931 |
| Total Assets | \$ 7,207,242 | 1,752,177 | 3,398,416 | 12,357,835 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | |
| Claims payable | \$ 165,953 | 96,380 | 43,388 | 305,721 |
| Intergovernmental payables | 192,923 | | 580,643 | 773,566 |
| Due to other funds | 75,273 | | | 75,273 |
| Deferred revenue | 4,375,444 | 602,207 | 1,212,350 | 6,190,001 |
| Other payables | 66,465 | | | 66,465 |
| Total Liabilities | 4,876,058 | 698,587 | 1,836,381 | 7,411,026 |
| Fund balances: | | | | |
| Reserved for: | | | | |
| Debt service | | | 118,211 | 118,211 |
| Unreserved, reported in: | | | | |
| General fund | 2,331,184 | | | 2,331,184 |
| Special revenue funds | | 1,053,590 | 1,443,824 | 2,497,414 |
| Total Fund Balances | 2,331,184 | 1,053,590 | 1,562,035 | 4,946,809 |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | \$ 7,207,242 | 1,752,177 | 3,398,416 | 12,357,835 |

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

SIMPSON 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 | \$ 4,946,809 |
| Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Assets are different because: | |
| Capital assets are used in governmental activities and are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds, net of accumulated depreciation of \$89,583,683. | 50,772,842 |
| Other long-term assets are not available to pay for current period expenditures and, therefore, are deferred in the funds. | 743,509 |
| Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds. | <u>(5,102,070)</u> |
| Total Net Assets - Governmental Activities | \$ <u>51,361,090</u> |

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

SIMPSON COUNTY

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

Exhibit 4

| | Major Funds | | | Total Governmental Funds |
|---|---------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | General Fund | Road Maintenance Fund | Other Governmental Funds | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 3,426,450 | 344,404 | 1,153,225 | 4,924,079 |
| Road and bridge privilege taxes | | 334,085 | | 334,085 |
| Licenses, commissions and other revenue | 205,016 | | 12,721 | 217,737 |
| Fines and forfeitures | 494,817 | | 20,517 | 515,334 |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 986,916 | 1,470,085 | 1,253,687 | 3,710,688 |
| Charges for services | 208,189 | | 266,351 | 474,540 |
| Interest income | 177,729 | 21,633 | 58,400 | 257,762 |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 64,936 | 756,289 | 233,115 | 1,054,340 |
| Total Revenues | <u>5,564,053</u> | <u>2,926,496</u> | <u>2,998,016</u> | <u>11,488,565</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 2,637,958 | | 379,166 | 3,017,124 |
| Public safety | 1,861,062 | | 1,021,735 | 2,882,797 |
| Public works | | 2,375,261 | 414,978 | 2,790,239 |
| Health and welfare | 274,519 | | 734,608 | 1,009,127 |
| Culture and recreation | 179,112 | | | 179,112 |
| Conservation of natural resources | 88,026 | | | 88,026 |
| Economic development and assistance | 13,749 | | 1,061,080 | 1,074,829 |
| Debt service: | | | | |
| Principal | 25,126 | 326,616 | 411,545 | 763,287 |
| Interest | 2,690 | 12,074 | 146,593 | 161,357 |
| Total Expenditures | <u>5,082,242</u> | <u>2,713,951</u> | <u>4,169,705</u> | <u>11,965,898</u> |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>481,811</u> | <u>212,545</u> | <u>(1,171,689)</u> | <u>(477,333)</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Long-term non-capital debt issued | | | 857,725 | 857,725 |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets | 4,403 | 336,337 | 150,000 | 490,740 |
| Transfers in | 1,624 | 522 | 64,669 | 66,815 |
| Transfers out | (37,773) | | (29,335) | (67,108) |
| Total Other Financing Sources and Uses | <u>(31,746)</u> | <u>336,859</u> | <u>1,043,059</u> | <u>1,348,172</u> |
| Net Changes in Fund Balances | 450,065 | 549,404 | (128,630) | 870,839 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>1,881,119</u> | <u>504,186</u> | <u>1,690,665</u> | <u>4,075,970</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | <u>\$ 2,331,184</u> | <u>1,053,590</u> | <u>1,562,035</u> | <u>4,946,809</u> |

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

SIMPSON 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 | \$ 870,839 |
| 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 \$2,898,838 exceeded depreciation of \$791,985 in the current period. | 2,107,853 |
| 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 gain of \$63,550 and the proceeds from the sale of \$490,740 in the current period. | (427,190) |
| Fine revenue recognized on the modified accrual basis in the funds during the current year is increased because prior year recognition would have been required on the Statement of Activities using the full-accrual basis of accounting. | 315,211 |
| 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 \$763,287 exceeded debt proceeds of \$857,725. | (94,438) |
| 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 the amount of the increase in compensated absences. | <u>(29,113)</u> |
| Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities | <u>\$ 2,743,162</u> |

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

SIMPSON COUNTY
Statement of Net Assets - Proprietary Fund
September 30, 2008

Exhibit 5

| | Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund |
|---|--|
| | Solid Waste Fund |
| ASSETS | |
| Current assets: | |
| Cash | \$ 225,805 |
| Accounts receivable (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$583,735) | <u>193,570</u> |
| Total Current Assets | <u>419,375</u> |
| Noncurrent assets: | |
| Capital assets, net | <u>527,885</u> |
| Total Noncurrent Assets | <u>527,885</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>947,260</u> |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Current liabilities: | |
| Claims payable | <u>32,193</u> |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>32,193</u> |
| Noncurrent liabilities: | |
| Advances from other funds | |
| Compensated absences payable | <u>20,935</u> |
| Total Noncurrent Liabilities | <u>20,935</u> |
| NET ASSETS | |
| Invested in capital assets, net of related debt | 527,885 |
| Unrestricted (deficit) | <u>366,247</u> |
| Total Net Assets | <u>\$ 894,132</u> |

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

SIMPSON COUNTY

Exhibit 6

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

| | Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| | Solid Waste Fund |
| Operating Revenues | |
| Charges for services | \$ 731,133 |
| Other operating cash receipts | 6,147 |
| Total Operating Revenues | <u>737,280</u> |
| Operating Expenses | |
| Personal services | 335,678 |
| Contractual services | 216,133 |
| Materials and supplies | 191,601 |
| Depreciation expense | 86,323 |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>829,735</u> |
| Operating Income (Loss) | <u>(92,455)</u> |
| Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses) | |
| Interest income | 10,604 |
| Gain (loss) on sale of capital assets | (1,520) |
| Interest expense | (94) |
| Net Nonoperating Revenue (Expenses) | <u>8,990</u> |
| Net Income (Loss) Before Transfers | (83,465) |
| Transfers in | <u>293</u> |
| Changes in Net Assets | <u>(83,172)</u> |
| Net Assets - Beginning | <u>977,304</u> |
| Net Assets - Ending | <u>\$ 894,132</u> |

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

SIMPSON COUNTY
Statement of Cash Flows - Proprietary Fund
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Exhibit 7

| | Business-type Activities- Enterprise Funds |
|---|--|
| | Solid Waste Fund |
| Cash Flows From Operating Activities | |
| Receipts from customers | \$ 715,207 |
| Payments to suppliers | (400,562) |
| Payments to employees | (328,316) |
| Other operating cash receipts | 6,147 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities | <u>(7,524)</u> |
| Cash Flows From Noncapital Financing Activities | |
| Cash received from other funds: | |
| Operating transfers in | 293 |
| Principal paid on long-term debt | (11,777) |
| Interest expense | (94) |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Noncapital Financing Activities | <u>(11,578)</u> |
| Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities | |
| Proceeds from sale of capital assets | 12,090 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities | <u>12,090</u> |
| Cash Flows From Investing Activities | |
| Interest on deposits | 10,604 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities | <u>10,604</u> |
| Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 3,592 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year | <u>222,213</u> |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year | <u>\$ 225,805</u> |
| Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities: | |
| Operating income (loss) | \$ (92,455) |
| Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided (used) by operating activities: | |
| Depreciation expense | 86,323 |
| Provision for uncollectible accounts | 5,087 |
| Changes in assets and liabilities: | |
| (Increase) decrease in accounts receivable | (15,926) |
| Increase (decrease) in claims payable | 2,085 |
| Increase (decrease) in compensated absences liability | 7,362 |
| Total Adjustments | <u>84,931</u> |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities | <u>\$ (7,524)</u> |

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

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

Exhibit 8

| | <u>Agency Funds</u> |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| ASSETS | |
| Cash | \$ 102,202 |
| Due from other funds | <u>19,342</u> |
| Total Assets | <u>\$ 121,544</u> |
| LIABILITIES | |
| Amounts held in custody for others | \$ 6,219 |
| Intergovernmental payables | <u>115,325</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 121,544</u> |

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

SIMPSON COUNTY

Notes to Financial Statements For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

A. Financial Reporting Entity.

Simpson 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 Simpson County to present these financial statements on the primary government and its component units which have significant operational or financial relationships with the county. 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. Individual Component Unit Disclosures.

Blended Component Units

Certain component units, although legally separate from the primary government, are nevertheless so intertwined with the primary government that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government. Therefore, these component units are reported as if they are part of the primary government. The following component unit's balances and transactions are blended with the balances and transactions of the primary government.

Simpson County Economic Development District is a legally separate entity organized under Section 19-5-99, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). Its purpose is to foster, encourage and facilitate economic development in the county. The entity's board of trustees is composed of 11 members appointed by the county board of supervisors. The county funds the entity through a 1.21 mill tax levy.

Discretely Presented Component Units

The component units columns in the financial statements include the financial data of the following component unit of the county. They are reported in a separate column to emphasize that they are legally separate from the county. The members of the governing body of the component unit is appointed by the county Board of Supervisors.

Simpson County Human Resource Agency was established in 1976 to administer the programs of state and federal agencies and to work with the poor, public and private sectors to identify and try to eliminate the causes of poverty within Simpson County. This agency is partially supported by the Board of Supervisors of Simpson County who also appoint the board of directors.

C. 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.

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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 and its component units. 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.

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 activities 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.

D. 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.

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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.

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

The county reports the following major Proprietary Fund:

Garbage and 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.

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

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.

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E. 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.

F. 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.

G. Receivables.

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

H. Interfund Transactions and Balances.

Transactions between funds that are representative of short-term lending/borrowing arrangements and transactions that have not resulted in the actual transfer of cash at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "due to/from other funds." Interfund receivables and payables between funds within governmental activities are eliminated in the Statement of Net Assets. Any outstanding balances between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

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. Simpson County meets this criteria and has elected to report general infrastructure assets acquired after September 30, 1980 on the government-wide financial statements. Current year general infrastructure assets are reported on the government-wide financial statements. General infrastructure assets include all roads and bridges and other infrastructure assets acquired subsequent to October 1, 1980.

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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 |
| 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.

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 in the 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.

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 adjustments is as follows:

Exhibit 2 - Statement of Activities

Governmental Activities

| <u>Explanation</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|---|-------------------|
| To include land owned by the Simpson County Economic Development District | \$ <u>255,541</u> |

(3) Deposits.

The carrying amount of the county's total deposits with financial institutions at September 30, 2008, was \$6,283,550, and the bank balance was \$7,071,943. 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.

(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> |
|--------------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| Other Governmental Funds | General Fund | \$ 24,671 |
| Road Fund | General Fund | 31,260 |
| Agency Funds | General Fund | <u>19,342</u> |
| Total | | \$ <u>75,273</u> |

Amounts listed are the tax revenues, Justice Court and Circuit Clerk fees collected in September, 2008, but not settled until October, 2008.

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B. Transfers In/Out:

| <u>Transfer In</u> | <u>Transfer Out</u> | <u>Amount</u> |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| General Fund | Other Governmental Funds | \$ 1,624 |
| Road Fund | Other Governmental Funds | 522 |
| Other Governmental Funds | Other Governmental Funds | 27,189 |
| Other Governmental Funds | General Fund | 37,480 |
| Solid Waste Fund | General Fund | 293 |
| Total | | <u>\$ 67,108</u> |

The purpose of these transfers were to provide funds for budgeted items and reimbursements of disaster expenses. The transfers were routine in nature and consistent with 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 | \$ 133,916 |
| Department of Public Safety | 20,186 |
| Total | <u>\$ 154,102</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 | \$ 569,018 | 926,100 | (150,000) | 255,541 | 1,600,659 |
| Construction in progress | 1,691,061 | | | (1,691,061) | |
| Total non-depreciable capital assets | <u>2,260,079</u> | <u>926,100</u> | <u>(150,000)</u> | <u>(1,435,520)</u> | <u>1,600,659</u> |
| <u>Depreciable capital assets:</u> | | | | | |
| Buildings | 4,629,562 | 734,388 | | 451,425 | 5,815,375 |
| Mobile equipment | 3,297,520 | 458,141 | (315,939) | | 3,439,722 |
| Furniture and equipment | 847,319 | 13,180 | | | 860,499 |
| Leased property under capital leases | 439,050 | | (370,702) | | 68,348 |
| Infrastructure | 126,564,254 | 768,029 | | 1,239,636 | 128,571,919 |
| Total depreciable capital assets | <u>135,777,705</u> | <u>1,973,738</u> | <u>(686,641)</u> | <u>1,691,061</u> | <u>138,755,863</u> |

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| | Balance Oct. 1, 2007 | Additions | Deletions | Adjustments * | Balance Sept. 30, 2008 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u> | | | | | |
| Buildings | 3,106,659 | 67,430 | | | 3,174,089 |
| Mobile equipment | 2,177,221 | 261,505 | (275,987) | | 2,162,739 |
| Furniture and equipment | 511,577 | 128,213 | | | 639,790 |
| Leased property under capital leases | 106,250 | 39,518 | (133,464) | | 12,304 |
| Infrastructure | 83,299,439 | 295,319 | | | 83,594,758 |
| Total accumulated depreciation | 89,201,146 | 791,985 | (409,451) | 0 | 89,583,680 |
| Total depreciable capital assets, net | 46,576,559 | 1,181,753 | (277,190) | 1,691,061 | 49,172,183 |
| Governmental activities capital assets, net | \$ 48,836,638 | 2,107,853 | (427,190) | 255,541 | 50,772,842 |

Business-type activities:

| | Balance Oct. 1, 2007 | Additions | Deletions | Adjustments | Balance Sept. 30, 2008 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Depreciable capital assets:</u> | | | | | |
| Buildings | \$ 164,260 | | | | 164,260 |
| Mobile equipment | 943,613 | | (48,627) | | 894,986 |
| Leased property under capital leases | 81,305 | | | | 81,305 |
| Total depreciable capital assets | 1,189,178 | 0 | (48,627) | 0 | 1,140,551 |

| | | | | | |
|--|------------|----------|----------|---|---------|
| <u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u> | | | | | |
| Buildings | 29,574 | 3,286 | | | 32,860 |
| Mobile equipment | 509,832 | 75,719 | (35,016) | | 550,535 |
| Leased property under capital leases | 21,954 | 7,318 | | | 29,272 |
| Total accumulated depreciation | 561,360 | 86,323 | (35,016) | 0 | 612,667 |
| Total depreciable capital assets, net | 627,818 | (86,323) | (13,611) | 0 | 527,884 |
| Business-type activities capital assets, net | \$ 627,818 | (86,323) | (13,611) | 0 | 527,884 |

Component Unit:

Simpson County Human Resource Agency

| | Balance Oct. 1, 2007 | Additions | Deletions | Adjustments | Balance Sept. 30, 2008 |
|---|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|-------------|---------------------------|
| <u>Depreciable capital assets:</u> | | | | | |
| Mobile equipment | \$ 440,145 | | | | 440,145 |
| Furniture and equipment | 1,000 | | | | 1,000 |
| Total depreciable capital assets | 441,145 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 441,145 |
| <u>Less accumulated depreciation for:</u> | | | | | |
| Mobile equipment | 426,220 | | | | 426,220 |
| Total accumulated depreciation | 426,220 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 426,220 |
| Component unit capital assets, net | \$ 14,925 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14,925 |

* Adjustments include transfer of completed projects from construction in progress and addition of land owned by the Simpson County Economic Development District.

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Depreciation expense was charged to the following functions:

| | |
|--|-------------------|
| Governmental activities: | |
| General government | \$ 70,757 |
| Public safety | 282,861 |
| Public works | 434,919 |
| Health and welfare | <u>3,448</u> |
| | |
| Total depreciation expense - governmental activities | <u>\$ 791,985</u> |
| | |
| Business-type activities: | |
| Solid waste | <u>\$ 86,323</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, 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 Leases.

As Lessor:

The county receives income from property it leases under noncancellable operating leases. Total income from such leases was \$30,000 for the year ended September 30, 2008. The future minimum lease receivables for these leases are as follows:

Operating Leases

| Year Ended September 30 | Amount |
|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 2009 | \$ <u>30,000</u> |
| Total Minimum Payments Required | <u>\$ 30,000</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:

| Asset: | Governmental Activities | Business-type Activities |
|--------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Machinery and equipment | \$ 68,348 | 81,305 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation | (12,304) | (29,272) |
| Total | \$ 56,044 | 52,033 |

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 | \$ 23,318 | 927 | 34,235 | 4,454 |
| 2010 | 9,999 | 102 | | |
| Total | \$ 33,317 | 1,029 | 34,235 | 4,454 |

(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: | | | |
| Quality Food MBIA bond | \$ 900,000 | 2.00% | 03/16 |
| Road and bridge bonds, Series 2003 | 775,000 | 3.00% | 04/12 |
| Road and bridge bonds, Series 2004 | 2,250,000 | 3.84% | 10/19 |
| Total General Obligation Bonds | 3,925,000 | | |
| B. Capital Leases: | | | |
| Kubota tractor with boom mower | 33,317 | 4.08% | 02/10 |
| Total Capital Leases | 33,317 | | |

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| Description and Purpose | Amount Outstanding | Interest Rate | Final Maturity Date |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| C. Other Loan: | | | |
| City of Magee tax increment financing | 27,375 | 5.12% | 09/09 |
| Capital improvement revolving loan | 14,149 | 3.00% | 10/10 |
| Capital improvement revolving loan | 66,483 | 3.00% | 12/09 |
| CDBG Katrina loan | 776,100 | 5.21% | 06/13 |
| Capital improvement revolving loan | <u>79,159</u> | 2.00% | 06/18 |
| Total Other Loans | <u>963,266</u> | | |
| Total Governmental Activities | <u>\$ 4,921,583</u> | | |

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 | \$ 365,000 | 127,444 | 232,011 | 48,655 |
| 2010 | 470,000 | 115,894 | 213,817 | 38,069 |
| 2011 | 485,000 | 99,351 | 216,980 | 28,532 |
| 2012 | 500,000 | 81,282 | 203,098 | 18,789 |
| 2013 | 315,000 | 66,745 | 57,237 | 9,820 |
| 2014-2018 | 1,525,000 | 189,979 | 40,123 | 1,938 |
| 2019-2023 | <u>265,000</u> | <u>9,804</u> | | |
| Total | <u>\$ 3,925,000</u> | <u>690,499</u> | <u>963,266</u> | <u>145,803</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 2.53% of the latest property assessments.

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

| | Balance Oct. 1, 2007 | New Debt | Payments | Balance Sept. 30, 2008 | Amount due within one year |
|----------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Governmental Activities: | | | | | |
| Compensated absences | \$ 151,376 | 29,113 | | 180,489 | |
| General obligation bonds | 4,275,000 | | 350,000 | 3,925,000 | 365,000 |
| Capital leases | 359,933 | | 326,616 | 33,317 | 23,318 |
| Other loans | 192,210 | 857,725 | 86,671 | 963,264 | 232,010 |
| Total | \$ 4,978,519 | 886,838 | 763,287 | 5,102,070 | 620,328 |
| Business-type Activities: | | | | | |
| Compensated absences | \$ 13,573 | 7,362 | | 20,935 | |
| Capital leases | 11,777 | | 11,777 | | |
| Total | \$ 25,350 | 7,362 | 11,777 | 20,935 | 0 |

(11) Contingencies.

Federal Grants - The county has received federal grants for specific purposes that are subject to audit by the grantor agencies. Entitlements to these resources are generally conditional upon compliance with the terms and conditions of grant agreements and applicable federal regulations, including the expenditure of resources for allowable purposes. Any disallowance resulting from a grantor audit may become a liability of the county. Accordingly, 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.

(12) Joint Ventures.

The county participates in the following joint ventures:

Simpson County is a participant with Rankin, Scott and Smith Counties in a joint venture, authorized by Section 39-3-9, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the Central Mississippi Regional Library System. The joint venture was created to provide free library service to the public and is governed by a five-member board of which two members are appointed by Rankin County and one member each from the other three counties. By contractual agreement, the county's appropriation to the joint venture was \$140,000 in fiscal year 2008. Complete financial statements for the Central Mississippi Regional Library System can be obtained from the following address: 104 Office Park Drive, Brandon, MS 39042.

Simpson County is a participant with the Cities of Magee and Mendenhall in a joint venture, authorized by Section 17-17-307, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to operate the South Central Regional Solid Waste Authority. The joint venture was created to provide rubbish waste disposal for the residents of Simpson County and is governed by a seven-member board appointed by the Board of Supervisors and Board of Aldermen; three by Simpson County, and two each by the Cities of Magee and Mendenhall. The county's appropriation to the joint venture was \$60,619 in fiscal year 2007. Complete financial statements for the South Central Mississippi Regional Solid Waste Authority can be obtained from the following address: P. O. Box 487, Mendenhall, MS 39114.

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Simpson County is a participant with the City of Magee in a joint venture authorized by Section 21-45-11, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), to contract with each other for joint and cooperative action relative to the financing for the construction of public infrastructure improvements and facilities and to jointly pledge revenue to fund the debt service of any such indebtedness incurred pursuant to the tax increment financing laws. The infrastructure improvements were made to accommodate development within the City of Magee in connection with a proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter. The county's responsibility is to pledge the additional ad valorem tax revenue generated by the development as security for its pro rata share of debt service on the bonds issued by the city. The county must pay the city 50% of the annual debt service on the bonds on the 15th day of each month preceding the installment due on the bonds. The county's total cost of the joint venture is \$266,209, which will be due in semi-annual installments through September, 2009. During the year, the county appropriated \$27,816 for the joint venture.

(13) Jointly Governed Organizations.

The county participates in the following jointly governed organizations:

Copiah-Lincoln Community College operates in a district composed of the Counties of Adams, Copiah, Franklin, Jefferson, Lawrence, Lincoln and Simpson. The Simpson County Board of Supervisors appoints two of the 27 members of the college board of trustees. The county appropriated \$812,679 for the maintenance and support of the college in fiscal year 2008.

Region Eight Mental Health Commission operates in a district composed of the Counties of Copiah, Madison, Rankin and Simpson. The Simpson County Board of Supervisors appoints one member of the board of commissioners. The county appropriated \$45,000 for support of the commission in fiscal year 2008.

Central Mississippi Planning and Development District operates in a district composed of the counties of Copiah, Hinds, Madison, Rankin, Simpson, Warren and Yazoo. The Simpson County Board of Supervisors appoints three of the 33 members of the board of directors. The county contributes a small percentage of the district's total revenue. The county appropriated \$13,749 for the support of the district in fiscal year 2008.

(14) Defined Benefit Pension Plan.

Plan Description. Simpson 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 \$366,895, \$355,201 and \$316,850, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(15) Subsequent Events.

Subsequent to September 30, 2008, Simpson County issued the following debt obligation:

| <u>Issue Date</u> | <u>Interest Rate</u> | <u>Issue Amount</u> | <u>Type of Financing</u> | <u>Source of Financing</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| 10/15/2008 | 3.17% | \$ 433,898 | Lease purchase | Ad valorem taxes |

SIMPSON COUNTY

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SIMPSON 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 | \$ 3,337,326 | 3,416,249 | 3,416,249 | |
| Licenses, commissions and other revenue | 181,210 | 221,356 | 221,356 | |
| Fines and forfeitures | 516,500 | 493,778 | 493,778 | |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 835,192 | 986,916 | 986,916 | |
| Charges for services | 100,000 | 208,189 | 208,189 | |
| Interest income | 148,500 | 177,381 | 177,381 | |
| Miscellaneous revenues | 52,450 | 65,097 | 65,097 | |
| Total Revenues | <u>5,171,178</u> | <u>5,568,966</u> | <u>5,568,966</u> | <u>0</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| General government | 2,706,332 | 2,653,155 | 2,653,155 | |
| Public safety | 1,893,747 | 1,821,611 | 1,821,611 | |
| Health and welfare | 240,615 | 276,799 | 276,799 | |
| Culture and recreation | 180,000 | 180,000 | 180,000 | |
| Conservation of natural resources | 88,480 | 86,335 | 86,335 | |
| Economic development and assistance | 41,565 | 38,875 | 38,875 | |
| Debt service: | | | | |
| Interest | | 2,690 | 2,690 | |
| Total Expenditures | <u>5,150,739</u> | <u>5,059,465</u> | <u>5,059,465</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>20,439</u> | <u>509,501</u> | <u>509,501</u> | <u>0</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Transfers in | | 1,624 | 1,624 | |
| Transfers out | | (37,773) | (37,773) | |
| Other financing sources | | 4,231 | 4,231 | |
| Total Other Financing Sources and Uses | <u>0</u> | <u>(31,918)</u> | <u>(31,918)</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | 20,439 | 477,583 | 477,583 | 0 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>1,804,000</u> | <u>1,910,016</u> | <u>1,910,016</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | <u>\$ 1,824,439</u> | <u>2,387,599</u> | <u>2,387,599</u> | <u>0</u> |

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

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

| | Original Budget | Final Budget | Actual (Budgetary Basis) | Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative) |
|---|--------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Property taxes | \$ 339,301 | 342,340 | 342,340 | |
| Road and bridge privilege taxes | 310,000 | 310,320 | 310,320 | |
| Intergovernmental revenues | 675,379 | 702,056 | 702,056 | |
| Interest income | 15,000 | 21,633 | 21,633 | |
| Miscellaneous revenues | | 756,289 | 756,289 | |
| Total Revenues | <u>1,339,680</u> | <u>2,132,638</u> | <u>2,132,638</u> | <u>0</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: | | | | |
| Public works | 1,404,271 | 1,550,430 | 1,550,430 | |
| Debt service: | | | | |
| Principal | 69,286 | 326,616 | 326,616 | |
| Interest | | 12,074 | 12,074 | |
| Total Expenditures | <u>1,473,557</u> | <u>1,889,120</u> | <u>1,889,120</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Excess of Revenues over (under) Expenditures | <u>(133,877)</u> | <u>243,518</u> | <u>243,518</u> | <u>0</u> |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | |
| Transfers in | | 522 | 522 | |
| Other financing sources | | 336,337 | 336,337 | |
| Total Other Financing Sources and Uses | <u>0</u> | <u>336,859</u> | <u>336,859</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | (133,877) | 580,377 | 580,377 | 0 |
| Fund Balances - Beginning | <u>450,000</u> | <u>538,333</u> | <u>538,333</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Fund Balances - Ending | <u>\$ 316,123</u> | <u>1,118,710</u> | <u>1,118,710</u> | <u>0</u> |

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

SIMPSON 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:

| | Governmental Fund Types | |
|---|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| | General Fund | County-wide Road Fund |
| Net Change in Fund Balance - Budget (Cash Basis) | \$ 477,583 | 580,377 |
| Increase (decrease): | | |
| Net adjustments for revenue accruals | (4,741) | 793,858 |
| Net adjustments for expenditure accruals | (22,777) | (824,831) |
| Net Change in Fund Balance GAAP Basis | \$ 450,065 | 549,404 |

SIMPSON COUNTY

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SIMPSON COUNTY
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
September 30, 2008

| Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/ Program Title | Federal CFDA Number | Grant Identification Number | Agency or Pass-through Number | Federal Disbursements/ Expenditures |
|--|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| MAJOR FEDERAL AWARDS | | | | |
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | | | | |
| Direct | | | | |
| Courthouse renovation | 14.251 | B-06-SP-MS-0552 | | \$ 369,482 |
| Passed-through Mississippi Development Authority Health Department building | 14.228 | | 1123-06-064-PF-01 | <u>230,300</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development | | | | <u>599,782</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Major Federal Awards | | | | <u>599,782</u> |
| OTHER FEDERAL AWARDS | | | | |
| U.S. Department of Justice/Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Public Safety | | | | |
| DUI officers grant | 16.738 | | | 40,178 |
| Local law enforcement block grant program | 16.738 | | 06LB1641 | 2,671 |
| Local law enforcement block grant program | 16.738 | | 06LB16428 | <u>2,473</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Justice | | | | <u>45,322</u> |
| U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development/ Passed-through Mississippi Development Authority CDBG - Business Park - Katrina 2008 | | | | |
| | 14.XXX | | | <u>15,000</u> |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security/ Passed-through Mississippi Department of Homeland Security | | | | |
| State domestic preparedness equipment support program | 97.004 | | 05HS064F | 10,420 |
| State domestic preparedness equipment support program | 97.004 | | 06LE064A | 4,740 |
| State domestic preparedness equipment support program | 97.004 | | 06LE064B | <u>15,181</u> |
| | | | | <u>30,341</u> |
| Passed-through Mississippi Emergency Management Agency | | | | |
| Hurricane relief grant | 97.036 | | | <u>1,345</u> |
| Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security | | | | <u>31,686</u> |
| U.S. Department of Transportation - Federal Highway Administration/Passed-through the Mississippi Department of Transportation | | | | |
| Highway planning and construction | 20.205 | | BR NBIS 068 B (064) | <u>21,120</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Other Federal Awards | | | | <u>113,128</u> |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | | <u>\$ 712,910</u> |

SIMPSON COUNTY
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

(Continued)

NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

Note A - Significant Accounting Policies.

Basis of Presentation:

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

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SPECIAL REPORTS

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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Simpson County, Mississippi

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component unit, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Simpson County, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2008, and have issued our report thereon dated April 30, 2008. We did not audit the financial statements of the Simpson County Human Resource Agency, a component unit, which represents 100% of the assets and revenues of the discretely presented component unit column. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose report thereon has been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the amounts included for the aforementioned component unit, is based solely on the report of the other auditors. 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. The financial statements of the Simpson County Human Resource Agency were audited by other auditors in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Simpson 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 Simpson 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.

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.

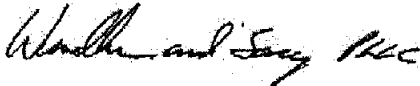
A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the county's internal control.

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. We did not identify any deficiencies in the internal control that we consider to be a material weakness as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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



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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Simpson County, Mississippi

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Simpson County, Mississippi, with the types of compliance requirements described in the U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) *Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2008. Simpson County, Mississippi's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of Simpson County, Mississippi's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on Simpson County, Mississippi's compliance based on our audit.

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

In our opinion, Simpson County, Mississippi, complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2008.

Internal Control Over Compliance

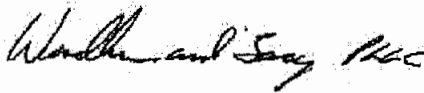
The management of Simpson County, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered Simpson County, Mississippi's internal control over compliance with the requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the county's internal control over compliance.

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

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

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

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



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

Members of the Board of Supervisors
Simpson County, Mississippi

We have made a study and evaluation of the central purchasing system and inventory control system of Simpson 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.

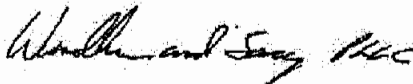
The Board of Supervisors of Simpson County, Mississippi, is responsible for establishing and maintaining a central purchasing system and inventory control system in accordance with Sections 31-7-101 through 31-7-127, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). In addition, the Board of Supervisors is responsible for purchasing in accordance with the bid requirements of Section 31-7-13, Miss. Code Ann. (1972). The Board of Supervisors of Simpson 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, Simpson 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 of Simpson 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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April 30, 2009

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

Schedule 1

There were no purchases from other than lowest bidder.

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

Schedule 2

| <u>Date</u> | <u>Item Purchased</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Reason for Emergency Purchase</u> |
|-------------|-----------------------|---------------|---|
| 08/28/2008 | Fuel | \$ 1,841 | Anticipation of Hurricane Gustav. |
| 08/28/2008 | Chain saw supplies | 192 | Anticipation of Hurricane Gustav. |
| 08/28/2008 | Supplies | 70 | Anticipation of Hurricane Gustav. |
| 08/28/2008 | Fuel | 2,983 | Anticipation of Hurricane Gustav. |
| 03/28/2008 | Chain saws | 2,886 | Chain saws for fire departments purchased in anticipation of approaching storm. |
| 03/28/2008 | Chain saws | 2,633 | Chain saws for fire departments purchased in anticipation of approaching storm. |
| 03/28/2008 | Fuel for truck | 78 | Fuel for supervisor's truck. Station did not have a Fuelman card. Purchased in anticipation of storm. |

SIMPSON COUNTY
Schedule of Purchases Made Noncompetitively from a Sole Source
For the Year Ended September 30, 2008

Schedule 3

There were no purchases made noncompetitively from a sole source.

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LIMITED INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE REVIEW MANAGEMENT REPORT

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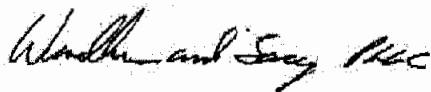
In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Simpson County, Mississippi for the year ended September 30, 2008, we considered Simpson County, Mississippi's internal control to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements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

In addition, for areas not considered material to Simpson 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 April 30, 2009, on the financial statements of Simpson 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.

Due to the reduced scope, these review procedures and compliance tests cannot and do not provide absolute assurance that all state legal requirements have been complied with. Also, our consideration of internal control would not necessarily disclose all matters within the internal control that might be weaknesses. In accordance with Section 7-7-211, Miss. Code Ann. (1972), the Office of the State Auditor, when deemed necessary, may conduct additional procedures and tests of transactions for this or other fiscal years to ensure compliance with legal requirements.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and 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.



Windham and Lacey, PLLC
April 30, 2009

SIMPSON COUNTY

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

SIMPSON COUNTY

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
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 financial statements: | Unqualified |
| 2. | Internal control over financial reporting: | |
| | a. Material weakness identified? | No |
| | b. Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? | None Reported |
| 3. | Noncompliance material to the financial statements? | No |

Federal Awards:

- | | | |
|-----|---|---------------|
| 4. | Internal control over major programs: | |
| | a. Material weakness identified? | No |
| | b. Significant deficiency identified that is not considered to be a material weakness? | None Reported |
| 5. | Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal programs: | Unqualified |
| 6. | Any audit findings reported as required by Section ____510(a) of Circular A-133? | No |
| 7. | Federal programs identified as major programs: | |
| | a. Community development block grants/state's program, CFDA #14.228 | |
| | b. Economic Development Initiative - special project, CFDA #14.251 | |
| 8. | The dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: | \$300,000 |
| 9. | Auditee qualified as a low-risk auditee? | No |
| 10. | Prior fiscal year audit findings and questioned cost relative to federal awards which would require the auditee to prepare a summary schedule of prior audit findings as discussed in Section ____315(b) of OMB Circular A-133? | No |

SIMPSON COUNTY

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

Section 2: Financial Statement Findings

The results of our tests did not disclose any findings relating to the financial statements that are required by *Government Auditing Standards* to be reported.

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.