

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI  
AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI  
MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

**OFFICIALS**

Mayor

Gordon Gollott

**CITY COUNCIL**

Councilwoman  
Councilman  
Councilman  
Councilman  
Councilman  
Councilman

Mary Martin  
Johnny Jones  
Hurley Ray Guillotte  
Casey Vaughan  
Charles Anderson  
Adam Colledge

**APPOINTED OFFICIALS**

City Attorney

Josh Danos

City Manager

Samantha Abell

City Judge

Jason Thornton

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

City Clerk

Cindy Russell

Comptroller

Teresa Montgomery

Economic Development Director

Chandra Nicholson

Fire Chief

Robert Jones

Police Chief

Dante Elbin

Jason Pugh

Human Resources Director

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

### *Report on the Financial Statements*

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the City's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Auditor's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

***Summary of Opinions***

<u>Opinion Unit</u>	<u>Type of Opinion</u>
Governmental Activities	Qualified
Business-Type Activities	Qualified
General Fund	Unmodified
Capital Projects Funds	Unmodified
Water & Sewer Fund	Unmodified
Solid Waste Fund	Unmodified
Aggregate Remaining Fund Information	Unmodified

***Basis for Qualified Opinions on Government-Wide Financial Statements and Proprietary Funds Financial Statements and Capital Assets Note to the Financial Statements***

Because of the inadequacy of accounting records for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014, that relate to the fixed assets, accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense, I was unable to form an opinion regarding those amounts and net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, for the Government-Wide Financial Statements, which includes amounts at which property and equipment and accumulated depreciation, and the amount of depreciation expense for the year then ended, as outlined in the Capital Assets Note to the Financial Statements, are recorded in the accompanying balance sheet at September 30, 2014, and the Proprietary Funds Financial Statements which includes amounts at which property and equipment and accumulated depreciation, and the amount of depreciation expense for the year then ended, as also outlined in the Capital Assets Note to the Financial Statements, are recorded in the accompanying balance sheet at September 30, 2014. As a result, I was unable to form an opinion on the respective net assets to which these balances are related.

***Qualified Opinions***

In My opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the “*Basis for Qualified Opinions on Government-Wide Financial Statements and Proprietary Funds Financial Statements and Capital Assets Note to the Financial Statements*” paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Unmodified Opinions***

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the General Fund, the Capital Projects Fund, the Water & Sewer Fund, the Solid Waste Fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City of Gautier, Mississippi, as of September 30, 2014, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Independent Auditors' Report**

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### ***Other Matters***

#### ***Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by OMB Circular A-133***

I have audited the financial statements of City of Gautier as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and have issued my report thereon dated May 31, 2015, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements. My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In My opinion, the schedule of expenditure of federal awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated May 31, 2015 on my consideration of the City of Gautier's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering City of Gautier's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Gautier, Mississippi  
May 31, 2015

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**  
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The discussion and analysis of the City of Gautier, Mississippi's (the City's) financial performance provides an overall narrative review of the City's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2014. The intent of this discussion and analysis is to look at the City's performance as a whole; readers should also review the basic financial statements and the notes to the financial statements to enhance their understanding of the City's financial performance. Information contained in this section is qualified by the more detailed information contained elsewhere in the City's financial statements, notes to financial statements and any accompanying materials. To the extent this discussion contains any forward-looking statements of the City's plans, objectives, expectations and prospects, the actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein.

The City implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board's (GASB) Statement No. 34 - Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments issued June 1999, for the first time during fiscal year 2004. As discussed in Footnote 1, Statement No. 34 allows for certain transition treatments in regards to infrastructure. As of fiscal year-end September 30, 2014, the City has not completed implementation for previously constructed infrastructure assets.

#### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- In 2014 and 2013, the City's net position amounted to \$35,515,995 and \$32,378,658, respectively. The net position for governmental activities totaled \$14,061,308 in 2014 and \$12,409,720 in 2013, contributing 39.59% and 38.33%, respectively, of the total net position; business-type activities contributed 60.41% and 61.67%, totaling \$21,454,687 in 2014 and \$19,968,938 in 2013.
- General revenues for 2014 and 2013 were \$9,007,974 and \$8,478,456, equaling 46.77% and 45.77% of all revenues, respectively. Program specific revenues in the form of charges for services and grants and contributions were \$10,248,279 and \$10,045,037, equaling 53.23% and 54.23% of total revenues.
- In 2014 and 2013, the City had \$16,114,924 and \$15,057,033 in expenses, respectively; only \$10,248,279 and \$10,045,037 of these expenses were offset by program specific charges for services, grants and contributions.
- Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, totaled \$50,350,019 in 2014 and \$47,735,134 in 2013.

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the City's basic financial statements. The City's basic financial statements are comprised of the following three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

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Government-wide financial statements - The government-wide financial statements are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the City's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business. These statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and include all assets and liabilities.

The statement of net assets presents information on all of the City's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as net assets. Over time, increases or decreases in net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the City is improving or deteriorating.

The statement of activities presents information showing how the City's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal years.

The government-wide financial statements outline both functions of the City and business-type activities.

The governmental activities of the City include police and fire protection, parks, recreation, public works, urban and economic development, and general administrative services. The business-type activities include the water and sewer system and its related projects.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 18 and 19 of this report.

Fund financial statements - Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the City's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements by providing information about the City's most significant funds. The City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The fund financial statements are comprised of the following funds: governmental and proprietary (enterprise) funds.

Notes to the financial statements - The notes provide additional information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 32-52 of this report.

Other information - In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the City's budget process.

The City adopts an annual operating budget for all governmental funds. A Budgetary Comparison Statement has been provided for the General Fund. This required supplementary information can be found on pages 54-60 of this report.

### **Reporting the City's Most Significant Funds**

Fund financial statements begin on page 22 and provide detailed information about the most significant funds. Some funds are required to be established by State law. However, the City Council establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other money. The City's two major types of funds are discussed below:

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Governmental funds - Most of the City's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of these funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash.

The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the City's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the City's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in the reconciliation's found on pages 23 and 25.

Proprietary funds - When the City charges customers for the services it provides, these services are generally reported in proprietary funds. Proprietary funds are reported in the same manner that all activities are reported in the Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities. Proprietary funds include the Water and Sewer and Solid Waste funds. The nonmajor proprietary fund is the Solid Waste Fund which is combined in a single column on the proprietary fund financial statements. These funds are the same as the business-type activities reported in the government- wide financial statements but provide more detail and additional information, such as cash flows. The accrual basis of accounting is used for proprietary funds.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

**Net position** - Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. The following table presents a summary of the City's net position for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

**Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 5,594,007	4,511,450	8,153,798	7,027,017	13,747,805	11,538,467
Capital assets	<u>17,425,968</u>	<u>15,364,245</u>	<u>32,924,051</u>	<u>31,060,562</u>	<u>50,350,019</u>	<u>46,424,807</u>
Total assets	<u>23,019,975</u>	<u>19,875,695</u>	<u>41,077,849</u>	<u>38,087,579</u>	<u>64,097,824</u>	<u>57,963,274</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	7,148,385	7,584,519	16,604,158	15,741,653	23,752,543	23,326,172
Other liabilities	<u>1,810,282</u>	<u>1,191,783</u>	<u>3,019,004</u>	<u>2,376,988</u>	<u>4,829,286</u>	<u>3,568,771</u>
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 8,958,667</u>	<u>8,776,302</u>	<u>19,623,162</u>	<u>18,118,641</u>	<u>28,581,829</u>	<u>26,894,943</u>
Net position:						
Invested in capital assets, net of debt	\$ 9,342,250	6,800,456	14,102,726	13,510,231	23,444,976	20,310,687
Restricted	1,767,701	2,568,497	5,450,657	4,567,517	7,218,358	7,136,014
Unrestricted	<u>2,951,357</u>	<u>1,730,440</u>	<u>1,901,304</u>	<u>1,891,190</u>	<u>4,852,661</u>	<u>3,621,630</u>
Total net position	<u>\$14,061,308</u>	<u>11,099,393</u>	<u>21,454,687</u>	<u>19,968,938</u>	<u>35,515,995</u>	<u>31,068,331</u>

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The City's restricted net position accounted for 20.32 % of total net position in 2014, and 22.97 % in 2013. Investment in capital assets (e.g. land, construction in progress, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure) accounted for 66.01 % of total net position in 2014 and 65.37% in 2013, respectively. The remaining balance consisted of unrestricted net position, is the part of net position used to finance everyday operations without constraints of legal requirements.

The following are significant transactions that have had an impact on the Statement of Net Position.

- In 2004, the City implemented the new standards of GASB 34 which requires it to report and depreciate new and old infrastructure assets [e.g. roads, bridges, underground pipes (other than utilities), traffic signals, etc.]. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure was subject to an extended implementation period and was first effective for fiscal years ended in 2006. As of September 30, 2014, the City had not implemented retroactive reporting of infrastructure.

**Changes in net position** - The City's total revenues for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were \$19,256,253 and \$18,201,690, respectively. The total cost of all programs and services was \$16,114,924 and \$15,057,033. The following table presents a summary of the changes in net position for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

**Changes in Net Position**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Revenues</b>						
Program Revenues						
Charges for services	\$ 892,959	892,175	6,989,488	7,010,351	7,882,447	7,902,526
Operating Grants and Contributions	137,748	414,989	1,175,695	105,686	1,313,443	520,675
Capital Grants And contributions	1,052,389	1,621,836	-	-	1,052,389	1,621,836
General Revenues						
Property Taxes	4,010,031	3,989,866	-	-	4,010,031	3,989,866
Franchise Taxes	166,340	166,565	-	-	166,340	166,565
Intergovernmental Revenues	2,871,977	3,022,351	-	-	2,871,977	3,022,351
Other general revenues	<u>1,803,051</u>	<u>509,166</u>	<u>156,575</u>	<u>468,705</u>	<u>1,959,626</u>	<u>977,871</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 10,934,495</u>	<u>10,616,948</u>	<u>8,321,758</u>	<u>7,584,742</u>	<u>19,256,253</u>	<u>18,201,690</u>

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	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>						
General Government	\$ 2,475,760	2,300,198	-	-	2,475,760	2,300,198
Public Safety	5,670,498	5,610,620	-	-	5,670,498	5,610,620
Public Works	523,895	700,346	-	-	523,895	700,346
Culture & Recreation	304,685	336,574	-	-	304,685	336,574
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-	-	-
Debt Service-interest	304,075	294,560	-	-	304,075	294,560
Water and Sewer Fund	-	-	5,826,378	4,787,422	5,826,378	4,787,422
Solid waste	-	-	1,009,633	1,027,313	1,009,633	1,027,313
Total expenses	<u>\$ 9,278,913</u>	<u>9,242,298</u>	<u>6,836,011</u>	<u>5,814,735</u>	<u>16,114,924</u>	<u>15,057,033</u>
Increase in net position	<u>\$ 1,655,582</u>	<u>1,374,650</u>	<u>1,485,747</u>	<u>1,770,007</u>	<u>3,141,330</u>	<u>3,144,657</u>

**Governmental activities**

The following table presents the cost of major City functional activities: general government, public safety, public works, culture and recreation, urban and economic development, capital outlay, and debt service-interest. The table also shows each function's net cost (total cost less charges for services generated by the activities and intergovernmental aid provided for specific programs). The net cost shows the financial burden that was placed on the State and City's taxpayers by each of these functions.

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			
	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>	<u>Total Cost of Services</u>	<u>Net Cost of Services</u>
<b>Program Expenses</b>				
General Government	\$ 2,475,760	(1,194,367)	2,300,198	( 186,082)
Public Safety	5,670,498	(4,868,795)	5,610,620	(4,795,736)
Public Works	523,895	( 523,895)	700,346	( 700,346)
Culture & Recreation	304,685	( 304,685)	336,574	( 336,574)
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Debt Service-interest	304,075	( 304,075)	294,560	( 294,560)
Total expenses	<u>\$ 9,278,913</u>	<u>(7,195,817)</u>	<u>9,242,298</u>	<u>(6,313,298)</u>

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**Business-type activities**

The City's business-type activities generated a change in net position of \$ 1,485,747 during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014. This represents a decrease of approximately \$ 284,000 from the change during the previous year. The factors contributing to this decrease included:

- The Water and Sewer Fund had a decrease in service charges of approximately \$ 21,000.
- The Water and Sewer Fund had a increase in grant revenues of approximately \$ 1,070,000.
- The Water & Sewer Fund had a decrease in other revenues of approximately \$ 312,000, and the Business Type Activities had an increase of expenses of approximately \$ 1,020,000.

As noted earlier, the City uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

As the City completed the year, its governmental funds reported a combined fund balance of \$ 4,719,058, compared to \$4,511,450 in the prior year. Activities within the general fund contributed to approximately 48.79% in 2014 and 38.54% in 2013 of the fund balances, respectively. Other items that influenced the fund balances are as follows:

- The City received approximately \$ 2.365 million in grant revenues, which represents a increase of approximately 11 % from the previous year.

**General Fund Budgetary Highlights**

Over the course of the year, adjustments made in the budget were minor. The changes were due to the following: 1) amendments were made shortly after the beginning of the year, 2) the Council made changes in the middle of the year to prevent shortages from the addition or extension of service contracts, or 3) the Council approved several increases in appropriations to prevent budget overruns and to recognize receipt of funds not expected.

With these adjustments, the actual expenditures were \$ 8,809,817 compared to \$ 9,344,251 in the budget. A schedule showing the original and final budget amounts compared to the City's actual financial activity for the General Fund is provided on pages 54-58 of this report as required supplementary information.

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**CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION**

**Capital Assets** - The City's total capital assets for 2014 and 2013 were \$ 50,350,019 and \$47,735,134, respectively. The City mainly invested in infrastructure improvements for the area. The following table presents a summary of the City's capital net assets for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013.

**Capital Assets at Year End (Net of Depreciation)**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Land	\$ 1,798,104	798,104	1,190,870	1,190,870	2,988,974	1,988,974
Construction in progress	-	6,337,177	3,017,060	-	3,017,060	6,337,177
Buildings and improvements	2,210,859	2,282,268	1,672,997	1,728,595	3,883,856	4,010,863
Machinery and Equipment	2,598,945	3,103,038	110,415	122,670	2,709,360	3,225,708
Utility System	-	-	26,932,709	28,018,427	26,932,709	28,018,427
Infrastructure	<u>10,818,060</u>	<u>4,153,985</u>			<u>10,818,060</u>	<u>4,153,985</u>
Total	<u>\$17,425,968</u>	<u>16,674,572</u>	<u>32,924,051</u>	<u>31,060,562</u>	<u>50,350,019</u>	<u>47,735,134</u>

Major projects over the past three years have included:

Completed Through September 30, <u>2014</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
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Government and business-type activities:

Lift Station Upgrade	\$ 2,503,100	-
Water Improvements - Old Spanish Trail	2,527,999	-
Highway 90/57 Sewer System Expansion	6,631,715	-
Streetscape Project	5,966,287	-
Energy Efficiency & Meter Replacements	3,017,060	207,483

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**Debt Administration** At September 30, 2014, the City had \$26,954,124 in general obligation bonds and other long-term debt outstanding, of which \$ 3,201,581 is due within one year.

**Outstanding Debt at Year-End**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>		<u>Total</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
General Obligation Bonds (backed by the City)	\$ 5,975,000	6,250,000	13,250,000	11,415,000	19,225,000	17,665,000
Revenue Bonds and Notes (backed by specific tax and fee revenues)	1,857,901	2,076,968	5,571,326	6,107,763	7,429,227	8,184,731
Compensated absences	<u>294,259</u>	<u>271,978</u>	<u>5,638</u>	<u>28,563</u>	<u>299,897</u>	<u>300,541</u>
Total	<u>\$ 8,127,160</u>	<u>8,598,946</u>	<u>18,826,964</u>	<u>17,551,326</u>	<u>26,954,124</u>	<u>26,150,272</u>

More detailed information about the City's long-term liabilities is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES**

On August 29, 2005, the City was severely impacted by Hurricane Katrina. The City is in the continuing process of rebuilding, which will be the case for some years. The City has used federal grants, insurance reimbursements and loans to help with these rebuilding costs.

The City's elected and appointed officials considered many factors when setting the fiscal-year 2013 budget, tax rates, and fees to be charged for business-type activities. The local economy continues its slow recovery from the loss of several major industries and revenues lost due to Hurricane Katrina, but the prospects for new industries are improving. This is evidenced by the Council utilizing the City's financial leverage in issuing seven million dollars of General Obligation Bonds previously for a New Police Station and other improvements, to provide for a platform for continuing economic development, and the issuance in a previous Fiscal Year of a Refunding Bond saving the City anticipated interest charges. Also in September of 2012, the City adopted its first ever five year strategic plan. The City also privatized its public works resulting in savings of proprietary fund resources.

**CONTACTING THE CITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, investors, and creditors with a general overview of the City's finances and to show the City's accountability for the money it receives. If there are any questions about this report or needed additional financial information, contact the Comptroller's Office at 3330 Hwy 90, Gautier, Mississippi or [tmontgomery@gautier-ms.gov](mailto:tmontgomery@gautier-ms.gov).

## **BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

The basic financial statements include integrated sets of financial statements as required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The sets of statements include:

- Government-wide financial statements
- Fund financial statements:
  - Governmental funds
  - Proprietary (enterprise) funds

In addition, the notes to the financial statements are included to provide information that is essential to a user's understanding of the basic financial statements.

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
September 30, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,144,667	1,987,566	5,132,233
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,767,701	5,456,128	7,223,829
Receivables, net	681,639	710,104	1,391,743
Internal Balances	-	-	-
Capital assets:			
Land	1,798,104	4,207,930	6,006,034
Other capital assets, net of Depreciation	<u>15,627,864</u>	<u>28,716,121</u>	<u>44,343,985</u>
Total capital assets	<u>17,425,968</u>	<u>32,924,051</u>	<u>50,350,019</u>
Total assets	<u>23,019,975</u>	<u>41,077,849</u>	<u>64,097,824</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	44,039	220,785	264,824
Accrued Expenses & Interest Payable	787,467		787,467
Compensated absences, current	43,443	-	43,443
Customer deposits	-	575,414	575,414
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	935,333	2,222,805	3,158,138
Due in more than one year	<u>7,148,385</u>	<u>16,604,158</u>	<u>23,752,543</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,958,667</u>	<u>19,623,162</u>	<u>28,581,829</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Investment in capital assets (net of related debt)	9,342,250	14,102,726	23,444,976
Restricted :			
Debt service	1,410	4,053,905	4,055,315
Bond contingency fund/Meter Deposits	1,766,291	1,396,752	3,163,043
Unrestricted	<u>2,951,357</u>	<u>1,901,304</u>	<u>4,852,661</u>
Total net position	<u>\$14,061,308</u>	<u>21,454,687</u>	<u>35,515,995</u>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Program Revenue				Net (expense) revenue and changes in net Assets		
	Expenses	Charges for Service	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>Government Activities:</b>							
General Government	\$ 2,475,760	91,256	137,748	1,052,389	(1,194,367)	-	(1,194,367)
Public Safety	5,670,498	801,703	-	-	(4,868,795)	-	(4,868,795)
Public Works	523,895	-	-	-	( 523,895)	-	( 523,895)
Culture and Recreation	304,685	-	-	-	( 304,685)	-	( 304,685)
Debt service – interest	304,075	-	-	-	( 304,075)	-	( 304,075)
Total Government Activities	<u>\$ 9,278,913</u>	<u>892,959</u>	<u>137,748</u>	<u>1,052,389</u>	<u>(7,195,817)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,195,817)</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>							
Water & Sewer Fund	5,826,378	5,736,246	1,165,615	-	-	1,075,483	1,075,483
Solid Waste	1,009,633	1,253,242	10,080	-	-	253,689	253,689
Total Business-type Activities	<u>6,836,011</u>	<u>6,989,488</u>	<u>1,175,695</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,329,172</u>	<u>1,329,172</u>
Total Primary	<u>\$16,114,923</u>	<u>7,882,447</u>	<u>1,313,443</u>	<u>1,052,389</u>	<u>(7,195,817)</u>	<u>1,329,172</u>	<u>(5,866,644)</u>
<b>General Revenues:</b>							
Property Taxes					4,010,031	-	4,010,031
Franchise Taxes					166,340	-	166,340
Intergovernmental					2,871,977	-	2,871,977
Interest Income					4,735	7,007	11,742
Miscellaneous					1,152,809	795,023	1,947,832
Transfers & Special Item Transfers					<u>645,507</u>	<u>(645,507)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenues, Transfers And Special Item					<u>8,851,399</u>	<u>156,575</u>	<u>9,007,974</u>
<b>Changes in Net Position</b>					<u>1,655,582</u>	<u>1,485,747</u>	<u>3,141,330</u>
Net Position, beginning					11,099,393	19,968,938	31,068,331
Prior Period Adjustment					<u>1,306,333</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,306,334</u>
Net position, as restated					<u>12,405,726</u>	<u>19,968,940</u>	<u>32,374,665</u>
Net Position, ending					<u>\$14,061,308</u>	<u>21,454,687</u>	<u>35,515,995</u>

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
September 30, 2014

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$2,488,797	-	655,870	3,144,667
Receivables, net	681,639	-		681,639
Due From (To)	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets	3,170,436	-	655,870	3,826,306
Noncurrent assets:				
Restricted cash	<u>-</u>	<u>1,767,702</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,767,702</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 3,170,436</u>	<u>1,767,702</u>	<u>655,870</u>	<u>5,594,008</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 37,245		6,795	44,040
Other accrued liabilities	787,467	-		787,467
Compensated absences, Current	43,443	-		43,443
Total liabilities	<u>868,155</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>6,795</u>	<u>874,950</u>
Fund balances:				
Reserved for:				
Debt service	-	1,767,702	-	1,767,702
Unreserved:				
General fund	2,302,282	-	-	2,302,282
Special revenue funds	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>649,074</u>	<u>649,074</u>
Total fund balances	<u>2,302,282</u>	<u>1,767,702</u>	<u>649,074</u>	<u>4,719,058</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 3,170,436</u>	<u>1,767,702</u>	<u>655,870</u>	<u>5,594,008</u>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET**  
**TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION**  
September 30, 2014

**Total governmental funds balance** **\$ 4,719,058**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets 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.

Governmental capital assets	\$ 23,794,341	
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>( 6,368,373)</u>	17,425,968

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the funds:

Bonds and notes	( 7,832,901)	
Compensated absences	<u>(250,817)</u>	
 Net assets of governmental activities		 <b><u>\$14,061,308</u></b>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES**  
**IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>	<u>Other Governmental Funds</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Property taxes	\$ 3,906,261	-	103,771	4,010,031
Franchise fees	166,340	-	-	166,340
Fees and fines	801,703	-	-	801,703
Licenses and permits	91,256	-	-	91,256
Intergovernmental	2,709,765	-	162,212	2,871,977
Interest income	2,833	1,902	-	4,735
Grants	401,291	15,120	864,886	1,281,298
Miscellaneous	947,489	-	114,159	1,061,648
Total revenues	<u>9,026,938</u>	<u>17,022</u>	<u>1,245,028</u>	<u>10,288,988</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
Current:				
General government	2,442,988	3,085	-	2,446,073
Public safety	4,916,294	-	1,984	4,918,278
Public works	366,996	-	3,100	370,096
Culture and recreation	99,886	-	214,223	314,109
Debt service:				
Interest and fiscal charges	208,960	767,845	118,295	1,095,099
Capital outlay	<u>279,640</u>	<u>188,829</u>	<u>1,094,033</u>	<u>1,562,502</u>
Total expenditures	<u>8,314,764</u>	<u>959,759</u>	<u>1,431,634</u>	<u>10,706,158</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>712,173</u>	<u>( 942,737)</u>	<u>( 186,606)</u>	<u>( 417,170)</u>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>				
Loan Proceeds	195,778	-	-	195,778
Transfers in (out)	<u>(151,058)</u>	<u>767,881</u>	<u>28,685</u>	<u>645,507</u>
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>44,720</u>	<u>767,881</u>	<u>28,685</u>	<u>841,285</u>
Net changes in fund balances	756,893	( 174,856)	(157,921)	424,116
Fund balance - beginning of year	1,549,384	1,942,558	806,995	4,298,937
Prior period adjustment	<u>( 3,995)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>( 3,995)</u>
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$2,302,282</u>	<u>1,767,702</u>	<u>649,074</u>	<u>4,719,058</u>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**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, 2014**

**Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds** **\$ 424,116**

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. Also, transfers out are not recorded.

Capital outlay	\$1,820,958	
Depreciation	<u>(1,094,759)</u>	
Excess of depreciation expense over capital outlay		726,199

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the funds.

Principal Paid On Debt		715,161
Other Financing Source – Lease Purchase Proceeds		(195,778)
Net Adjustments for compensated absences		( 13,996)
Loan Fee		( 120)
		1,231,466

Changes in net position of governmental activities **\$ 1,655,582**

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

**PROPRIETARY FUNDS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF NET POSITION - PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
September 30, 2014

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,969,208	18,359	1,987,566
Accounts receivable, net	710,104	-	710,104
Due (to) from other Funds	(123,219)	123,219	
Total current assets	<u>2,556,093</u>	<u>114,577</u>	<u>2,697,670</u>
Noncurrent assets:			
Restricted assets:			
Cash and cash equivalents	5,456,128	-	5,456,128
Capital assets:			
Land	4,207,930	-	4,207,930
Other capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>28,699,335</u>	<u>16,786</u>	<u>28,716,121</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>38,363,393</u>	<u>16,786</u>	<u>38,380,179</u>
Total assets	<u>40,919,486</u>	<u>158,363</u>	<u>41,077,849</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	220,785		220,785
Due to Other Funds	-		-
Compensated absences payable	-		-
Bonds and notes payable	2,222,805	-	2,222,805
Payable from restricted assets:			
Customer deposits	<u>575,414</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>575,414</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>3,019,004</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,019,004</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:			
Compensated absences	5,638	-	5,638
Bonds and notes payable	<u>16,598,520</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,598,520</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>16,604,158</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>16,604,158</u>
Total liabilities	<u>19,623,162</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>19,623,162</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	14,085,940	16,786	14,102,726
Restricted:			
Debt service	4,053,905	-	4,053,905
Bond contingency fund	821,338	-	821,338
Unrestricted	<u>2,335,141</u>	<u>141,577</u>	<u>2,476,718</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 21,296,324</u>	<u>158,363</u>	<u>21,454,687</u>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
<b>OPERATING REVENUES</b>			
Charges for services	\$ 5,736,246	1,253,242	6,989,488
Grants	1,165,615	10,080	1,175,695
Other	<u>795,023</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>795,023</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>7,696,884</u>	<u>1,263,322</u>	<u>8,960,206</u>
<b>OPERATING EXPENSES</b>			
Personnel services	73,587		73,587
Wastewater treatment	1,411,032	-	1,411,032
Privatization Costs	1,740,996		1,740,996
Waste collections and disposals	-	1,008,709	1,008,709
Supplies	125,554	-	125,554
Maintenance and repairs	12,680	-	12,680
Depreciation	1,461,515	924	1,462,439
Other services and charges	<u>594,080</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>594,080</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>5,419,444</u>	<u>1,009,633</u>	<u>6,429,077</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>2,277,440</u>	<u>253,689</u>	<u>2,531,129</u>
<b>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</b>			
Interest income	7,059	-	7,059
Interest expense	<u>(406,934)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(406,934)</u>
Net nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>(399,875)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(399,875)</u>
<b>CAPITAL CONTRIBUTIONS &amp; TRANSFERS</b>			
Transfer In (Out)	<u>(425,007)</u>	<u>( 220,500)</u>	<u>(645,507)</u>
Changes in net position	1,452,558	33,189	1,485,747
Net position - beginning of year	19,843,766	125,174	19,968,940
Net position - end of year	<u>\$ 21,296,324</u>	<u>158,363</u>	<u>21,454,687</u>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
RECONCILIATION OF THE PROPRIETARY FUNDS NET POSITION  
TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
September 30, 2014

<b>Total Proprietary Fund net position</b>	<b>\$21,454,687</b>
Differences in Interfund Balances	<u>0</u>
Net assets of proprietary activities on government-wide statement of net position	<b><u>\$21,454,687</u></b>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	<u>Water and Sewer Fund</u>	<u>Solid Waste Fund</u>	<u>Total Proprietary Funds</u>
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>			
Cash received from customers	\$ 5,685,444	1,233,972	6,919,416
Cash received from grants	1,165,615	10,080	1,175,695
Payments for goods and services	(3,795,462)	(1,008,709)	(4,804,171)
Payments to employees	( 96,512)		( 96,512)
Other receipts	<u>934,222</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>934,222</u>
Net cash provided (used) in operating Activities	<u>3,893,307</u>	<u>235,343</u>	<u>4,128,650</u>
<b>Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:</b>			
Increase in customer Deposits & other activities	<u>41,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,618</u>
Net cash provided (used) by noncapital financing activities	<u>41,618</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>41,618</u>
<b>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</b>			
Transfers	( 425,007)	( 220,500)	( 645,507)
Purchase and construction of capital assets	(3,247,470)	-	(3,247,470)
Principal paid on capital debt	(1,936,437)	-	(1,936,437)
Interest paid on capital debt	(406,934)	-	(406,934)
Bond Issue Costs	( 100,000)		( 100,000)
Investments in restricted cash	<u>( 352,754)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>( 352,754)</u>
Net cash used in capital and related financing Activities	<u>(6,468,602)</u>	<u>(220,500)</u>	<u>(6,689,102)</u>
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>			
Cash from Interim Financing	3,235,000		3,235,000
Interest received	<u>7,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>7,059</u>
Net cash provided by investing activities	<u>3,242,059</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>3,242,059</u>
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	708,382	14,843	723,225
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Beginning of the year	<u>1,260,826</u>	<u>3,515</u>	<u>1,264,341</u>
End of the year	<u>\$1,969,208</u>	<u>18,358</u>	<u>1,987,566</u>

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

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**PROPRIETARY FUNDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	Total
<b>Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities</b>			
Operating income (loss)	\$ 2,277,440	253,689	2,531,129
Adjustments to reconcile operating (income) loss to net cash			
Depreciation expense	1,461,515	924	1,462,439
Loss on Sale of Fixed Assets	139,200		139,200
Increase (Decrease) in current assets:			
Accounts receivable & prepaids	29,928	(19,270)	10,658
(Increase) Decrease in current liabilities:			
Accounts payable	5,483		5,483
Other liabilities	(20,259)	-	(20,259)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating Activities	<u>\$ 3,893,307</u>	<u>235,343</u>	<u>4,128,650</u>

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

NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The City of Gautier, Mississippi was incorporated on June 17, 1986. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government described under Title 21, Chapter 9, of the Mississippi Code of 1972. The City provides the following services, as authorized by its charter: public safety, public works, public health and welfare, culture, recreation and water, sewer and gas system.

The City's financial statements are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP includes all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements. In the government-wide financial statements and the fund financial statements for the proprietary funds, Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) pronouncements and Accounting Principles Board (APB) opinions issued on or before November 30, 1989, have been applied unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements, in which case, GASB prevails. For enterprise funds, GASB Statement Nos. 20 and 34 provide the City with the option of electing to apply FASB pronouncements issued after that date. The City has chosen not to apply those pronouncements. The accounting and reporting framework and the more significant accounting policies are discussed in subsequent subsections of this Note. The City implemented the general provisions of GASB Statement Nos. 33 and 34 during fiscal year ended September 30, 2004.

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

These financial statements present the City (the primary government) only. The criteria for including organizations as component units within the City's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include whether:

- the organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name)
- the City holds the corporate powers of the organization
- the City appoints a voting majority of the organization's board
- the City is able to impose its will on the organization
- the organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the City
- there is fiscal dependency by the organization on the City

Based on the aforementioned criteria, the City of Gautier has no component units.

**B. Basic Financial Statements - Government-wide statements**

The City's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the City as a whole) and fund financial statements. Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business-type. The City's police and fire protection, parks, recreation, public works, and general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The City's water and sewer system and solid waste management services are classified as business-type activities.

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

In the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities columns are presented on a consolidated basis and are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The City's net position is reported in three parts: invested in capital assets, net of related debt; restricted and unrestricted net position. The City first utilizes restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The Government-Wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the City's functions and business-type activities (public safety, public works, culture and recreation, etc.). The functions are also supported by general governmental revenues (property, sales and use taxes, certain intergovernmental revenues, fines, permits and charges, etc.). The Government-Wide Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues and by operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (police, public works, community and youth services, etc.) or a business-type activity. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants, while the capital grants column reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function or business-type activity) are normally covered by general revenue (property, sales or gas taxes, intergovernmental revenues, interest income, etc.).

The City does not allocate indirect costs. An administrative service fee is charged by the General Fund to the Water and Sewer Fund to recover the direct costs of General Fund services provided (finance, personnel, purchasing, legal, technology management, etc.).

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the City as an entity and the change in the City's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

**C. Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements**

The financial transactions of the City are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by genetic classification within the financial statements.

**Governmental Funds:**

The focus of governmental fund measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the City:

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

1. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the City. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
2. Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes. These funds include: Fire Protection Fund, Recreation Fund, Tideland Grant Fund, etc.
3. Debt service funds are used to account for the accumulation of funds for the periodic payment of principal and interest on general long-term debt.
4. Capital projects funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by business-type/proprietary funds). The City had capital projects funds during the year ended September 30, 2014.

**Proprietary Funds:**

The focus of proprietary fund measurement is upon determination of operating income, changes in net assets, financial position, and cash flows. The generally accepted accounting principles applicable are those similar to businesses in the private sector. The following is a description of the proprietary funds of the City.

1. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations for which a fee is charged to external users for goods or services and the activity (a) is financed with debt that is solely secured by a pledge of the net revenues, (b) has third party requirements that the cost of providing services, including capital costs, be recovered with fees and charges, or (c) establishes fees and charges based on a pricing policy designed to recover similar costs. These funds include: Water and Sewer System Fund, Solid Waste Fund and related projects.

**D. Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

**Accrual:**

Both governmental and business-type activities in the government-wide financial statements and the proprietary fund financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Modified Accrual:**

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exception to this general rule is that principal and interest on general obligation long-term debt, if any, is recognized when due.

**E. Financial Statement Amounts**

**Cash and Cash Equivalents:**

The City has defined cash and cash equivalents to include cash on hand, demand deposits, and cash with fiscal agents. Additionally, each fund's equity in the City's investment pool is treated as a cash equivalent because the funds can deposit or effectively withdraw cash at any time without prior notice or penalty.

**Capital Assets:**

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of \$5,000 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair value as of the date received. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized.

Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Buildings 20-50 years Water and sewer system 30-35 years Machinery and equipment 7-10 years  
Improvements 30-35 years Other infrastructures 10-60 years Vehicles 5 years. GASB Statement No. 34 required the City to report and depreciate new infrastructure assets beginning in 2004. Infrastructure assets include roads, bridges, underground pipe (other than related to utilities), traffic signals, etc. These infrastructure assets are the largest asset class of the City. Neither their historical cost nor related depreciation has historically been reported in the financial statements. The retroactive reporting of infrastructure was subject to an extended implementation period and was first effective for fiscal years ended in 2006. As of the year ending September 30, 2014, the City has not implemented retroactive infrastructure reporting. The City implemented the general provisions of GASB No. 34 during 2004.

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**NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)**

**Revenues:**

Substantially all governmental fund revenues are accrued. Property taxes are billed and collected within the same period in which the taxes are levied. Subsidies and grants to proprietary funds, which finance either capital or current operations, are reported as non-operating revenue based on GASB Statement No. 33. In applying GASB Statement No. 33 to grant revenues, the provider recognizes liabilities and expenses, and the recipient recognizes receivables and revenues when the applicable eligibility requirements, including time requirements, are met. Resources transmitted before the eligibility requirements are met are reported as advances by the provider and deferred revenue by the recipient.

**Expenditures:**

Expenditures are recognized when the related fund liability is incurred.

**Compensated Absences:**

The City's policy allows employees to accumulate unused sick leave on an unlimited basis and vacation leave up to two years generally. Upon termination, pursuant to State Law, the City may pay up to 30 days of accumulated vacation ; the balance is credited to the employee's public retirement (PERS) account.

Sick leave is not paid upon termination. The City accrues accumulated unpaid vacation leave at the end of the fiscal year. The noncurrent portion (the amount estimated to be used in subsequent fiscal years) for governmental funds is maintained separately and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.

**Interfund Activity:**

Interfund activity consists of loans, services provided, reimbursements or transfers. Loans are reported as interfund receivables and payables, as appropriate, and are subject to elimination upon consolidation.

Services provided, deemed to be at market or near market rates, are treated as revenues and expenditures/expenses. Reimbursements are when one fund incurs a cost, charges the appropriate benefiting fund, and reduces its related cost as a reimbursement. All other interfund transactions are treated as transfers. Transfers between governmental and proprietary funds are netted as part of the reconciliation to the government-wide financial statements.

By its nature as a local government unit, the City is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the City's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over City resources follows.

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**NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

**A. Fund Accounting Requirements**

The City complies with all state and local laws and regulations requiring the use of separate funds. The legally-required funds used by the City include the following:

<u>Fund:</u> _____	<u>Required By:</u> _____
CDBG Fund	Grant Agreement
Water & Sewer Fund	Trust Indenture
Solid Waste Fund	State Law

**B. Deposits and Investments - Laws and Regulations**

State law requires that all deposits in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance limits be 105% collateralized by U.S. Government obligations or by state municipal obligations that have a fair value of not less than the principal amount of the deposits. The collateral for public entities' deposits in financial institutions are 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 FDIC. The City's deposits were fully insured or collateralized as required by statute at September 30, 2014. At year-end, the respective bank balances totaled \$ 12,356,061. There were no certificates of deposit outstanding at September 30, 2014.

**C. Revenue Restrictions**

The City has various restrictions placed over certain revenue sources from state or local requirements. The primary restricted revenue sources include:

<u>Revenue Source:</u> _____	<u>Legal Restrictions in Use:</u> _____
Sales Tax	Sewer Rehabilitation Notes
Gasoline Excise & Commercial Vehicle Tax	Street and Road Purposes
Water and Sewer Revenue	Debt Service and Utility Operations
Grant Program Expenditures	Grant Agreements
Ad Valorem Tax	Debt Service

For the year ended September 30, 2014 the City complied, in all material respects, with these revenue restrictions.

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**NOTE 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY (continued)**

**D. Debt Restrictions and Covenants**

General obligation debt represents direct obligations issued on a pledge of the general taxing power of the City for the payment of its debt obligations.

**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS**

**A. Cash and Investments**

The City deposits funds in financial institutions selected by the City's Councilmen in accordance with Mississippi statutes. Allocation of the resulting balance is accomplished with inter-bank transfers. Approved city depositories for the calendar years 2013-2014 were as follows:

	Allocation Percentage
Hancock Bank	52%
Merchant and Marine Bank	38%
Peoples Bank	10%
	100%

By using this multiple financial institution collateral pool, all of the City's deposits at September 30, 2014, fall into the credit risk category of "Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or its agent in the entity's name."

Deposits at September 30, 2013, (including restricted deposits) were as follows:

	<u>Bank Balances</u>
Pooled deposits:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,132,233
Non-pooled deposits:	
Cash and cash equivalents:	
Capital Improvement Bond Fund	1,766,291
Debt Service Funds	3,618,256
Energy Savings and Meter Replacement Fund	435,649
Contingency Fund	821,338
MS Development Loans	1,410
Meter Deposit Fund	580,884
	<u>\$ 12,356,061</u>

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**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**B. Restricted Cash**

The amounts reported as restricted assets are cash and accrued interest held by the trustee bank on behalf of the various public trusts (authorities) related to their required note payable accounts and amounts held in trust for customer utility meter deposits.

The restricted assets as of September 30, 2014, were as follows:

<u>Types of Restricted Assets</u>	<u>Cash Including Time Deposits</u>
Capital Improvement Bond Fund	\$ 1,766,291
Energy Savings and Meter Replacement Fund	435,649
Meter Deposit Fund	580,884
Bond Contingency Funds	821,338
MS Development Loan	2,861,987
Bond Reserve Funds	<u>757,679</u>
	<u>\$ 7,223,829</u>

**C. Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable at September 30, 2014, consisted of the following:

	<u>Accounts Receivable</u>	<u>Allowance for Uncollectible Accounts</u>	<u>Net Accounts Receivable</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>			
General Fund:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 98,438	-	98,438
Municipal court	7,516,074	7,222,947	293,127
Sales tax	279,879	-	279,879
Grants	<u>10,195</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>10,195</u>
Total General Fund	<u>7,904,586</u>	<u>7,222,947</u>	<u>681,639</u>
<b>Business-type activities:</b>			
Enterprise Fund:			
Water and sewer collections	<u>2,640,778</u>	<u>1,930,674</u>	<u>710,104</u>
Total business-type activities	<u>2,640,778</u>	<u>1,930,674</u>	<u>710,104</u>
Total government-wide activities	<u>\$10,545,364</u>	<u>9,153,621</u>	<u>1,391,743</u>

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**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**D. Capital Assets**

Capital assets have not been audited.

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2014, was as follows:

	Primary Government			Ending Balance
	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land	798,104	1,000,000		1,798,104
Construction in Progress	5,026,850		(5,026,850)	0
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>5,824,954</u>	<u>1,000,000</u>	<u>(5,026,850)</u>	<u>1,798,104</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings & Improvements	2,863,653	10,716		2,874,369
Machinery & Equipment	7,593,814	283,653		7,877,467
Infrastructure	4,355,438	6,888,963		11,244,401
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>14,812,905</u>	<u>7,183,332</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>21,996,237</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings & improvements	(581,385)	(82,125)		(663,510)
Machinery & Equipment	(4,490,776)	(787,746)		(5,278,522)
Infrastructure	(201,453)	(224,888)		(426,341)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,273,614)</u>	<u>(1,094,759)</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(6,368,373)</u>
Total Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>9,539,291</u>	<u>6,088,573</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>15,627,864</u>
Total governmental activities capital assets, net	<u>15,364,245</u>	<u>7,088,573</u>	<u>(5,026,850)</u>	<u>17,425,968</u>
<b>Business-type Activities:</b>				
Capital Assets not being Depreciated:				
Land & Easements	1,190,870			1,190,870
Construction in Progress	0	3,017,060		3,017,060
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>1,190,870</u>	<u>3,017,060</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>4,207,930</u>
Capital assets being depreciated:				
Buildings & improvements	2,223,960			2,223,960
Machinery & Equipment	1,956,407	424,566	(795,476)	1,585,497
Infrastructure	42,123,637	23,500		42,147,137
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>46,304,004</u>	<u>448,066</u>	<u>(795,476)</u>	<u>45,956,594</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings & improvements	(495,365)	(55,598)		(550,963)
Machinery & Equipment	(1,833,737)	(297,621)	656,276	(1,475,082)
Utility System	(14,105,210)	(1,109,218)		(15,214,428)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(16,434,312)</u>	<u>(1,462,437)</u>	<u>656,276</u>	<u>(17,240,473)</u>
Total Capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>29,869,692</u>	<u>(1,014,371)</u>	<u>(139,200)</u>	<u>28,716,121</u>
Total business-type activities capital assets, net	<u>31,060,562</u>	<u>2,002,689</u>	<u>(139,200)</u>	<u>32,924,051</u>
<b>Primary Government</b>				
Total capital assets, net	<u>46,424,807</u>	<u>9,091,262</u>	<u>(5,166,050)</u>	<u>50,350,019</u>

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**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)**

A summary of major general fixed assets transactions for the year ended September 30, 2014, follows:

	<u>Expended through September 30, 2014</u>	<u>Remaining Commitment</u>
Energy Efficiency & Meter Replacements	\$ 3,017,060	\$ 207,483

Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs for the year ended September 30, 2014, as follows:

Governmental activities:	
General government	<u>\$ 1,094,759</u>
Business-type activities:	
Water and Sewer Fund	\$ 1,461,515
Solid Waste Fund	<u>924</u>
Total business-type activities depreciation expense	<u>\$ 1,462,439</u>

**D. Accounts Payable**

Payables are composed of amounts due to vendors within 60 days of year end and accrued salaries and benefits.

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**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**E. Long-Term Debt**

The City's long-term debt is segregated between the amounts to be repaid from governmental activities and amounts to be repaid from business-type activities. Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2014, is shown below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	Amounts Due Within <u>One Year</u>
Governmental activities:					
Bonds and notes payable	\$ 8,326,967	221,095	715,161	7,832,901	935,333
Compensated absences	<u>271,978</u>	<u>22,281</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>294,259</u>	<u>43,442</u>
Total governmental activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$ 8,598,945</u>	<u>243,376</u>	<u>715,761</u>	<u>8,127,160</u>	<u>978,775</u>
Business-type activities:					
Water and sewer debt	\$17,522,763	3,235,000	1,936,437	18,821,326	2,222,805
Compensated absences	<u>28,563</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>22,925</u>	<u>5,638</u>	<u>-</u>
Total business-type activities long-term liabilities	<u>\$17,551,326</u>	<u>3,235,000</u>	<u>1,959,362</u>	<u>18,826,964</u>	<u>2,222,805</u>

**Description of Debt**

At September 30, 2014, notes payable consisted of the following individual issues:

**General Long-Term Debt - Governmental activities:**

General obligation bonds and notes:

    General Obligation Katrina Refunding Bond Series 2010; bearing interest at  
    3.45%, maturing March 2020 \$ 1,510,000

    General Obligation Bond Series 2010; Capital Improvements; Maturing  
    August, 2030; bearing interest at 3.13% 5,975,000

HIDTA Vehicle Purchase Loan ; 2.19% matures March 2016 16,979

City Hall Phone System Purchase; 2.25% matures March 2015 3,653

Police Court package Loan; 2.60% interest; maturing, May, 2015; annual payments  
    Of \$ 73,040 until paid 70,780

Police Vehicles Loan; 2.25% interest; maturing February, 2017; annual payments  
    Of \$ \$ 123,243 until paid 188,544

Command Vehicle Loan; 1.760% interest; maturing July, 2018; annual payments of  
    \$ 17,450 until paid 67,945

Total general obligation bonds and notes 7,832,901

Compensated absences 294,259

    Less current portion of long-term debt ( 978,775)

Total governmental activities long-term debt \$ 7,148,385

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**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)**

**Business-type activities:**

**Revenue Refunding Bond:**

Series 2012 Refunding Bond, payable in semiannual installments, bearing interest at a variable rate, currently 4.25%, maturing September 2019, secured by utility system revenues	\$ 6,665,000
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**Revenue Bonds:**

State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$9,019, beginning October 2006, bearing interest at 3.56%, maturing January 2026, secured by utility system revenues	1,011,349
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$10,949, beginning September 2006, bearing interest at 1.75%, maturing January 2026, secured by utility system revenues	1,349,764
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$7,877, beginning April 2006, bearing interest at 1.75%, maturing April 2025, secured by utility system revenues	912,651
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$3,765, beginning November, 2009; bearing interest at 1.95%, secured by utility system revenues	581,674
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$ 2,149, beginning October, 2009; bearing interest at 1.95%, secured by utility system revenues	304,350
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State Revolving Fund Loan, payable in monthly installments of \$ 9,665, beginning December, 2009, bearing interest at 2.75%, secured by utility system revenues	<u>1,411,538</u>
Total general obligation bonds and notes	12,236,326

MS Development Bank Series 2013 Bonds Maturing 2014-2033 interest 2.00 to 5.00 %	3,350,000
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MDA Energy Efficient Lease Purchase ; Maturing April 4, 2029; Interest 3.29 %	3,235,000
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Compensated absences	5,638
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Less current portion of long-term debt	<u>(2,222,805)</u>
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Total business-type activities long-term debt	<u>\$16,604,158</u>
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**Revenue Refunding Bond**

Utility System Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, were issued for the purpose of providing for the refunding of all maturities of the outstanding Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds, Series 2001, issued originally in the principal amount of \$15,680,000 (balance of \$9,185,000 as of the Series 2012 Refunding issue date), and an additional \$ 300,000 to provide for payment of Series 2012 issue costs, all in order to accomplish debt service savings for the City. The bond is payable solely from net revenues from water and sewer system operation.

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**NOTE 3. DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS (continued)**

The original Series 2001 bonds were collateralized by the revenues of the water and sewer system and the various special funds established by the bond ordinances. The ordinances provide that the revenue of the system is to be used first to pay operating and maintenance expenses of the system and second to establish and maintain the Revenue Bond Funds. As long as the bonds were outstanding, the City agreed to fix and maintain rates and collect charges for the use and services of the System, which were to be at all times be sufficient to meet specified requirements. The balance outstanding of the Series 2012 issue date as of September 30, 2014 was \$ 6,665,000.

State Revolving Revenue Bonds are collateralized by the revenues of the water and sewer funds. The City executed several long-term debt agreements with the State of Mississippi Environmental Quality for the purpose of improving the water distribution and sewer collection systems. The City entered into an agreement with the Mississippi State Tax Commission, allowing the Tax Commission to withhold \$43,424 from monthly sales tax revenues as payment for principal and interest on bonds beginning in fiscal year 2006. The balance outstanding on these bonds, as of September 30, 2014, was \$5,571,325.

**Debt Maturity**

Debt service requirements at September 30, 2014, were as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>		<u>Business-type Activities</u>	
	<u>Notes &amp; Capital Leases</u>		<u>Water and Sewer Bonds &amp; Notes</u>	
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2015	675,854	259,478	1,839,859	382,946
2016	633,279	237,420	2,026,345	345,257
2017	646,356	219,021	2,066,878	306,835
2018	597,413	200,324	2,112,856	266,273
2019	600,000	182,618	2,169,292	224,713
2020-2024	2,180,000	671,727	4,210,014	827,180
2025-2030	2,500,000	346,650	3,543,305	467,435
2031-2033	-	-	852,776	74,542
Total	<u>\$ 7,832,902</u>	<u>2,117,238</u>	<u>18,821,325</u>	<u>2,895,181</u>

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**F. Interfund Balances**

Interfund balances at September 30, 2014, consisted of the following:

	<b>DUE FROM:</b>					<b>Total</b>
	<b>Governmental Activities</b>			<b>Business-Type Activities</b>		
	General Fund	MS Development	Other Governmental Funds	Water and Sewer Fund	Solid Waste Fund	
<b>DUE TO:</b>						
Governmental activities:						
General Fund	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-
MS Development		-		-		-
Other Governmental Funds	-	-	-	-		-
Business-type Activities:						
Water and Sewer Fund	-	-	-	123,219	(123,219)	-
Solid Waste Fund Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	\$ -	-	-	123,219	(123,219)	-

All balances resulted from the time lag between dates that (1) interfund goods and services are provided or reimbursable expenditures occur, (2) transactions are recorded in the accounting system, and (3) payments between funds are made. Since all interfund balances were reclassified as revenues or expenditures respectfully, there were no remaining interfund balances at the fiscal year end.

**G. Interfund Transfers**

Transfer balances at September 30, 2013, consisted of the following:

<b>TRANSFERS OUT:</b>	<b>TRANSFERS IN:</b>		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
	Other Governmental Fund	Other Business- Type Fund	
Governmental activities:			
General Fund	\$ 645,507	-	645,507
MS Development	-	-	-
Other Governmental Funds	-	-	-
Business-type activities:			
Water and Sewer Fund	-	(425,007)	(425,007)
Solid Waste	-	(220,500)	(220,500)
Total	\$ 645,507	(645,507)	-

Transfers are used to (a) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them and to (b) use unrestricted revenues collected in the general fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES**

**A. Property Tax**

Property tax is levied on the assessed (appraised) value as compiled by the Jackson County Tax Assessor for all real and business personal property located in the City. The assessment roll is approved and the levy is set before September 30, following a series of public hearings to receive citizen objections.

Resulting taxes are due on or before February 1. Installment payments are accepted on or before February 1, May 1, and August 1. An inter-local government agreement, effective October 1, 1989, provided for billing and collection of City and Pascagoula School District taxes by Jackson County, Mississippi.

Included in revenues are taxes for automobile tags, which are assessed and collected by Jackson County.

Such taxes, less a collection fee, are remitted to the City monthly.

Property tax revenues are recognized as the related ad valorem taxes are collected. Additional amounts estimated to be collectible in time to be a resource for payment of obligations incurred during the fiscal year and therefore susceptible to accrual in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles have been recognized as revenue.

Increases in taxes are generally limited by State law to 10% of the taxes collected for the prior assessment year, excluding taxes from property added to the tax assessment rolls in the current year.

The City is required by law to assess and collect taxes necessary for operation of the Jackson-George Regional Library System and for service of certain related debt. Jackson-George Regional Library System provides services to residents of inside and outside the geographic boundaries of the City and has a separate appointed and/or elected board. Jackson-George Regional Library System is not included as a component unit of the City's financial reporting entity because the City does not have the ability to exercise control over library operations or approve budgets.

For the year ended September 30, 2014, the City's 2014 tax rate was as follows:

	<u>MILLS</u>
General Fund	26.790
Library Fund	1.000
Debt Service	<u>6.750</u>
Total	<u>34.540</u>

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)**

**B. Pension Plans**

**Defined Benefit Pension Plan**

Plan Description - The City of Gautier 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 Employee Retirement System, PERS Building, 429 Mississippi Street, Jackson, MS 39201-1005, or by calling (601) 359-3589 or 1-800-444-PERS.

Funding Policy - PERS' members are required to contribute 9.00%, of their annual covered salary and the Jackson County Utility Authority is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate of 15.75% of annual covered payroll is contributed by the City. These were the rates and the end of FY 2014. The contribution requirements of PERS' members are established and may be amended only by the State of Mississippi Legislature.

The City of Gautier's contributions to PERS for the years ended September 30, 2014 and 2013 were \$658,605 and \$670,020, respectively, representing 100% of the required contributions for the year.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)**

**C. Commitments and Contingencies**

**Related Party Transactions**

No known transactions requiring disclosure occurred between the City and its employees or elected officials.

Grants and Awards - the City participates in certain federal and state assisted grant programs. These programs are subject to program compliance audits by the grantors or their representatives. Any liability for reimbursement which may arise as the result of these audits is not believed by management to be material.

Litigation - various claims and lawsuits are pending against the City. In the opinion of City management, after consultation with legal counsel, the potential loss on all claims and lawsuits will not materially affect the City's financial position.

**Contract Commitments Service Contracts:**

On May 17, 1988, the City entered into an agreement with Jackson County, under which the County provides animal shelter services for a current fee of \$10,560 per year.

On January 1, 1988, the City entered into an agreement with Mississippi Regional Housing Authority No. VIII (the Housing Authority) for the development of low-income housing units operated by the Housing Authority within the municipality. Under the agreement, all projects are exempt from all real and personal property taxes and special assessments levied by any taxing body. The Housing Authority makes annual payments in lieu of such taxes for the public services and facilities furnished by the City. Annual payments would be the lesser of 10% of shelter rent collected or the amount permitted to be paid by state law in effect on the date payment is made.

The City's existing contract for trash collection services was initiated on September 1, 2012 and later renewed through September 1, 2015. The City has the option to renew the contract for four additional one year terms. The contractor is paid on a per unit basis.

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI  
 NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
 September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)**

Construction Contracts:

The City entered into various construction contracts in the prior Fiscal Year for infrastructure improvements with some estimated remaining commitments at September 30, 2014. The majority of these projects were funded by various state and federal grants. See Note 3. C for more detailed information on these projects.

**D. Joint Venture**

The City is a member of the joint venture Jackson County Utility Authority (the Authority), which was established by an act of the Mississippi Legislature to design and implement a water pollution abatement plan. The Authority is responsible for the operations and maintenance of the wastewater treatment plants for the cities of Gautier, Moss Point, Ocean Springs and Pascagoula. The Authority enters into subscription agreements with each of the governing bodies and districts to fund its operations.

The following is a synopsis of the Authority's financial statements as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, a complete copy of which is on file at the administrative offices of the Authority, located at 1225 Jackson Avenue, Pascagoula, Mississippi 39567.

**BALANCE SHEET**

**ASSETS**

Current assets	\$	4,444,069
Restricted investments		3,131,142
Capital assets	\$	<u>138,365,712</u>
Total assets	\$	<u><u>145,940,923</u></u>

**LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS**

**LIABILITIES**

Current liabilities	\$	10,716,647
Noncurrent liabilities		<u>8,144,387</u>
Total liabilities		<u><u>18,861,034</u></u>

**NET POSITION**

Total liabilities and net assets	\$	<u><u>127,079,889</u></u>
		<u><u>145,940,923</u></u>

**STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENSES**

Operating revenues	\$	10,472,040
Operating expenses		(15,828,504)
Non-operating revenues		<u>5,562,553</u>
Change in Net Assets		206,089
Net Position, Beginning of the Year		<u>126,873,800</u>
Net Position assets, end of the year	\$	<u><u>127,079,889</u></u>

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)**

**E. Deficit fund balances/Retained earnings**

There were only two deficit fund balances of individual funds were as follows:

**Governmental activities:**

Tidelands Grant Fund	5,876
BP Oil Spill Grant Fund	395

CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI  
NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)**

**F. Settlements from prior periods:**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Net position September 30, 2013, as originally presented	\$11,099,393	19,968,938	31,068,331
Prior period adjustment – Liability Adjustment	( 3,995)		( 3,995)
Prior period adjustment - Infrastructure Reclassification	<u>1,310,328</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>1,310,330</u>
Net position, September 30, 2013, as restated	<u>\$12,405,726</u>	<u>19,968,940</u>	<u>32,374,665</u>

**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:**

	General Fund	Water and Sewer Fund
Fund balance September 30, 2013, as originally presented	\$ 4,298,937	19,968,938
Prior Period Adjustment/Rounding	<u>( 3,995)</u>	<u>2</u>
Fund balance, September 30, 2013, as restated	<u>\$ 4,294,943</u>	<u>\$ 19,968,940</u>

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
September 30, 2014

**NOTE 4. OTHER NOTES (continued)**

**G. Subsequent events** –

- Awarded contract for Public Works Back Building Repair - \$ 149,965
- Approved Drainage System Clearing and Improvements Project - \$184,340
- Approved Brownfield Grant Project – Environmental Consulting – not to exceed \$ 361,000

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Over / Under
<b>Resources (inflows):</b>				
Taxes	4,261,112	4,275,712	4,257,138	(18,574)
Licenses and permits	78,200	78,200	107,662	29,462
Inter-governmental revenues	2,828,900	2,428,900	2,728,144	299,244
Fines and forfeitures	780,000	782,400	767,707	(14,693)
Miscellaneous	<u>1,311,055</u>	<u>1,593,190</u>	<u>1,653,883</u>	<u>60,693</u>
Available for appropriations	<u>9,259,267</u>	<u>9,158,402</u>	<u>9,514,534</u>	<u>356,132</u>
<b>Charges to appropriations (outflows):</b>				
<i>General Government</i>				
Personnel services	1,199,645	1,104,845	1,102,318	2,527
Supplies	53,250	32,489	24,558	7,931
Other services and charges	605,100	843,310	798,633	44,677
Capital outlay	9,804	9,804	9,797	7
<i>Public Safety</i>				
Personnel services	4,732,323	4,476,747	4,205,515	271,232
Supplies	304,035	27,057	24,043	3,014
Other services and charges	195,200	498,035	416,590	81,445
Capital outlay	240,500	233,574	231,879	1,695
<i>Public Works</i>				
Personnel services				
Supplies	53,000	53,000	48,818	4,182
Other services and charges	154,000	166,000	109,839	56,161
<i>Economic Development &amp; Planning</i>				
Personnel services	723,057	678,057	633,945	44,112
Supplies	18,700	6,500	6,447	53
Other Services & Charges	74,700	91,425	75,932	15,493
<i>Culture and recreation</i>				
Personnel services				
Supplies	28,500	41,700	41,709	( 9)
Other Services & Charges	50,100	62,100	60,627	1,473
Capital Outlay		12,500	12,419	81
<i>Transfers</i>	798,146	798,146	797,788	358
<i>Debt Service</i>	<u>205,056</u>	<u>208,962</u>	<u>208,960</u>	<u>2</u>
Total charges to Appropriations	<u>9,445,116</u>	<u>9,344,251</u>	<u>8,809,817</u>	<u>534,434</u>
Revenues less expenditures	(185,849)	(185,849)	704,717	890,566
Budgetary fund balance, October 1, 2013	\$ 486,000	486,000	874,835	388,835
Budgetary fund balance, September 30, 2014	<u>\$ 300,151</u>	<u>300,151</u>	<u>1,579,552</u>	<u>1,279,401</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL RECONCILIATION**  
**GENERAL FUND**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

An explanation of the differences between budgetary inflows and outflows and revenues and expenditures determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles is as follows:

**Sources/inflows of resources:**

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "available for appropriation" from the budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 9,514,534
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Differences - budget to GAAP:

Transfers from other funds and loan proceeds are inflows for budgetary purposes but are not revenues for financial reporting purposes	(841,285)
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Accrual basis revenues are not revenues for budget purposes	27,314
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Special Revenue Fund revenues are included as General Fund revenues for financial reporting purposes	<u>326,375</u>
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Total revenues as reported on the Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds, General Fund	<u>\$ 9,026,938</u>
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**Uses/outflows of resources:**

Actual amounts (budgetary basis) "total charges to appropriations" from the Budgetary comparison schedule	\$ 8,809,817
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Differences - budget to GAAP:

Special Revenue Fund expenditures included in the General Fund for reporting, but not for budget purposes.	357,840
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The budget is prepared on the cash basis whereas the fund statements are on the modified accrual basis. This is the effect of expenditure accrual transactions.	( 55,105)
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Transfers to other funds are outflows for budgetary purposes but are not expenditures for financial reporting purposes	<u>(797,788)</u>
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Total expenditures as reported on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds, General Fund	<u>\$ 8,314,764</u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

**NOTE 1: BUDGETARY DATA**

The procedures used by the City in establishing the budgetary data are as follows:

1. The Finance office prepares estimates of available revenue.
2. Department directors submit proposed expenditure budgets to the City Manager by June 1, each year.
3. The City Manager and the department directors review expenditure budgets, and necessary revisions are made.
4. Budgeted revenues and expenditures are balanced, and a summary budget is prepared and presented to the City Council.
5. The City Manager submits the proposed budget to the Board by August 1.
6. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
7. The final budget is approved by September 15, and must be published in a local newspaper on or before September 30.
8. Budget revisions are made throughout the year (prior to September), as reallocations of funds are necessary or circumstances change, which dictate the need for a budget amendment.
9. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year for all budgetary funds.
10. The general fund budget is adopted on a cash basis as required by State statute. The appropriated budget is prepared by fund, function and department. The legal level of budgetary controls is the department level. The Finance office exercises budgetary monitoring throughout the fiscal year. An adopted budget may not exceed its appropriated level without Board approval. However, department heads may make transfers of appropriations within a department. Budgetary controls are implemented through the Finance office through the use of budget-to-actual reports. Any purchase requisition that will cause a line item to exceed its budget will be disallowed by the City Manager. The department head will then be required to make an inter-departmental budget transfer or request a budget amendment.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
NOTES TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

**NOTE 2: SURPLUS OF APPROPRIATIONS OVER EXPENDITURES (BUDGET)**

Budgeted revenues projected were less than actual for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2014, as shown on Page 54, and through the prudence of the City Management and the City Council expenditures were less than anticipated. Therefore the overall actual ending fund balance was a surplus that was much greater than was anticipated.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF BUDGET-TO-ACTUAL RECONCILIATION**  
**MS DEVELOPMENT BANK KATRINA LOAN FUND**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

	<u>Original Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budgeted Amounts</u>	<u>Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget Over / Under</u>
Budgetary fund balance, October 1, 2013	\$ 2,445	2,455	2,460	5
<b>Resources (inflows):</b>				
Transfers In	<u>281,012</u>	<u>281,012</u>	<u>281,011</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Amounts available for Appropriations	<u>283,467</u>	<u>283,467</u>	<u>283,471</u>	<u>4</u>
<b>Charges to appropriations (outflows):</b>				
General Government Debt Service	282,062	282,062	282,061	1
Capital Outlay	-	-	-	-
Transfers Out	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total charges to Appropriations	<u>282,062</u>	<u>282,062</u>	<u>282,061</u>	<u>1</u>
Budgetary fund balance, September 30, 2013	<u>\$ 1,405</u>	<u>1,405</u>	<u>1,410</u>	<u>5</u>

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

Name	Position	Amount
Gordon Gollott	Mayor	\$ 100,000
Mary Martin	Councilwoman	100,000
Johnny Jones	Councilman	100,000
Hurley Ray Guillotte	Councilman	100,000
Casey Vaughn	Councilman	100,000
Charles Anderson	Councilman	100,000
Adam Colledge	Councilman	100,000
Samantha Abell	City Manager	50,000
Cindy Russell	City Clerk	50,000
Dante Elbin	Police Chief	50,000
Teresa Montgomery	Finance Director	50,000
Cindy Steen	Purchasing Agent	50,000
Tricia Thigpen	Deputy City Clerk	50,000
Chassity Bilbo	Executive Assistant	50,000
Sandra Meaker	Administrative Clerk	50,000
Rachel Honea	Administrative Clerk	50,000
Addie Bang	Administrative Clerk	50,000
Lekeisha Hill	Personnel Clerk	50,000
Kim Sheppard	Accounting Clerk	50,000
Lequetta Reddix	Accounting Clerk	50,000
Donna Davis	Court Clerk	50,000
Nancy Lebhart	Deputy Court Clerk	50,000

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
SCHEDULE OF SURETY BONDS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICIALS (continued)  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

Keisha Keyes	Records Clerk	50,000
Michael Steward	Dispatcher	50,000
Joe Belles	Dispatcher	50,000
Jothan Hunter	Dispatcher	50,000
Ashley Kelly	Dispatcher	50,000
Don Sawyer	Dispatcher	50,000
Letrance Dennis	Dispatcher	50,000
Robert Bruen	Dispatcher	50,000
Timothy Werner	Dispatcher	50,000
Bradford Cunningham	Park Attendant	50,000
Ashly Hurt	Park Attendant	50,000
Donnie Bennett	Park Attendant	50,000

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Pass-Through Entity Identifying Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
<b>U.S. Department of Justice</b>			
Passed Through State:			
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant			
Ballistic Vest Grant	16.607	(not available)	\$ 6,720
FBI Safe Street	16.592	18PGCP540Z	15,067
HIDTA	16.592	18PGCP540Z	9,110
<b>U.S. Department of the Interior</b>			
Passed Through State:			
Coastal Improvement Assistance	15.668	MS.30.701	760,467
<b>U.S. Department of Homeland Security</b>			
Passed Through State:			
Assistance to Firefighters	97.044	EMW-2012-FO-02393	24,091
DUI Enforcement Grant	20.607	14-ST-210-1	22,828
<b>Federal Emergency Management Center</b>			
Hazard Mitigation Grant – Police	97.039	1794-23-01	16,800
<b>U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development</b>			
Passed Through State:			
Community Development Block Grant - 14.219/14.228		R-109-192-01-KCR	303,180
<b>U.S Department of Transportation</b>			
Passed Through State:			
Urban Youth Corps	20.000	STP-9999-09(032)-106638- 304000	33,273
Transportation Improvement Martin Bluff Road	20.205	STP-9194-00(001) / LPA/105069-801000	<u>15,120</u>
<b>Total Expenditures of Federal Awards</b>			<b><u>\$ 1,206,656</u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

**NOTE 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

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

A reconciliation follows:

Totals above	\$ 1,206,656
Accrued in prior year	( 50,249)
Accrued at 09-30-2014	<u>10,195</u>
Amount included in Financial Statements	<u>\$ 1,166,602</u>

**NOTE 2. LOAN AGREEMENTS OUTSTANDING**

Proceeds of State Revolving Fund loans were obtained for sewer rehabilitation and drinking water system improvements. The State Revolving Fund is financed, at least in part, by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. The principal balance on September 30, 2014, was:

DWI-H280092-01-3	\$ 1,011,349
SRF-C2808754-01-3	1,349,764
SRF-C280879-01-1	912,651
DWI-H280114-01-2	581,674
DWI-H280114-02-0	304,350
SRF-C280879-02-2	<u>1,411,537</u>
	<u>\$ 5,571,325</u>

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

2014-001      The City was still unable to provide sufficient documentary evidence to support the carrying amounts of fixed assets on its books. This finding continues, with the exception of taking a physical inventory, and is noted for the third year in Finding 2013-001.

**REPORTS ON COMPLIANCE AND INTERNAL CONTROL**

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

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council City of Gautier, Mississippi

I have audited, in accordance with the 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 governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City of Gautier as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise City of Gautier's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated May 31, 2015.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered City of Gautier's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Gautier's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Gautier's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that are not identified. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs that I consider to be significant deficiencies. It is listed as item 2014-001.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards**

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**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether City of Gautier's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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 my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests no disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

**City of Gautier's Response to Findings**

City of Gautier's response to the findings identified in my audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. City of Gautier's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

**Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Gautier, Mississippi  
May 31, 2015

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

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Gautier, Mississippi

**Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program**

I have audited City of Gautier's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the OMB Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on each of City of Gautier's major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2014. City of Gautier's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

**Management's Responsibility**

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to its federal programs.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for each of City of Gautier's major federal programs based on my audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. I conducted my 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 I 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 City of Gautier's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion on compliance for each major federal program. However, my audit does not provide a legal determination of City of Gautier's compliance.

**Opinion on Each Major Federal Program**

In my opinion, City of Gautier complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended September 30, 2014.

**Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and on Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133**  
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**Report on Internal Control Over Compliance**

Management of City of Gautier is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing my audit of compliance, I considered City of Gautier's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on each major federal program to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for each major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of City of Gautier's internal control over compliance.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Gautier, Mississippi  
May 31, 2015

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH MISSISSIPPI STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

The Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
City of Gautier, Mississippi

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the City of Gautier, Mississippi (the City) as of and for the year ended September 30, 2014 and have issued my report dated May 31, 2015. I have conducted my 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*.

### ***Compliance***

As required by the state legal compliance audit program prescribed by the Office of the State Auditor, I have also performed procedures to test compliance with certain state laws and regulations. However, providing an opinion on compliance with state laws and regulations was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

The results of those procedures and my audit of the basic financial statements disclosed the following material instances of noncompliance with state laws and regulations. My findings and recommendations and your responses are as follows:

### ***Finding***

The City was not able to generate a ledger providing detailed information of the City's fixed assets. The City should be responsible for custody of its assets and accurately report them in the financial statements. Further, the City has not been reconciling the annual inventory of fixed assets to ledger balances; however, a comprehensive fiscal inventory of fixed assets taken for the Fiscal Year ending September 30, 2014 which is an improvement in the process.

### ***Recommendation***

I recommend the City maintain a detailed ledger of fixed assets, along with a listing of additions and deletions during the year. This ledger should be reconciled to the annual inventory. The Office of the State Auditor has prepared forms and checklists to assist municipalities in performing this required inventory; they are available for download on the State Auditor's website.

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***Auditee's Response***

Management recognizes the issue regarding fixed assets. The City Clerk has been and is in the process of making great strides in resolving the problem, having taken a complete asset inventory for Fiscal 2014. Additionally, an individual with comprehensive experience in this area has been retained to oversee the fixed asset inventory.

***City of Gautier's Response to Findings***

City of Gautier's response to the findings identified in my audit is described above. City of Gautier's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended for the information of the City's management and the Office of the State Auditor and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Gautier, Mississippi  
May 31, 2015

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

**A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

1. In my report, my opinion on the financial statements, was qualified for incomplete records for fixed assets.
2. A material weakness relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters. There were no significant deficiencies noted.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the City of Gautier, Mississippi are reported in the Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters.
4. No material weaknesses relating to the audit of major federal award programs are reported in the Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance. There were no significant deficiencies noted.
5. The auditor's report on compliance for major federal award programs for the City of Gautier, Mississippi expresses an unqualified opinion.
6. There are no audit findings relative to the major federal award programs for the City of Gautier, Mississippi, that are to be reported in Part C of this schedule.
7. Major program tested:

Coastal Improvement Assistance	15.668
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8. The dollar threshold for distinguishing Type A and B programs was \$300,000.
9. The City of Gautier, Mississippi did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

**B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT**

Reportable instances of noncompliance and reportable conditions and material weaknesses

2014-001

Finding

Criteria: Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) for Governments indicate that they should have adequate records regarding the fixed assets, accumulated depreciation and depreciation expense that detail each class of asset, the description, date purchased or built, the cost (or estimated cost), the depreciation method (if applicable), the depreciation for the year and accumulated depreciation.

**CITY OF GAUTIER, MISSISSIPPI**  
**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS**  
For the Year Ended September 30, 2014

**B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (continued)**

Condition: The City was unable to provide sufficient documentary evidence to support the carrying amounts of fixed assets on its books, and they were unable to satisfy GAAP as to the existence and valuation of the City's fixed assets.

Cause: The City has not reconciled the carrying amount of fixed assets on their books to their inventory.

Effect: This weakness in internal control regarding fixed assets leaves the City susceptible to misappropriation and unverifiable values on their books for the related items

Recommendation: I recommend the City implement a fixed assets control system. At the end of the fiscal year, the accounting department should reconcile the general ledger to the inventory control records.

Auditee's Response: Management recognizes the problem with the fixed assets. The City Clerk and her staff have been and is making great strides in resolving the problem. She has added additional staff who are specifically dedicated to this effort.

Follow-up on prior audit findings: The previous year had the same finding listed as 2013-001.

**C. FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS - MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS  
AUDIT**

There were no findings related to the major federal program.