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# Mississippi Freedom Fighter Hollis Watkins Muhammad, dead at 82

By Meredith Coleman McGee  
Special to The Mississippi Link

Hollis Watkins Muhammad, Civil Rights icon who spearheaded the Mississippi sit-in movement, under the direction of the late Bob Moses, in McComb, (Southwest) Mississippi in 1960, died, at age 82, Wednesday, September 20, 2023, in his home with his wife Edna Watkins Muhammad by his side.

Watkins, born July 29, 1941, in Lincoln County, Mississippi, near the Pike County line to sharecroppers John and Lena Watkins, was a field secretary for SNCC in the 1960s.

Brenda Hyde, deputy director, Southern Echo stated, “Hollis never wavered in his work to fight for voting rights, equality, fairness and justice to advance opportunities for black Americans.”

Watkins was a Civil Rights Movement singer. Singing inspired people to risk their jobs and lives to change the ugly world in which they lived. Watkins learned freedom songs when he was a teen; he passed the songs on to many. “Over 100,000 people have learned the freedom songs taught through Echo trainings and residential schools in the Southeastern region of this nation,” Hyde added.



Hollis Watkins Muhammad

As a former community organizer with Southern Echo in the 90, I remember that he taught freedom Movement songs. “Ain’t gonna let nobody turn me around... I’m gonna’ keep on marching to freedom land,” and other lyrics were components of Southern Echo trainings. Hollis was teaching Movement songs well into his late 70s. He kept the songs alive.

Hyde remembers the lyrics “Ain’t scared of nobody... ‘cause I want my freedom,” and “Keep your eyes on the prize,” as songs that she and Southern Echo trainees loved singing.

Watkins, Mike Sayer and Leroy Johnson learned redistricting and map making from the late great Henry Kirksey, one



PHOTO BY JAY JOHNSON

of the first blacks elected to the Mississippi legislature. Demography skills were taught to community leaders through Southern Echo.

Watkins is the founder and father of Southern Echo. As such he and his staff are credited with having engaged the White Power structure at the local, county and state levels in a process that garnered the most oppressed state in the Union – Mississippi – from the 1990s to the 2000s – census and redistricting cycles with more black elected officials in modern USA history.

I’ve witnessed Hollis drive from Jackson, Mississippi through Alabama, through Georgia, and to South Carolina through the night so we could

be on time for a redistricting training. I quickly picked up his practical style of asking the audience questions as a way of engaging them.

In his 70s, Watkins could physically outrun men half his age. He practiced clean living and he adhered to a strict kosher diet as a proud Muslim.

Hyde, who was one of the first female interns for Southern Echo, recalled Hollis giving her his brown jacket to cover her preppy looking dress. “Hollis told me I could not come to work dressed preppy because it made the rest of the staff look like they didn’t work there. Secondly, he said he wanted work-

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# Multiracial democracy is the law in America, yet far from normal practice

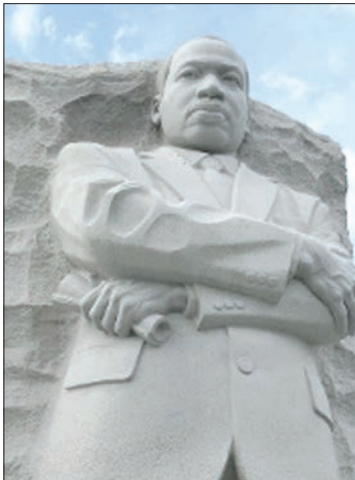
## Nearly sixty years since the Voting Rights Act, yet embracing equality is willfully prevented

By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer



The Voting Rights Act of 1965, signed into law by President Lyndon B. Johnson, aimed to overcome legal barriers at the state and local levels that prevented African Americans from exercising their right to vote as guaranteed under the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

The Voting Rights Act is considered one of the most far-reaching pieces of civil rights legislation in U.S. history. On March 7, 1965, the nation watched in outrage when peaceful participants in a Selma to Montgomery march for voting rights were met by Alabama state troopers who attacked



Martin Luther King, Jr. monument in Washington

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them with nightsticks, tear gas and whips after they refused to turn back. Some protesters were severely beaten and bloodied,



January 6, 2021 insurrection at U.S. Capitol. Credit:Sightseeing images.

and others ran for their lives. The incident was captured on national television.

Very shortly afterwards, the voting rights bill was passed in the U.S. Senate by a 77-19

(80%) vote on May 26, 1965. After debating the bill for more than a month, the U.S. House of Representatives passed the bill

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# Can’t see the forest for the trees



Shadrack T. White

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By Christopher Young  
Contributing Writer

Auditor Shadrack White at it again, now urging controls on funding for publicly funded higher education that is not his brand. His latest report, Plugging the Brain Drain: Investing in College

Majors That Actually Work, is dated September 2023. The report can be viewed at: [https://www.osa.ms.gov/documents/Special\\_Reports/Brain%20Drain%20Report%20Final.pdf](https://www.osa.ms.gov/documents/Special_Reports/Brain%20Drain%20Report%20Final.pdf).

His thirst for attention seems unquenchable. Quick like a bunny, he sent a companion opinion/commentary article to the *Wall Street Journal*, titled, Jimmy Buffett Didn’t Need a Music Degree – Mississippi taxpayers shouldn’t subsidize useless majors, dated September 18, 2023.

As an aside, *The Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) is long considered a top-rated daily business and finance publication and is 2nd only in digital subscribers (3.3M) to the *New York Times* (8.8M), per [www.statista.com](http://www.statista.com). WSJ digital subscribers are 68% male, have an average household income of \$242,007, and 81% are college graduates or more (specific majors are not mentioned), per comScore Media Metrix Q1 (Jan-Mar) 2017, 3-Month Avg.; US multiplatform; 2017 Spring Ipsos Study. By comparison, per the Census, Mississippi median household income from 2017-2021 was \$49,111, and 23.2% have a bachelor’s degree or higher, per the same source.

Useless (majors) – pretty strong word. Our State Auditor’s Office has produced well over 1,000 reports in his five years on the job. His office has had a hand in claw-

ing back millions of fraud and embezzlement dollars; we are such a Christian state, but so much lying, cheating, and stealing – thank God for the work of this office. It certainly appears that White is an authority as a Certified Fraud Examiner. His website [www.shadwhite.com](http://www.shadwhite.com) says he is “Open. Transparent. A Watchdog of YOUR money.” As time goes on, we discover that he is an authority in many areas.

Not only is he vigorous in his job description, and one of the highest paid (\$90,000+) elected state employees in Mississippi, but he is also vigorous in politics – the hard right conservative variety of politics – at various times in his discourse mentioning the good deeds of Florida Governor DeSantis and Texas Governor Abbott. We recall White’s report on Fatherless, and his requests for “performance reviews” data on publicly funded university spending on diversity, equity and inclusion initiatives.

Over the last week on X (formerly known as Twitter) he has referred to certain degrees, or majors, as “useless” and “garbage.” He found a way to include Urban Studies in the mix. He associates certain majors, Anthropology for example, with low-skills, and then tries to make the argument that folks with these degrees are not helping Mississippi, and then again most of them leave anyway.

In one posting on X he indicates that we should change the funding to “remove the incentive colleges have to invest in low-skill majors,” and adds that it is more expensive for Mississippi’s universities to attract a top-notch com-

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# Senator recognized as Legislative Champion during Adult Education and Family Literacy Week

By Daphne Higgins  
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Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, better known as AEFL Week, was recognized nationally September 18-22, 2023. Across the state of Mississippi, supporters, partners and students of Adult Education were celebrated for their participation and contributions to Adult Education, a national program designed to enable adults to acquire basic educational skills necessary for functional literacy, training or move directly into the workforce.

The Adult Education students at the Yazoo Teen Center, in Yazoo City, Miss. began their celebration by participating in National Voter Registration Day, September 19, 2023.

The Yazoo County Circuit Clerk, Robert Coleman, spoke to the class about voting rights. At the end of the session, four students registered to vote. Days later, the students participated in the statewide celebration sponsored by the Coalition on Adult Basic Education (COABE), an organization that provides leadership, communication, professional development and advocacy for adult education and literacy specialists.

One of the highlights of the statewide celebration held at the Two Museums, in downtown Jackson, was the recognition of Senator Joseph Thomas of District 22



Senator Joseph Thomas receives Legislative Champion Award

(which includes Yazoo City). An advocate of adult education, Senator Joseph Thomas was honored with the Legislative Champion Award, a recognition that is granted for distinguished leadership and support for adult education.

Thomas extended his services to a local adult education program during an initial meeting at a community program. Since this initial meeting, he has supported the students in this program by coming to class as a guest speaker, sponsoring an outing to the State Capitol, introducing students to other public

officials within the city and offering advice to them during career searches.

Thomas addressed those present saying, “I am honored to be considered a champion for the State of Mississippi and will continue to work as an advocate for Adult Education within in my district and encourage my colleagues to do the same.”

As an Adult Education instructor at Holmes Community College and the person who nominated Thomas, I can attest to his commitment to the program. “He has been a man of his word

by telling us, ‘Whenever you need me, I’ll be there.’ He has not disappointed us.”

Others acknowledged Thomas for his support.

“I applaud Senator Joseph Thomas, recipient of the Legislative Champion Award, for his outstanding contributions and support of adult education. The prestigious ‘Legislative Champion Award’ is granted for distinguished leadership and support for adult education,” said Sharon Bonney, CEO of COABE.



AEFL attendees

PHOTOS BY MARY BUSY



Senator Thomas surrounded by attendees, holding his Legislative Champion award

Before Senator Thomas’ recognition, adult learners, educators, administrators and partners participated in a program which featured former Adult Education student, now current AE instructor, Sabrina Moore; motivational speaker, author and counselor Jarvis Jones; interim director of Economic Justice for the Mississippi Center for Justice, Charity Bruce; and Associate Attorney D. Dewayne Hopson, Jr. with Hopson Law Group.

COABE’s mission is to inspire educators so adults succeed and communities thrive. The Coalition on Adult Basic Education exists to provide leadership, communication, professional development and advocacy for adult education and literacy practitioners to advance quality services for all adult learners. COABE represents the field with over 79,000 adult educators and provides a variety of services, including professional development through annual, state-of-the-art national conferences, more than 50 webinars annually, advocacy and communication and a peer-reviewed journal.

For more information about Adult Education and Family Literacy Week, the vast legislative support for the field of adult education, and the Legislative Champion Awardees, visit [www.coabe.org](http://www.coabe.org)



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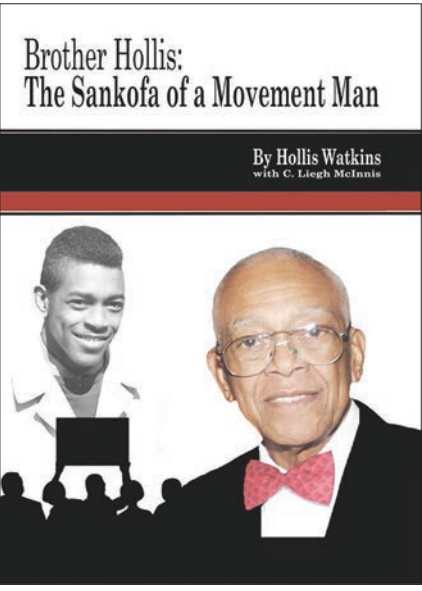
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ers to dress casually so that we would make residents who lived in marginalized communities feel comfortable,” Hyde stated.

Hyde was the first female executive for Southern Echo. She has faithfully worked for Southern Echo for over 30 years, making her the longest existing staff person in the organization. She and other mentees carry the teachings of Hollis Watkins onward.

Hollis Watkins biography, a must read, Brother Hollis: The Sankofa of a Movement Man was cowritten by JSU Professor C. Liegh McInnis. According to his biography, Hollis’s father purchased 120 acres of farmland in 1948 when Hollis was seven years old. The family farmed and roamed their land freely with great



pride. During the weekend the children played games between their morning and evening chores.

Myra Bryant, who worked with Watkins in the late 1980s at Mississippi Association of Cooperatives, said, “Hollis stood on the front lines as a voice for the voiceless and fought for social and economic justice.” She added, “He dedicated his life to the struggle. He stood with me through some of my darkest moments.”

Hyde proposed, “Some of the key principles I learned from Hollis was truth telling, overcoming fear, and putting community interest over self-interest.”

Viewing will be held at Jackson Memorial Funeral Home, 1000 W. Woodrow Wilson Ave. in Jackson, MS Friday, September 29, 2023,

from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Funeral arrangements are Saturday, September 30, 2023, 11 a.m. at Tougaloo College Kroger Coliseum, 500 W. County Line Rd. Tougaloo, MS 39174.

The burial will be at Chisholm Mission AME Church, 3859 Chisholm Dr. S.W. Summit, MS 39666.

You may mail cards and donations to Edna Watkins Muhammad, P.O. Box 1056, Clinton, MS 39060.

Contact Meredith Coleman McGee at [meredithcmcghee@gmail.com](mailto:meredithcmcghee@gmail.com) or 601 372-0229 for a copy of her book *James Meredith: Warrior and the America that created him* or Brenda Hyde at [brendadhyde@gmail.com](mailto:brendadhyde@gmail.com) 601 278-2141.

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puter science professor than it is to hire a gender studies expert.” He indicates “the colleges have no incentive to nudge kids to computer science.” He wants kids enrolling “in high-value programs, and students can then get real jobs and pay off debt.” Yes, it’s safe to say we know Shadrack White.

There have always been folks that think we ought to approach higher education differently, and its funding is a perennial topic. When the pandemic arrived, we saw a whole new set of challenges for education at all levels. A year ago, in September 2022, *Forbes* published an article, “The Future Of Higher Education: What It Means For Students And Educators.” The author quotes Jeffrey R. Brown, dean at the Gies College of Business at the University of Illinois. He argues that to fully embrace their missions, higher education institutions and educa-

tors must think differently about the suite of educational “products” they offer. In his report, he calls for “new forms of content delivery, new ways to assess learning, and new ways to certify that a learner has mastered various concepts and skills.”

Brown doesn’t mention a word about rank-ordering the importance of one major over another, selecting a major is an individual choice, and it takes a village with a multitude of skill sets. Some people have a dim view of psychology, yet when the chips are down these practitioners routinely contribute to improving, and often saving lives. Some talk poorly of attorneys, yet we are a country of laws. Even White went to Harvard Law School and is licensed in Mississippi as an attorney ([www.msbar.org/lawyer-directory](http://www.msbar.org/lawyer-directory)), yet he serves as our state auditor, not the attorney general. He made a

choice, regardless of funding.

It’s critically important to be able to see the forest for the trees. We need people in Mississippi, especially really smart people – and we have oodles of them – to focus on what really holds Mississippi back – racism. Thinking that clings to the past and its despicable and immoral reign of white supremacy, is what holds us back.

Mississippi is not last in everything because of what majors its citizens pursue and who pays for them, Mississippi, and her elected officials, need to lead. Their politics over time must be helping them personally, because they persist, yet our state’s chronic suffering is becoming more pronounced.

I wonder if Mr. White would be in favor of a required morals-based leadership course for elected officials? But the pre-requisite would be – Systemic Racism in 21st century America.

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by a vote of 333-85 (79.6%) on July 9. Johnson signed the Voting Rights Act into law on August 6, 1965, with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and other civil rights leaders present at the ceremony, per [www.history.com](http://www.history.com).

A solid 80% of duly elected United States Representatives and Senators were voting for change in the summer of 1965. They were voting for equality. They were voting to end discrimination based on race. The numbers don’t lie, do they? Yet here we are nearly sixty years later, and an inordinate percentage of America’s population still doesn’t embrace racial equality. Can you imagine if the vote was held again today? According to Statista, the Congressional approval rate is 19% <https://www.statista.com/statistics/207579/public-approval-rating-of-the-us-congress>; that’s what we think of our lawmakers, those who control our voting rights.

At the state level today, there is all kinds of activity aimed at restricting the right to vote. Remember that the Voting Rights Act came about to quell discrimination at the state and local level. In August 2021, the Associated Press published an article, ‘U.S. voting rights events reflect multiracial reform agenda.’ They highlighted all the efforts by scores of multiracial civil, human, and labor leaders holding rallies across the country to urge passage of federal voter protections eroded since the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

The article also shared data from The Brennan Center that tracks laws restricting voter access: “Between January and mid-July 2021 at least 18 states enacted 30 suppressive laws. More than 400 bills with rules that reduce mail-in voting access, ballot drop boxes and other restrictions were introduced in 49 states this year (2021). Let that sink in for a moment.

In the year that began with the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol by those enraged with the 2020 presidential election result, hundreds of bills from all around the country to restrict voting were filed.

What is the goal? Per the *New York Times* on December 31, 2021, “Broadly, the party is taking a two-pronged approach: Imposing additional restrictions on voting (especially mail voting) and giving Republican-controlled state legislatures greater control over the administration of elections.

Republicans have often sought to limit absentee-ballot drop boxes by claiming without evidence that they are susceptible to fraud. Other new laws tighten identification requirements for voting by mail, bar election officials from proactively sending out ballot applications or shorten the time frame during which absentee ballots can be requested. Some legislatures have also taken aim at how elections are overseen, stripping election officials like secretaries of state of some of their powers, exerting more authority over county and local election

officials or pursuing partisan reviews of election results.”

In a new book, ‘Tyranny of the Minority,’ by Steven Levitsky & Daniel Ziblatt, far more evidence is provided about how America may be a legally multiracial society, but forces predominantly but not exclusively in the South, have never stopped resisting or trying to tear down that legal reality. They painstakingly detail the impact of ‘The Great Switch’ and how in a 45-year period starting in 1950, Southern Christian segregationist Democrats switched to the GOP.

“Under Falwell’s leadership the Moral Majority embraced the Republican Party and campaigned hard for Reagan in 1980. Reagan in turn, championed the evangelical agenda, incorporating much of it into the Republican platform. Reagan succeeded in bringing southern white and evangelical voters into the Republican fold. And he was reelected in 1984 with 72% of the southern white vote and 80% of white evangelicals.” The newly retooled GOP then comprised the same Southern white segregationist Christians that were once labeled Dixiecrats.

As America has become increasingly multiracial, the Republican voices of resistance have become even more entrenched. Their power, their control, their script-writing – their zeal for supremacy – is what threatens democracy today. How is Ronald Regan viewed by the Republican Party? He continues to be viewed as the gold standard of the party – just like Pastor Jerry Falwell, an extreme segregationist, intensely anti-civil rights – providing the paradigm for the new GOP.

Don’t spend another minute asking yourself why in America, the shining city on the hill – the world’s leading multiracial society – elected officials at every level are trying to restrict voting? The data easily bears out what people of good-will know and have felt deep in their bones throughout their lifetimes, that for every gain we make toward full racial integration in our country, there are legions of Americans – especially white Christian Republicans – who actively fight against it with every fiber of their whiteness.

What can we do? We can read to our children, we can teach them right from wrong, we can set an example and correct undesirable behavior, we can teach them that actions speak louder than words. We can listen harder to the younger generations, we can bend more on the little things to make sure we get the bigger things right, we can demonstrate what it is to be a neighbor, we can find a way to be present for everyone in our circles.

We can teach them to live the words of the Gospels. We can teach the importance of using our voices. We can bring our children with us to the polling station. We can vote, we can vote, we can vote!

# Fulton County DA Fani Willis addresses racial threats amid Trump prosecution

By Stacy M. Brown  
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National Correspondent

Fulton County District Attorney Fani Willis revealed that she has become desensitized to racial slurs hurled at her due to her prosecution of former President Donald Trump. Speaking at the Revolt World Festival in Atlanta, Willis candidly stated, “I’ve been called the N-word so many times, I don’t even think I hear it anymore.”

Willis sheds light on the nature of the threats she has received, emphasizing that they are intended to intimidate her and her family. “A lot of ugly and nasty things about me, but just with the purpose of — you should go intimidate and threaten this person and their family because of certain prosecutions,” she said.

Last month, Willis made headlines by charging Trump and 18 associates with various offenses

related to their attempts to overturn the 2020 election results in Georgia. The charges include racketeering and allegations of involvement in a “criminal enterprise” to maintain Trump’s hold on power.

The detailed 100-page indictment outlines numerous actions Trump, and his allies took to challenge his electoral loss, including pressuring Georgia’s Republican secretary of state to find additional votes, targeting an election worker with baseless fraud allegations, and attempting to sway Georgia lawmakers to disregard the voters’ will.

This latest indictment in Georgia brings the total felony counts against Trump to 91, spanning charges in Florida for mishandling classified documents, in New York for falsifying business records, and in Washington for attempting to subvert the 2020 election.

Recently, a New York judge ruled that Trump also committed fraud and substantially exaggerated his wealth. New York Attorney General Letitia James has sued the Trump organization for \$250 million and successfully argued that his company should be barred from doing business in the state. Separately, a civil jury in Manhattan found the disgraced former president liable for sexual assault against a journalist.

Among the criminal charges that Manhattan District Attorney Alvin Bragg brought against Trump were alleged hush money payments he made to a porn star to cover up his extra-marital affair with her. Those payments helped to precipitate the alleged financial crimes Trump is accused of.

Despite the threats and vitriol aimed at Willis, she declared that she’s resolute in pursuing justice against the twice-impeached for-

mer president.

Willis firmly defended her position when questioned about the criticisms she faced from House Judiciary Committee Chair Jim Jordan over her RICO charges against Trump. “To threaten me is a waste of time. It’s a complete waste of their time, and it’s not going to get anyone results,” Willis asserted. “I’m an equal-opportunity prosecutor. If you come into this community and you violate the law, you’re going to be held accountable.”

Willis also revealed the toll these threats have taken on her family. Despite being divorced for years, her ex-husband has faced harassment, and her children and father were doxxed on a Russian website where racist abuse was directed at her. She characterized these attacks as “unfair” but affirmed, “It’s not going to stop anything that I’m doing.”



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# SOL Engineering Services, LLC – SBA’s Legacy Business - celebrates more than 20 years of success

By Janice K. Neal-Vincent, Ph.D.  
Contributing Writer

Monday, September 25, 2023, was a day of remembrance for SOL Engineering Services, LLC, a Jackson, Miss. engineering and technical services firm. During a private moment at 340 Edgewood Terrace Dr., with a brief agenda and numerous conversations, the firm’s momentous gathering



(Pictured L to R center) Joyce Conner SBA, Derrick Starling, Willie O’Neal, Jr. Janita Stewart surrounded by SOL Engineering Services, LLC team members




SOL Engineering Services, LLC team with Stewart and Conner (SBA)

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# JODY OWENS

## DISTRICT ATTORNEY

I would like to extend my gratitude to the citizens of Hinds County for electing me as the Democratic Nominee for District Attorney. We are proud of our accomplishments, but there is still much progress to be made. VOTE Tuesday, November 7th, 2023 and join me in the fight for a safer Hinds County!

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## USDA Extends Deadline for DFAP to January 13, 2024

**Unlock Financial Assistance for Farmers, Ranchers, and Forest Landowners**

Are you a farmer, rancher, or forest landowner who has faced discrimination in USDA farm lending prior to January 2021? You may be eligible for financial assistance through the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Discrimination Financial Assistance Program (DFAP).

**How Does it Work?**

**Multiple Ways to Apply:** Producers have the option to apply via the e-filing portal at [22007apply.gov](https://www.22007apply.gov) or by submitting paper-based forms via mail or in-person delivery to the program’s local offices.

**Free Technical Assistance:** Technical assistance is available for potential applicants through four regional hubs working closely with community-based organizations.

**Local Resources:** Local brick-and-mortar offices are being opened across the country to ensure easy access and personalized assistance. In-person and virtual events are also being held weekly, with state-by-state information on the website.

**Important Deadline:** Don’t miss out! The deadline for eligible farmers, ranchers, or forest landowners to complete their application is January 13, 2024..

**What is DFAP?**

\$2.2 Billion in Financial Assistance: Thanks to Section 22007 of the Inflation Reduction Act, USDA is allocating \$2.2 billion in financial assistance to eligible farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination in USDA farm lending programs.

**Eligibility:** Farmers, ranchers, and forest landowners who experienced discrimination by USDA in its farm loan programs prior to January 1, 2021, and/or are currently debtors with assigned or assumed USDA farm loan debt that was the subject of USDA discrimination that occurred prior to January 1, 2021, are eligible for this program.

**Learn More:**

**Website:** For detailed information about DFAP, please visit our official website at [22007apply.gov](https://www.22007apply.gov). Our website provides comprehensive information on obtaining in-person or virtual technical assistance, supplementary program resources, and detailed program guidelines.

**Call Center:** Our call center, available at 1-800-721-0970, operates from 8 a.m. ET to 8 p.m. PT, seven days a week, except for Federal holidays. English- and Spanish-speaking agents are available, ensuring you get the assistance you need, when you need it.

**Newsletter:** Information about the program, resources, recent office openings, and local events across the country is also available through a weekly e-newsletter, which you can sign up for on the program site.

DFAP is all about giving you the support you deserve. Don’t let this opportunity pass you by! Apply now to secure this financial assistance.



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**Discrimination Financial Assistance Program**



# Republican former congressman endorses Democratic nominee in Mississippi governor’s race

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

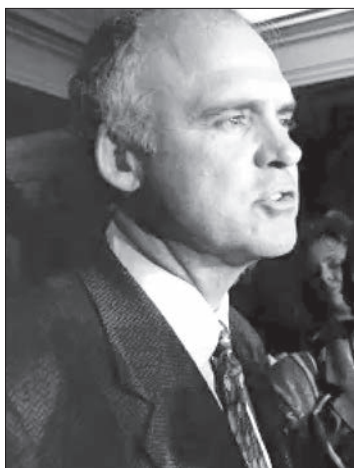
The last Republican who lost a general election for Mississippi governor is endorsing the Democratic nominee in this year’s race.

Democrat Brandon Presley’s campaign released a statement Wednesday from former U. S. Rep. Mike Parker, who said he is choosing Presley over first-term Republican Gov. Tate Reeves.

“It’s a big deal for me as a former Republican member of Congress and as a former Republican nominee for governor to vote for a Democrat,” Parker said. “But I’m supporting Brandon Presley because he’s a good man, he’s a conservative, he’s pro-life, and he’s exactly what Mississippi needs at this point in time. Tate Reeves has failed Mississippi. Brandon will not.”

Presley has been trying to appeal to voters across party lines.

“I want to win this election with a bipartisan, biracial coalition \_\_ for Black Mississippians and white Mississippians, Republicans, Democrats, independents,” Presley said during an appearance last week in



Parker

Summit.

Parker was elected to Congress from a southwest Mississippi district in 1988 as a Democrat. He became a Republican in November 1995, a year after the GOP gained control of the U.S. House.

Parker was the Republican nominee for governor in 1999, and lost a close race to Democrat Ronnie Musgrove, who was lieutenant governor.

Reeves campaign spokesperson Clifton Carroll said in a statement Wednesday: “It’s no surprise that former Democrat Congressman Mike Parker, who endorsed Hillary Clinton

and Joe Biden, is continuing his trend of endorsing liberal democrats.”

In 2016, Parker was among 30 Republicans who had served in Congress who signed a letter saying they could not support Republican nominee Donald Trump for president. The letter said Trump “makes a mockery of the principles and values we have cherished and which we sought to represent.”

In 2020, Parker was among more than two dozen Republican former members of Congress who endorsed Democrat Joe Biden over Trump.

Reeves has supported Trump, and Trump endorsed Reeves in 2019.

The 1999 governor’s race had to be decided in the Mississippi House because neither Musgrove nor Parker fulfilled the two requirements to win the race, which also had two little-known candidates. To win a governor’s race at the time, a candidate had to receive at least 50% of the popular vote and win at least 62 of the 122 state House districts.

Musgrove received a few thousand more votes than Parker but fell short of a majority.

Musgrove and Parker each won 61 House districts. House members were not obligated to vote as their districts did, and the Democratic-controlled House elected Musgrove, with many members saying they voted for him because he received more of the popular vote than Parker.

Republicans have controlled the Mississippi House since 2012. And, Mississippi voters in 2020 repealed the two-pronged requirement for electing a governor. Winning now requires a simple majority of the popular vote. If more than two candidates are running and nobody wins a majority, the race goes to a runoff three weeks later.

An independent candidate, Gwendolyn Gray, is on the ballot along with Reeves and Presley in the Nov. 7 general election.

Musgrove served one term as governor before losing to Republican Haley Barbour in 2003. After Barbour served two terms, which is the maximum allowed by Mississippi law, he was succeeded by Republican Phil Bryant, who also served two terms before Reeves was elected in 2019.

# Mississippi high court blocks appointment of some judges in majority-black capital city and county

By Emily Wagster Pettus  
Associated Press

The Mississippi Supreme Court on Thursday struck down part of a state law that would have authorized some circuit court judges to be appointed rather than elected in the capital city of Jackson and the surrounding county, which are both majority-black.

Critics said the law was an effort by the majority-white Legislature to stomp on voting rights and to treat Jackson and Hinds County residents unfairly in a state where most judges are elected.

In the ruling, justices affirmed a part of the law that creates a new court to hear misdemeanor cases in a part of Jackson that includes the state Capitol and other state government buildings.

Justices said the Mississippi Constitution allows legislators to create “inferior” courts, and the new Capitol Complex Improvement District court would have the same powers as a municipal court, with the CCID judge appointed by the state’s chief justice. The ruling also made clear that people will have

a right to appeal decisions made by the new court.

Jackson residents who sued to challenge the law issued statements Thursday praising the Supreme Court decision.

“As a citizen of Jackson who has traced my family’s documented presence in Mississippi back to 1855, I am grateful for the clarity of the state constitution regarding the election of circuit court judges, and I am grateful for the Justices affirming that constitutional requirement,” Ann Saunders said.

Another plaintiff, Dorothy Triplett, said state leaders should work with the city of Jackson rather than attempt a “hostile takeover” of citizens’ rights.

“My hope is that today’s ruling will convince legislators that the people of Jackson aren’t just going to roll over when targeted, especially when fundamental principles of our democracy are attacked,” Triplett said.

Legislators voted this year to expand the territory of the state-run Capitol Police department in Jackson, to create the new court and to authorize the appointment of four circuit

judges in Hinds County. Supporters said they were trying to improve safety in the city of about 150,000 residents, which has had more than 100 homicides in each of the past three years.

Opponents said the Republican-controlled Legislature and Republican Gov. Tate Reeves were usurping local autonomy in Jackson and Hinds County, which are governed by Democrats.

Circuit judges hear criminal cases for felonies such as murder and aggravated assault. They also hear civil lawsuits. The law said the temporary circuit judges would be appointed by the chief justice to serve through 2026, which is most of the four-year term served by the elected judges.

Justices noted in the ruling Thursday that a longstanding Mississippi law allows the chief justice to appoint some justices for specific reasons, such as to deal with a backlog of cases. But they wrote that “we see nothing special or unique” about the four appointed Hinds County circuit judges in the law this year, “certainly nothing ex-

pressly tethering them to a specific judicial need or exigency.”

Although race has been a big part of legislative and public debate about the law, it was not a central issue during the Supreme Court arguments.

Chief Justice Mike Randolph recused himself from hearing the case because the lawsuit originally named him as one of the defendants.

In May, Hinds County Chancery Judge Dewayne Thomas dismissed the Jackson residents’ lawsuit days after he removed Randolph as a defendant. Thomas wrote that appointing judges does not violate the Mississippi Constitution.

A federal lawsuit filed by the NAACP challenges the appointment of judges and the expansion of the state police role in Jackson, arguing that the law creates “separate and unequal policing” for the city compared to other parts of Mississippi. U.S. District Judge Henry Wingate temporarily put the law on hold, which has blocked Randolph from appointing the four temporary circuit court judges. Wingate also wrote that: “Jackson has a crime cancer.”

# Former Mississippi Democratic Party chair sues to reinstate himself, saying his ouster was improper

By Michael Goldberg  
Associated Press/Report for America

The former chair of Mississippi’s Democratic Party has filed a lawsuit seeking to reinstate himself as its leader, arguing that he was improperly ousted in July.

Tyree Irving, a former appellate judge who had chaired the state party since 2020, was voted out by a majority of party officials at a July 6 emergency meeting. Now Irving, who had announced his resignation ahead of the vote before reversing course, says the meeting violated the state party’s constitution and should be invalidated.

The petition for that meeting said committee members needed to address “the long-standing and repeated actions of malfeasance and misfeasance of the Chair of the Mississippi Democratic Party.”

The members said an angry email Irving sent to another party official could have jeopardized funding from the Democratic National Committee to support gubernatorial candidate Brandon Presley.

In the lawsuit filed in Hinds County Chancery Court Wednesday, Irving and some committee members said the meeting didn’t afford him due process or allow his allies sufficient opportunities to challenge the legality of the proceeding.

A majority of committee members voted to make the new party chair state Rep. Cheikh Taylor, who has since replaced some officials who had served under Irving, according to the lawsuit. Irving is seek-



Tyree Irving

ing to have Taylor removed and himself restored to the position.

The lawsuit also seeks to void actions by Taylor including the naming of Ty Pinkins as the party’s nominee for secretary of state to replace a candidate who left the race because of health problems.

That candidate, Shuwaski Young, had sharply criticized Irving, saying he was “always absent” and had a “level of arrogance and a level of incompetence that is holding the state back.”

The Mississippi Democratic Party did not immediately respond to an email requesting comment Thursday.

Campaigns are already in full swing ahead of the Nov. 7 statewide general election.

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## Judge rules Trump committed fraud in real estate empire's rise

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In a decision reverberating through the legal and political spheres, New York Judge Arthur Engoron ruled on Tuesday that former President Donald Trump engaged in fraudulent activities for years during the ascent of his real estate empire, eventually propelling him to fame and the White House.

Letitia James, the attorney general of New York, filed a civil lawsuit, and the jury found that Trump and his company had orchestrated a widespread scheme to deceive financial institutions, insurers and other stakeholders. The deception involved inflating the value of assets and exaggerating Trump's net worth on official documents, which were instrumental in securing financing and executing lucrative deals.

Judge Engoron's ruling, which came just days before the commencement of the non-jury trial in AG James' lawsuit, represents a profound repudiation of Trump's carefully curated public persona as a wealthy and astute real estate magnate who successfully transitioned into a political figure.

Beyond the realm of mere self-promotion, Engoron determined that



NY Attorney General Letitia James

Trump, along with his company and key executives, consistently disseminated false information on their annual financial statements. According to the judge, these actions resulted in tangible benefits such as favorable loan terms and reduced insurance premiums, thereby crossing the threshold of legality. The judge dismissed Trump's claim that a disclaimer on the financial statements absolved him of wrongdoing.

While Manhattan prosecutors had contemplated pursuing criminal charges for the same misconduct, they ultimately opted against it, leaving Attorney General James to

bring forth the civil lawsuit and seek penalties that could disrupt Trump's and his family's business activities within the state.

Engoron's ruling, rendered during the summary judgment phase of the case, addresses the central allegation in James' lawsuit. However, six other claims still await resolution, with Engoron scheduled to preside over a non-jury trial beginning October 2, during which he will determine both the merits of these claims and any potential penalties.

Attorney General James is pursuing fines of \$250 million and a ban on Trump's business operations in New York, his home state. Engoron has noted that the trial's duration might extend into December.

Trump's legal team had requested the dismissal of the case, a request that was denied by the judge. Their argument rested on the premise that James lacked the legal authority to initiate the lawsuit due to the absence of evidence showing harm to the public from Trump's actions. Additionally, they argued that the statute of limitations barred a number of the lawsuit's allegations.

"The documents here clearly contain fraudulent valuations that defendants used in business," Engoron wrote.

## Dignitaries, change-makers and lawmakers tout the Black Press at the 2023 NNPA National Leadership Awards Reception



The highly anticipated event delivered on the Black Press of America's promise of an evening of recognition and celebration in honor of exceptional leaders who have made significant contributions to America, particularly the African American community.

By Lauren Victoria Burke  
NNPA Newswire Contributor

Founder and Head of Mission of the Diaspora African Forum H.E. Dr. Erika Bennett, Baltimore Ravens QB Tyler Huntley, activist Erica Ford, Democratic National Committee Chair Jamie Harrison, Exonerated Five member and New York City Councilman-elect Dr. Yusef Salaam, Eric Garner's mother Gwen Carr, and Oscar Grant's mother the Rev. Wanda Johnson, were among the activists, celebrities, politicians and changemakers to cram into the main ballroom at the Marriott Marquis to celebrate the National Newspaper Publishers Association National Leadership Awards Reception.

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This year's theme, "Black Press of America Salutes Black Leadership Excellence," reflected the spirit of acknowledgment and appreciation for those who have tirelessly worked toward the betterment of society.

"The Black Press is the foundation of our community, it's how we hear and amplify what's going on in our community," said DNC Chair Jamie Harrison, among the many powerbrokers to grace the NNPA's Red Carpet. "We have to support the Black Press. I'm going to make sure that we support the Black Press," Harrison insisted.

Ohio Democratic Rep. Shontell Brown, a Leadership Award recipient, joined Harrison on the Red Carpet and pledged to continue supporting the Black Press. "My local newspaper is the *Call and Post*, and that newspaper is critical," Brown declared. "The Black Press is how we get and receive our news. It's essential to communicate with people who look like us. I couldn't agree more with the chair that we must support the Black Press," Brown stated.

Fellow awardee CBC Chair Steven Horsford (D-Nevada) echoed Brown and Harrison, taking it a step further by insisting that Democrats and others ensure revenue continues to flow into black-owned newspapers and media companies. "We have to make every effort to support you, to fund you, to make sure our campaigns and organizations are placing ads and media spend with you," Horsford proclaimed, adding that after 196 years of serving African American communities, the

Black Press is as vital as ever.

Ruff Endz, the renowned R&B duo, added a musical flair to the evening with some of their chart-topping hits like "No More," and "Someone to Love You." Guy Lambert, a distinguished figure in the world of broadcasting, served as master of ceremonies, while the Rev. Mark Thompson, a longtime contributor and supporter of the NNPA, helped to introduce the awardees who also included Sen. Raphael Warnock (D-Ga.), Rep. Jasmine Crockett (D-Texas), Niesha Foster of Pfizer Inc., Jessie Woolley-Wilson of Dreambox Learning and the People's Attorney Benjamin Crump.

"It's been a very exciting event," Dr. Bennett said of her week in Washington at the Congressional Black Caucus Foundation's Legislative Conference, and the NNPA National Leadership Awards Reception. She noted the excursions members of the CBC and the Black Press have made to Ghana and other parts of the African continent. "In the African tradition, when someone comes to your house, you go back to their house."

Ford, of Life Camp Inc., said although she arrived in Washington for a special ceremony at the White House, she's always valued the role of the Black Press. "I'm here because our hard work paid off. It's history," Ford declared. "The White House Office of Gun Violence Prevention (announced earlier in the week) is something we worked so hard for and so long for. So, we were at the White House and decided to come here."

Standing only feet away from Ford were Carr and Grant. Both said the Black Press has helped to amplify their concerns and messages since police in New York and Oakland, respectively, killed their sons. "I can't tell you how important the Black Press has been before Eric and Niesha," Carr said.

The NNPA chair, Westside Gazette publisher Bobby Henry, and NNPA President and CEO Dr. Benjamin F. Chavis Jr., presided over the evening, which drew thousands at the event. Chavis said the outing further symbolized the unity and strength of the NNPA in its mission to continue to serve as the unchallenged voice of Black America.

"For 196 years, the Black Press has been the trusted voice, the unwavering voice, for truth, justice, equality and equity in America and globally," Chavis asserted. "We are at a pivotal time in history and the Black Press will continue to be the vital, trusted and needed voice during this time as well."

## Congress says it wants to avoid a shutdown but the House and Senate are moving even further apart

By Lisa Mascaro  
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The Congress is starkly divided over very different paths to preventing a federal shutdown — the Senate charging ahead with a bipartisan package to temporarily fund the government but the House slogging through a longshot effort with no real chance of finishing by Saturday's deadline.

With days remaining before a federal closure, the stakes are rising with no resolution at hand.

A shutdown would furlough millions of federal employees, leave the military without pay, disrupt air travel and cut off vital safety net services, and it would be politically punishing to lawmakers whose job it is to fund government.

President Joe Biden, who earlier this year reached a budget deal with Speaker Kevin McCarthy that became law, believes it's up to the House Republicans to deliver.

"A deal is a deal," said White House press secretary Karine Jean-Pierre. "This is for them to fix."

Late Tuesday, the Senate pushed ahead in sweeping bipartisan fashion to break the stalemate, advancing a temporary measure, called a continuing resolution, or CR, to keep government running through Nov. 17. It would maintain funding at current levels with a \$6 billion boost for Ukraine and \$6 billion for U.S. disaster relief, among other provisions.

It's on track for Senate approval later this week but faces long odds in the House.

The Republican McCarthy, pushed by a hard-right flank that rejects the deal he made with Biden and is demanding steep spending cuts, showed no interest in the Senate's bipartisan effort — or the additional money for Ukraine.

"I think their priorities are bad," he said about the Senate effort.

Instead, McCarthy is reviving plans for the House Republicans' own stop-gap funding measure that would slash federal spending by 8% for many agencies and attach a hardline border security measure that conservatives are demanding. He's planning a Friday vote, but Biden, Democrats and even some House Republicans have said the package is too extreme.

McCarthy is trying to goad Biden into negotiations over the border package, highlighting the record numbers of migrants crossing the Southern border with Mexico, but the speaker has little leverage at this point and the White



House Speaker Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., talks to reporters just after voting to advance appropriations bills on the House floor, at the Capitol in Washington, Tuesday night, Sept. 26, 2023. AP PHOTO/J. SCOTT APPLEWHITE

House has downplayed the prospect of talks.

But first, McCarthy is expected to spend much of this week trying to pass some of the bills needed to fund government agencies — Defense, Homeland Security, Agriculture and State and Foreign Operations.

It's a daunting task ahead. The House Republicans advanced those bills late Tuesday after days of setbacks and disarray, but it is not at all clear McCarthy has the votes from his hard-right flank to actually pass the four bills this week.

One of the key right-flank holdouts, Rep. Marjorie Taylor Greene, R-Ga., who is fighting for more cuts and opposes the funds for Ukraine, said she voted against advancing the package because the bills are headed toward defeat anyway.

"I'm trying to save everybody from wasting time," she said.

The 79-page Senate bill would fund the government at current levels and would include the Ukraine and U.S. disaster aid that has been in jeopardy. It also includes an extension of Federal Aviation Administration provisions expiring Saturday.

Senate Majority Leader Chuck Schumer said the Senate bill shows "bipartisanship can triumph over extremism."

Schumer said, "We all know together that a government shutdown will be devastating, devastating to this country."

Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell appeared on board with the bipartisan Senate plan, saying, "Government shutdowns are bad news."

The hard-right House Republicans

are being egged on by Donald Trump, the front-runner in the 2024 Republican presidential primary, who has urged them to stand firm in the fight or "shut it down."

It is setting up a split-screen later this week as House Republicans hold their first Biden impeachment inquiry hearing probing the business dealings of his son, Hunter Biden. It also comes as former Trump officials are floating their own plans to slash government and the federal workforce if the former president retakes the White House.

McCarthy, who said he spoke to McConnell Tuesday, brushed off Trump's influence as just a negotiating tactic, even as the far-right members keep torpedoing his plans.

While their numbers are just a handful, the hard-right Republican faction holds sway because the House majority is narrow and McCarthy needs almost every vote from his side for partisan bills without Democratic support.

The speaker has given the holdouts many of their demands, but it still has not been enough as they press for more — including gutting funding for Ukraine, which Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy told Washington last week is vital to winning the war against Russia.

The hard-line Republicans want McCarthy to drop the deal he made with Biden and stick to earlier promises for spending cuts he made to them in January to win their votes for the speaker's gavel, citing the nation's rising debt load.

Associated Press writers Kevin Freking, Mary Clare Jalonick, Farnoush Amiri and Josh Boak contributed to this report.



# Traveling & Fitness

By Vince Faust  
*Tips to Be Fit*

“I have a job that has me traveling a lot. I’m beginning to have some problems. I’m gaining weight, I’m tried all the time and I’m eating all the wrong things. What can I do to get back on track?”

Angie S, Washington, DC

Having a job that keeps you on the road or just vacationing for several days at a time has the potential to ruin your diet and your exercise program. We all can relate to the struggle of maintaining a healthy lifestyle while on the move. Whether you’re on a business trip or just vacationing for an extended period, the combination of irregular schedules and tempting food options can make it challenging to stick to a fitness program and make nutritious food choices.

If you still want to get in your workout and eat the right thing do some planning. Start by calling ahead to see if your hotel has a fitness center on the premises. Some hotels may have an agreement with a local gym. So find out what’s available. If there’s no gym you can still get in a workout. It won’t be your regular workout but

it can still be a good workout. Your road workout should include toning exercises, aerobics and stretching.

For toning you can do calisthenics. Pick an exercise for each body part. Push-ups for the chest, back and shoulders, wall sitting for legs, toe raises for calves and sit-ups for your abdominals. Do 3 to 4 sets of 10 to 15 reps. Use good form and concentrate on each rep. For aerobics, walk, jog, skip rope or do your regular aerobic workout.

You can also try a flexing workout. Flexing can be the perfect exercise for people who travel a lot. To get the most out of flexing you should flex each muscle for 3 to 5 seconds for each rep. Do 5 to 6 sets for each body part. Use a mirror to watch yourself. And make sure you breathe.

Be prepared for the weather. Try to get a good idea of the type of weather you’ll have to deal with during your trip. You can still get in a workout in even if you’re traveling has bad weather.

After your morning workout, make sure you eat something. It’s a good idea to pack a portable blender and a ther-

mos. You can pick up fruits and juices at most convenience stores or the nearest supermarket. The fruits will keep for several days. You can add fruits to your juice in a portable blender or eat them raw. Carry some fruits with you for a morning snack. Drink plenty of bottled water throughout the day.

For lunch have a large salad with the dressing on the side and baked or broiled fish, chicken or turkey. Tell the waiter to hold the butter or heavy sauces. Stop by your local health food store and pick up herb popcorn; wholewheat cookies, unsalted tortilla chips, herb tea and whole grain rolls to take with you on your trip.

Avoid fast food restaurants, bakeries and convenience stores for between meal snacks. Sometimes you won’t be able to avoid eating fast food, but don’t make it a habit.

Dinner should be just as healthy. For dinner have some low fat protein like fish. On the side have some steamed broccoli and a salad. Go easy on the dressing. After-dinner snacks, can include a modest helping of whole grain cookies, herb popcorn, herb tea or whole grain

rolls. At every meal you should try to have a protein source and at least one vegetable. Try to make 80% of your meals healthy, and then eat whatever you want the other few meals.

Try to find balance. If you are going to eat a big unhealthy dinner, eat a small breakfast and lunch. If you just had a massive breakfast, skip lunch. It can help even out at the end of the day. Try to avoid processed junk food and liquid calories like soda. You should know that drinking alcohol isn’t exactly healthy for you. If you do drink, it can be done occasionally and in moderation.

Remember, your health is a valuable asset that deserves attention, no matter where your travels take you. By prioritizing fitness and nutrition, you’ll not only feel better physically but you will also enjoy a more fulfilling and energetic life on the road.

I want you to do your best but don’t freak out if everything doesn’t workout. So don’t use traveling as an excuse not to stay healthy.

Before starting any health or fitness program consult your physician.



## Senior living - are you a Medicare rookie? Pros can help you find right plan

StatePoint

Roughly 4.4 million Americans will reach the age of 65 in 2024, according to the U.S. Census Bureau. While age is just a number in some respects, this particular birthday marks the time when Americans become eligible for the federal Medicare health insurance program. And if you’ll be hitting this milestone soon, you’re in good company, as athlete, entrepreneur and philanthropist, Earvin “Magic” Johnson will be doing the same.

“I’ve been a rookie a few times in my life, but this time, I’m new to Medicare,” says Johnson.

Medicare is the government health insurance program for Americans 65 and older, and those under 65 with certain disabilities, providing hospital coverage (Part A) and physician visits (Part B) to those who qualify. During this year’s Medicare Annual Enrollment Period (AEP), which takes place between Oct. 15-Dec. 7,



Earvin “Magic Johnson”

2023, rookies and pros alike can hone their health insurance selection game plan with a little coaching. That’s why Magic Johnson got these tips from Cigna Healthcare, which serves millions of Medicare customers nationwide:

1. Don’t delay. Medicare has a seven-month window around your 65th birthday called the

Initial Enrollment Period. Enrolling outside this window could result in higher premiums on Medicare Part B for the rest of your life. However, if you’re still working, you may be able to keep your current plan, depending on the size of your company, and switch to Medicare without penalty when you retire. If you’re not

working and you’ve already filed for Social Security, you’ll be automatically enrolled in Medicare Parts A and B when you turn 65.

2. Know what’s covered. Medicare Parts A and B are sometimes called Original Medicare and cover hospital and physician expenses. To cover things like dental, vi-

sion, hearing and pharmacy, you may opt for a Medicare Advantage plan (also known as Part C), which covers everything that Medicare does and provides additional benefits, including, in many cases, prescription drugs (also known as Part D). Assessing your budget, health needs, doctor preferences and lifestyle will be important in making the best choice for you.

3. Read the fine print. Before signing up for a particular plan, make sure that your favorite health care providers are in its network. While you may be able to go out of network for care, be prepared to pay more if you do. You’ll also want to factor in all the associated costs of a given plan, including monthly premiums, co-pays and deductibles, as well as the prices and rules around the prescription drugs you take.

4. Get help. Turn to resources and platforms that can help ensure you understand the plan you’re enrolling in. Call Medi-

care at 1-800-MEDICARE (1-800-633-4227) 24/7. TTY users can call 1-877-486-2048. Or, visit the Medicare Plan Finder website at [Medicare.gov/plan-compare](https://www.medicare.gov/plan-compare).

For local assistance, refer to the State Health Insurance Assistance Program at [www.shiptacenter.org](https://www.shiptacenter.org). You can also contact individual Medicare plans, including Cigna at [CignaMedicareInformation.com](https://www.cigna.com/MedicareInformation.com).

5. Use your benefits. For optimal health, make full use of your plan’s benefits. In particular, be sure to get the wellness checks and preventive screenings needed for your age and health status. If your plan offers extra perks, such as fitness or nutrition programs, take advantage of them.

“If you find out that the plan you signed up for last year is not the right fit, lean into the experts about what works best for you and make changes during AEP to set yourself up for a winning year,” says Johnson.

## Facts about NTM lung disease

StatePoint

Nontuberculous mycobacteria (NTM) lung disease is a serious condition that can cause permanent lung damage, even if you have no symptoms.

More than 86,000 people are likely living with NTM lung disease in the United States, and rates appear to be increasing, especially among women and older age groups.

The American Lung Association, with support from Insmmed, is sharing five fast facts to help you better understand this progressive disease:

1. Treatments vary. How NTM is treated depends on the type of organism causing the infection, the severity of symptoms and your health history. Treatment of NTM lung disease varies from person to person and can last for a prolonged period of time.

2. Current guidelines. The progress of treatment will be monitored

by collecting sputum samples. Once achieving a negative sputum culture, the 2020 NTM Guidelines recommend continuing your treatment regimen for 12 months post culture conversion. Because NTM lung disease can be challenging to clear from the body, it’s a good idea to seek care from a pulmonologist or infectious disease specialist that specializes in NTM lung disease.

3. Side effects. Some of the medications you may be prescribed may cause side effects. It is important to talk to your healthcare provider about possible side effects and how to manage them.

4. Clinical trials. There are clinical trials available for those living with NTM lung disease. Participating in a clinical trial supports medical advances and can help you access treatments. See if one is right for you.

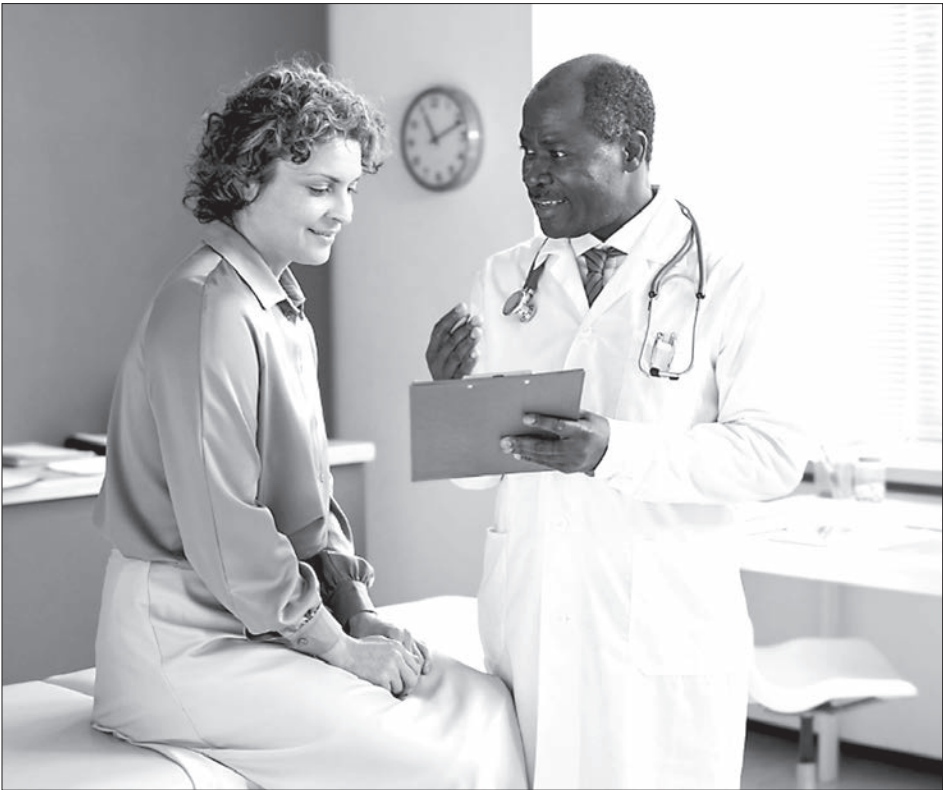
5. Finding support. Having the right support while treating your

NTM lung disease may help you follow your treatment plan. The Lung Association recommends patients and caregivers join the Living with Lung Disease Support Community to connect with others facing this disease. You can also ask your healthcare provider about lung disease support groups in your area, or look online for a Better Breathers Club near you.

To talk to a trained respiratory professional who can help answer your questions and connect you with support, call the Lung Association’s Lung Helpline at 1-800-LUNGUSA.

Everyone inhales NTM into their lungs as part of daily life. Unfortunately for some, this exposure can result in infection. Having the facts and tools you need to understand NTM lung disease can help you get the support you need.

For more information about NTM and lung health, visit [lung.org](https://www.lung.org).





P R E S E R V E D

# Never alone

By Shewanda Riley  
Columnist



One of my favorite things to do as a child was watch boxing matches with my father. Since this was the early 1970's, I watched some of the best matches in the world featuring the greatest of all time: Muhammad Ali. One of things that fascinated me about these boxing matches was when the boxer would go back to his corner in between rounds. I always wondered what the people were saying to him. It seemed like after these breaks that Ali would come out more energized. Cus A'mato, Eddie Futch, Emmanuel Steward, Freddie Roach, Angelo Dundee. You may not know their names, but you know their work: These are the men who trained the most powerful boxers of the 20th and 21st century like Ali, Mike Tyson and Manny Pacquiao.

Recently, I was preparing for a presentation to single women at a conference and it struck me that life as a single person can sometimes be like a boxing match. Even though we may have support from others, like the boxer has support from his corner person and trainer during the fight, the results of the boxing match are determined by how well the boxer fights when alone in the ring. However, how well the boxer does is impacted by who is in their corner. So, the question is: Who is in your corner? Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Like the best boxing corner men challenged boxers to achieve more, we should look for people who will challenge us to be better Godly versions of ourselves. First, we should be intentional about who we add to our lives. They should know their purpose and know how it aligns with your purpose. 2 Corinthians 6:14, "Do not be

unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness?" If they do not know their purpose, it will be difficult for them to support you when you try to pursue yours. Most importantly, be willing to pivot when you realize that your purposes are no longer in alignment with people around you. Psalm 1:1 says "Blessed is the one who walks not in the counsel of the ungodly." 1 Chronicles 16:11 reminds us to "Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually." Our journey as singles is most successful when we seek after God and create intimacy with Him. By being intentional on seeking time out with God, it can make some of the more stressful times as singles more tolerable. We should also commit to self-control and ignore distractions. This means that things out of boredom or lack

of discipline can easily allow things like alcohol, sex, drugs, shopping, television and food to control our lives. We may think that these are harmless activities, but they can easily turn into destructive idols. In addition, we have to create and lean on a community of mature support. We should remember that God's grace is on one side of us and God's mercy is on the other side when we come back to our corners after fighting in life's boxing ring: Psalm 23:6 "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life...." Shewanda Riley (Aunt Wanda), PhD, is a Fort Worth-based author of "Love Hangover: Moving from Pain to Purpose After a Relationship Ends" and "Writing to the Beat of God's Heart: A Book of Prayers for Writers." Email her at [preservedbypurpose@gmail.com](mailto:preservedbypurpose@gmail.com) or follow her on Twitter @shewanda. You can also listen to her podcast at [www.chocolateauntiepodcast.com](http://www.chocolateauntiepodcast.com).

# Slow down! Stop!

By Pastor Simeon R. Green III  
Special to The Mississippi Link



It is easy to sing beautiful songs and to testify in the services, but on the job and in the school with all the ungodliness, you will have to rub shoulders with unbelievers, agnostics, atheists and all kinds of men and women and boys and girls. You are going to be persecuted and pressured. I heard of a brother who worked for a major car company many years ago. He had a position high up in the corporation, but he got stuck at a certain level for the rest of his time there. His immediate supervisor disliked him because he was a Christian. He would not party with him and the rest of the guys. His boss would invite employees over to his house for big beer parties, but this brother would not attend. In fact, his boss even smuggled drinks into the workplace. Although the brother was stuck in one position for years and never went any higher, he never got bitter, he never reported his boss, and he never personally caused him any trouble. He was as nice to that man as he could be, treated him respectfully, and retired without a blemish on his record. He paid a price for the high standard that he held, but he believed that God would take care of him, and do you know what? God surely did.

Let it be a part of you. If you do not truly believe, you are going to have trouble. I read a true story in "Reader's Digest" about a Greyhound bus going down the highway somewhere up in the Northeast. One dark, rainy, stormy night, the bus was going down the highway at a good rate of speed. There in the darkness of the night, the driver saw a man up ahead, standing out in the highway beside his car, waving a big flashlight to try to get that bus to stop. The first thing the drive thought was, "His car has broken down, and he wants to catch a ride on my bus." So, the bus driver did not stop. Unbeknownst to the bus driver, the man was trying to warn him that the bridge was out right up ahead. That Greyhound bus zipped right on by that fellow, out into the darkness of the night, and the bus went off the road over into a ridge and crashed. Many people on board that bus lost their lives that night because the bus driver did not believe what his eyes were seeing. He saw the warning light, but he scoffed at it and did not take it seriously. He should have stopped or slowed down to see what was wrong. So many religious people are going headlong down the highway of life, and God, the saints, and pastors are waving the warning light; "Slow down! Stop!" They do not believe it. What I am telling you is, you need to take the warning seriously. God is challenging you to trust Him. He will take care of you. You must believe there is a God before whom the whole world will stand and answer to one day. We read in Ecclesiastes 3:1 "A time for everything, there is a season." Simeon R. Green, III, pastor, First Church of God, 6517 Walmsley Blvd., Richmond, Virginia 23224.



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## SOL

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ing was energized with excitement. Over 20 years of organic growth and consistent business activities set in stone the devotion that the firm and its supporters marveled. Hence, in no way could the firm escape their recollections of the enormous, invaluable opportunities, guidance, support and benefits provided by the U.S. Small Business Administration and its team.

In keeping with those memories, Joyce Conner – Business Opportunity specialist, MS District Office, U. S. Small Business Administration –

highlighted that the firm participated in a number of training opportunities. Lessons learned paid off significantly. The firm received a number of contracts to assistant communities with their needs. Their commitment sparked attention in and out of Mississippi.

Janita R. Stewart – SBA district director – pressed her claim, “The SBA Mississippi District is proud to recognize SOL Engineering Services, LLC, as our legacy business. This company has applied for, was deemed eligible, and received numerous forms of SBA

assistance and has smartly utilized this assistance to further its growth and success, now in business for more than two decades serving MS, AL, TN, GA, TX and beyond. SOL is an excellent example of what SBA legacy business is tying into the agency’s 70th anniversary celebration.”

The U.S. Small Business Administration is the only go-to resource and voice for small businesses backed by the strength of the federal government. It is the over-arching element for the American dream of business ownership. To

that end, it empowers entrepreneurs and small business owners by providing resources and supporting them in their origin, growth, expansion and/or recovering from a declared disaster. Theirs is an extensive network of SBA field offices and partnerships with public and private organizations.

Stewart presented the Legacy Trophy to Willie A. O’Neal Jr and Derek Starling – SOL’s co-founders. “This is a dream come true of which was influenced, shaped and made possible due to the SBA’s support, partnership and involvement

with us – for the commitment and confidence they’ve shown in us, I’m eternally grateful and paying those lessons learned forward,” stated O’Neal. Neal was accepted into the SBA 8a Business Development Program in 2006 and graduated in 2015.

Starling (PE, CQE, PMP), voiced similar sentiments. He has a balanced history of managing projects, conducting engineering reviews, and allocating quality resources. Starling develops a cadre of excellence in the firm’s staff and maintains responsive cli-

ent relations.

The mission of SOL Engineering Services is to continually meet and exceed clients’ requirements for quality, cost, and service. The firm’s motto is “shaping communities through engineering innovations.” They have a reputation of providing high quality and maintaining professional commitments, while ensuring that full satisfaction is given to each client.

*To learn more, contact SOL Engineering Services, LLC @ [www.slengrs.com](mailto:www.slengrs.com); 601 961-1415 or FAX 601-960-0420.*

# New Stage Theatre announces partnership with the Mississippi Humanities Council

Mississippi Link Newswire

New Stage Theatre will present the Education Department’s Touring production of Anne & Emmett written by Janet Langhart Cohen in partnership with the Mississippi Humanities Council for the National Endowment for the Humanities’ new “United We Stand” Initiative.

“New Stage is thrilled to collaborate with the Mississippi Humanities Council for the NEH’s “United We Stand” Initiative. Through its unique look at the past, Janet Langhart Cohen’s Anne & Emmett is a very moving experience highlighting the tragic experience of two young people confronted with racism and discrimination. The positive response to our limited tour of the play last season confirmed that students desire the



opportunity to learn more about history through live theatre performance. We are grateful for the support of the Mississippi Humanities Council and look forward to the partnering with them to reach more students throughout the state with this opportunity to promote healing and understanding,” says New Stage Theatre’s Artistic Direc-

tor, Francine Thomas Reynolds.

Through an imaginary conversation between two iconic figures of civil rights history, Anne & Emmett examines the innocence of children thrust into the most horrific of circumstances. This play is a history lesson about the importance of tolerance, compassion, and justice, to be acted on in life.

Though worlds away from each other, both Anne Frank and Emmett Till were just 14 years old when they fell victim to hate and intolerance. Together both Anne and Emmett speak as teenagers do. Although isolated from the violence of their lives in the place called Memory, both discuss the injustices they faced and the actions that lead to their horrible ends recognizing the similarities between them.

“As soon as we saw Anne & Emmett earlier this year, we knew it was a powerful vehicle to educate young people about the dangers of dehumanization and hatred. By bringing together these two vital figures from history, the play encourages the audience to think about the connections between anti-Semitism and racism and how

we can overcome them,” says Executive Director of the Mississippi Humanities Council, Dr. Stuart Rockoff. “Thus, our partnership with New Stage is a perfect fit for the NEH’s new “United We Stand” initiative.”

New Stage has a strong reputation for presenting quality performances and has been touring successfully to high school and middle schools since 1990. The tours travel throughout the state, from Clarksdale to New Albany to Gautier and most of the public school districts New Stage visits are to underserved audiences. New Stage Theatre was chartered as a not-for-profit organization in 1965, producing its initial season in the winter/spring of 1966. Founded by Jane Reid-Petty with the assistance of the American National Theatre Academy and Actor’s

Equity Association, dedication to professional excellence in theatre arts was part of the theatre’s original mission. New Stage’s education department was founded in 1989 and received the Governor’s Award for Excellence in the Arts in 1995 for its efforts to introduce tens of thousands of young Mississippians to live theatre.

To book a tour of Anne & Emmett, contact their education department at 601-948-3533 ext. 232. Each tour package includes a pre-show study guide that includes discussion questions to help scholar’s prepare for the performance alongside a post-performance talkback session with the cast to provide students a chance to meet the actors and ask questions about the literature, acting, and the importance of live theatre.

## New data shows drop in chronically absent students at Mississippi schools

By Michael Goldberg  
*Associated Press/Report for America*

After the COVID-19 pandemic disrupted schools nationwide and led to more children missing classes, the number of students who were chronically absent in Mississippi declined during the most recent school year, according to data released Tuesday by the state’s education department.

The data, compiled from public schools, shows the chronic absenteeism rate in Mississippi declined from 28% during the 2021-22 school year to 23.9% in 2022-23. During the latest school year, 108,310 Mississippi public

school students were chronically absent compared to 128,275 students the year before. The state education department defines chronic absenteeism as missing 10%, or 18 days, of the school year for any reason.

“Seeing Mississippi’s chronic absenteeism rate decrease is a welcomed sign that more students are getting the instruction needed to succeed in the classroom,” said Raymond Morgigno, interim state superintendent of education. “The MDE encourages schools, districts, parents and students to keep making regular attendance a priority.”

Across the country, students have been absent at record rates since schools reopened during the pandemic. Over a quarter of students missed at least 10% of the 2021-22 school year, making them chronically absent. Before the pandemic, only 15% of students missed that much school.

An estimated 6.5 million additional students became chronically absent, according to figures compiled by Stanford University education professor Thomas Dee in partnership with The Associated Press. Chronically absent students are at higher risk of not learning to read and eventually dropping out.

Absent students also miss out on other services schools provide, such as free meals and counseling.

The Mississippi Department of Education said it began reporting data on chronic absences in 2016. The rate fell to a low

of 13% in 2019 before rocketing up to 28% in 2022, a trend the department links to fallout from the pandemic.

## The Mississippi Arts Commission announces 2023 State Arts Conference lineup

The Mississippi Link Newswire

The Mississippi Arts Commission (MAC) 2023 State Arts Conference, presented by The Westin Jackson, will take place on October 11 and 12 at the Westin in Jackson, Mississippi.

“We have a full schedule of rich must-see content paired with carefully curated opportunities for connections, collaboration, and networking throughout the two days,” said MAC Executive Director David Lewis. “The sessions feature information applicable to organizations, individual artists, patrons, and just about anyone connected to the arts community.”

New York Times Bestselling Illustrator Adam Trest will give the Keynote on Thursday morning. The conference features presentations and panels from social media influencer Landon Bryant, founder of the Tell Agency Amanda Wells, hip-hop artist and producer Stephen Brown “5th

Child,” painter Ellen Langford, and many more. The conference will also feature performances by The Rising Star Fife and Drum Band, Andrew Dillon Band, and Jackson Irish Dancers.

This year, MAC is introducing an ArtTalk Dinner that will take place in the Art Garden at the Mississippi Museum of Art at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, October 11. R.L. Boyce, Hill Country Blues Musician, and the 2023 National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) National Heritage Fellow, will perform. The evening will also feature a conversation with General Nolen Bivens, President and CEO of Americans for the Arts (AFTA), and former Congressman Gregg Harper about the arts locally and nationally.

As part of the recovery efforts for Rolling Fork, Mississippi, MAC is partnering with MAC grantee The Great Delta Bear Affair Festival to have their annual

bear carving take place live at the conference. The carving will occur throughout both days, located across the street from the conference on the West Street side of the Thalia Mara Hall. The bear will be transported to Rolling Fork in time for the triumphant return of the Great Delta Bear Affair Festival, which takes place on October 28.

Early registration at the \$45 per person rate for the two-day conference (meals not included) closes on Monday, October 1. Registration after October 1 will increase to \$60 per person.

Registration for the two-day conference and tickets to the ArtTalk Dinner at the Mississippi Museum of Art at the \$75 per person rate closes September 30.

*To register for the conference and to see a full schedule and list of sessions, visit <https://arts.ms.gov/state-arts-conference>.*

CITY OF JACKSON Garbage Collection Fund Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended September 30, 2022	
Operating revenues - garbage collection charges	8,093,621
Other Revenues	3,703
Total Revenues	8,097,324
Operating expenses:	
Personnel services	678,343
Supplies	164,756
Contracted services - garbage collection	4,848,210
Contracted services - other	3,109,628
Other services and charges	793,349
Depreciation	147,759
Total operating expenses	9,742,045
Operating loss	(1,644,721)
Non-operating revenue (expense)	
Noncapital grants	30,818
Interest revenue	170
Interest and service charges on long-term debt and capitalized lease obligations	(2,101)
Gain on sale of capital assests	-
	28,887
Net income (loss)	(1,615,834)
Note 1 - Contracted garbage collection services is composed of payments to Richard's Disposal, Inc. of Jackson and Waste Management of Mississippi, Inc.	
Note 2 - The average monthly cost incurred by the City for garbage and recycling pickup service for the fiscal year 2022 was \$19.20.	



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RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the governing authorities of each municipality of the State of Mississippi shall, not later than September 15th of each year, prepare a complete budget of the municipal revenues, expenses and working cash balances estimated for the next fiscal year, and shall prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenues collected during the current year in said municipality for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the statement of revenue and expenses shall show every source of revenue along with the amount derived from each source; and WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the budget and statement of revenue and expenses, shall be published at least one (1) time during September in a newspaper published in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, prior to the adopting of the budget, the governing authority of each municipality shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taxing and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the public hearing shall be held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice and held outside normal working hours and the advance notice shall include an announcement published or posted in the same manner as required for the final adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, on August 17th and 24th of 2023, in the Mississippi Link and August 22nd and 29th in the Clarion Ledger, a notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year for the City of Jackson, MS was advertised; and

WHEREAS, the required public hearing was advertised for and held on August 31st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, as mandated by Section 21-35-9 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the proposed budget sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the proposed budget also sets out the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of official intent. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby declares its official intent to approve and adopt the Municipal Budget, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit "A," that sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year.

Section 2. Incidental action. The Mayor is authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution. The City of Jackson shall not authorize any expenditure of money, and the city clerk shall not issue any warrant for same, except for bonds, notes, debts and interest, after October 1st, unless and until this budget is finally approved, and such approval is entered upon the Jackson City Council minutes.

Council Member Grizzell moved adoption; Vice President Lee seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.  
Nays- None.  
Absent- None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Special Council Meeting September 7, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of September, 2023.

Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

09/28/23

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS  
PURCHASE DESIGNATED PROPERTIES OWNED BY  
THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

The Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority" or "JRA") is seeking proposals from qualified professional firms for the purchase all or part of certain Designated Properties Owned by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (herein individually and collectively called the "Property" as referred to in Exhibit A. Submissions will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority of the City of Jackson, Mississippi (the "Authority"), via the online portal at www.jrams.org until 5:00 o'clock P.M., May 24, 2023.

All proposals shall be in accordance with the requirements of the Requestfor Proposals ("RFP"), copies of which are available for review, download at www.jrams.org. Consistent with requirements stated therein, proposals submitted in response to the RFP shall be made on or before 5:00 o'clock P.M., May 24,2023.

Thereafter, Notice of Request for Proposals by the Authority to purchase all or part of designated properties shall be monthly until all properties are sold, with the last Submission Deadline being 5:00 p.m. on December 20,2023.Interested parties may submit proposals to the Authority for the land pursuant to RFP issued April27, 2023, and/or any subsequent Notice of Publication.

RFP DATED: April 27,2023

4/27/23, 5/25/23, 06/22/23, 07/27/23, 08/24/23, 09/28/23, 10/26/23, 11/23/23, 12/21/23

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Advertisement For Bids  
TRANSIT FLEET TURNOVER INSPECTION SERVICES  
CITY PROJECT NO. RFP#2023-09

Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk of the City of Jackson, Mississippi at the office of the City Clerk, City Hall, 219 South President Street, P.O. Box 17, Jackson, Mississippi 39205 until 3:30 P.M. CST, Tuesday, October 24, 2023, from qualified providers to conduct a Transit Fleet Turnover Inpection prior to the transition to a new operations and maintenance contractor for Transit Services located at 1785 Highway 80W, Jackson, MS 39204 (as specified) necessary for REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-09.

All proposers must have at least five (5) years of experience in transit vehicle inspections. Each proposer must submit six (6) signed copies of its proposal and of the required forms, certifications, and affidavits attached hereto or electronically submit on www.centralbidding.com.

The City of Jackson is committed to the principle of non-discrimination in public contracting. It is the policy of the City of Jackson to promote full and equal business opportunity for all persons doing business with the City. As a pre-condition to selection, each contractor, bidder or offeror shall submit a completed and signed Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Plan, with the bid submission, in accordance with the provision of the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity (EBO) Executive Order. Failure to comply with the City's Executive Order shall disqualify a contractor, bidder, or offeror from being awarded an eligible contract. For more information on the City of Jackson's Equal Business Opportunity Program, please contact the Division of Equal Business Opportunity at 601-960-1856. Copies of the Executive Order, EBO Plan Applications and a copy of the program are available at 200 South President Street, Suite 223, Jackson, Mississippi.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all bidders that in compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 2000d to 2000d-4, that all bidders will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, national origin, or sex, in consideration for an award.

The City of Jackson, Mississippi ("City of Jackson") is committed to cultivating and ensuring the quality of life of its citizens, through various programs, employment, initiatives, and assistance. The City encourages all persons, corporations, and/or entities doing business within the City, as well as those who seek to contract with the City on various projects and/or conduct business in the City to assist the City in achieving its goal by strongly considering City residents for employment opportunities.

The City of Jackson ensures that the Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBEs), as outlined in 49 C.F.R. Part 26, as amended, have the maximum opportunity to participate in the performance of contracts. Therefore, it is imperative that you read the DBE Section and complete the necessary paperwork in its entirety. If there is any evidence or indication that two or more bidders are in collusion to restrict competition or are otherwise engaged in anti-competitive practices, the submission of all such bidders shall be rejected, and such evidence may be cause for disqualification of the participants in any future solicitation undertaken by the City of Jackson.

Bids shall be made out on the bid proposal forms to be provided, sealed in an envelope and plainly marked on the outside of the envelope: "Bid for TRANSIT FLEET TURNOVER INSPECTION, REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP)#2023-09."

Bids, EBO and DBE plans shall be submitted in triplicate (bound/stapled separately), sealed and deposited with the City Clerk, City Hall, Jackson, Mississippi prior to the hour and date hereinbefore designated. No bidder may withdraw his bid within 90 days after the actual date of the opening thereof. Official Bid Documents can be downloaded from Central Bidding at www.centralbidding.com. Electronic Bids may be submitted at www.centralbidding.com. For any questions related to the electronic bidding process, please call Central Bidding at 225-810-4814.

Awarding public contracts to non-resident Bidders will be on the same basis as the non-resident bidder's state awards contracts to Mississippi Contractors bidding under similar circumstances. Current state law, Mississippi General Laws of 2010, Chapter 383, section 31-3-21 of the Mississippi Code of 1972, as amended, requires a non-resident bidder to attach to the bid a copy of the Bidder's resident state's current laws pertaining to such state's treatment of nonresident contractors. Non-resident bidders must attach to their bid a copy of any bid preference law of the state, city, county, parish, province, nation or political subdivision where they are domiciled. If there is no such law where they are domiciled, all non-resident bidders shall attach a letter to their bid stating that there is no bid preference law where they are domiciled. The bid of any non-resident bidder who fails to attach to its bid a copy of its domicile's bid preference law or a letter stating that its domicile has no such bid preference law, whichever is applicable, shall be rejected and not considered for award.

The City of Jackson hereby notifies all Bidders that minority and women business enterprises are solicited to bid on these contracts as prime contractors and are encouraged to make inquiries regarding potential subcontracting opportunities, equipment, material and/or supply needs.

The City of Jackson reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any informalities or irregularities therein.

Christine Welch, Deputy Director  
Office of Transportation

09/28/23, 10/24/23

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF THE  
JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE JACKSON HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION (JHPC) WILL HOLD ITS MONTHLY MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2023 AT 12:00 NOON IN THE ANDREW JACKSON CONFERENCE ROOM (RM. 105) OF THE WARREN HOOD BUILDING, 200 SOUTH PRESIDENT STREET, JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI.

I. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTIFICATE OF APPROPRIATENESS

Old Business

A. CASE NO. HPLD-23-2  
LOCATION: 4920 ROBINSON RD (PARCEL 832-130)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: N/A APPLICANT: REV. KARL TAYLOR SR.  
REQUEST: TO HAVE 4920 ROBINSON RD DESIGNATED AS A LOCAL HISTORIC LANDMARK.

New Business

A. CASE NO. HPNC-23-12  
LOCATION: 1442 GREYMONT ST. (PARCEL 15-143-4)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: SHARON POLLARD  
REQUEST: TO REPLACE SHAKE STYLE METAL ROOFING WITH CORRU-GATED METAL ROOF.

B. CASE NO. HPNC-23-16  
LOCATION: 904 PINEHURST PL. (PARCEL 15-22)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: TOMMY DUNLAP  
REQUEST:  
1. REPAIR WOOD FRAMED WINDOWS WITH MATCHING WOOD MATERIALS AND REPLACE BROKEN GLASS WITH CLEAR GLASS.  
2. REPAIR ROTTED OVERHANG AND GABLE TRIM WITH LIKE MATERIALS.  
3. REQUEST TO REMOVE TWO FRONT SCREEN DOORS AND BURGLAR BARS AROUND HOME.  
4. PAINT FRONT PORCH RAILS BLACK.  
5. REPAIR REAR ENTRY DOOR OR REPLACE WITH MATCHING WOOD DOOR.

Pre-existing rear addition- Request to bring into compliance with modifications  
1. REMOVE EXISTING FLAT ROOF AND BUILD A 6 AND 12-INCH PITCH

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ORDINANCE GRANTING GATEWAY RESCUE MISSION A REZONING OF THE I-1 (LIGHT) INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT PORTION OF THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 410 S. GALLATIN ST. (PARCEL # 182-53) TO C-3 (GENERAL) COMMERCIAL DISTRICT TO CREATE ONE (1) ZONING CLASSIFICATION FOR THE PROPERTY AND TO ALLOW FOR THE CONTINUATION AND EXPANSION OF SERVICES PROVIDED AT THE EXISTING GATEWAY LOCATED AT 410 S.

WHEREAS, Gateway Rescue Mission has filed a petition to rezone the I-1 (Light) Industrial District portion of the property located at 410 S. Gallatin St. (Parcel # 182-53) to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create one (1) Zoning classification for the property and to allow for the continuation and expansion of services provided at the existing Gateway Rescue Mission facility; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Planning Board, after holding the required public hearing, has offered the recommendation to rezone the I-1 (Light) Industrial District portion of the property located at 410 S. Gallatin St. (Parcel # 182-53) to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create one (1) Zoning classification for the property and to allow for the continuation and expansion of services provided at the existing Gateway Rescue Mission facility; and

WHEREAS, notice was duly and legally given to property owners and interested citizens that a meeting of the Council would be held at the City Hall at 2:30 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2023 to consider said change, based upon the record of the case as developed before the Jackson City Planning Board; and

WHEREAS, it appeared to the satisfaction of the Jackson City Council that notice of said petition had been published in the Mississippi Link on July 6, 2023 and July 20, 2023 that a hearing had been held by the Jackson City Planning Board on July 26, 2023, all as provided for by ordinances of the City of Jackson and the laws of the State of Mississippi, and that the Jackson City Planning Board has offered the recommendation to rezone the I-1 (Light) Industrial District portion the above described property to C-3 (General) Commercial District; and

WHEREAS, the Jackson City Council after having considered the matter, is of the opinion that such changes would be in keeping with sound land use practice and to the best interest of the City and that there has been a substantial change in the land use character of the surrounding area that justifies rezoning the property and there is a public need for additional property in that area zoned in accordance with the request in said application since any previous Jackson City Council action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI:

SECTION 1. That the property located in the City of Jackson, First Judicial District of Hinds County, Mississippi, more particularly described as follows:

That certain tract or parcel of land situated in 2.3 Acre Lot 33, West Jackson, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

Beginning at a point which is the Northwest corner of 2.3 Acre Lot 33, West Jackson, facing South Gallatin Street, and from such point of beginning run thence Eastward (North 89 degrees and 40 minutes East) for 349 feet to the Northwest corner of the tract of land in said Lot 33 now owned by the Y. & M.V. Railroad Company; thence run Southward (South 5 degrees and 26 minutes East) along the Western boundary line of said railroad tract of land for 215.1 feet to the Southern boundary line of said Lot 33, now marked by a railroad iron in the ground; thence run Westward (South 89 degrees and 19 minutes West) along the Southern boundary line of said Lot 33 for 370.5 feet to the Southwest corner of said Lot 33 on South Gallatin Street; thence Northward (O degrees and 18 minutes West) for 65.2 feet to the Southwest corner of the land sold by the Lemon heirs to Mrs. Elizabeth Lemon Sugg, as shown by deed in Book 93, at page 137, of the records on file in the office of the Chancery Clerk of Hinds County, at Jackson, Mississippi; thence run Eastward along the Southern boundary line of said Sugg tract for 160 feet; thence run Northward alone the Eastward boundary line of said Sugg tract for 81 feet; thence run Westward along the Northern boundary line of said Sugg tract for 160 feet to the front or Western boundary line of said Lot 33; thence run Northward along the Western boundary line of said Lot 33 for 70.3 feet to the point of beginning. This being the same property conveyed to Leo R. McGehee by George D. Harrell and wife, Mrs. George D. Harrell, by instrument dated January 4, 1946, and recorded in Deed Book 422, at Page 114, of the aforesaid Chancery Clerk's records.

is hereby modified so as to approve the rezoning of the I-1 (Light) Industrial District portion of the property located at 410 S. Gallatin St. (Parcel # 182-53) to C-3 (General) Commercial District to create one (1) Zoning classification for the property and to allow for the continuation and expansion of services provided at the existing Gateway Rescue Mission facility. However, that before any structure is erected or use thereof on the said property, the applicant must meet the requirements established through the Site Plan Review process. The Zoning Administrator is ordered to note such change on the Official Zoning Map to the City of Jackson, Mississippi.

SECTION 2. That the cost of publication of this Ordinance shall be borne by the petitioner.

SECTION 3. That this Ordinance shall be effective thirty (30) days after its passage and after publication of same by the petitioner.

Council Member Lindsay moved adoption; Council Member Grizzell seconded.

Yeas – Banks, Foote, Grizzell, Lee and Lindsay.  
Nays – None.  
Absent – Hartley and Stokes

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Regular Zoning Council Meeting August 21, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book "6X, Pgs. 694-696".

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 25th day of September, 2023.



Angela Harris, Municipal Clerk

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2. REPLACE TRIM OVERHANG WITH A WOOD BOX CORNICE.

3. USE EXISTING WOOD SIDING ON ADDITION WITH 5" LAP EXPOSURE OR OPTION TO USE HARDIE PLANK SIDING WITH 7" LAP EXPOSURE  
4. REMOVE ALUMINUM WINDOW ON REAR AND SPLICE IN MATCHING WOOD SIDING.  
5. REPLACE EXISTING DOOR WITH A WOOD EXTERIOR DOOR. DOOR WILL HAVE A 3 VERTICAL LITE TOP AND A PANEL BOTTOM.  
6. INSTALL WOOD LATTICE PANELS ON BOTTOM OF SIDING TO THE GROUND.  
7. PAINT ADDITION SIDING A LIGHTER COLOR AS SHOWN ON THE PAINT SAMPLE.

C. CASE NO. HPNC-23-15  
LOCATION: 1036 BELHAVEN ST. (PARCEL 11-66)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: KARA THORNTON  
REQUEST: RE-ROOF AND CHANGE 3-TAB GRAY SHINGLES TO BLACK ARCHITECT SHINGLES.

D. CASE NO. HPNC-23-14  
LOCATION: 1616 POPLAR BLVD. (PARCEL 15-112)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: ANN WILLIAMS  
REQUEST:  
1. REPLACE ROTTED DECKING WITH SAME MATERIAL (PRESSURE TREATED PINE).  
2. EXTEND NORTHWESTERN SECTION (8'4") OF THE DECK TO MATCH THE CENTER STEP.  
3. INSTALL BRACING SLATS TO PERGOLA ON DECK.

E. CASE NO. HPNC-23-17  
LOCATION: 1315 OLIVE ST. (PARCEL 15-65-1)  
HISTORIC DISTRICT: BELHAVEN APPLICANT: PATRICK WALLACE  
REQUEST: RE-ROOF AND CHANGE 3-TAB HAZEL AND MULTI COLORED SHINGLES TO GRAY (WEATHERED WOOD) ARCHITECTURAL SHINGLES.

II. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION  
ADJOURNMENT

09/28/23, 10/5/23



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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE JACKSON REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY WILL RECEIVE PROPOSALS UNTIL 5:00 O'CLOCK P.M., JANUARY 31, 2023, FOR SPACE AVAILABLE TO BE LEASED IN THE MUNICIPAL PARKING FACILITY NO. 2

Proposals to lease space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 will be received by the Jackson Redevelopment Authority (the "Authority") via the online portal only at [www.jrams.org](http://www.jrams.org), until 5:00 o'clock P.M., January 31, 2023, for any space available to be leased in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 (the "Facility").

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All proposals shall be in accordance with all of the requirements of the Request for Proposals, copies of which are available for review via the online portal only at [www.jrams.org](http://www.jrams.org). Proposals shall be made by those interested on or before 5:00 o'clock P.M., January 31, 2023.

Thereafter, Notice of Request for Proposals by the Authority to lease any remaining available space in the Municipal Parking Facility No. 2 shall be published monthly until all space in the Facility is leased, with the last Submission Deadline being 5:00 p.m. on December 29, 2023. Interested parties may submit proposals to the Authority for any unleased available space pursuant to RFP issued and dated December 29, 2022, or subsequently.

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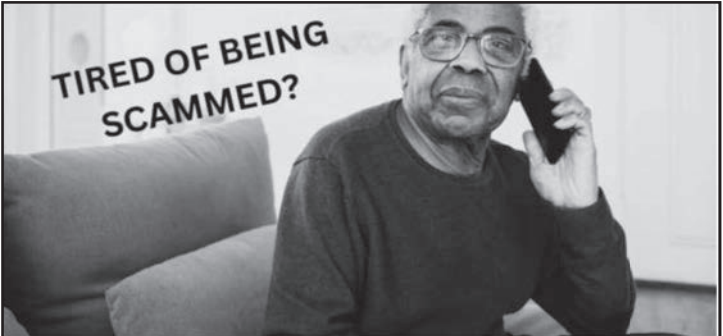
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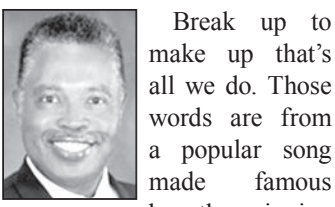
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# House Republicans are holding America hostage as the government shutdown draws near

By James B. Ewers Jr.  
President Emeritus  
Teen Mentoring Committee of Ohio



Break up to make up that's all we do. Those words are from a popular song made famous by the singing group, The Stylistics. If you are a member of the old school, you know that song by heart. These lyrics apply to the Republicans in the US House of Representatives. Some days they have made up and other days they have broken up. Right now, they have broken up and are in disarray. As we know the government will shut down September 30 if new legislation is not passed to keep it open. House Republicans are like political nomads. They are roaming around the House floor with various agendas none of which are moving America forward. We are just at a standstill as the hardliners, the moderates and the conservatives cannot see eye to eye. It is their way or

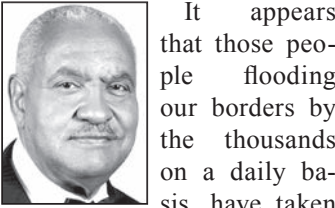
no way. The Republicans control the House of Representatives. The problem is they cannot reach consensus on legislation. The House GOP doesn't have the necessary leadership. Kevin McCarthy, Speaker of the House, has been unable thus far to get a bill on the House floor for consideration. If you recall, he was elected as House Speaker on the 15th ballot. McCarthy had to make several concessions which made him a political pawn. That is my opinion. In some ways, he has what I call a puppet speakership as he is being pulled and pushed in different directions. His political philosophy has been mangled and maligned. His future as the Speaker is questionable. This is my opinion. Recently, he proposed without a consensus that President Biden be subjected to an impeachment inquiry. While I am just a voting American, let me suggest that McCarthy champion a bill that will prevent a government shutdown.

We know that McCarthy is a Trump ally. At this moment, Trump is in a legal bind and McCarthy is in a legislative bind. I do hope that Mr. Speaker talks to some non-Trump supporters on the Hill who will give him some solutions to avoid this possible shutdown. What happens if the government shuts down? It is noted that House Representatives and Senators will still be paid. Men and women in the military will not be paid. However, they will receive backpay when the government re-opens. Those receiving Social Security checks will continue to receive them according to Kathleen Romig, director of social security and disability policy at the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. Yet it is still an embarrassment for the United States of America to be in this situation because we cannot handle our finances. Other countries are watching us, and it is not a good look. The next week looms large as the House of Representa-

tives with its Republican majority tries to pass a bill that the Senate too will sign. Is this too daunting for them to do? Reaching across the aisle to Democrats may be an option for them to explore. As citizens, we must contact our congressmen and congresswomen to urge them to stop this harsh partisanship and get a bill passed for we the people. This inaction by them is causing depression and anxiety for many people. It is unnecessary and unwarranted. The political pendulum currently is not swinging in our direction. We are caught in a spin cycle of mistrust. Doubt about the effectiveness of our leaders is growing each day. It will only get worse if there is a government shutdown. It is a certainty that we will be the folks hurt the most if this happens. If you are a Republican in the House of Representatives with a conscious of good will and moral courage, you must lead the charge to keep the US government open for business.

# The Border: duty, privilege, responsibility

By Dr. John Warren  
Publisher, San Diego Voice & Viewpoint Newspaper



It appears that those people flooding our borders by the thousands on a daily basis, have taken literally the inscription on the Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor: "Give me your tired, your poor; Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore. Send these, the homeless, tempest-tossed to me. I lift my lamp beside the golden door!" While they may have never heard of the statute or its inscription, it is clearly time to seriously close the "golden door." As the greatest nation on earth, our first duty is to the people of this nation. This

flood gate of immigrants, legal and illegal, cannot be sustained and it is the greatest dereliction of duty for the Federal Government to allow this illegal dumping of humanity on our cities and communities because of our innate compassion for all human life. Congress, state and local governments, the courts and the White House, engaged in either permitting this illegal entry or permitting it to go unchanged, stopped or controlled, are guilty of Malfeasance in Office, meaning to fail to carry out the Oath of Office that each official took. That was an oath swearing to protect and define the Constitution of the United States. That Constitution is being trampled under the feet of both migrants and irresponsible officials more concerned about their political futures

than this nation. It must be remembered that residency in this great nation, for those not born here, is a "privilege" not a right. Providing shelter for such persons in need, including allowing them into this country, is only a duty because we have made it so by the laws we have adopted. This is clearly the case with our present immigration overflow. The present situation is beyond just change. It endangers the continuation of the very democracy we hold so dear. Just as elected and appointed officials have a responsibility to act now to correct this problem, regardless of political differences, we as citizens, no matter what our color, have a responsibility to correct or remove those officials including the President, Congress and Justices on our courts,

who can be removed by impeachment. If we the people fail to take action, because someone we know has a relative seeking to illegally enter the country, no matter what the reason, then we are just as guilty as those who take no action. While we fight among ourselves, squandering our resources in a cult-like support of one man who continues to present himself as more important than our Constitution, system of laws and government, we pave the way for our enemies to grow stronger against us. Let us not sit idly and watch history repeat itself. We have the legal power to reshape our duties, privileges and responsibilities as a nation before we cease to exist. What will you do?

# Our public lands need more land and a more diverse public

By Ben Jealous  
People For the American Way



On Saturday, environmental advocate Bill Vanderberg was where he is most Saturdays during the year – leading volunteers maintaining trails traversing the Santa Monica Mountains around Los Angeles. Fittingly, last Saturday was National Public Lands Day. But Bill's efforts to care for natural places and to introduce young people to them over the last three decades aren't prompted by holidays. He's seen the transformation in people when they experi-

ence the outdoors, particularly students in Crenshaw High's Eco Club he ran for years and became the school's biggest extracurricular. He returned recently to Yosemite National Park with nine alumni, two of whom had never been there. "Why do I continue to do it?" he asks. "The look in their eyes and their smiles was why. The other seven already knew, which is why they came back" He'll be the first to tell you that more needs to be done across the entire country to create that exposure and to protect lands and waters as parks, preserves, monuments, and refuges. "Los Angeles itself is a very park poor community," Bill

said. The state recreation area he lives across a major highway from can only be reached by car on the southern end while there are two trails with direct access on the northern edge in Baldwin Hills, he notes. The arguments for more public outdoor spaces are overwhelming. Kids do better in school and experience less asthma when they have ready access to parks; older adults are healthier too. Trees act as sponges for greenhouse gases, and acres preserved in a natural state aren't available for development. Our goal is to protect 30 percent of the nation's landscape by 2030, which will mean more than doubling what

we have today. Right now, we lose the equivalent of a football field of land to development every 30 seconds in this country. Parks can more than pay for themselves. The Interior Department reported last month that visitor spending in communities near National Parks in 2022 resulted in a record high \$50.3 billion benefit to the nation's economy and supported 378,400 jobs. Given federal spending of \$3.3 billion, a \$1 spent on National Parks creates more than \$10 of economic benefit. Bill Vanderberg points out that availability of parks is just a start to realizing equitable access. He spent the summer working in Yosemite. "I saw

# Is my marriage in trouble?

By LaShunda Calvert, Ph.D.  
Tips for a Good Marriage



Is my marriage in trouble? Have you had this gut feeling that your marriage is on the verge of being over? Do you sense or feel that your marriage is spiraling out of control? In many instances, it is somewhat easy to admit when one is having car troubles, financial troubles, trouble with children, job trouble, and even health troubles. However, many find it difficult to admit that their blissful union is in trouble or is on the verge of breaking up. Some couples are too embarrassed to admit their marriage is in trouble. Further, some are simply in denial, while others are content with having façade marriages pretending as if their marriage couldn't be any better. I promise, someone you know or someone who knows someone whose marriage is in trouble – including short and long-term marriages. Unfortunately, there are many couples, whose marriages are only being held together by a piece of paper – marriage licenses. Troubled marriages do not happen overnight. Troubled marriages often involve a process that began with days, which eventually turn into years of making separation and divorce inevitable for many. Why do some couples wait until it's almost too late to address the issues or factors that have contributed to the trouble in their marriages? Unfortunately, and devastatingly, many spouses don't communicate with each other about their troubled marriages for the following reasons: it forces them to admit there is a problem, hope things will eventually change for the better, ignoring it will prevent further issues, some don't care, some have decided to pursue a self-agenda to fulfill their frustration etc., and some don't talk about it due to the fear of what could be revealed and what it could lead to. Is your marriage in trouble? Signs that your marriage is in trouble can include any of the following:

- You can feel and sense it
- Sadness – you feel sad most of the time especially in the presence of your spouse
- Little to no communication
- Arguing more frequently
- No arguments
- Gaslighting becomes the norm
- Silence – lose the desire to talk to your spouse about anything and everything
- Loneliness

- Little to no dating
  - Find ways to avoid being around one another
  - Sleep in separate spaces/beds
  - Plan life without considering your spouse
  - Begin not to care about your spouse or the marriage
  - Tired of pretending that everything is okay in your marriage
  - Marriage is about convenience
  - Fantasize life solo or with someone else
  - Emotional and physical affairs begin
  - Diminished sex life or no sex life
  - Hopelessness
  - Cartoons and the music are speaking to you
  - Find yourself googling. Is my marriage in trouble?
- If you are having signs and symptoms of a heart attack – would you just sit day after day, week after week and do absolutely nothing about it? You more than likely would seek immediate medical attention if you felt that you were really sick or could be dying. Clearing my throat, hey you, husbands. Wives... if you are experiencing any of the signs above, seek immediate help for your marriage today before it is too late. Divorce doesn't have to be your final solution but I support whatever you feel is best. James 5:16: "Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed..." The word "confess" is the Greek word ekzomologeō, a word that means to declare, to say aloud, to exclaim, to divulge, or to blurt." Did you read that? Confession + prayer = healing. I am not the best in math but I do know how to add. God uses James to emphasize the importance of communicating (talk & talk) with one another – one another should be you two first and perhaps a marriage counselor, pastor, etc. If you feel that your marriage is in trouble and you and your spouse desire help or if you know a couple that is struggling in their marriage and wants help – consider attending our upcoming marriage conference Saturday, September 30, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and/or join our church Marriage Ministry today. Call, text and/or email The Restoration Church, 3931 Hanging Moss Road, Suite H, Jackson, MS 39206. You will be given helpful tools and Godly counsel. There is nothing too hard for God to do even in your troubled marriage. God saved my marriage, so I know He can save your marriage too. Is your marriage in trouble? If you and your spouse are willing to fight for your marriage – your marriage doesn't have to remain in trouble.





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## Biden: 'I make no apologies for efforts to support HBCUs



By Stacey M. Brown  
NNPA Newspaper Nat'l Correspondent

President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris held a roundtable discussion inside the Roosevelt Room of the White House with the Board of Advisors on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs). The event included key figures like Dr. Tony Allen, chair of the Board of Advisors and Delaware State University president, and Mayor Steve Benjamin, director of the White House Office of Public Engagement.

Biden, humorously recalling their past collaborations, commended Allen's contributions and emphasized the transformative impact of HBCUs. Allen, highlighting the unprecedented support from the current administration, lauded their \$7 billion investment in the Department of Education.

"HBCUs produce 40% of all black engineers in America, 50% of all black lawyers, 70% of all black doctors and dentists, and 80% of all black judges," Biden asserted. "And HBCUs are engineers of economic mobility helping to increase the black middle class. When the middle class does well, everybody does well. The poor have a road up, and the wealthy still do well although they've got to start paying their taxes. That's why it's critical we invest in these universities."

During the meeting, Allen revealed a list of recommendations, all centered on four crucial tenets set by President Biden and Vice President Harris:

1. Infrastructure Investment: This encompasses physical and technological infrastructure, aiming to align the quality of living and learning spaces with the top-tier education that HBCUs offer.

2. Research Capacity Building: Dr. Allen emphasized the unique expertise across diverse disciplines in HBCUs, with numerous institutions poised to attain R1 status.

3. Connected Pathways: The President and Vice President's advocacy for industry collaboration ensures that HBCU students have genuine opportunities from matriculation to graduate studies.

4. HBCU Preservation and Growth: Given their pivotal role in African American students' upward mobility, preserving and

expanding HBCUs remains paramount.

Biden, resonating with Dr. Allen's sentiments, spotlighted the substantial impact of HBCUs on various professional domains, such as engineering, law, medicine, and judiciary. He stressed that investing in these institutions is not only an investment in the black community but a step towards fortifying the nation's overall prosperity.

Addressing misconceptions about funding cuts, Biden reaffirmed his commitment to historic investments in HBCUs, including research allocations and significant increases in Pell Grants. He emphasized the necessity of advanced facilities, particularly laboratories, to bolster competitiveness in a rapidly evolving technological landscape.

Biden also touched on the urgency of supporting HBCU students through increased Pell Grants, reiterating their vital role in enhancing access to higher education. He said he's worked for bipartisan support in helping HBCUs. "Just a few months ago, the Speaker of the House and I agreed to spending levels for the government. We were up right to the very edge, almost reneged on our debt, and – that we could fund essential priorities and still cut the deficit by \$1 trillion over the next decade," Biden noted.

"Now, a small group of extreme House Republicans, they don't want to live up to that deal, and everyone in America could be faced with paying the price for that. They're changing it. We made a deal. We shook hands. We said, 'This is what we're going to do,' and now they're reneging on the deal, which is not much of a surprise these days. And the black community, in particular, is going to suffer if that occurs. For example, a shutdown is going to risk nutrition assistance to nearly 7 million moms and children, and it's going to disproportionately affect black families."

Harris, the first HBCU graduate to ascend to vice president, expressed her deep appreciation for the work of the Board. She underscored HBCUs' role in cultivating academic excellence and their potential to drive innovation across critical fields, from public health to artificial intelligence.

Harris emphasized the need for diverse perspectives in shaping

decisions about emerging technologies, highlighting the importance of HBCU graduates in these discussions. The vice president also stressed the relevance of HBCU voices in media, ensuring comprehensive representation in storytelling.

"I strongly believe – based on experience and knowledge about what our country needs, in terms of its strength and growth and development – that our HBCUs are extraordinary centers of academic excellence and must continue to be supported, not only because of the historical role that they have played in building and helping to contribute to America's leadership and global leadership, but also because, as the President has said: As we look forward, we know that our HBCUs are also pipelines for very extraordinary young people to enter the fields of work that we require to cure disease, to create that which we have not imagined, to supply us with the innovative approaches that will allow us to continue to work on the strength, prosperity and security of our nation," Harris said.

Mayor Benjamin echoed the sentiments, acknowledging the significant challenges HBCUs face, including smaller endowments, infrastructure needs and a predominantly Pell Grant-eligible student population.

Biden and Harris both highlighted the profound impact HBCUs have on the nation, emphasizing their role as engines of progress for all American, with the president noting that most HBCUs are land-grant universities.

"Land-grant universities used to be robustly supported by their state legislative bodies. They would support, in some cases, up to 60 percent of the land-grant budget for that university," Biden stated.

"From 1987 to 2000, land-grant universities have lost – black and white – more than \$13 billion in investments from the state – from the states and government to help them. And that has exacerbated the problem, particularly for black land-grant universities, HBCUs. Everybody does better in the whole United States when the potential of HBCUs is realized. I make no apologies for the kind of effort we're expending on HBCUs."

## Grant boosts youth literacy in Mississippi

Mission Acceleration supports youth literacy programs in two new partner communities



Angela Rutherford,  
CELI Director

By Leslie Jobli  
Special from University of MS

AmeriCorps has awarded the Center for Excellence in Literacy Instruction at the University of Mississippi a 2023 Volunteer Generation Grant to support more youth literacy programming in the state.

Using the money from the grant, CELI will expand its Mission Acceleration program into two new Mississippi communities: Lee County and Long Beach.

Mission Acceleration provides additional reading instruction to kindergarten and elementary school students who struggle to meet age-appropriate reading benchmarks.

"Literacy is the pathway out of poverty," said Angela Rutherford, CELI director. "It ensures students can take that first step towards high school graduation and that they can successfully communicate with others."

Academic guides work with students in small groups for 45 minutes, three days a week, a method known as "high dosage" tutoring. Tutoring is grounded in the "science of reading" by emphasizing phonics, or how letters represent sounds, Rutherford said.

In some instances, students have made significant gains, including advancing six months in reading level in just 10 weeks.

Since its founding in 2021, Mission Acceleration has helped more than 800 Mississippi children in nine different communities improve their reading capabilities. The Volunteer Generation Grant will help the program reach 240 additional students over a three-year period.

The Tupelo-based El Centro, which provides academic support to north Mississippi Hispanic students, partnered with Mission Acceleration in 2021.

"Several parents have personally thanked me for offering the reading program and have said that their children's teachers have seen significant improvement in their children's reading skills," said



Courtney Plummer at Lafayette Elementary

Leticia Gassaway, founding board member and volunteer at El Centro.

Most Mission Acceleration partner communities benefit from proximity to colleges and access to college students. Through the grant, the program will expand out to communities without such access to help them create a sustainable literacy coaching program.

"This isn't an initiative to parachute in and deliver tutoring to an area," Rutherford said. "This expansion is designed to help communities build their capacity to engage and maintain volunteers in the area."

The program creates sustainability by recruiting and training college and high school students, paraprofessionals and former teachers to administer the tutoring. CELI trains volunteers in the "science of reading" as well as more targeted training on effective interventions.

"When you enlist the help of paraprofessionals, retirees and, especially, high school students, you're looking at a program that is sustainable," Rutherford said. "High school kids are in every community where there are elementary kids, and we know high school students can be impactful literacy coaches because we've seen success in places like Long Beach."

CELI continues to recruit volunteers.

"You might be surprised who tutors with us," said Zachary Antonelli, CELI

project manager. "We actually see many students pursuing psychology, medicine or other STEM fields who want early exposure to working with children, well before their internship or residency."

Tutoring through Mission Acceleration was the first experience Anna Hamilton had working with students before she became a biology teacher at South Panola High School. Hamilton recommends volunteering with the program to anyone who is considering becoming a teacher.

"It's a good way for college students to see if teaching may be a career choice they'd enjoy or if it's not for them," Hamilton said. "At the same time, any volunteer will benefit from increased skills like confidence, communication and adaptability."

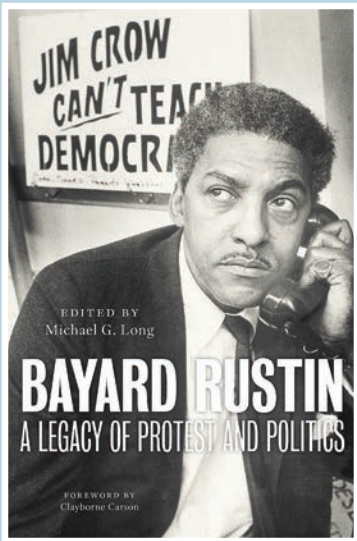
Academic guides gain more than professional development. Each interviewed subject spoke of a deep sense of personal fulfillment.

"The best part of the program is seeing your students' growth," volunteer Rod Kendrick Harrison said. "I remember receiving an email from a site coordinator stating one of my students received an almost 200-point STAR score increase."

According to Harrison and other volunteers, students are eager to learn. "That's what brings me back year after year," he said.

For more information on Mission Acceleration, visit <http://msmissionacceleration.org/>





BOOK REVIEW:

BAYARD RUSTIN:

A LEGACY OF PROTEST AND POLITICS

EDITED BY MICHAEL G. LONG, FOREWORD BY CLAYBORNE CARSON

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By Terri Schlichenmeyer  
*Columnist*

You will never settle. And why should you? If it's not right, you make it right. If it can be better, well, then get at it. You find the solution or you go on to the next thing because good enough is never good enough. As in the new book "Bayard Rustin," essays edited by Michael G. Long, there's always work to do and good trouble. Somehow, it seems, in the discussion about Martin Luther King and the leadership


he brought to the Civil Rights Movement, certain things may be left out. In the case of Bayard Rustin, says Long, the record needs to be altered. Today, now. His mother was still a teenager, and unmarried, when Rustin's grandmother helped deliver him in the spring of 1912. The boy's father refused to acknowledge him, so his grandparents gave him a family name and raised him in their Quaker faith. Still, alongside the peaceful, gentle mandate of Quakerism, young Rustin experienced Jim

Crow segregation. His grandmother left a major impact on him, teaching him compassion, kindness and generosity – she reared him to do the right thing – but they lived in Pennsylvania, where racism was common and the Klan maintained a nearby presence. As if that wasn't difficult enough, Rustin realized he was gay, which was illegal then. At that point, though, he had seen many wrongs around him, and he became an activist. He also worked for justice as a speaker and organizer; at one time, he'd embraced com-


munism but eventually became a socialist. By his own admission, Rustin was jailed more than 20 times and served on a chain gang for several months – but even then, his nonviolent Quaker beliefs emerged and he befriended his jailers, gaining their respect. By the time he met a young preacher named Martin Luther King, Rustin was well-versed on civil rights work. He had direction, contacts and the organizational skills the movement needed. And yet, he was willing to let

King take the front stage... Pulled together as a collection of essays, "Bayard Rustin" has one flaw that probably can't be helped: it's quite repetitive. Each of the essayists in this book wrote extensively about Rustin, his work, and his impact, but there just doesn't seem to be quite enough about Rustin himself – perhaps because, as editor Michael G. Long indicates in his introduction, Rustin left a legacy but history left him more in the background. This means that the nearly two dozen contributors to this book

had only what they had to go on; hence, the repetition. Even so, if you look for Rustin, you'll find abundant tales about him and this book has a good portion of them. Readers will be entertained, confounded and pleased by what they read here; it's like finding treasure you never knew you needed. This book needs to sit on the shelf next to everything written about Dr. King. It's an essential companion to any volume about the Civil Rights Movement. If you need history, find "Bayard Rustin" and settle in.



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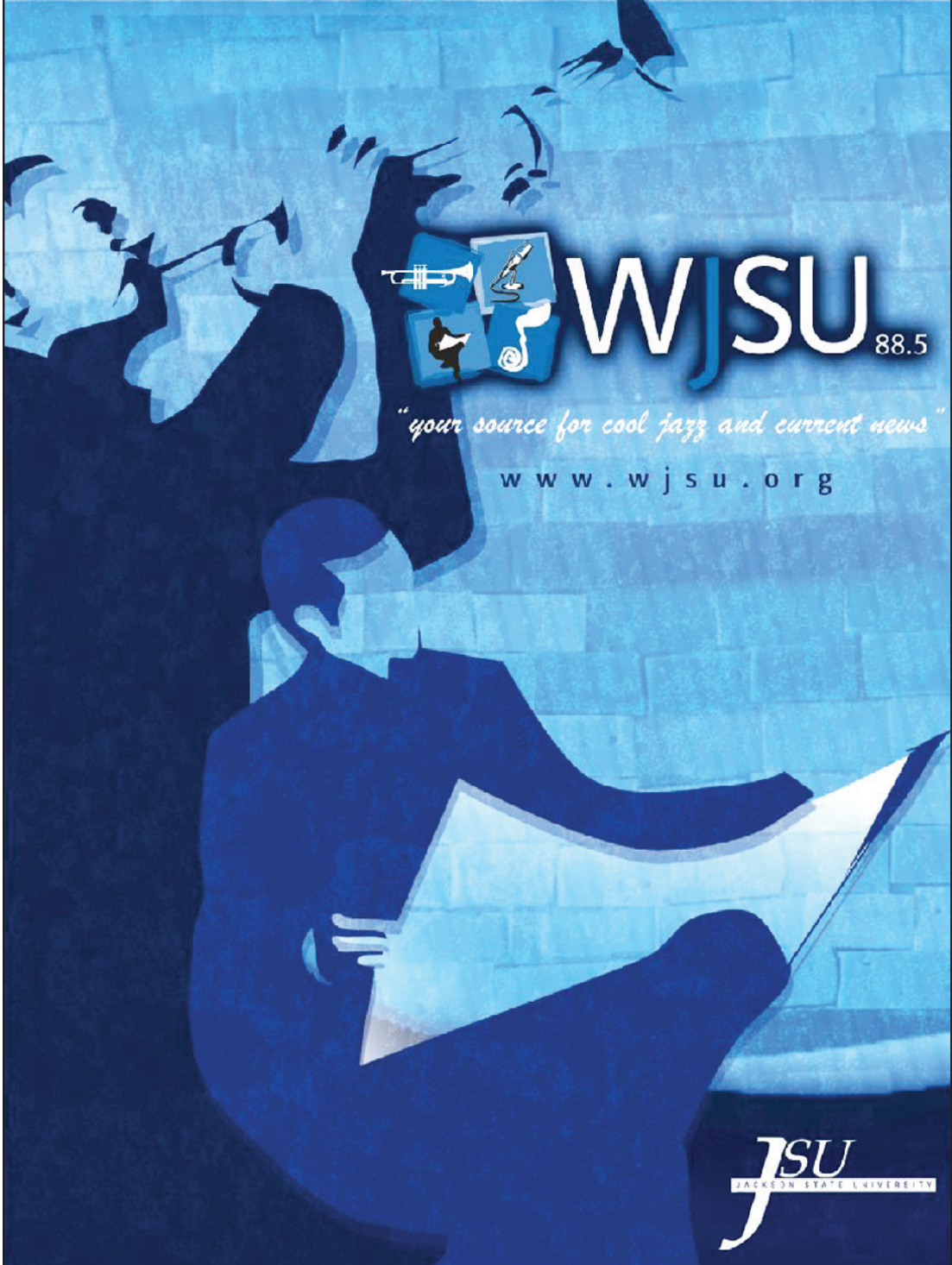
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# Jackson State wins home opener

By Tim Ward  
Sports Writer

After waiting through the first four games of the season, Tiger Nation was ecstatic to finally have a game at home. The Tigers were greeted by a home crowd of over 23,000 fans, most wearing red in honor of the home opener. For head coach T.C. Taylor, it was his first time running out of the Tigers' tunnel as the head coach.

Taylor seemed to have a flashback running through tunnel. He didn't just do the casual coach's jog, he was moving. When asked about it, he responded, "Big emotions. When I ran out that tunnel and saw all that sea of red in the stands, it meant a lot to me and brought back memories of me as a player. And now to be up here leading these young men out of that tunnel, it's just a lot of emotions."

Despite their struggles, BCU came out to play and played hard. Last season, Bethune Cookman lost 48-8. Since then, they have gone through a very public coaching process, and is making strides to improve their team.

Bethune Cookman University has struggled to find wins since joining the SWAC a couple of seasons ago. Adding to



Irv Mulligan

that pain, was the fiasco with hiring Ed Reed as their head coach this summer. Reed went viral on January 15, 2023 for his rant about the conditions and facilities at Bethune Cookman University.

Reed spoke about the broken mentality of school leaders and how after a week of being there, he's done more for people than those that's been there for years. Some will attribute that to the wealth Reed accumulated from his NFL playing days.

Inducted in 2019, Reed is a NFL Hall of Fame safety who won a super bowl. Capturing 64 interceptions, 699 tackles, 6 sacks, 12 forced fumbles, and

10 fumble recoveries, Reed was special and tenacious. He took that passion with him to coach.

Many HBCU supports and grads felt like Reed was doing more blasting instead of helping. Having played at the University of Miami, Reed may not have fully understood how there can be some differences between PWIs and HBCUs. From a legal stand point, Reed wasn't technically an employee because he did not have a contract signed yet.

After Reed's rants, the school chose to move into a different direction and rescinded their offer to Reed. February 6, 2023, Bethune Cookman Uni-



Leilani Armenta

versity hired Raymond Woodie as the head coach.

On Saturday, with all the emotions in the air, JSU struggled offensively. Quarterback Jason Brown completed 13 of 24 passes for only 90 yards with 1 touchdown and 1 interception. Brown is still struggling to regain that opening season form against South Carolina State.

Thank goodness for the running game. Irv Mulligan, ran for almost 200 yards on 21 carries. Officially, he ran for 174 with a 66 yard touchdown run in the fourth quarter to give JSU some cushion. Desmond Moultrie gained 40 yards on 6

carries.

The Darkside Defense started the game scoring a safety and later in the third quarter, defensive end Athen Smith returned a fumble 32 yards for a touchdown. JSU forced 3 sacks and kept the Wildcats to only 230 yards of offense. The defense will have to play at this level and above if JSU is to make it back to the SWAC championship game.

Special teams has been an issue all season. From converting to stopping opponents' from converting, it's been pretty inconsistent. This Saturday, JSU made a historic move on special teams. Leilani Armenta

became the first woman to play football for Jackson State University. She is a freshman women's soccer team player at JSU. Injuries made it possible and necessary for Armenta to kick.

In Last week's game against Texas State, kicker Gerardo Baeza was injured. In practice for the BCU game this week, punter and backup kicker, Matt Noll was injured. Leilani only kicked the opening kickoff and didn't do post game interviews. This dual role isn't new for her, she did the same thing in high school at St. Bonaventure. She is rehabbing from tearing her ACL in high school. She wore a brace on Saturday.

"It's my job not to let her go out there and get hurt," Taylor said. "That's why I gave her the opening kickoff, just tried to do a good job of protecting her. She just got here on Tuesday, so I didn't want her to get hurt. It will take some time to get back in the swing of things." She will continue to practice with the team to get that leg back in shape and will kick again this season.

JSU won 22-16 over Bethune-Cookman in the Tigers' home opener.

JSU has the week off. October 7 at Alabama A&M is the next game for Jackson

## Hinds County School District Weekly Update

### ENGAGING-EMPOWERING-ENSURING-EXCELLENCE

GO TERRY BULLDOGS!

We have something to "Bark" about. Terry High School Bulldogs are 3-0. Much of their success is attributed to great coaching from their coaching staff and great motivational speeches from a local pastor. Pastor Kevin Ware of Collis Hill Church of Christ Holiness USA provides encouraging words to the team before each game, and his church also provides the game meal to the team. On behalf of the Hinds County School District, and the Terry High School Administration, we say thank you to Pastor Ware and the Collis Hill Church Family for your support and dedication to Terry High School.



Pictured l-r: Ebony Cavett, choral directress at Terry High School and Byram Middle School and Pertrina McIntosh, choral directress at Raymond High School and Carver Middle School

Hinds County School District (HCSD) middle school and high school choral directors attended the annual fall MHSAA state music teachers meeting Saturday, August 12, 2023. The teachers received information about MHSAA eligibility, Choral Music competition guidelines and performance opportunities for choir students, professional development opportunities for teachers, mentorship for new teachers, music resources and updates from state music educator associations, (Mississippi Music Educators Association and American Choral Directors Association). Pertrina McIntosh, choral directress at Raymond High School and Carver Middle School also serves on the state board of music educators as a Tri-M Advisor. Tri-M is a national music honor society under the umbrella of the National Association for Music Educators that provides opportunities for outstanding middle school and high school students to perform, provide community service and secure scholarships for future education endeavors.





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LEGAL

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE MUNICIPAL BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the governing authorities of each municipality of the State of Mississippi shall, not later than September 15th of each year, prepare a complete budget of the municipal revenues, expenses and working cash balances estimated for the next fiscal year, and shall prepare a statement showing the aggregate revenues collected during the current year in said municipality for municipal purposes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the statement of revenue and expenses shall show every source of revenue along with the amount derived from each source; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the budget and statement of revenue and expenses, shall be published at least one (1) time during September in a newspaper published in the municipality; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, prior to the adopting of the budget, the governing authority of each municipality shall hold at least one (1) public hearing to provide the general public with an opportunity to comment on the taking and spending plan incorporated in the proposed budget; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 21-35-5 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the public hearing shall be held at least one (1) week prior to the adoption of the budget with advance notice and held outside normal working hours and the advance notice shall include an announcement published or posted in the same manner as required for the final adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, on August 17th and 24th of 2023, in the Mississippi Link and August 22nd and 29th in the Clarion Ledger, a notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget for the upcoming fiscal year for the City of Jackson, MS was advertised; and

WHEREAS, the required public hearing was advertised for and held on August 31st, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in Council Chambers located in City Hall, 219 South President Street, Jackson, Mississippi 39201; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget is attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, as mandated by Section 21-35-9 of the Mississippi Code Annotated of 1972, as amended, the proposed budget sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the proposed budget also sets out the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY ACTING FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE MUNICIPALITY, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Declaration of official intent. The City of Jackson, Mississippi, hereby declares its official intent to approve and adopt the Municipal Budget, attached hereto and incorporated by reference as Exhibit “A,” that sets out separately each item for which any appropriation of expenditures is authorized to be expended and the fund out of which it is to be paid, the total amount appropriated and authorized to be expended for each fund, the cash balance in the fund at the close of the present preceding fiscal year, the working cash balance necessary for the next fiscal year, the estimated amount, if any, which will accrue to the fund from sources other than taxation for the current fiscal year, and the amount necessary to be raised for each fund by tax levy during the current fiscal year.

Section 2. Incidental action. The Mayor is authorized to take such action as may be necessary to carry out the purpose of this Resolution. The City of Jackson shall not authorize any expenditure of money, and the city clerk shall not issue any warrant for same, except for bonds, notes, debts and interest, after October 1st, unless and until this budget is finally approved, and such approval is entered upon the Jackson City Council minutes.

Council Member Griegel moved adoption; Vice President Lee seconded.

Yeas- Banks, Foote, Griegel, Hartley, Lee, Lindsay and Stokes.

Nays- None.

Absent- None.

ATTEST:

Angela Harris  
Municipal Clerk

I, Angela Harris, the duly appointed qualified Municipal Clerk and lawful custodian of records and seal of said City of Jackson, Mississippi, certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of an Order passed by the City Council at its Special Council Meeting September 7, 2023 and recorded in Minute Book “6X”.

WITNESS my signature and official seal of office, this the 22nd day of September, 2023.

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EXHIBIT A				
GENERAL FUND (001,002,003,004,010,189,300,302,305,370,371,375)				
	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Adopted	2022-2023 Revised	2023-2024 Adopted
REVENUES				
LICENSES AND PERMITS:				
PRIVILEGE LICENSES - MISC	\$ 508	\$ 100	\$ 100	\$ 100
PRIVILEGE LICENSES	287,676	355,000	355,000	355,000
BUILDING PERMITS	635,877	685,309	685,309	685,309
A/C & DUCT PERMITS	18,190	43,085	43,085	43,085
PLUMBING PERMITS	21,358	32,000	32,000	32,000
ELECTRIC PERMITS	121,543	156,509	156,509	156,509
GAS PERMITS	30,941	32,144	32,144	32,144
MAINTENANCE FEES	625	3,470	470	1,000
LANDSCAPE PERMITS	90	350	350	350
HISTORIC PRESERVATION	1,915	1,390	1,390	3,000
DANCE HALL & REC FEES	450	2,000	2,000	2,000
TRANSIT MERCHANTS	250	1,250	250	1,250
AIRCRAFT REGIST FEES	7,973	12,710	12,710	12,710
ADULT ENTERTAINMENT LICENSE	1,844	3,000	3,000	3,000
SPECIAL EVENT FEE	12,755	3,000	3,000	3,000
SIGN --MISC.	1,800	7,527	527	7,527
SIGN PERMITS	27,195	35,850	35,850	35,850
SIGN REGISTRATION	8,980	9,260	260	300
SIGNS TEMPORARY	1,600	2,570	2,570	2,570
FIRE INSPECTIONS PERMITS	80,355	80,000	80,000	60,000
COMMERCIAL BURN PERMIT	1,400	401	401	401
COMB. & FLAM. LIQUID PERMIT	6,600	7,400	7,400	7,400
FIREWORKS DISPLAY PERMIT	1,350	900	900	900
ZONING PERMITS	41,775	38,834	38,834	38,834
TAXICAB LICENSE FEES	160	500	500	500
ANNUAL VEHICLE INSPECTION				
TOTAL LICENSES & PERMITS	1,313,209	1,514,559	1,494,559	1,484,739
FINES AND FORFEITURES:				
MISDEMEANOR FINES	117,629	200,000	200,000	200,000
VEHICLE PARKING FINES	48,751	50,000	50,000	50,000
MOVING TRAFFIC VIOLATIONS	780,229	711,704	711,704	671,704
CITY COURT COST	3,022	6,425	6,425	6,425
WARRANT FEE	53,663	69,439	69,439	69,439
ANIMAL CONTROL CITATIONS	200	1,387	1,387	1,387
MUNICIPAL COURT COMPUTER	9,010	9,766	9,766	9,766
MUNICIPAL COURT DRIVER IMPR FEE	-	35	-	35
ADMINISTRATIVE FEE - DEL C	159,743	184,683	184,683	184,683
CONTEMPT FEE - MUNICIPAL COURT	32,986	51,674	51,674	51,674
COMPUTERIZED CRIME PREVENTION- POLICE	9,772	11,115	11,115	11,115
MUNICIPAL COURT ENHANCEMENT	91,333	85,000	85,000	85,000
JACKSON ENHANCEMENT FEE	45,671	49,976	49,976	49,976
BAD CHECK FEES	430	1,153	1,153	1,153
DAILY STORAGE FEE - VEHICLE	75,025	60,000	60,000	62,139
WRECKER FEE	63,450	60,000	60,000	60,000
EXPUNGEMENT FEE - MUNICIPAL	1,800	8,650	8,650	8,650
JACKSON COLLECTION FEE	65,148	30,000	30,000	30,000
DOCKET FEE - MUNICIPAL COUT	47,109	70,535	70,535	70,535
DROPPED CHARGE FEE - MUN COURT	2,800	900	900	900
CASH BOND CLEARING ACCOUNT	7,752	5,091	5,091	5,091
REARRAIGNMENT FEE - MUN COURT	9,900	9,833	9,833	9,833
TOTAL FINES AND FORFEITURES	1,625,422	1,677,366	1,677,331	1,639,505

REVENUES				
INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE				
FEDERAL				
POLICE OVERTIME - FBI/DEA GRANT	37,520	59,325	59,325	59,325
DEA - MS GULF COAST (HDTA)	7,050	26,806	26,806	26,806
TROOPS-TO-COPS GRANT	26	-	-	-

	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Adopted	2022-2023 Revised	2023-2024 Adopted
DEA - ASSEST & FORFEITURE	9,381	31,000	31,000	31,000
FEMA/MEMA DISASTER RECOVERY GRANT	-	700,000	700,000	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL - FEDERAL	53,976	817,131	817,131	117,131
STATE				
ALCOHOL PERMITS - ABC	324,163	330,649	330,649	330,649
GASOLINE TAX	610,574	569,395	569,395	569,395
MUNICIPAL REVOLVING FUND	86,387	133,412	133,412	133,412
STATE FIRE PROTECTION	993,021	-	-	500,000
PRO-RATA STATE SALESTAX	28,529,830	30,301,072	30,301,072	31,969,801
SEWER GRANT REPMT - SALES	2,979,041	319,711	319,711	-
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	1,743,567	1,808,881	1,808,881	1,808,881
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHARGE	11,393	20,423	20,423	20,423
WIRELESS RADIO COMMUNICATION	-	101,763	101,763	101,763
BUS & TRUCK PRIVILEGE TAX	503,217	431,879	431,879	431,879
MDOT-LITTER PICKUP-JPD	-	12,660	660	12,660
OTHER STATE FUNDING	-	-	124,000	-
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL - STATE	35,781,192	34,029,845	34,141,845	35,878,863
LOCAL				
PRO-RATA COUNTY ROAD TAX	709,568	670,284	670,284	670,284
SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM	6,516	3,300	3,000	3,300
TOTAL INTERGOVERNMENTAL - LOCAL	716,084	673,584	673,284	673,584
ADMISSIONS, FEES, RENTALS				
PASSPORT	74,129	6,058	6,058	70,058
TSA	56,580	33,395	33,395	33,395
ZOO GIFT SHOP	1	-	0	-
ZOO ADMISSIONS	-	-	27,589	-
ZOO VENDOR FEES	-	-	423	-
AD VAL APP	-	100	100	100
SMALL CELL	1,000	3,500	3,500	3,500
PARKING METERS	29,731	100,000	100,000	100,000
LOCAL RECORDS FEE	3,165	3,669	3,669	3,669
CRASH REPORT	92,850	62,750	62,750	62,750
MUN AUD-THALIA MARA HALL RENT	188,437	156,625	156,625	156,625
SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM - DONATION	32	600	100	600
SMITH ROBERTSON MUSEUM - ADMISSIONS	3,147	4,000	4,000	4,000
SMITH ROBERTSON MUS - ROOM RENT	1,434	5,425	5,425	5,425
SENIOR CENTER RESERVATION	-	1,200	200	1,200
SMITH ROBERTSON - GIFT SHOP	915	80	80	80
ARTS CTR - RENT ON COMMUNITY	-	4,100	100	4,100
PLANETARIUM-ADMISSION TAX EXEMPT	-	-	10	-
PLANETARIUM-ADMISSIONS	-	-	21	-
CARNIVAL INSPECTION FEE	700	50	50	50
DAYCARE FIRE INSPECTION-AF	7,300	5,880	5,880	5,880
FIRE WATER FLOW TEST FEE	3,400	2,800	2,800	2,800
FIRE REPORTS & ETC.	15,625	17,200	17,200	17,200
ACCIDENT REPORT FEE	44,275	124,171	124,171	124,171
BACKGROUND CHECK FEE	2,380	10,530	10,530	10,530
FINGERPRINTING	28,065	24,115	24,115	24,115
VERIFICATION OF RECORD FEE	22,040	17,789	17,789	17,789
BAIL BONDSMAN APPLICANT	-	150	50	150
TELECOMMUNICATION FRANCHISE AGREEM	324,041	380,741	383,741	380,741
RENTS AND ROYALTIES	78,600	31,100	31,100	31,100
TOWER RENTALS	4,204,485	4,250,000	4,269,100	4,250,000
RENT PISTOL RANGE	422	2,323	2,323	2,323
SPRINKLER-HYDRO STATIC-PUMP	1,425	720	720	720
FIRE ALARM ACCEPTANCE TEST	2,300	1,000	1,000	1,000
FIRE RE-INSPECTION	3,575	5,000	5,000	5,000
FIRE KNOX	-	25	-	25
FIRE SUPPRESSION SYSTEM TE	750	600	600	600
FIRE TRUCK ON SITE	600	3,600	600	3,600
OUTDOOR ADVERTISING	11,970	11,970	11,970	11,970
RENTAL FEE - FIRE MUSEUM	-	260	10	260
SCHOOL TOURS FEE - FIRE MUSEUM	-	1,476	476	1,476
RENTAL INSPECTIONS	-	-	350	350
LAND RENTAL	12,012	10,000	10,000	10,000
TOTAL ADMISSIONS, FEES AND RENTALS	5,215,385	5,283,002	5,323,620	5,347,352
INTEREST REVENUES:				
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	329	11,399	1,399	11,399
REVENUES				
MISCELLANEOUS INCOME:				
REIMBURSEMENT JSU POLICE	45,959	-	285	-
CARES ACT SENATE BILL 3047	-	1,400,000	1,400,000	-
RENTAL &REGISTRY	-	551,572	551,572	786,679
CREDIT CARD OVERPAYMENT	520	-	-	-
PUBLIC UTILITY FRANCHISE FEE	5,003,954	4,752,792	4,752,792	4,752,792
FRANCHISE CABLE TELEVISION	1,115,777	1,200,000	1,200,000	1,200,000
NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS	1,583,311	1,602,421	1,602,421	1,602,421
IN-LIEU-OF PROPERTY TAX	70,733	1,010,652	1,054,048	1,010,651
WATER/SEWER FRANCHISE FEE	972,534	972,534	972,534	972,534
SALE OF LAND	2,070	60,167	60,167	60,167
SALE OF FIXED ASSETS	629,520	255,706	255,706	255,706
SALE OF SCRAP METAL	-	-	50	-
SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL	40	1,200	200	1,200
POLICE TRAINING REIMBURSEMENTS OTHER AGENCIES	39,600	20,000	20,000	20,000
POLICE-MISC	1,923	65,348	65,348	65,348
POLICE - SALE OF WEAPONS	7	15	15	15
UNION STATION TENANTS/JRA	92,600	102,379	102,379	102,379
PROCEEDS OF FORFEITURES	139,150	139,149	139,149	139,149
GRANTS & DONATION	121,999	189,567	290,067	280,640
INDIRECT COST	2,357,913	2,680,223	2,680,223	2,680,223
OTHER DEPARTMENTS	131,091	90,148	98,148	90,148
I.D. BADGE	15	180	30	180
PARKING FEE - CITY EMPLOYEES	3,647	6,730	6,730	6,730
ADMIN. FEE - PAYROLL DEDUCTION	13,481	15,725	15,725	15,725
MS VALLEY REFUND	278	800	100	800
ENTERGY REFUND	9	1,000	1,000	1,000
SCR RFFUND	-	220	20	220
BUILDING & PERMIT - MISC.	90,467	110,957	110,957	110,957
PLUMBING EXAM	11,275	200	200	11,000
ELECTRICAL EXAM	10,000	100	100	100
PENALTY ON DEMO/GRASS/WEED	237,684	30,000	30,000	30,000
PLANNING-MISC	-	-	50	-
SITE PLAN, REVIEW	16,485	16,157	16,157	16,157
SALE OF MAPS, PLANS, SPEC	79	158	158	158
SMITH ROBERSTON - NISSAN GRANT	-	20,115	115	20,115
TRAFFIC	470	170	70	170
ABSTRACT FEES	6,765	6,961	6,961	6,961
FINANCE - M	-	10	10	10
CELLULAR REBATE	35,705	28,765	28,765	32,000
CITY CLERK	19,589	15,271	15,271	15,271
CEMETERIES	-	-	-	25,000
FIRE DEPARTMENT	-	-	194	-
FIRE SAFETY EDUCATION PROGRAM	-	-	214	-
PERFORMANCE CONTRACT REBATE	23,300	-	-	-
INKIND FEES	23,715	29,237	29,237	29,237
PUBLICATION - MISC	-	7,089	189	7,089
MARY JONES DAYCARE	6,377	220	-	220
CAFETERIA PLAN - FLEXIBLE SPENDING	-	150,000	150,000	150,000
SETTLEMENT OF INSURANCE CLAIMS	2,056	75,000	99,350	75,000
PROCEEDS OF LONG TERM DEBT	-	375,850	794,501	375,850
FEES FOR LOST FUELMAN CARDS	395	181	181	181
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	12,810,492	15,984,969	16,551,389	14,950,183
OPERATING TRANSFERS IN:				
TRANSFER IN/FROM GENERAL FUND	225,908	312,867	322,867	314,771
TRANSFER IN/FROM OTHER FUNDS	1,643,149	5,296,000	5,296,000	1,528,200
TOTAL OPERATING TRANSFERS IN	1,869,057	5,608,867	5,618,867	1,842,971
TOTAL FROM ALL SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATIO	59,519,088	65,983,060	66,610,051	62,328,073
APPLIED FUND BALANCE				
	-	583,480	2,373,033	1,676,463
TOTAL REVENUE FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATIO	59,519,088	66,566,540	68,983,083	64,004,536
TAXES:				
REAL PROPERTY	35,810,357	36,453,639	36,453,639	36,643,495
PERSONAL PROPERTY	17,837,109	17,833,524	17,833,524	19,218,180
DELINQUENT REALTY	610,219	927,952	927,952	927,952
DELINQUENT PERSONAL	110,839	218,093	218,093	218,093
AUTOMOTIVE	6,712,898	7,113,706	7,113,706	6,511,984
MOTOR VEHICLE RENTAL TAX	811,566	784,544	784,544	784,544
INTEREST ON CURRENT	518,146	801,265	801,265	801,265
INTEREST ON PRIOR YEARS	668,005	614,406	614,406	614,406
RAIL CAR TAXES	63,090	64,473	64,473	64,473
TAX FORFEITED LAND	140,624	100,000	100,000	100,000
COMMUNITY IMPROVEMENT	29,031	100,000	100,000	8,000
TOTAL TAXES	63,311,886	65,011,602	65,011,602	65,892,399
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES				
	\$ 122,830,974	\$ 131,578,142	\$ 133,994,692	\$ 129,896,933



	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
POLICE							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 22,938,925	\$	29,626,628	\$	28,944,518	\$	29,142,720
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	2,477,136		2,550,155		3,059,099		2,493,296
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,775,002		1,778,717		1,790,017		1,796,121
CAPITAL OUTLAY	758,888		1,269,783		2,814,700		1,025,887
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	1,318,617		1,343,566		1,337,166		1,343,566
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	-		-		-		-
DEBT SERVICES	22,894		40,796		40,796		40,796
TOTAL	\$ 29,291,462	\$	36,609,645	\$	37,986,296	\$	35,842,386

FIRE							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 20,859,514	\$	21,639,631	\$	21,639,631	\$	22,643,637
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	1,115,745		770,828		771,328		770,608
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	879,796		987,188		942,188		802,188
CAPITAL OUTLAY	634,373		754,138		1,274,087		939,138
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	-		69		69		69
DEBT SERVICES	62,498		52,058		52,058		52,057
TOTAL	\$ 23,551,926	\$	24,203,912	\$	24,679,361	\$	25,207,697

PUBLIC WORKS							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 5,853,450	\$	7,117,588	\$	7,045,428	\$	8,188,553
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	1,315,384		2,152,222		2,181,102		1,602,879
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	2,333,888		4,160,871		4,158,601		3,521,842
CAPITAL OUTLAY	543,365		544,438		614,338		450,731
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	30,000		274,254		274,254		236,754
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	-		700,000		700,000		-
DEBT SERVICES	148,784		151,534		151,534		151,534
TOTAL	\$ 10,224,870	\$	15,100,907	\$	15,125,257	\$	14,152,293

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 2,174,628	\$	3,438,485	\$	3,438,485	\$	3,533,271
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	67,719		129,165		136,030		120,205
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	3,766,500		4,682,656		4,690,388		4,747,716
CAPITAL OUTLAY	147,435		109,500		96,882		108,000
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	71,660		71,675		69,696		71,675
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	1,098,883		1,898,609		1,898,609		1,898,609
DEBT SERVICES	238		1,025		1,025		1,025
TOTAL	\$ 7,327,063	\$	10,331,115	\$	10,331,115	\$	10,480,501

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
HUMAN & CULTURAL SERVICES							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 1,569,471	\$	1,628,744	\$	1,628,744	\$	1,830,004
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	92,235		102,328		102,828		102,628
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	548,113		602,120		629,335		626,796
CAPITAL OUTLAY	469,477		487,713		559,998		402,621
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	278,233		380,000		390,861		290,000
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	394,598		89,963		79,102		69,102
DEBT SERVICES	37,370		30,340		30,340		20,939
TOTAL	\$ 3,389,497	\$	3,321,208	\$	3,421,208	\$	3,342,090

HUMAN RESOURCES							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 858,680	\$	890,082	\$	890,082	\$	945,041
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	9,243		20,687		20,687		20,687
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	112,518		83,675		83,675		83,675
CAPITAL OUTLAY	41,007		61,036		61,036		61,036
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	1,309		1,337		1,337		86,178
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	-		1,400,000		1,400,000		-
DEBT SERVICES	7,811		11,541		11,541		11,541
TOTAL	\$ 1,030,568	\$	2,468,358	\$	2,468,358	\$	1,208,158

ADMINISTRATION							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 3,051,837	\$	3,938,910	\$	3,938,910	\$	4,327,312
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	33,140		44,270		53,575		44,270
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,009,295		1,333,828		1,324,523		1,358,828
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-		19,123		19,123		19,123
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	3,395		10,100		10,100		10,100
TOTAL	\$ 4,097,667	\$	5,346,231	\$	5,346,231	\$	5,759,633

GENERAL GOVERNMENT							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 5,094,855	\$	5,245,799	\$	5,287,096	\$	5,843,072
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	69,915		225,242		247,342		229,122
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	4,660,375		6,102,167		6,056,770		7,574,492
CAPITAL OUTLAY	73,496		75,214		75,214		75,214
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	300,167		710,648		710,648		610,648
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	7,136,451		11,557,768		11,957,768		9,543,859
DEBT SERVICES	2,381,317		1,876,749		1,876,749		1,371,160
TOTAL	\$ 19,716,576	\$	25,793,587	\$	26,211,587	\$	25,247,567

MUNICIPAL CLERK							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 456,814	\$	587,604	\$	537,604	\$	571,546
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	22,633		19,958		22,958		19,958
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	123,285		156,025		203,025		209,516
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-		45		45		45
TOTAL	\$ 602,732	\$	763,632	\$	763,632	\$	801,065

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY							
PERSONNEL SERVICES	\$ 2,539,091	\$	2,505,201	\$	2,505,201	\$	2,717,960
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	412,150		578,206		429,107		557,708
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	2,319,189		1,999,914		2,129,013		1,927,439
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,016,914		1,007,018		1,049,118		1,103,226
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	1,205,000		1,446,000		1,446,000		1,446,000
DEBT SERVICES	103,208		103,208		103,208		103,208
TOTAL	\$ 7,595,552	\$	7,639,547	\$	7,661,647	\$	7,855,541
TOTAL GENERAL FUND EXPENDITURES	\$ 106,827,913	\$	131,578,142	\$	133,994,692	\$	129,896,931

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
PARKS AND RECREATION FUND ( 005)							
REVENUES							
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION	\$ 319	\$	500	\$	500	\$	500
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	69,659		65,000		65,000		65,000
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHARGEBACK	502		660		660		660
GROVE PARK GREEN FEES	-		10,000		10,000		10,000
GROVE PK ELEC. GOLF CART RENT	-		3,500		3,500		3,500
SONNY GUY GREEN FEES	77,514		87,000		87,000		87,000
SONNY GUY PK ELEC GLF CART REN	51,677		41,000		41,000		41,000
RANGE BALLS	15,645		13,800		13,800		13,800
SWIMMING FEES	1,922		3,391		3,391		3,391
ATHLETIC FEES	26,366		22,042		22,042		22,042
GYM USER FEES	14,721		13,500		13,500		13,500
PARKS BUILDING RENTALS	11,301		13,500		13,500		13,500
PARKS FIELD RENTALS	1,410		5,500		5,500		5,500
PARKS CONCESSIONS	-		100		100		100
PARKS PROGRAMS REGISTRATION	4,048		5,000		5,000		5,000
JONES CENTER RENTAL	-		8,000		8,000		8,000
DANCE KARATE AEROBICS	-		1,000		1,000		1,000
PARKS-OTHER	-		2,000		2,000		2,000
VENDOR FEES - PARK EVENTS	550		600		600		600
ADMISSIONS /SUMMER FESTIVALS	1,645		2,500		2,500		2,500
MYNELLE GARDEN-PHOTOGRAPHY	200		300		300		300
MYNELLE GARDEN ADMISSIONS	2,532		3,000		3,000		3,000
MYNELLE GARDEN RENTAL	-		499		499		499
MYNELLE GARDEN WEDDINGS	3,800		3,800		3,800		3,800
MYNELLE GARDEN GIFT SHOP SALES	66		100		100		100
DONATIONS-SUMMER FESTIVALS	2,500		5,000		5,000		5,000
RENTS AND ROYALTIES	25,010		25,000		25,000		25,000
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	50		20		20		20
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	6,567		1,880		1,880		1,880
GRANTS & DONATIONS	16,500		11,414		11,414		11,414
OTHER DEPARTMENTS	7,420		2,100		2,100		2,100
CEMETERIES OPENING CLSG & MISC	20,250		25,000		25,000		-
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND	3,517,168		4,635,646		4,635,646		4,329,332
TRANSFERS IN/FROM OTHER FUNDS	-		250,000		250,000		0
TOTAL REVENUE FROM SOURCES OTHER THAN TAXATIO	3,879,342		5,262,352		5,262,352		4,681,038
TAXES							
CURRENT REALTY TAXES	1,428,840		1,419,534		1,419,534		1,407,471
CURRENT PERSONAL TAXES	727,507		694,452		694,452		738,167
DELINQUENT REALTY TAXES	25,377		32,545		32,545		19,883
DELINQUENT PERSONAL TAXES	4,661		3,883		3,883		3,883
AD VALOREM TAX ON AUTOMOBILES	263,827		277,013		277,013		250,124
TOTAL TAXES	2,450,213		2,427,427		2,427,427		2,419,528
TOTAL AVAILABLE CASH AND ANTICIPATED REVENUE FROM ALL SOURCES	\$ 6,329,554	\$	7,689,779	\$	7,689,779	\$	7,100,566

EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$ 3,912,123	\$	5,139,821	\$	5,095,241	\$	4,828,814
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	598,724		606,025		606,025		568,909
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	1,266,054		1,398,389		1,308,725		1,232,616
CAPITAL OUTLAY	209,043		484,505		618,749		409,188
OPERATING TRANSFERS	25,000		-		-		-
DEBT SERVICE	51,443		61,039		61,039		61,039
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 6,062,387	\$	7,689,779	\$	7,689,779	\$	7,100,566

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted

BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT TAX ASSESSMENT (007)							
REVENUES							
REAL PROPERTY TAXES	\$ 1,082,354	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 1,082,354	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747
EXPENDITURES							
GRANTS CONTRIBUTION &	\$ 1,082,354	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,082,354	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747	\$	1,082,747

SANITATION/LANDFILL FUND (009)								
REVENUES								
LAND FILL CHARGES	\$	118,781	\$	120,883	\$	120,883	\$	30,883
SPECIAL TRASH COLLECTION FEES		3,235		6,606		6,606		3,000
MS-DEQ GRANTS-SOLID WASTE		30,818		100,000		100,000		-
GARBAGE PICKUP FEES		10,479,187		15,284,700		15,284,700		14,253,308
GARBAGE PICKUP FEES PRES.HILLS		252,085		272,231		273,142		318,000
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS		170		20		20		20
RECYCLING PROGRAM		3,703		11,400		11,400		5,000
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND		117,121		122,816		122,816		179,120
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	11,005,101	\$	15,918,656	\$	15,919,567	\$	14,789,331



	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
CLAIMS FUND (018)							
REVENUES							
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 19,875	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50			
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	3,076	-	-	-			
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	-	4,843,473	4,843,473	5,093,473			
APPROPRIATION FROM GENERAL FUND	945,172	600,000	1,000,000	1,925,943			
REVENUES	\$ 968,122	\$ 5,443,523	\$ 5,843,523	\$ 7,019,466			
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$ 850	\$ 5,723	\$ 5,723	\$ 5,723			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	951,917	5,437,800	5,837,800	7,013,743			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 952,767	\$ 5,443,523	\$ 5,843,523	\$ 7,019,466			

BOND AND INTEREST FUND (020,0244,0249,0252,0253,0255,0256,0262,0263,0264,0266,0268,0272,0315,0316,0318,0386,0393,0435)

REVENUES							
CURRENT REALTY TAXES	\$ 4,138,778	\$ 3,810,355	\$ 3,810,355	\$ 2,917,253			
CURRENT PERSONAL TAXES	1,970,185	1,812,394	1,812,394	1,484,871			
DELINQUENT REALTY	82,828	2	2	1			
DELINQUENT PERSONAL	17,513	-	-	-			
AD VALOREM TAX ON AUTOMOTIVE	782,657	734,256	734,256	511,632			
AIRCRAFT REGISTRATION	868	-	-	-			
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	189,821	8,709	8,709	18,926			
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	1,240	-	-	-			
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	22,578	-	-	-			
COUNTY TAXES	328,265	222,000	316,797	222,000			
APPLIED FUND BALA	-	493,971	493,971	1,534,106			
TRANSFER IN/FROM OTHER FUNDS	8,575,372	15,570,646	15,666,248	15,265,872			
PAYMENTS FROM OTHER FUNDS	275,497	-	-	-			
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 16,385,603	\$ 22,652,333	\$ 22,842,732	\$ 21,954,661			
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$ 9,625	\$ 18,246	\$ 19,246	\$ 15,996			
DEBT SERVICES	16,017,477	15,774,400	15,871,003	15,471,877			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	-	-	-	-			
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	4,688,258	6,859,687	6,952,483	6,466,788			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 20,715,360	\$ 22,652,333	\$ 22,842,732	\$ 21,954,661			

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WATER/SEWER O & M FUND (030,031,033,211,220,258,376,0392,500)

REVENUES							
SEWER CONNECTION PERMITS	\$ (1,561.11)	\$ 60,971	\$ 60,971	\$ 60,971			
SEWER CONNECTION	12,830	4,600	4,600	-			
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	29,291	-	2,000,000	-			
WATER CHARGES	28,245,516	6	6	29,623,549			
WATER CHARGES-TRIANGLE	276,296	29,437,433	29,437,433	420,701			
METER CHARGES	54,145	420,701	420,701	-			
DEVELOPMENT CHARGES	42,855	11,630	11,630	71,868			
METER INSTALLATION FEES	115,064	71,868	71,868	-			
METER INSTALLATION FEES	1,323	24,915	24,915	-			
SEWER CHARGES	32,756,037	162	162	21,417,493			
SEWER CHARGES-TRIANGLE	295,568	21,417,493	21,417,493	507,203			
MISCELLANEOUS	(1,677,487)	507,203	507,203	614,603			
MISCELLANEOUS-TRIANGLE	-	657,685	657,685	1,260			
MADISON COUNTY WATER REVENUE	430,303	1,260	1,260	451,860			
COLLECTION OF BAD DEBT	(2,404)	451,860	451,860	-			
SERVICE CONNECTIONS	55,452	119,819	119,819	119,819			
W RANKIN METRO SEWER REVENUE	81,029	81,029	81,029	-			
BYRAM SEWER REVENUE	238,998	150,000	150,000	-			
RIDGELAND WEST SEWER REVENUE	1,062,820	126,519	126,519	126,519			
MADISON COUNTY SEWER REVENUE	353,558	2,353,569	2,353,569	2,353,569			
FOREST WOODS UTILITY SEWER REVENUE	-	125,536	125,536	125,536			
LEACHATE DISPOSAL	181,540	50,000	50,000	50,000			
OTHER DEPARTMENTS	2	1	1	-			
SETTLEMENT OF SIEMENS CLAIMS	-	1,849,836	7,658,384	5,496,787			
PROCEEDS FROM LONG TERM DEBT	7,519,885	56,681,460	56,681,460	43,571,302			
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	-	13,216,028	13,216,242	13,216,028			
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERTAL FUND	866,223	1,039,467	1,039,467	-			
TRANSFERS IN/FROM WATER/SEWER	30,995,216	55,690,760	55,690,760	48,135,163			
TRANSFERS IN/FROM WATER/SEWER	2,200,000	728,500	728,500	228,500			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 104,132,497	\$ 185,280,311	\$ 193,089,073	\$ 166,592,731			
EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 8,255,062	\$ 9,369,088	\$ 7,208,033	\$ 3,925,804			
SUPPLIES	5,304,212	4,181,716	2,724,984	-			
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	20,593,244	18,574,774	30,480,142	29,708,510			
CAPITAL OUTLAY	187,487	761,208	305,486	161,908			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	1,110,058	16,048,397	16,025,300	16,025,300			
TRANSFERS AND OTHER FUNCTIONS	46,459,618	112,755,720	112,755,720	99,516,253			
DEBT SERVICES	15,792,066	23,589,408	23,589,408	17,254,956			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 97,701,747	\$ 185,280,311	\$ 193,089,073	\$ 166,592,731			

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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND (047, 141, 213, 214,215, 216, 217 and 223)

REVENUES							
INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS	\$ 3,234	\$ 4,319	\$ 4,319	\$ 4,319			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-FEDERAL- (MDOT)	-	1,613,016	1,613,016	1,613,016			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE - (MDOT)(TRAFFIC)	-	157,516	157,516	157,516			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE - (MDOT)	-	500,000	500,000	500,000			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE - (MDOT)-MILL STREET	-	1,649,667	1,649,667	1,649,667			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-STATE - (MDOT)-FONDERN ENHAN	-	129,533	129,533	129,533			
CMPDD	-	13,032	13,032	13,032			
MDOT MANY	-	2,888,750	2,888,750	2,093,473			
FORT/WEB	-	1,264,764	1,264,764	1,264,764			
INTERGOVERNMENTAL-LOCAL - (STREET RESURFACING)	-	34,110	34,110	34,110			
GRANTS & DONATIONS	-	725	725	725			
SETTLEMENT OF INS	-	106,966	106,966	106,966			
PROCEEDS FROM LONG TERM DEBT	-	473,965	473,985	329,414			
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	-	881,968	632,627	1,179,491			
TRANSFER IN/FROM GENERAL FUND	296,260	2,195,500	2,195,500	-			
TRANSFER IN/FROM OTHER FUNDS	-	-	-	1,177,397			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 299,494	\$ 11,913,871	\$ 11,664,510	\$ 10,253,423			
EXPENDITURES							
SUPPLIES	\$ -	\$ 45,204	\$ 45,204	\$ 45,204			
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	35,181	5,755,045	5,485,419	5,485,419			
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,660,817	5,660,950	6,117,605	3,522,790			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	-	452,652	16,282	1,200,010			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 1,695,999	\$ 11,913,871	\$ 11,664,510	\$ 10,253,423			
1986, 1999, 2002, 2004, 2012 and 2013 WATER/SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUNDS (026, 032, 050, 051, 054, 400)							
REVENUES							
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
APPLIED FUND BALANCE	-	1,593,628	1,593,628	1,593,628			
TRANSFER IN/FROM WATER/SEWER	7,519,885	56,681,460	56,681,460	43,571,302			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 7,519,885	\$ 58,275,089	\$ 58,275,088	\$ 45,164,930			
EXPENSES							
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 15,000			
SUPPLIES	-	1	1	-			
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	4,645,401	6,674,575	6,674,576	6,500,031			
CAPITAL OUTLAY	7,639,499	9,234,651	10,814,564	8,455,087			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION	-	42,350,860	40,770,947	30,194,812			
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 12,284,900	\$ 58,275,089	\$ 58,275,088	\$ 45,164,930			

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	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND (081)							
REVENUES							
USDA FOOD REVENUE (DAYCARE)	\$ 66,983	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
MARY JONES DAYCARE	207,388	-	-	-			
WESTSIDE DAYCARE	148,241	-	-	-			
DAYCARE PRIVATE CLIENT	-	-	-	-			
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.	-	-	-	-			
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND	296,856	-	-	-			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 719,468	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$ 757,743	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	44,465	-	-	-			
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	21,810	-	-	-			
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	-	-			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 824,019	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -			

CDBG FUND (085)							
REVENUES							
CDBG-HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT	\$ 1,318,013	\$ 6,095,141	\$ 6,609,515	\$ 6,159,684			
CITY MATCHING FUNDS	1,378,167	429,809	429,809	429,809			
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS	554	8,928	8,928	8,928			
LEAD-BASED HAZARD GRANT	101,041.45	882,554	2,464,535	1,581,981			
PROGRAM INCOME - MINCAP	7,267	1,242	1,242	4,000			
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.	-	-	-	-			
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND	33,495	40,194	40,194	53,736			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,838,538	\$ 7,457,868	\$ 9,554,223	\$ 8,238,138			
EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$ 440,151	\$ 444,047	\$ 555,464	\$ 530,689			
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	301,700	360,131	267,196	78,718			
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	164,500	1,875,182	2,856,358	2,343,967			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.	280,794	3,982,976	5,293,653	4,703,212			
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,723,361	795,532	581,552	581,552			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,910,505	\$ 7,457,868	\$ 9,554,223	\$ 8,238,138			

EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT (086)

REVENUES							
EMERGENCY SHELTER GRANT	\$ 165,526	\$ 276,275	\$ 335,757	\$ 232,400			
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 165,526	\$ 276,275	\$ 335,757	\$ 232,400			
EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$ 11,677	\$ 46,451	\$ 34,478	\$ 17,397			
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.	153,553	229,824	301,279	215,003			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 165,230	\$ 276,275	\$ 335,757	\$ 232,400			

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	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted

STATE GRANTS FUNDS ( 076,140,340,374,398,403)

Revenues		
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	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted	
HOME PROGRAM (120)								
REVENUES								
HOME PROGRAM	\$	197,580	\$	3,100,675	\$	3,146,286	\$	4,045,576
HOME - PROGRAM INCOME		24,309		2,000		946,901		2,000
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		-		-		-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	221,889	\$	3,102,675	\$	4,093,187	\$	4,047,576

EXPENDITURES								
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$	64,353	\$	56,479	\$	56,479	\$	149,076
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		34		7,851		7,732		8,651
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		7,204		16,132		8,928		17,226
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		157,356		3,022,213		4,020,048		3,872,623
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	228,948	\$	3,102,675	\$	4,093,187	\$	4,047,576

HOPWA GRANT FUND (122)								
REVENUES								
HOPWA GRANT -DEPT. OF HUD	\$	1,196,974	\$	2,256,236	\$	3,431,479	\$	2,254,156
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.	\$	-	\$	875,908	\$	-	\$	-

EXPENDITURES					
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$	30,086	\$	107,432	\$ 77,347 \$ 118,872
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		-		2,000	2,000 2,000
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		12,873		16,268	16,268 11,875
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		1,133,875		3,006,444	3,335,864 2,121,409
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,176,834	\$	3,132,144	\$ 3,431,479 \$ 2,254,156

ED BYRNE MEMORIAL GRANT FUND (0367,0378,0383 )									
REVENUES									
2019 JAG	\$	-	\$	244,071	244,071	\$	-		
2020 JAG		115,302		98,251	98,251		-		
EDWARD BYRNE MEM JUSTICE GRANT		-		-	-		-		
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	115,302	\$	342,322	\$	342,322	\$	-	

EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES AND CHARGES	\$	-	\$	13,245	\$	5,553	\$	-
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION		115,302		287,772		295,106		-
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		41,305		41,663		-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	115,302	\$	342,322	\$	342,322	\$	-

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted	
TITLE III AGING (125)								
REVENUES								
TITLE IIIB OUTREACH	\$	31,579	\$	31,579	\$	31,579	\$	31,579
TITLE IIIB TRANSPORTATION		248,389		152,365		152,365		152,365
TITLE III CONGREGATE MEALS		162,441		160,441		160,441		160,441
SSBG TITLE XX HOME DELIVERY		481,197		354,706		354,706		354,706
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS		-		11,104		11,104		11,104
GRANTS & DONATIONS		-		-		-		-
OTHER DEPARTMENTS		-		-		-		-
TITLE III CONGREGATE DONATION		-		150		150		150
TITLE XX-TRANSPORTATION DONATION		-		-		-		-
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		367,287		463,310		381,048
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND		22,773		-		-		-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	946,379	\$	1,077,632	\$	1,173,655	\$	1,091,393

EXPENDITURES					
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$	180,461	\$	173,651	\$ 173,651 \$ 187,412
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		656,890		576,776	576,776 576,776
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		313,610		325,205	421,228 325,205
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		2,000	2,000 2,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,150,961	\$	1,077,632	\$ 1,173,655 \$ 1,091,393

G.O.PUB IMPROVEMENT CONSTRUCTION BOND (148)								
REVENUES								
INTERGOVERNMENT-STATE (MDOT-LYNCH)	\$	-	\$	3,290,619	\$	3,290,619	\$	3,290,619
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	3,290,619	\$	3,290,619	\$	3,290,619
EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	3,282,881	\$	3,282,881	\$	3,282,881
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		7,738		7,738		7,738
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		-		-		-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	3,290,619	\$	3,290,619	\$	3,290,619

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
G.O. BONDS 1998 CONSTRUCTION FUND (156)							
REVENUES							
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APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		10,793		10,793	-
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Total Revenues	\$	-	\$	10,793	\$	10,793	\$ -

EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	10,793	\$	10,793	\$	-
OPERATING TRANSFERS		11,143		-		-		-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	10,793	\$	10,793	\$	-

INFRASTRUCTURE BOND 2020 (157)							
REVENUES							
INTEREST EARNED ON REPOS		227,249		-		-	85,000
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		23,511,541		16,899,568	9,768,959
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	227,249	\$	23,511,541	\$	16,899,568	\$ 9,853,959

EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	60	\$	9,872	\$	9,872	\$	9,872
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		22,642,736		5,611,981		8,900,154
CAPITAL OUTLAY		8,214,557		858,933		11,277,715		943,933
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	8,214,617	\$	23,511,541	\$	16,899,568	\$	9,853,959

G.O. BONDS 2008 STREET CONSTRUCTION FUND (168)								
REVENUES								
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.	\$	-	\$	1,735	\$	1,735	\$	1,735
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	1,735	\$	1,735	\$	1,735

EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	1,735	\$	1,735	\$	1,735
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	1,735	\$	1,735	\$	1,735

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted	
CAPITAL STREET 2-WAY PROJECT (0171)								
REVENUES								
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.	\$	-	\$	774	\$	774	\$	774
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	774	\$	774	\$	774
EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	9,535	\$	774	\$	774	\$	774
CAPITAL OUTLAY		200,272		-		-		-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	209,808	\$	774	\$	774	\$	774

1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX (173)								
REVENUES								
1% INFRASTRUCTURE TAX	\$	16,224,916	\$	16,123,280	\$	16,123,280	\$	16,122,280
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		-		-		-
PMTS FROM OTHER FUNDS		-		4,935,307		4,935,307		4,935,307
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	16,224,916	\$	21,058,587	\$	21,058,587	\$	21,057,587

EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	2,522,182	\$	7,979,541	\$	7,979,541	\$	7,979,541
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		5,425,706		2,429,664		5,425,706
CAPITAL OUTLAY		2,749,019		3,483,819		6,479,861		3,483,819
OPERATING TRANSFERS		4,162,611		4,169,521		4,169,521		4,168,521
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	9,433,812	\$	21,058,587	\$	21,058,587	\$	21,057,587

MADISON SEWER FUND (174)

REVENUES								
TRANSFER IN/FROM WATER/SEWER	\$	-	\$	125,000	\$	125,000	\$	125,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	125,000	\$	125,000	\$	125,000
EXPENDITURES								
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$	-	\$	35,000	\$	-	\$	35,000
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		-		6,000		-		6,000
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		50,736		44,000		125,000		44,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		40,000		-		40,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	50,736	\$	125,000	\$	125,000	\$	125,000



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	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
RIDGELAND-WEST SEWAGE DISPOSAL O&M FUND (175)							
REVENUES							
TRANSFER IN/FROM WATER/SEWER	\$	-	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000
EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$	-	\$	5,000	\$	-	\$ 5,000
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		-		5,000		0	5,000
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		-		15,000		30,000	15,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		5,000		0	5,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	30,000	\$	30,000	\$ 30,000
WATER/SEWER CAP IMPROVEMENT NOTE (178)							
REVENUES							
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		1,200,607		222,306	133,056
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	1,200,607	\$	222,306	\$ 133,056
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	532,574	\$	661,615	\$	222,306	\$ 133,056
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		538,992		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	532,574	\$	1,200,607	\$	222,306	\$ 133,056
JACKSON TRANSIT SYSTEM (187)							
REVENUES							
DOT-FTA FORMULA GRANT 5307	\$	2,969,607	\$	5,986,391	\$	5,986,391	\$ 5,986,391
MDOT REIMBURSEMENT		480,000		480,000		480,000	480,000
ARP		1,185,707		-		-	1,000,000
FTA CARES		541,411		-		-	-
FTA 5339 B		-		4,301,754		4,301,754	4,301,754
FTA CIG		-		1,250,000		1,250,000	1,250,000
JATTRAN FARE REVENUES		332,235		400,000		400,000	400,000
SALE OF SCRAP METAL		152		-		-	-
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		1,046,142		3,747,237	1,072,113
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND		2,391,411		1,898,609		1,898,609	1,898,609
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	7,900,522	\$	15,362,896	\$	18,063,991	\$ 16,388,867
EXPENDITURES							
PERSONAL SERVICE	\$	388,752	\$	731,869	\$	731,869	\$ 757,840
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS		630,944		728,925		1,260,330	728,925
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		6,972,595		9,337,102		10,795,464	10,337,102
CAPITAL OUTLAY		826,178		4,565,000		5,276,328	4,565,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	8,818,469	\$	15,362,896	\$	18,063,991	\$ 16,388,867

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted
2012 G.O. NOTE-CAPITAL PROJECT FUND (190)							
REVENUES							
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.	\$	-	\$	752,253	\$	752,253	\$ 752,253
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	752,253	\$	752,253	\$ 752,253
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	429,413	\$	429,413	\$ 429,413
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		260,653		260,653	260,653
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		62,187		62,187	62,187
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	752,253	\$	752,253	\$ 752,253

FONDREN BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT FUND (192)							
REVENUES							
CURRENT REALTY TAXES	\$	259,898	\$	398,581	\$	513,351	\$ 398,581
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	259,898	\$	398,581	\$	513,351	\$ 398,581
EXPENDITURES							
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.	\$	259,898	\$	398,581	\$	513,351	398,581
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	259,898	\$	398,581	\$	513,351	\$ 398,581

MUSEUM TO MARKET PROJECT (351)							
REVENUES							
INTERGOVERNMENT - STATE (MDOT)	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	-
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		54,620		-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	-	\$	54,620	-
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	72,389	\$	-	\$	54,620	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	72,389	\$	-	\$	54,620	-

KABOOM GRANT-PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT (354)							
REVENUES							
KABOOM-PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	\$	-	\$	38,151	\$	38,151	\$ 38,151
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	38,151	\$	38,151	\$ 38,151
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	-
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		38,151		38,151	38,151
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	38,151	\$	38,151	\$ 38,151

	2021-2022		2022-2023		2022-2023		2023-2024	
	Actual		Adopted		Revised		Adopted	
SIEMEN SETTLEMENT (376)								
REVENUES								
SETTLEMENT SIEMEN	\$	-	\$	1,849,836	\$	7,658,384	\$	5,496,787
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	-	\$	1,849,836	\$	7,658,384	\$	5,496,787
EXPENDITURES								
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	1,160,216	\$	1	\$	5,831,646	\$	3,670,049
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		1,849,835		1,826,738		1,826,738
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	1,160,216	\$	1,849,836	\$	7,658,384	\$	5,496,787

TIGER GRANT (357)							
REVENUES							
TIGER GRANT	\$	1,771	\$	5,738,434	\$	5,738,434	\$ 5,738,434
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	1,771	\$	5,738,434	\$	5,738,434	\$ 5,738,434
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	5,738,434	\$	5,738,434	\$ 5,738,434
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	5,738,434	\$	5,738,434	\$ 5,738,434

BLIGHT ELIMINATON GRANT (360)							
REVENUES							
INTERGOVERNMENTAL - FEDERAL	\$	1,589,268	\$	300,646	\$	656,234	\$ 1,861,029
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		-		1,303,954	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	1,589,268	\$	300,646	\$	1,960,188	\$ 1,861,029
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	448	\$	-	\$	1,196	\$ 909
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		188,092		300,646		1,958,992	1,860,120
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	188,540	\$	300,646	\$	1,960,188	\$ 1,861,029

GRAND GULF EMERGENCY PLANNING (0365)							
REVENUES							
INTEREST	\$	-	\$	31	\$	31	\$ 31
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		2,238,862		2,238,862	813,862
TRANSFERS IN/FROM GENERAL FUND		40,000		160,000		160,000	160,000
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	40,000	\$	2,398,893	\$	2,398,893	\$ 973,893
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	31	\$	31	\$ 31
DEBT SERVICES		-		-		-	-
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		898,862		898,862	898,862
OPERATING TRANSFER		-		1,500,000		1,500,000	75,000
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		-		-	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	2,398,893	\$	2,398,893	\$ 973,893
		2021-2022	2022-2023	2022-2023	2023-2024		
		Actual	Adopted	Revised	Adopted		

MODERNIZATION TAX (372)							
REVENUES							
MODERN TAX	\$	7,273,675	\$	9,849,040	\$	9,849,040	\$ 9,849,040
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		-		-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	7,273,675	\$	9,849,040	\$	9,849,040	\$ 9,849,040
EXPENDITURES							
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$	-	\$	115,632	\$	1,929,500	\$ 815,632
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.		-		8,027,438		1,699,708	6,150,041
OPERATING TRANSFER		-		-		-	1,177,397
CAPITAL OUTLAY		-		1,705,970		6,219,832	1,705,970
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	-	\$	9,849,040	\$	9,849,040	\$ 9,849,040

CAO GRANTS (373)							
REVENUES							
ASPEN INSTITUTE	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	25,552
NLC GT CAO		-		-		-	700
RWJ FOUNDATION		223,956		223,956		-	20,700
CHICAGO JOBS GRANT		-		-		-	7,200
RAND		10,000		10,000		10,000	10,000
APPLIED FUND BALANCE/R.E.		-		130,842		51,953	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$	233,956	\$	364,798	\$	61,953	\$ 64,152
EXPENDITURES							
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$	1,317	\$	20,552	\$	20,552	20,552
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		302,846		344,246		41,401	43,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$	304,163	\$	364,798	\$	61,953	\$ 64,152

DFA JACKSON ZOO BOND (374,401,402,404)							
Revenues							
DFA- JACKSON ZOO BOND	\$	-	\$	86,387	\$	86,387	\$ 86,387
DFA- LIVINGSTON PARK		100,000		100,000		100,000	62,704
DFA-HICO AND NORTHGATE		150,000		150,000		143,580	80,215
DFA- PETE BROWN		500,000		478,482		357,280	162,100
Total Revenues	\$	750,000	\$	814,869	\$	687,247	\$ 391,406
Expenditures							
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	\$	7,559	\$	187,082	\$	182,441	\$ 107,811
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES		141,581		618,787		495,806	283,420
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$	-	\$	9,000	\$	9,000	\$ 175
Total Expenditures	\$	149,141	\$	814,869	\$	687,247	\$ 391,406

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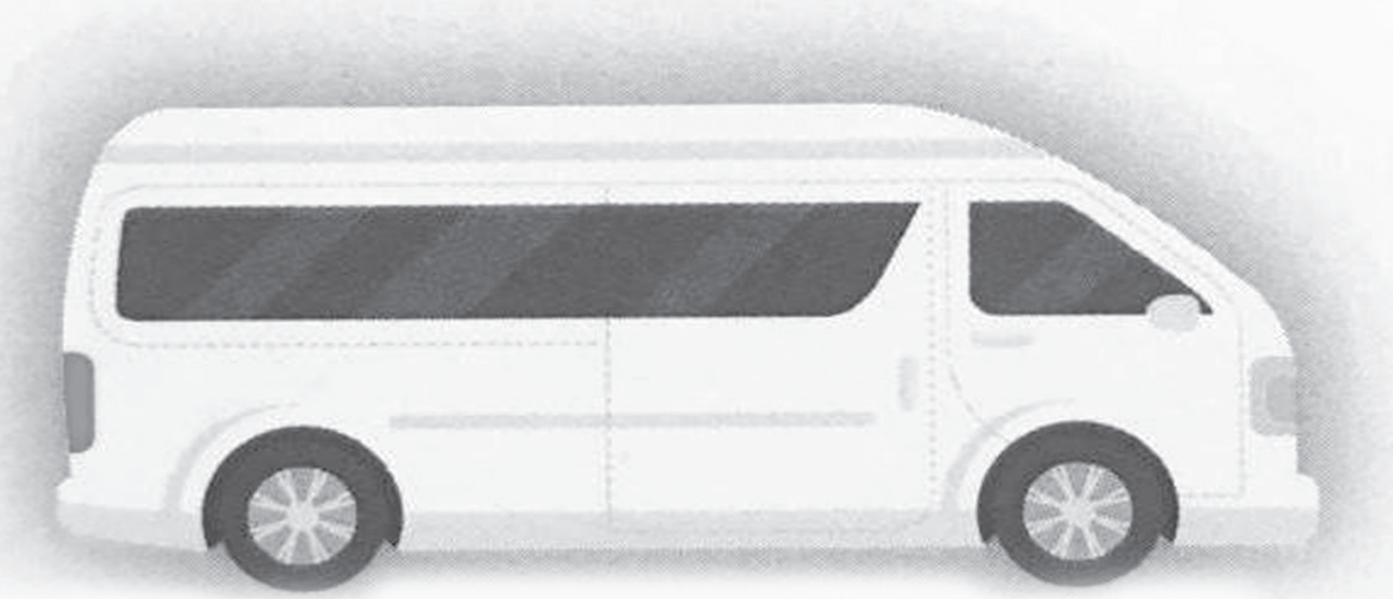


	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Adopted	2022-2023 Revised	2023-2024 Adopted
ARPA (3911)				
REVENUES				
CORONAVIRUS RECOVERY FUNDS	11,198,219	30,439,805	30,439,805	13,705,946
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 11,198,219	\$ 30,439,805	\$ 30,439,805	\$ 13,705,946
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 1,000,874	\$ 2,929,803	\$ 2,929,803	\$ -
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	55,200	266,310	15,415,810	266,928
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.	950,000	27,243,692	12,094,192	11,453,196
OPERATING TRANSFER	2,200,000	-	-	-
CAPITAL OUTLAY	-	-	-	1,985,822
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 4,206,074	\$ 30,439,805	\$ 30,439,805	\$ 13,705,946
SAKI GRANT (388)				
REVENUES				
2020 SAKI GRANT DOJ	165,138	547,896	1,014,455	824,841
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 165,138	\$ 547,896	\$ 1,014,455	\$ 824,841
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ 165,138	\$ 270,690	\$ 370,564	\$ 268,626
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	-	5,000	100,200	18,733
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	-	272,206	543,691	537,482
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 165,138	\$ 547,896	\$ 1,014,455	\$ 824,841
DFA JACKSON FIRE BOND (389)				
REVENUES				
FIRE SB296	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
EXPENDITURES				
CAPITAL OUTLAY	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 225,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

	2021-2022 Actual	2022-2023 Adopted	2022-2023 Revised	2023-2024 Adopted
NLC MUNICIPAL REIMAGING COMM GRANT (415)				
REVENUES				
NLC REIMAGINING COMM GRANT	475,000	475,000	475,000	669,353
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 669,353
EXPENDITURES				
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$ -	\$ 221,887	\$ 221,887	\$ 162,955
SUPPLIES & MATERIALS	-	5,000	5,000	7,500
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	-	73,113	73,113	323,898
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.	\$ -	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000	\$ 175,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ -	\$ 475,000	\$ 475,000	\$ 669,353
LIBRARY FUND (399)				
REVENUES				
CURRENT REALTY TAX	\$ 1,235,930	\$ 1,213,702	\$ 1,213,702	\$ 1,203,387
CURRENT PERSONAL	616,285	593,756	593,756	631,133
DELINQUENT REALTY	21,841	-	-	-
DELINQUENT PERSONAL	3,995	-	-	-
AD VALOREM TAX ON AUTOMOBILE	227,745	236,847	236,847	213,856
AIRCRAFT	276	-	-	-
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION	60,255	22,240	22,240	18,169
HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION CHARGEBACK	347	-	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	\$ 2,166,673	\$ 2,066,545	\$ 2,066,545	\$ 2,066,545
EXPENDITURES				
OTHER SERVICES & CHARGES	\$ 118,039	\$ 119,537	\$ 119,537	\$ 119,537
GRANTS, CONTRIBUTION & CONT.	1,947,008	1,947,008	1,947,008	1,947,008
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$ 2,065,047	\$ 2,066,545	\$ 2,066,545	\$ 2,066,545
METRO JACKSON CONVENTION &VISTORS BUREAU (AGENCY FUND 230) - BUDGET NOT REQUIRED				
CAPITAL CITY CONVENTION CENTER (FUND 0124) - BUDGET NOT REQUIRED				

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