# FINAL REPORT OF THE JANUARY 2025 GRAND JURY LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

We, the Grand Jury of the January 2025 Term of the Circuit Court of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, taken from the body of good and lawful men and women of said County and State, present this our report of investigations and recommendations.

We were in session for two (2) days and examined twenty (20) witnesses; returned one-hundred-twenty-one (121) true bills of indictment to open Court; and returned three (3) no true bills.

### **The Lauderdale County Detention Facility**

The Grand Jury toured the Lauderdale County Detention Facility and found it to be clean and safe but outdated. The Grand jury recommends that the Lauderdale County Board of Supervisors begin planning for the building of a new detention facility or renovation of the current facility.

Respectfully submitted this on the 14th day of January 2025.

Jason Carr, Forepersor

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## AFFIDAVIT OF THE FOREPERSON OF THE JANUARY 2025 LAUDERDALE COUNTY GRAND JURY

Comes now Jason Carr, Foreperson of the January 2025 Grand Jury of Lauderdale County, Mississippi, makes oath that the indictments presented to this court were concurred in by twelve (12) or more members of at the Grand Jury and that at least fifteen (15) members were present during all deliberations.

Jason Carr, Foreperson

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2025.

Donna Jill Johnson, Circuit Clerk

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## **CAROLYN MOONEY**

Clerk of The Chancery Court and Board of Supervisors

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#### REPORT TO THE GRAND JURY

#### TO THE HONORABLE GRAND JURY OF LAUDERDALE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI:

In compliance with Section 19-17-19, Mississippi Code of 1972, as County Auditor, this is to certify that I have examined the accounts and records of the offices paying money into the County Treasury and to the best of my knowledge find same to be accounted for.

As County Auditor, may I report that all funds of the county are in interest bearing accounts.

You are probably aware of legislation on open meetings. This is to advise that the records maintained in your Chancery Clerk's offices are open records available for the public for their inspection during business hours with only a few exceptions. Adoptions filed in Chancery Court are restricted in the interest of the child and minutes taken in executive sessions of the Board of Supervisors which concern litigation on personnel problems are private until such time as these problems are settled. I invite you to visit the office and inspect any records that would enable you to complete your report. I, of course, will assist you in any way possible.

I, Carolyn Mooney, Chancery Clerk and County Auditor, affirm this statement to be true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Sworn to this the 14th day of Jan, 2025.

Carolyn Money, Chancery Clerk