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**Mayor Maxwell Reaffirms Administration's Commitment to 'Right the Ship – Correct the Course'**

*(Pascagoula, MS)*– Mayor Dane Maxwell, commenting today on last night's budget workshop, where a forensic audit revealed a \$14 million shortfall in the city's budget due to the accounting practices of past administrations:

"I am working with the Governor, Lt. Governor and the State Auditor. We have a pathway out and we will be working with our state and county officials to make sure we meet our obligations and keep the city government fully operational. I'm not interested in finger-pointing right now.

"If there was any malfeasance or misconduct of a criminal nature in the budgetary or management practices of prior administrations, we will leave that determination up to the State Auditor, Attorney General and District Attorney.

"Our administration is going to focus on correcting the problems that landed us here. We are the whistle blowers, and the stewards now. It's our job to correct the course, right the ship and let law enforcement do their job."

