

# **Caddo Parish Coroner's Office**

**Financial Statements**  
Year Ended December 31, 2022

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## **Independent Auditor's Report**

Dr. Todd G. Thoma  
Caddo Parish Coroner  
Shreveport, Louisiana

### **Opinion**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office (the "Coroner") as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements, which collectively comprise the Coroner's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office as of December 31, 2022, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

### **Basis for Opinion**

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. My responsibilities under those standards are further described in Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I am required to be independent of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to my audit. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

### **Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements**

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

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

## **Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements**

My objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, I:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Caddo Parish Coroner's Office's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in my judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Caddo Parish Coroner's Office's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

I am required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control related matters that I identified during the audit.

## **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 8 through 13, General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule presented on page 38, Reconciliation of the Budgetary Basis and the GAAP Basis presented on page 39, Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 40, Schedule of Pension Contributions on page 41 and Notes to Required Supplementary Information on page 42 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### **Other Supplementary Information**

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer on page 43 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 22, 2023 on my consideration of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Coroner's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



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

Dr. Todd G. Thoma  
Caddo Parish Coroner  
Shreveport, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States of America, the financial statements of the governmental activities of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office (the Coroner) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related summary of accounting policies and notes to financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 22, 2023.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

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

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

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

## **Compliance**

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

## **Purpose of this Report**

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



Certified Public Accountant

Shreveport, Louisiana  
June 22, 2023



# OFFICE OF THE CORONER

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## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**December 31, 2022**

This section of the Coroner's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Coroner's financial performance during the year ended December 31, 2022. Please read it in conjunction with the Coroner's financial statements, which follow this section.

### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Coroner's total Net Position increased \$174,053 over the course of this year's operations.
- During the year, the Coroner's governmental revenues were \$172,242 more than the \$1,297,879 in expenses for governmental activities.
- The total cost of the Coroner's programs was \$1,297,879 a decrease of \$33,839.
- The Coroner reported an unrestricted fund balance of \$543,727 at the end of the year.

### OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of three parts: management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, and required supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Coroner:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Coroner's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Coroner's government, reporting the Coroner's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
  - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services, like public safety, were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.



The financial statements also include a summary of significant accounting policies and notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Coroner's financial statements, including the portion of the Coroner's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

**Figure A-1**  
**Major Features of Coroner's Government and Fund Financial Statements**

	<b>Government-wide Statements</b>	<b>Fund Statements Governmental Funds</b>
Scope	Entire Coroner government	The activities of the Coroner that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety
Required financial statements	Statement of Net Position Statement of Activities	Balance Sheet Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
Accounting basis and measurements focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included
Type of inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payments are due during the year or soon thereafter

## **Government-wide Statements**

The government-wide statements report information about the Coroner as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of Net Position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The government-wide statement reports the Coroner's net position and how it has changed. Net Position - the difference between the Coroner's assets and liabilities - is one way to measure the Coroner's financial health, or position:

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Coroner's Net Position is an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.
- To assess the overall health of the Coroner you need to consider additional financial factors such as matters that affect the city and parish.

The government-wide financial statements of the Coroner are divided into the following category:

- Governmental activities - all of the Coroner's basic services are included here.

## **Fund Financial Statements**

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Coroner's most significant funds - not the Coroner as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Coroner uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes:

- Presently, only the General Fund is required by the Coroner.

Most of the Coroner's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Coroner's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the governmental funds statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CORONER AS A WHOLE

**Net Position.** The Coroner's Net Position increased \$174,053 between fiscal years 2022 and 2021, to \$561,758 (See Table A-1).

**Table A-1  
Coroner's Net Position**

	<b>Governmental Activities</b>	
	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
Current and other assets	<b>\$498,468</b>	\$486,566
Capital assets	<b>18,031</b>	25,967
Lease right of use asset	<b>36,372</b>	2,022
Long-term assets, pension related	<b>423,675</b>	160,316
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>976,546</b>	674,871
Deferred outflows of resources	<b>124,387</b>	168,497
<b>Total assets and deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>\$1,100,933</b>	\$843,368
Current liabilities	<b>\$99,274</b>	\$111,704
Lease liability, current portion	<b>14,464</b>	2,183
Lease liability, long-term portion	<b>20,207</b>	-
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>133,945</b>	113,887
Deferred inflows of resources	<b>405,230</b>	341,776
<b>Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>\$539,175</b>	\$455,663
Net Position:		
Unrestricted	<b>\$543,727</b>	\$361,738
Investment in capital assets	<b>18,031</b>	25,967
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$561,758</b>	\$387,705

**Changes in Net Position.** The Coroner's total governmental revenues increased by \$97,224 to \$1,470,121 (See Table A-2). Approximately 73 percent of the Coroner's revenue comes from appropriations from the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish.

The total cost of all governmental programs and services decreased \$33,839 to \$1,297,879. The Coroner's expenses cover all services performed by its office.

## Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Coroner's governmental activities increased 7.1 percent, while total expenses decreased 2.5 percent.

**Table A-2  
Changes in Coroner's Net Position**

	Governmental Activities	
	2022	2021
<b>Governmental revenues:</b>		
City of Shreveport appropriations	\$ 903,000	\$ 903,000
Caddo Parish appropriations	170,000	170,000
Coroner's certificate and report charges	397,121	299,897
<b>Total governmental revenues</b>	<b>1,470,121</b>	1,372,897
<b>Expenses – General governmental</b>	<b>1,297,879</b>	1,331,718
Excess (deficit) of governmental revenues over expenses	172,242	41,179
Other income	1,811	884
<b>Increase (decrease) in net position</b>	<b>\$ 174,053</b>	\$ 42,063

**Table A-3  
Decrease in Net Position from Coroner's Governmental Activities**

	Total Cost of Services		Increase (decrease) In Net Position	
	2022	2021	2022	2021
Public safety	\$1,297,879	\$1,331,718	\$174,053	\$42,063

## Financial Analysis of the Coroner's Funds

As the Coroner completed the year, its governmental funds reported an unrestricted fund balance of \$543,727, an increase from the prior year of \$181,989.

## General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, no revisions were made to the original budget.

## CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

### Capital Assets

At the end of 2022, the Coroner had invested \$18,031 in capital assets. (See Table A-4).

**Table A-4**  
**Coroner's Capital Assets**  
**(net of depreciation)**

	Governmental Activities	
	2022	2021
Furniture and equipment	\$13,671	\$ 8,115
Vehicles	2,481	15,326
Leasehold improvements	1,879	2,526
Total	\$18,031	\$25,967

## ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS

The Coroner is dependent on the City of Shreveport and Caddo Parish for approximately 73 percent of its revenues. The City and Parish receive a substantial part of their revenues from taxes. The combined City and Parish allocations for the Coroner are expected to remain unchanged in 2023. Therefore, the budget for the 2023 year will be similar to the 2022 budget.

## CONTACTING THE CORONER'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and taxpayers with a general overview of the Coroner's finances and to demonstrate the Coroner's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office, 2900 Hearne Avenue, Shreveport, Louisiana 71103.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Statement of Net Position

<i>December 31,</i>	2022
<b>Assets:</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$376,413
Accounts receivable (Note 2)	108,940
Prepaid expenses	13,115
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation (Note 3)	18,031
Lease right of use asset, net (Note 5)	36,372
Net pension asset (Note 4)	423,675
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>976,546</b>
<b>Deferred Outflows of Resources:</b>	
Pension related (Note 4)	124,387
<b>Total assets and deferred outflows of resources</b>	<b>\$1,100,933</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	
<b>Current:</b>	
Accounts payable	\$ 8,690
Accrued expenses	90,584
Lease liability – current (Note 5)	14,464
<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>113,738</b>
<b>Long-Term Liability</b> – Lease liability (Note 5)	<b>20,207</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>133,945</b>
<b>Deferred Inflows of Resources:</b>	
Pension related (Note 4)	405,230
<b>Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>\$539,175</b>
<b>Net Position:</b>	
Unrestricted	\$543,727
Investment in capital assets	18,031
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$561,758</b>

*See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Statement of Activities

*Year Ended December 31,*

2022

	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Program Revenues</b>	<b>Operating</b>	<b>Net Revenue (Expense) and Changes in Net Position</b>
		<b>Charges for</b>	<b>Grants and</b>	<b>Governmental</b>
		<b>Services</b>	<b>Contributions</b>	<b>Unit</b>
<b>Functions / Programs -</b>				
Governmental activities -				
general government	\$1,297,879	\$397,121	\$1,073,000	\$172,242
Total government activities	\$1,297,879	\$397,121	\$1,073,000	\$172,242
<b>Deficit of governmental revenues over expenses</b>				\$172,242
<b>Other income</b>				1,811
<b>Deficit of revenues over expenses</b>				174,053
<b>Net Position - beginning of year</b>				387,705
<b>Net Position - end of year</b>				\$561,758

*See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds

December 31, 2022

### General Fund

#### Assets:

Cash and cash equivalents (Note 1)	\$376,413
Accounts receivable:	
City of Shreveport	75,250
Emergency certificates	24,200
Other	3,185
Prepaid expenses	13,115

**Total assets** \$492,163

#### Liabilities and Fund Balance

#### Liabilities:

Accounts payable	\$ 8,690
Accrued payroll and payroll liabilities	53,366
Other liabilities	500

**Total liabilities** 62,556

#### Fund Balance:

Non-spendable	13,115
Spendable-unassigned	416,492

**Total Fund Balance** 429,607

**Total liabilities and fund balances** \$492,163

*See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.*



# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

<i>December 31,</i>		2022
Total Fund Balance at December 31, 2022 – Governmental Funds		\$ 429,607
Charges for services prior to year-end received too late to be considered current resources of the governmental fund, but are accrued in the Statement of Net Position		6,305
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2022	\$ 611,496	
Less: accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2022	<u>(593,465)</u>	18,031
Certain assets are not considered financial resources available for current operations and are not reported in the governmental funds, but are accrued in the Statement of Net Position		
Intangible lease asset at December 31, 2022	46,764	
Less: accumulated amortization as of December 31, 2022	<u>(10,392)</u>	36,372
Certain deferred outflows are reported in the Statement of Net Position but not in the governmental funds		
Deferred outflows – pension related		124,387
Certain liabilities are not due and payable from current resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds		
Compensated absences at December 31, 2022		(36,715)
Net pension asset		423,675
Lease liability		(34,674)
Certain deferred inflows are reported in the Statement of Net Position but not in the governmental funds		
Deferred inflows – pension related		<u>(405,230)</u>
Total Net Position at December 31, 2022 – Governmental Activities		\$ 561,758

*See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance – Governmental Funds

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2022
	<b>General Fund</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>	
City of Shreveport appropriations	\$ 903,000
Caddo Parish appropriations	170,000
Coroner's certificate and report charges	341,726
Transport fees	17,778
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,432,504</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
General government:	
Current operating:	
Personnel service	798,856
Professional services	409,631
Other operating	185,009
Capital outlay	9,855
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,403,351</b>
<b>Excess (deficit) of governmental revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>29,153</b>
<b>Other income</b>	<b>1,811</b>
<b>Excess (deficit) of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>30,964</b>
<b>Fund balance - beginning of year, as previously stated</b>	<b>398,643</b>
<b>Fund balances - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 429,607</b>

*See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities

<i>Year Ended December 31,</i>	2022
Excess of expenditures over revenues - Governmental Funds	\$ 30,964
Net change in charges for services prior to year end	(8,403)
Capital Assets:	
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022	(17,791)
Capital expenditure	9,855
Changes in compensated absences	1,772
<p>In the Statement of Activities, leasing costs are measured through a combination of lease interest and amortization expense. In the governmental funds, lease expenditures are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amount actually paid).</p>	
Lease expense difference	1,861
<p>In the Statement of Activities, pension benefits are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amount actually paid).</p>	
Pension expense difference	148,355
Contributions from non-employer contributing entities	7,440
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures - Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$174,053</b>

*See accompanying summary of significant accounting policies and notes to financial statements.*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

### **Introduction**

The authority for the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office (the Coroner's Office) is provided under Article V, Section 29 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974.

The Coroner's Office determines the manner and cause of death for those cases that fall within its jurisdiction. The Coroner's Office orders autopsies and issues death certificates. It also evaluates the mentally ill and the chemically dependent and determines the appropriate action for these persons.

### **Financial Reporting Entity**

This financial report has been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments.

For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB codification Section 2100, the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office financial statements include all governmental activities, funds, account groups and activities that are controlled by the Coroner as an independently elected parish official. As an independently elected parish official, the Coroner is solely responsible for the operations of his office. Accordingly, the Coroner's Office is a separate governmental reporting entity. Certain units of the local government over which the Coroner's Office exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish commission, parish school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish are excluded from the accompanying general purpose financial statements. These units of the government are considered separate reporting entities and issue general purpose financial statements separate from that of the Coroner's Office.

### **Basis of Presentation**

The government-wide financial statements (GWFS) (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the Coroner's Office.

The content and certain titles of the GWFS were changed upon the adoption by the Coroner's Office in 2012 of GASB Statement No. 63, Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### **Basis of Presentation - (continued)**

Inflows of Resources, and Net Position. This statement provides reporting guidance for deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources, and adds them, when applicable, as elements of the GWFS, because they are distinct from assets and liabilities. In addition, because these additional elements may affect the residual amount of all of the elements presented in a statement of financial position, GASB 63 renames that measure as net position rather than net assets.

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

*Governmental-wide Financial Statements (GWFS):* The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office. These statements include the financial activities of the Coroner's Office, except for fiduciary activities. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Coroner's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Indirect expense allocations that have been made in the funds have been reversed for the statement of activities. Program revenues include (a) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) appropriations and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not associated as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### **Basis of Presentation - (continued)**

*Fund Financial Statements (FFS):* The fund financial statements provide information about the Organization's funds. Separate statements for each fund category are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds.

The Coroner reports the following major governmental fund:

General Fund - The general fund accounts for all operations of the Coroner's office. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

### **Capital Assets**

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical costs for assets where actual cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Coroner maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed by the Coroner, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Useful lives vary from 5 to 15 years.

### **Basis of Accounting / Measurement Focus**

All governmental funds of the Coroner follow FASB Statements and Interpretations issued on or before November 30, 1989, Accounting Principles Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins, unless those pronouncements conflict with GASB pronouncements.

*Government-wide Financial Statements:* The GWFS were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### **Basis of Accounting / Measurement Focus - (continued)**

of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange transactions*.

Program Revenues: Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities derive directly from parties outside the Coroner's taxpayers or citizenry, as a whole; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Coroner's general revenues.

*Fund Financial Statements.* The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

Governmental and Agency Funds are accounted for on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this basis of accounting, revenues are recognized in the accounting period in which they become susceptible to accrual - that is, when they become measurable and available. Available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay current period liabilities. For this purpose, the Coroner considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 90 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Grants and appropriations are recorded when the Coroner is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on investments is recorded when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### **Basis of Accounting / Measurement Focus - (continued)**

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Costs of accumulated unpaid vacation, sick leave and other employee benefit amounts are reported in the period due and payable rather than the period earned by employees, and general long-term obligations principal and interest payments are recognized only when due.

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing services.

### **Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The Coroner's Office follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. The Coroner's Office prepares operating budgets for the general fund at least fifteen days prior to the commencement of the budgetary fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year.
2. The budgets are available for public inspection for a fifteen day period prior to a public hearing held to obtain taxpayer comment.
3. The budgets are adopted at the public hearing and are authorized for implementation on the first day of the fiscal year.
4. The budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with the modified accrual basis of accounting.
5. The budgets may be revised during the year as estimates regarding revenues and expenditures change.
6. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.



# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

<b>Cash</b>	Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest bearing time deposits. Under state law, the Coroner's Office may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money-market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.
<b>Compensated Absences</b>	The Coroner accrues accumulated unpaid vacation leave by employee. This obligation is reported in the government-wide Statement of Net Position and represents a reconciling item between the fund and government-wide presentations.
<b>Use of Estimates</b>	The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates in the financial statements include the allowance for doubtful accounts, depreciation of capital assets and deferred outflows, inflows, assets and liabilities related to pensions.
<b>Fund Equity in Fund Financial Statements</b>	<p>Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Beginning in 2013, the Coroner implemented GASB Statement 54, <i>Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions</i>. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purpose for which resources can be used:</p> <p><i>Non-spendable:</i> This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. Management has classified prepaid expenditures as being non-spendable as this item is not expected to be converted to cash.</p>

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

### Fund Equity in Fund Financial Statements - (continued)

*Restricted:* This classification includes amounts for which constraints have been placed on the use of resources that are either a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. The Coroner did not have any restricted resources at year-end.

*Committed:* This classification includes amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action (resolution) of the Coroner, who is the highest level of decision making authority. These amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Coroner removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action that was employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements. The Coroner did not have any committed resources as of year-end.

*Assigned:* This classification includes spendable amounts that are reported in governmental funds *other than the General Fund* that are neither restricted nor committed, and amounts in the General Fund that are intended to be used for a specific purpose in accordance with the provisions of GASB Statement 54. The intent of an assigned fund balance should be expressed by either the Coroner or an official, such as the administrator, that has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. The Coroner did not have any assigned resources as of year-end.

*Unassigned:* This classification is the residual fund balance for the General Fund. It also represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the General Fund.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary of Significant Accounting Policies *(Concluded)*

### **Fund Equity in Fund Financial Statements - (continued)**

When fund balance resources are available for a specific purpose in multiple classifications, the Coroner would use the most restrictive funds first in the following order: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned as they are needed. However, it reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of the other classified funds.

### **Pension Plan**

The Coroner is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 4. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability (or asset), deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each plan, and additions to / deductions for the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

### **Accounts Receivable**

The Coroner's Office records an allowance for doubtful accounts based on specifically identified amounts believed to be uncollectible. The Coroner's Office has a limited number of customers, primarily other government agencies. After all attempts to collect a receivable have failed, the receivable is written off against the allowance. At December 31, 2022, the allowance for doubtful accounts totaled \$386,685.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements

**1. Cash and Certificates of Deposit**

At December 31, 2022, the carrying amount of the Coroner's Office deposits was \$376,413 and the bank balances were \$390,533. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by Federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Accordingly, they are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB codification C.20.106. At December 31, 2022, the Coroner's Office bank deposits are secured by \$250,000 federal deposit insurance and \$143,344 in pledged securities.

**2. Accounts Receivable**

Accounts receivable at December 31, 2022 consist of the following:

Accounts receivable:	
Emergency certificates	\$ 416,625
City of Shreveport appropriations	75,250
Other	3,750
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(386,685)
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Net accounts receivable	\$ 108,940

**3. Capital Assets**

Capital assets as of December 31, 2022 are as follows:

	Vehicles	Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements	Computer Software	Total
Cost of Capital Assets, December 31, 2021	\$417,774	\$100,782	\$83,085	\$601,641
Additions	-	9,855	-	9,855
Disposition	-	-	-	-
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Cost of Capital Assets, December 31, 2022	417,774	110,637	83,085	611,496

*(Continued)*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### 3. Capital Assets - (continued)

	Vehicles	Furniture, Fixtures, Equipment and Leasehold Improvements	Computer Software	Total
Accumulated depreciation, December 31, 2021:	\$402,448	\$90,141	\$83,085	\$575,674
Additions	12,845	4,946	-	17,791
Dispositions	-	-	-	-
Accumulated depreciation, December 31, 2022	415,293	95,087	83,085	593,465
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, at December 31, 2022	\$ 2,481	\$ 15,550	\$ -	\$ 18,031

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$17,791.

Certain assets used by the Coroner's Office (primarily the administrative office building) are owned by the Caddo Parish Commission and accordingly are not reflected in these financial statements.

### 4. Pension Plan

Effective April 1, 2012, substantially all employees of the Coroner's Office became members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (the System), a multiple-employer (cost sharing) defined benefit plan, controlled and administered by a separate Board of Trustees. The system is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. All participating employees of the Coroner are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week whom are paid wholly or in part from parish funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in the System. Benefit provisions are established by Louisiana State Statute. The Parochial Plan issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### 4. Pension Plan - (continued)

the board of trustees of the parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, P.O. Box 14619, Baton Rouge, LA, 70898 or by calling (225) 928-1361.

Covered employees are required to contribute 9.5% of their salary. The Coroner is required to contribute 11.5% of covered wages for 2022. The employer and employee contribution obligations are established and may be amended by Louisiana State Statute. The Coroner's cash contribution for the year ended December 31, 2022 was \$75,157, equal to the required contribution.

#### *Pension Asset, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions*

At December 31, 2022, the Coroner reported an asset of \$423,675 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset of the Plan. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2021 and the total pension asset used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Coroner's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the Coroner's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2021, the Coroner's proportion was 0.089944% which was a decrease of 0.00149% from that of 0.091431% measured as of December 31, 2020.

For the year ended December 31, 2022, the Coroner recognized pension benefit of \$73,198, representing its proportionate share of the Plan's net expense and amortization of deferred amounts. The Coroner also recognized \$7,440 as net pension benefit from non-employer contributions to the Plan.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

**4. Pension Plan  
- (continued)**

At December 31, 2022, the Coroner reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 30,707
Difference between employer contributions and proportionate share of employer contributions	1,536	8,051
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	25,598	366,472
Changes in assumptions	22,096	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	75,157	-
Totals	\$124,387	\$405,230

The Coroner reported a total of \$75,157 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of December 31, 2022, which will be recognized as an increase in net pension asset in the year ended December 31, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in plan pension expense as follows:

December 31,	
2023	\$ (71,845)
2024	(146,546)
2025	(98,328)
2026	(39,281)
Total	\$(356,000)

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### 1. Pension Plan - (continued)

*Actuarial Assumptions.* A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of December 31, 2021 is as follows:

Valuation Date	December 31, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	6.40%, net of investment expense
Expected Remaining Service Lives	4 years
Projected Salary Increases	4.75% (2.35% Merit/2.30% Inflation)

Cost of Living Adjustments      The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees.

Mortality      Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants.



# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### 4. Pension Plan - (continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.10% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.00% for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2021 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	33%	0.85%
Equity	51%	3.23%
Alternatives	14%	0.71%
Real Assets	2%	0.11%
Total	100%	4.90%
Inflation		2.10%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.00%

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### 4. Pension Plan - (continued)

*Discount Rate.* The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.40 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

*Sensitivity of the Coroner's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate.* The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the Coroner calculated using the discount rate of 6.40 percent, as well as what the Coroner's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.40 percent) or one percentage point higher (7.40 percent) than the current rate:

	Discount Rate	Coroner's proportionate share of net pension liability
1% decrease	5.40%	\$ 75,533
Current discount rate	6.40%	(423,675)
1% increase	7.40%	(841,854)

*Plan Fiduciary Net Position.* Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana financial report found on the System's website: [www.persla.org](http://www.persla.org) or on the Office of Louisiana Legislative Auditor's official website: [www.lla.state.la.us](http://www.lla.state.la.us).

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

### 5. Leases

For the year ended December 31, 2019, the Coroner adopted GASB 87 "Leases." Under this accounting pronouncement, the Coroner is required to recognize a lease right of use asset (ROU) and lease liability on the statement of net position.

The Coroner has the following lease obligations as of December 31, 2022:

Certain office equipment with an initial present value of \$43,998, an implicit interest rate of 4.0% included in 36 monthly payments of \$1,299 beginning May 2022 with a provision to purchase the equipment at fair market value at the end of the lease term. The Coroner has elected straight-line amortization over the lease term.

The following schedule summarizes lease information for 2022:

#### Lease Expenses:

Amortization of ROU asset	\$12,414
Interest on lease liability	1,080
<b>Total lease expense</b>	<b>\$13,494</b>

The changes in lease liabilities as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

Beginning lease liability	2,183
Additions	43,998
Payments	(11,510)
<b>Ending lease liability</b>	<b>34,671</b>

The future minimum lease payments and interest required under the leases are as follows:

Year ending December 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$14,464	\$1,124	\$15,588
2024	15,054	534	15,588
2025	5,153	43	5,196
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$34,671</b>	<b>\$1,701</b>	<b>\$36,372</b>

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Financial Statements (Concluded)

### 5. Leases – (continued)

Lease right-of-use assets and amortization activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, follows:

Governmental Activities	Beginning Balance December 31, 2021	Additions	Deletions	Ending Balance December 31, 2022
Right-of-use Asset	\$39,564	\$46,764	\$(39,564)	\$46,764
Total	39,564	46,764	(39,564)	46,764
Less Accumulated Amortization	37,542	12,414	(39,564)	10,392
Total	37,542	12,414	(39,564)	10,392
Right-of-use Asset, net	\$2,022	\$34,350	\$ -	\$36,372

### 6. Commitments and Contingencies

From time to time, in the normal course of business, the Coroner is involved in various matters of litigation. Management does not believe the ultimate outcome of any such matters will be material to the financial statements of the Coroner.

### 7. Related Party Transactions

The Coroner paid \$24,000 to the Forensic Nurse Examiners of Louisiana (FNE) for services related to sexual assault investigations during 2022. The Coroner is the medical director of the FNE.

### 8. Subsequent Events

The Coroner has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2022, through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, June 22, 2023. No material subsequent events that require recognition or additional disclosure in these financial statements were noted.

# **Supplementary Information**



# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Budgetary Comparison Schedule

*Year Ended December 31, 2022*

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		<u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
City of Shreveport appropriations	\$ 903,000	\$ 903,000	\$ 903,000	\$ -
Caddo Parish appropriations	170,000	170,000	170,000	-
Coroner's certificate and report charges	150,300	150,300	341,726	191,426
Transport fees	15,000	15,000	17,778	2,778
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,238,300</b>	<b>1,238,300</b>	<b>1,432,504</b>	<b>194,204</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Government:				
Current operating:				
Personnel service	777,000	777,000	798,856	(21,856)
Professional services	395,200	395,200	409,631	(14,431)
Other operating	187,800	187,800	185,009	2,791
Capital outlay	40,000	40,000	9,855	30,145
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>1,400,000</b>	<b>1,403,351</b>	<b>(3,351)</b>
<b>Excess (deficit) of governmental revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(161,700)</b>	<b>(161,700)</b>	<b>29,153</b>	<b>190,853</b>
<b>Other income -</b>				
Miscellaneous income	500	500	1,811	1,311
<b>Deficit of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>(161,200)</b>	<b>(161,200)</b>	<b>30,964</b>	<b>192,164</b>
<b>Fund balance - beginning of year, net of surplus utilized in other income</b>	<b>398,643</b>	<b>398,643</b>	<b>398,643</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund balance - end of year</b>	<b>\$ 237,443</b>	<b>\$ 237,443</b>	<b>\$ 429,607</b>	<b>\$192,164</b>

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Reconciliation of the Budgetary Basis and the GAAP Basis

*Year Ended December 31, 2022*

	<b>Budget Actual</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>	<b>Note</b>	<b>GAAP Actual</b>
<b>Revenues:</b>				
City of Shreveport appropriations	\$ 903,000	\$ -		\$ 903,000
Caddo Parish appropriations	170,000	-		170,000
Coroner's certificate and report charges	341,726	36,900	1	378,626
Transport fees	17,778	717	1	18,495
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>1,432,504</b>	<b>37,617</b>		<b>1,470,121</b>
<b>Expenditures:</b>				
General Government:				
Current operating:				
Personnel service	798,856	(157,567)	2	641,289
Professional services	409,631	-		409,631
Other operating	185,009	44,159	3	229,168
Capital outlay	9,855	(9,855)	4	-
Depreciation	-	17,791	5	17,791
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>1,403,351</b>	<b>(105,472)</b>		<b>1,297,879</b>
<b>Excess of governmental revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>29,153</b>	<b>142,089</b>		<b>172,242</b>
<b>Other income -</b>				
Miscellaneous income	1,811	-		1,181
<b>Excess of revenues over expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 30,964</b>	<b>\$ 172,242</b>		<b>\$ 174,053</b>

**Notes:**

1. Charges for services prior to year end recognized under GAAP but not on a budgetary basis.
2. Wages and pension costs recognized under GAAP but not on a budgetary basis.
3. Bad debt expense and leasing costs recognized under GAAP but not on a budgetary basis.
4. Capital outlay recognized as an expense on a budgetary basis but capitalized on a GAAP basis.
5. Depreciation expense recognized on a GAAP basis but not on a budgetary basis.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability

Fiscal Year*	Agency's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Agency's covered-employee payroll	Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana					
2022	0.089944%	\$(423,675)	\$653,542	(64.8)%	110.5%
2021	0.091431%	\$(160,316)	\$604,963	(26.5)%	104.0%
2020	0.095583%	\$ 4,500	\$598,320	0.8%	99.9%
2019	0.097800%	\$ 434,072	\$607,545	71.4%	88.9%
2018	0.100212%	\$ (74,382)	\$602,727	(12.3)%	102.0%
2017	0.102198%	\$ 210,478	\$626,206	33.6%	94.1%
2016	0.101506%	\$ 267,193	\$606,093	44.1%	92.2%
2015	0.105326%	\$ 28,797	\$581,219	5.0%	99.1%

\*Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (previous fiscal year end).

*This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years.  
Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*



# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Schedule of Pension Contributions

Fiscal Year*	(a) Statutorily Required Contribution	(b) Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(a-b) Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Agency's covered- employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana					
2022	\$75,157	\$75,157	\$ -	\$653,542	11.50%
2021	\$74,108	\$74,108	\$ -	\$604,963	12.25%
2020	\$73,294	\$73,294	\$ -	\$598,320	12.25%
2019	\$69,868	\$69,868	\$ -	\$607,545	11.50%
2018	\$69,312	\$69,312	\$ -	\$602,727	11.50%
2017	\$78,276	\$78,276	\$ -	\$626,206	12.50%
2016	\$78,792	\$78,792	\$ -	\$606,093	13.00%
2015	\$84,389	\$84,389	\$ -	\$581,993	14.50%

\*Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.

*This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years.  
Additional years will be displayed as they become available.*

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Notes to Required Supplementary Information

### **Budgetary Information**

The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office budget is prepared in accordance with the modified accrual basis of accounting.

The Louisiana Local Government Budget Act provides that "the total proposed expenditures shall not exceed the total of estimated funds available for the ensuing year." The "total estimated funds available" is the sum of the respective estimated fund balances at the beginning of the year and the anticipated revenues for the current year. Expenditures may not legally exceed appropriations at the fund level. Appropriations that are not expended lapse at year-end. The budget was not amended during the year. The budget comparison schedule presents the original adopted budget.

Budgeted revenues do not exceed actual revenues. Actual expenditures do not exceed budgeted expenditures by more than 5 percent. The Coroner's Office is in compliance with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

### **Pension Information**

#### *Presentation*

The schedule of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office's proportionate share of the net pension liability and the schedule of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office pension contributions are intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

#### *Changes in Benefit Terms*

There were no changes in benefit terms during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### *Changes in Assumptions*

There were no changes in assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2022.

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer

*Year ended December 31, 2022*

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Todd G. Thoma, M.D., FACEP, D-ABMDI, Caddo Coroner:

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Salary	\$192,155
Benefits – Insurance	-
Benefits – Retirement	22,098
Benefits – Other	-
Car Allowance	-
Vehicle provided by Coroner's Office	6,761
Cell phone	615
Dues	450
Per diem	-
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	-
Conference travel	-
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
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	\$222,079

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# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

*For the Year Ended December 31, 2022*

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### **Summary of Audit Results**

1. The auditors' report expressed an unqualified opinion on the financial statements of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office.
2. No significant deficiencies in internal control were disclosed during the examination of the financial statements of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office were disclosed during the examination.
4. No separate management letter was issued to the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office.

### **Findings - Financial Statement Audit**

None

# Caddo Parish Coroner's Office

## Summary Schedule of Prior Year Audit Finds

*Year Ended December 31, 2021*

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No findings in 2021.



**Independent Accountant's Report on  
Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

I have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1 through December 31, 2022. Caddo Parish Coroner's Office management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Caddo Parish Coroner's Office has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1 through December 31, 2022. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

***1) Written Policies and Procedures***

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- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:

*I obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and noted the following with respect to the categories and subcategories below:*

- i. **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- ii. **Purchasing**, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.  
*Exception noted. The entity's written policies and procedures for the Purchasing function did not address item #2 above regarding how vendors are added to the vendor list.*
- iii. **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.  
*No exception noted.*

- iv. **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).  
*No exceptions noted.*
- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.  
*Exception noted. The entity's written policies and procedures for the Contracting function did not address item #5 above regarding the monitoring process.*
- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).  
*No exceptions noted.*
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.  
*Not applicable. The entity's written policies and procedures did not include the above Debt Service functions due to the entity not having any debt.*
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups



in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

*Exception noted. The entity's written policies and procedures did not address the Information Technology Disaster Recover/Business Continuity functions described above except for Item (2).*

- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

*Exception noted. The entity's written policies and procedures for the Prevention of Sexual Harassment did not address items #2 and #3 above regarding annual employee training and annual reporting.*

## **2) Board or Finance Committee**

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*The office of the Caddo Parish Corner is a self-governing elected position. Thus, the following procedures are not applicable.*

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
- i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
  - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
  - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

### 3) **Bank Reconciliations**

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- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.  
*Exception noted. I noted management had not documented researching reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.*

### 4) **Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)**

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- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).  
*Done without exception.*
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;  
*Not applicable. The entity does not use cash drawers/registers.*
  - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible

for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

*No exceptions noted.*

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.

*No exceptions noted.*

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.

*No exceptions noted.*

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*No exceptions noted.*

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

*No exceptions noted.*

- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

*Exception noted. Management's policy is that collections are deposited once a week.*

- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.  
*No exceptions noted.*

**5) *Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)***

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- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

*No exceptions noted.*

- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;

*No exceptions noted.*

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;

*Exception noted. The employee responsible for processing payments is also responsible for adding new vendors to the purchasing/disbursement system without another employee periodically reviewing changes to the vendor files.*

- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

*No exceptions noted.*

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

*Exception noted. The agency's written policies and procedures allow an employee without check signing authority to make electronic payment of payroll tax deposits without requiring approval by an employee/official authorized to sign checks.*

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.  
*Exception noted. There was no documentary evidence employees/officials authorized to sign checks approved electronic disbursement of funds; however, these are only EFTPS deposits.*

#### **6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain

the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

*No exceptions noted.*

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*No exceptions noted.*

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions noted.*

## **7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)**

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected

- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration ([www.gsa.gov](http://www.gsa.gov));

*Not applicable. Actual cost reimbursements only.*

- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

*No exceptions noted.*

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

*No exceptions noted.*

## **8) Contracts**

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- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
  - i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;  
*Not applicable. All contracts are for professional services not subjected to the Louisiana Public Bid Law.*
  - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);  
*Not applicable. The entity is the office of a self-governing elected official.*
  - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and  
*Not applicable. No contracts were amended.*
  - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

*Noted without exception.*

## **9) Payroll and Personnel**

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- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and

- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.  
*No exceptions noted.*
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.  
*Not applicable. No termination payments were made.*
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.  
*Done without exception.*

## **10) Ethics**

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and  
*No exception noted.*
  - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.  
*No exception noted.*



- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

### ***11) Debt Service***

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*The below procedures are not applicable. The entity has no debt service.*

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

### ***12) Fraud Notice***

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- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

*Not applicable. Management represented there were no misappropriations of public funds or assets during the fiscal year.*

- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

*Exception noted. The entity has the required notice posted on its premises but not its website.*

### ***13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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- A. Perform the following procedures,
- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a)

occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

*I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

*I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

*I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

*I performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.*

#### ***14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

*No exception noted.*

- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

*Notice is posted in a conspicuous place on premises, but not on website.*

- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*Exception - no report was submitted.*

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I was engaged by the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the Caddo Parish Coroner's Office and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.



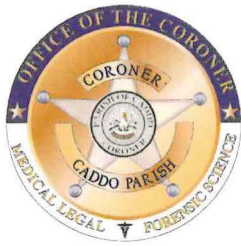
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Shreveport, LA  
June 22, 2023



**Management's Response to  
Agreed-Upon Procedures**





# OFFICE OF THE CORONER

Todd G. Thoma M.D. FACEP, D-ABDMI, Coroner

Parish of Caddo • State of Louisiana  
2900 Hearne Avenue • Shreveport, LA 71103

## Management's Response to Agreed-Upon Procedures

June 22, 2022

To the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and James K. McClelland, CPA LLC

The following comprises management's responses to exceptions noted by our auditors during the performance of statewide agreed-up procedures as established by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

### **Written Procedures**

#### Exception noted:

Written policies and procedures do not address how vendors are added to the vendor list.

#### Management's response:

Management agrees. The written policies and procedures will be revised to address how vendors are added to the vendor list.

#### Exception noted:

Written policies and procedures do not address the process for monitoring contracts.

#### Management's response:

Management agrees. The written policies and procedures will be revised to include the process for monitoring contracts.

#### Exception noted:

Written policies and procedures do not address all of the enumerated functions for the Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity category.

#### Management's response:

Management agrees. The written policies and procedures will be revised to include all the functions related to the Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity category.

Exception noted:

Written policies and procedures do not address all of the enumerated functions for the Sexual Harassment category.

Management's response:

Management agrees. The written policies and procedures will be revised to include all the functions related to the Sexual Harassment category.

**Bank Reconciliations**

Exception noted:

Management had not documented researching reconciliation items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months.

Management's response:

Management agrees. Management will implement procedures to document research of reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months.

**Collections**

Exception noted:

Deposits are not made within one business day of receipt at the collection location.

Management response:

Management agrees. However, management has determined that weekly deposits best meet the needs of the entity.

**Non-Payroll Disbursements**

Exception noted:

The employee responsible for processing payments is also responsible for adding new vendors to the purchasing/disbursement system.

Management response:

Management agrees. However, the nature of the small office environment does not support the level of segregation of duties identified in the procedure. Management has implemented compensating controls.

**Fraud Notice**

Exception noted:

The entity does not have the required fraud notice posted on its website.

Management's response:

Management agrees. However, management has determined modification of the website is cost prohibitive.

**Sexual Harassment**

Exception noted:

The entity has not posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures on its website.

Management's Response:


Management agrees. Management has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedures on the premises but has determined modification of the website is cost prohibitive.

Exception noted:

The entity did not prepare an annual sexual harassment report as required by R.S. 42:344.

Management's Response:

Management agrees. Management will implement procedures to ensure an annual sexual harassment report is prepared as required by R.S. 42:344.



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