

**ST. MARY PARISH CLERK OF COURT**  
Franklin, Louisiana

Financial Statements

Year Ended June 30, 2022

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Clifford Dressel  
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Franklin, Louisiana

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court (hereinafter "Clerk of Court"), a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clerk of Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund and aggregate remaining fund information of the Clerk of Court, as of June 30, 2022, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *Basis for Opinions*

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

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

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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 Clerk of Court'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***

Our 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 our opinions. 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 and *Government 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 and audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- 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 the Clerk of Court'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 our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Clerk of Court's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are 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 we identified during the audit.

### ***Required Supplementary Information***

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, and schedule of employer pension contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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. We 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 our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the budgetary comparison schedules, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, schedule of employer pension contributions, and notes to

required supplementary information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

The Clerk of Court has omitted management’s discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing 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. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The justice system funding schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of the Clerk of Court’s management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The schedules have 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 our opinion, the justice system funding schedules are 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*, we have also issued our report dated October 25, 2022, on our consideration of the Clerk of Court’s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk of Court’s 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 Clerk of Court’s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana  
October 25, 2022

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

ST. MARY PARISH CLERK OF COURT  
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Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2022

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 1,059,892
Receivables	
Accounts	26,409
Due from other governments	24,432
Prepaid expenses	10,735
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	63,645
Total assets	1,185,113
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred outflows related to -	
Net pension liability	392,598
OPEB liability	435,405
Total deferred outflows of resources	828,003
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	9,257
Compensated absences payable	19,127
Total current liabilities	28,384
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	
Lease liability	13,568
Due in more than one year	
Lease liability	16,269
Net pension liability	963,957
OPEB liability	3,124,956
Total long-term liabilities	4,118,750
Total liabilities	4,147,134
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Deferred inflows related to -	
Net pension liability	516,272
OPEB liability	1,294,991
Total deferred inflows of resources	1,811,263
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Net investment in capital assets	63,645
Unrestricted (deficit)	(4,008,926)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (3,945,281)

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



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Statement of Activities  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
General government	
Personal service and related benefits	\$ 1,167,415
Operating services	79,647
Materials and supplies	7,976
Travel and other charges	16,733
Depreciation	20,865
Interest expense	937
Total expenses	<u>1,293,573</u>
<b>PROGRAM REVENUES</b>	
Charges for services	
Fees, charges and commissions for services	
Court costs, fees and charges	891,328
Fees for recording legal documents	627,455
Fees for certified copies of documents	51,594
Marriage licenses	3,297
Miscellaneous	24,036
Operating grants and contributions	<u>111,785</u>
Total program revenues	<u>1,709,495</u>
Net program revenue	415,922
<b>GENERAL REVENUES</b>	
Interest earned	<u>2,286</u>
Change in net position	418,208
NET POSITION (deficit), beginning	<u>(4,363,489)</u>
NET POSITION (deficit), ending	<u>\$ (3,945,281)</u>

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**FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

ST. MARY PARISH CLERK OF COURT  
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Balance Sheet  
Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,059,892
Receivables:	
Accounts	26,409
Due from other governments	24,432
Prepaid expenditures	<u>10,735</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,121,468</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 9,257
Compensated absences payable	<u>19,127</u>
Total liabilities	<u>28,384</u>
Fund balance:	
Nonspendable	10,735
Unassigned	<u>1,082,349</u>
Total fund balance	<u>1,093,084</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$ 1,121,468</u>

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Balance Sheet (continued)  
Governmental Fund  
June 30, 2022

Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

Total fund balance-governmental fund		\$ 1,093,084
Cost of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization		63,645
Deferred outflows of resources related to -		
Net pension liability	392,598	
Net OPEB liability	<u>435,405</u>	828,003
Long-term liabilities		
Lease liability		(29,837)
Net pension liability		(963,957)
Postemployment benefit obligation payable		(3,124,956)
Deferred inflows of resources related to -		
Net pension liability	(516,272)	
Net OPEB liability	<u>(1,294,991)</u>	<u>(1,811,263)</u>
Total net position of governmental activities		<u>\$ (3,945,281)</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
Governmental Fund  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>General Fund</u>
<b>REVENUES</b>	
Fees, charges and commissions for services:	
Court costs, fees and charges	\$ 891,328
Fees for recording legal documents	627,455
Fees for certified copies of documents	51,594
Marriage licenses	3,297
Miscellaneous	24,036
Intergovernmental	24,600
Use of money and property - interest earnings	2,286
Total revenues	<u>1,624,596</u>
 <b>EXPENDITURES</b>	
Current -	
General government:	
Personal service and related benefits	1,401,971
Operating services	79,647
Materials and supplies	7,976
Travel and other charges	16,733
Total expenditures	<u>1,506,327</u>
 Net change in fund balance	 118,269
 Fund balance, beginning	 <u>974,815</u>
 Fund balance, ending	 <u>\$ 1,093,084</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance (continued)  
Governmental Fund  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance to the  
Statement of Activities

Net change in fund balance-governmental fund	\$ 118,269
Depreciation expense	(20,865)
Amortization Expense	(14,755)
Principal payments	14,411
Net change in OPEB expense	227,507
Effects of recording net pension liability and deferred inflows and outflows of resources related to net pension liability:	
Increase in pension expense	6,456
Nonemployer pension contribution revenue	<u>87,185</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u>\$ 418,208</u>

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
June 30, 2022

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 2,880,210</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for litigants and others	<u>\$ 2,880,210</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Additions:	
Suits and successions	\$ 1,044,748
Judgments	276,828
Interest earned	<u>481</u>
Total additions	<u>1,322,057</u>
Reductions:	
Clerk's costs (transferred to General Fund)	594,060
Refunds to litigants	188,669
Settlements	25,646
Sheriff fees	95,104
Judges supplemental	26,076
Other	<u>71,314</u>
Total reductions	<u>1,000,869</u>
Change in net position	321,188
Net position, beginning	<u>2,559,022</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 2,880,210</u>

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Notes to Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 28 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Clerk of Court serves as the ex-officio notary public, the recorder of conveyances, mortgages, and other acts, and has other duties and powers provided by law. The Clerk of Court is elected for a four-year term.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The Clerk of Court is an independently elected official; however, the Clerk of Court is fiscally dependent on the Parish of St. Mary. The parish government maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the Clerk of Court's office is located and provides funds for equipment and furniture of the Clerk of Court's office. Because the Clerk of Court is fiscally dependent on the parish government, the Clerk of Court was determined to be a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Clerk of Court and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Clerk of Court have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Clerk of Court as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Clerk of Court which are considered to be governmental activities. Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the statement of fiduciary net position and the statement of changes in fiduciary net position at the fund financial statement level. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis 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 nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Codification section N50, Nonexchange Transactions.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the Clerk of Court'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. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the Clerk of Court, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

#### Fund Financial Statements

The Clerk of Court uses funds to maintain its financial records and results of operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is defined as a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. Funds of the Clerk of Court are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Clerk of Court or meets the following criteria:

- a. Total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures of individual funds are at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all funds of that category or type; and
- b. Total assets, liabilities, revenues or expenditures/expenses of the individual governmental funds are at least 5 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds combined.

#### Governmental Fund

General Fund – This fund is the primary operating fund of the Clerk of Court and it accounts for the operations of the Clerk of Court's office. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is extended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to the Clerk of Court's policy.

#### Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore are not available to support the Clerk of Court's programs. The Clerk of Court has adopted GASBS No. 84 for the reporting and classification of its fiduciary activities. Fiduciary reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Clerk of Court's fiduciary funds (custodial) are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements. Because by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the Clerk of Court, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements. The custodial funds are as follows:

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Advance Deposit Fund – The Advance Deposit Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:842, is used to account for advance deposits on suits filed by litigants. The advances are refundable to the litigants after all costs have been paid.

Registry of the Court Fund – The Registry of Court Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:475, is used to account for funds which have been ordered by the court to be held until judgment has been rendered in court litigation.

C. Measurement Focus

Measurement focus is a term used to describe “which” transactions are recorded with the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to “when” transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

On the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below. In the fund financial statements, the “current financial resources” measurement focus or the “economic resources” measurement focus is used as appropriate:

- a. The governmental fund utilizes a “current financial resources” measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Their operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given year. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.
- b. The government-wide financial statements utilize an “economic resources” measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

D. Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred, or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

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Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Clerk of Court considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures are recorded only when payment is due.

E. Assets, Deferred Outflows of Resources, Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Clerk of Court.

Investments

Under state law, the Clerk may deposit funds with a fiscal agent organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Clerk may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. In addition, local governments are authorized to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a nonprofit corporation formed by the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which operates local government investment pool.

Accounts receivable

The Clerk of Court records its fees in the month the services are rendered.

Prepaid items

The Clerk of Court's policy regarding prepaid expenditures is to record as prepaid the portion of insurance premiums and maintenance agreements that is paid during the current fiscal year for future periods.

Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Clerk of Court maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

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Notes to Financial Statements (continued)

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes.

Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method of depreciation over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Furniture and fixtures	10
Office equipment	5-10
Vehicles	5
Leasehold improvements	10

Compensated absences

Employees of the Clerk of Court's office earn 5 – 20 days of leave each year depending on length of service. Such leave is to be used for vacation, sickness, or emergencies. Vacation leave must be taken in the year earned. In accordance with GASBS No. 16, liabilities for compensated absences are estimated based on hours remaining and pay rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Upon resignation or retirement, employees may be paid for unused leave at the employee's current rate of pay.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

Equity classifications

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

1. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

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2. Restricted – Consists of net position with constraints place on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Unrestricted – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

Fund balance for the Clerk of Court’s governmental fund (the General Fund) is displayed in the following classifications depicting the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used. In the governmental financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

1. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent because either they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
2. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
3. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action of the governing authority of the Clerk of Court’s office. The Clerk of Court is the highest level of decision-making authority for the Clerk of Court. Commitments may be established, modified, or rescinded only through formal declarations approved by the Clerk of Court.
4. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Clerk of Court’s policy, only the Clerk of Court may assign amounts for specified purposes.
5. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Clerk of Court considers the restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Clerk of Court considers the amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Clerk of Court has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

LA R.S. 13:785 requires that every four years (at the close of the term of office) the Clerk of Court must pay the parish treasurer the portion of the General Fund’s fund balance that exceeds one-half of the revenues of the Clerk’s last year of his term of office. The liability to the parish is limited to the amount received by the Clerk of Court from the parish for necessary office furniture, equipment, and record books.

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F. Revenues, Expenditures and Expenses

Revenues

Fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded when the Clerk of Court is entitled to the funds. Interest on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenue when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function and in the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by type.

G. Bad Debts

Uncollectible amounts due for receivables are recognized as bad debts utilizing the direct write-off method. Although this method is not in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), no allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable was made due to immateriality at June 30, 2022.

H. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require 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 expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Clerk of Court may deposit funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The clerk may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

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At June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$3,940,102 as follows:

	Governmental Fund	Fiduciary Funds	Total Book Balance
Cash	\$ 300	\$ -	\$ 300
Demand deposits	859,592	2,880,210	3,739,802
Time deposits	<u>200,000</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>200,000</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,059,892</u>	<u>\$ 2,880,210</u>	<u>\$ 3,940,102</u>

Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) 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 bank. These securities are held in the name of the Clerk of Court in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

These deposits (bank balances) are secured from risk as follows:

	Governmental Fund	Fiduciary Funds	Total
Bank balance	<u>\$ 870,137</u>	<u>\$ 3,140,118</u>	<u>\$ 4,010,255</u>
Secured by:			
FDIC coverage	450,000	250,000	700,000
Pledged securities	<u>420,137</u>	<u>2,890,118</u>	<u>3,310,255</u>
	<u>\$ 870,137</u>	<u>\$ 3,140,118</u>	<u>\$ 4,010,255</u>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Clerk of Court's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. The Clerk of Court does not have a policy that limits allowable deposits or to monitor or attempt to reduce exposure to custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2022, deposits in the amount of \$3,310,255 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the Clerk of Court's fiscal agent but not in the Clerk of Court's name.



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(3) Due from other Governmental Units

Individual balances due from other governments are as follows:

State of Louisiana:		
Department of Children and Family Services	\$ 23,760	
St. Mary Parish Government	<u>672</u>	
Total due from other governmental units	<u>\$ 24,432</u>	

(4) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year follows:

	Balance July 1, 2021	Additions	Deletions	Balance June 30, 2022
Furniture and fixtures	\$ 389,825	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 389,825
Office equipment	423,236	-	-	423,236
Leasehold improvements	<u>318,217</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>318,217</u>
Total	1,131,278	-	-	1,131,278
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(1,076,261)</u>	<u>(20,865)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1,097,126)</u>
Total depreciable capital assets, net	<u>55,017</u>	<u>(20,865)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,152</u>
Intangible right-to-use asset:				
Leased vehicle	44,248	-	-	44,248
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,755)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(14,755)</u>
Intangible right-to-use asset, net	<u>44,248</u>	<u>(14,755)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>29,493</u>
Net capital assets	<u>\$ 99,265</u>	<u>\$ (35,620)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 63,645</u>

Depreciation expense of \$20,865 was charged to the general government function.

The leased asset discussed in Note 5 will be amortized over the lease term. Unamortized lease asset to be amortized in future periods is as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Unamortized Lease Asset
2023	\$ 13,620
2024	13,620
2025	<u>2,253</u>
	<u>\$ 29,493</u>

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(5) Leases

During the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, the Clerk implemented GASBS No. 87, *Leases*, for accounting and reporting leases that had previously been reported as operating leases. During the year ended June 30, 2021, the Clerk leased a vehicle with a term of 39 months. Due to the commencement date of the related lease agreement, restatement of prior period financial statements was not necessary due to immateriality.

The Clerk recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government-wide financial statements.

The following is a summary of changes in the lease liability for the year ended June 30, 2022:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Lease liability	\$ -	\$ 44,248	\$ (14,411)	\$ 29,837	\$ 13,568

At the commencement of a lease, the Clerk initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease term. For purposes of discounting future payments on the lease, the Clerk used the interest rate of 2.53%. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of its useful life or the lease term.

Lease assets are reported with capital assets on the statement of net position. The leased vehicle and accumulated amortization of the right-to-use asset is outlined in Note 4.

Minimum lease payments through the lease term are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2023	\$ 13,568	\$ 598	\$ 14,166
2024	13,916	251	14,167
2025	2,353	7	2,360
	\$ 29,837	\$ 856	\$ 30,693

(6) Pension Plan

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund and additions to/deductions from the system's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the system. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

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*Plan Description*

Substantially all employees of the Clerk of Court, except part-time and temporary employees, are members of the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (hereinafter "Fund"), a cost sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

The Fund was established for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of R.S. 11:1501 for eligible employees of the clerk of the supreme court, each of the district courts, each of the courts of appeal, each of the city and traffic courts in cities having a population in excess of four hundred thousand at the time of entrance into the Fund, the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Association, the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Fund, and the employees of the Fund. The projection of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the Fund in accordance with the benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

*Retirement Benefits*

A member or former member shall be eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining 12 or more years of credited service, attaining the age of 55 years (age 60 if hired on or after January 1, 2011), and terminating employment. Regular retirement benefits, payable monthly for life, is equal to 3% of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed 100% of the monthly average final compensation. The retirement benefit accrual rate is increased to 3½% for all service credit accrued after June 30, 1999 (for members hired prior to January 1, 2011). For members hired before July 1, 2006 and who retire prior to January 1, 2011, monthly average final compensation is based on the highest 36 consecutive months, with a limit increase of 10% in each of the last three years of measurement. For members hired after July 1, 2006, monthly average final compensation is based on the highest compensated 60 consecutive months, or successive joined months if service was interrupted, with a limit increase of 10% in each of the last five years of measurement. For members who were employed prior to July 1, 2006 and who retire after December 31, 2010, the period of final average compensation is 36 months plus the number of whole months elapsed since January 1, 2011, not to exceed 60 months.

*Disability Benefits*

Disability benefits are awarded to active members who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty or to active members with 10 or more years of credible service who are totally disabled due to any cause. A member who is officially certified as totally or permanently disabled by the State Medical Disability Board will be paid monthly disability retirement benefits equal to the greater of forty percent of their monthly average final compensation or 75% of their monthly regular retirement benefit computed as per R.S. 11:1521 (C).

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*Survivor Benefits*

Upon the death of any active contributing member with less than five years of credited service, his/her accumulated contributions are paid to his/her designated beneficiary. Upon the death of any active contributing member with five or more years of credited service, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. Benefit payments are to commence on the date a member would have first become eligible for normal retirement assuming continued service until that time. In lieu of a deferred survivor benefit, the surviving spouse may elect benefits payable immediately with benefits reduced  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1% for each month by which payments commence in advance of member's earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the member's accrued retirement benefit in equal shares. Upon the death of any former member with less than 12 years of service, the designated beneficiary may receive his/her accumulated contributions. Upon the death of any former member with 12 or more years of service, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse with payments to commence on the member's retirement eligibility date. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

*Deferred Retirement Option Plan*

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who is eligible for a service retirement allowance may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to 36 months and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, active membership in the Fund terminates and the participant's contributions cease; however, employer contributions continue. Compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the plan. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP account. Upon termination of employment at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the program may receive, at his option, a lump sum payment from the DROP account equal to the payments to the account or a true annuity based upon his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). In addition, the member receives the monthly benefits that were paid into the DROP fund during his period of participation.

If employment is not terminated at the end of the participation period, payments into the account cease and the member resumes active contributing membership in the Fund. Interest is paid on DROP account balances for members who complete their DROP participation but do not terminate employment. The interest earnings are based on the actual rate of return on funds in such accounts. These interest accruals cease upon termination of employment.

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Upon termination, the member receives a lump sum payment from the DROP fund equal to the payments made to that fund on his behalf or a true annuity based in his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). The monthly benefit payments that were being paid into the DROP fund are paid to the retiree and an additional benefit based on his additional service rendered since termination of DROP participation is calculated using the normal method of benefit computation. Prior to January 1, 2011, the average compensation used to calculate the additional benefit is that used to calculate the original benefit unless his period of additional service is at least 36 months. Effective January 1, 2011, the average compensation for members whose additional service is less than 36 months is equal to the lesser amount used to calculate his original benefit or the compensation earned in the period of additional service divided by the number of months of additional service. For former DROP participants who retire after December 30, 2010, the period used to determine final average compensation for post-DROP service is 36 months plus the number of whole months elapsed from January 1, 2011 to the date of DROP entry. In no event can the entire monthly benefit amount paid to the retiree exceed 100% of the average compensation used to compute the additional benefit. If a participant dies during the period of participation in the program, a lump sum payment equal to his account balance is paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate.

*Cost of Living Adjustments*

The Board of Trustees is authorized to grant retired members and widows of members who have been retired for at least one full calendar year an annual cost of 2.5% of their benefit (not to exceed \$40 per month), and all retired members and widows who are 65 years of age or older a 2% increase in their original benefit (or their benefit as of October 1, 1977, if they retired prior to that time). In order to grant the 2.5% COLA, the increase in the consumer price index must have exceeded 3% since the last COLA granted. In order for the Board to grant either of these increases, the Fund must meet certain other criteria as detailed in the Louisiana statute relating to funding status. In lieu of granting the above cost of living increases, Louisiana statutes allow the Board to grant a cost of living increase where the benefits shall be calculated using the number of years of service at retirement or at death plus the number of years since retirement or death multiplied by the cost of living amount which cannot exceed \$1.

*Employer Contributions*

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the plan year ended June 30, 2021, the actual employer contribution rate was 21%.

*Non-employer Contributions*

In accordance with state statute, the Fund also receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue during the year and excluded from pension expense. Non-employer contribution revenue for the System for the Clerk's fiscal year ended June 30, 2022, was \$87,185.

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*Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources*

At June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court reported liabilities in its government-wide financial statements of \$963,957 for its proportionate share of the net pension liabilities of the Fund. The net pension liabilities were measured as of June 30, 2021 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension obligation was determined by separate actuarial valuations performed as of that date. The Clerk of Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Clerk of Court's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2021, the Clerk of Court's proportional share of the Fund was 0.724650%, which was a decrease of 0.022866 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court recognized pension expense of \$151,165.

At June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 26,873	\$ 16,174
Changes of assumptions	208,104	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	426,371
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	73,727
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>157,621</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 392,598</u>	<u>\$ 516,272</u>

The \$157,621 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Clerk of Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the following fiscal year. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Fiscal Year Ending	
2023	\$ (18,872)
2024	(40,871)
2025	(61,648)
2026	(159,904)
	\$ (281,295)

*Actuarial Assumptions*

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

	Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund
Valuation Date	June 30, 2021
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.55%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	1-5 years of service - 6.2% 5 years or more - 5%
Inflation Rate	2.40%
Mortality Rates	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans multiplied by 120%. Mortality Table with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.
Expected Remaining Service Lives	5 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

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The actuarial assumptions used are based on the assumptions used in the 2021 actuarial funding valuation which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019, unless otherwise specified. In cases where benefit structures were changed after the experience study period, assumptions were based on future expectations.

The mortality rate assumption used was verified by combining data from this plan with three other statewide plans which have similar workforce composition in order to produce a credible experience. The aggregated data was collected over the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the Fund's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that these tables would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables used.

The investment rate of return was 6.55%, which was a decrease of 0.02 from the rate used as of June 30, 2020. The long-term expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges 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 ranges were 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. The long term expected rate of return was 6.02%, for the year ended June 30, 2021. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2021 is summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income:		
Domestic Bonds	25.00%	2.50%
International Bonds		3.50%
Domestic Equity	38.00%	7.50%
International Equity	22.00%	8.50%
Real Estate	15.00%	4.50%
	100.00%	

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.55%, which was a decrease of 0.02 from the rate used as of June 30, 2020. 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 will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine to total pension liability.



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*Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate*

The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate 6.55%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.55% or one percentage point higher 7.55% than the current rate:

	1% Decrease 5.55%	Current Discount Rate 6.55%	1% Increase 7.55%
Net Pension Liability	\$ 1,699,183	\$ 963,957	\$ 344,651

*Payables to the Pension Plan*

The Clerk recorded no accrued liabilities related to the Fund for the year ended June 30, 2022.

*Retirement Fund Audit Report*

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund of Louisiana has issued a standalone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2021. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, [www.lla.la.gov](http://www.lla.la.gov).

(7) Post-retirement Benefits

*Plan description*

The Clerk of Court's defined benefit postemployment health care plan provides OPEB to eligible retired employees and their beneficiaries. The plan provides OPEB for permanent full-time employees of the Clerk of Court. The Clerk of Court's OPEB plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Clerk of Court. Benefits are provided through the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Trust ("LCCIT"), a multiple-employer healthcare plan administered by the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association. Louisiana Revised Statute 13:783 grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75. The premium rates are established and may be amended by the LCCIT board of trustees, with the Clerk of Court determining the contribution requirements of the retirees.

*Benefits provided*

The Clerk of Court provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms provide for payment of 100% of retiree pre-Medicare health, Medicare Supplement, vision, and dental insurance premiums. The plan also provides for payment of 100% of retiree life insurance payments.

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*Employees covered by benefit terms*

At January 1, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefits payments	16
Active employees	<u>13</u>
Total	<u><u>29</u></u>

The Clerk of Court's total OPEB liability of \$3,124,956 was measured as of June 30, 2022 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2022.

*Actuarial assumptions and other inputs.*

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation:	2.40%
Salary Increases, including inflation:	3.25%
Discount Rate:	3.69%
Health Care Cost Trend Rates	
Medical:	6.50% for 2022, 6.25% for 2023, decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 5.0% for 2028 and later years.
Medicare Advantage:	4.50% for 2022, 4.25% for 2023, decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.0% for 2028 and later years. Includes 2% per year for aging.
Dental:	3% annual trend
Vision:	2.5% annual trend
Retirees' Share of Benefit-Related Costs:	
Medical:	0% for retirees and 0% for dependents.
Medicare Supplement:	0% for retirees and 0% for dependents.
Dental:	0% for retirees and 0% for dependents.
Vision:	0% for retirees and 0% for dependents.
Basic Life Insurance:	0%

The discount rate was based on the June 30, 2022 Fidelity General Obligation AA 20-Year Yield.

Mortality rates for active employees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Employee mortality table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2021 for males or females, as appropriate.

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Mortality rates for retired employees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Healthy Retiree mortality table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2021 for males or females, as appropriate.

The actuarial assumptions used were based on the those used in the Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund valuation and actuarial experience.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability:

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at 6/30/2021	\$ 3,668,075
Charges for the year:	
Service Cost	26,877
Interest	69,546
Differences between expected and actual experience	156,528
Changes in Assumptions/Inputs	(650,557)
Benefit Payments	(145,513)
Net Changes	(543,119)
Balance at 6/30/2022	\$ 3,124,956

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate.*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk of Court, as well as what the Clerk of Court's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.69 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.69 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease (2.69%)	Discount Rate (3.69%)	1% Increase (4.69%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 3,521,825	\$ 3,124,956	\$ 2,695,828

*Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates.*

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk of Court, as well as what the Clerk of Court's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or 1-percentage-point higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 2,845,401	\$ 3,124,956	\$ 3,467,477

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For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court recognized an OPEB expense of \$(81,994). At June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 231,104	\$ 68,907
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	204,301	1,226,084
Total	\$ 435,405	\$ 1,294,991

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Year Ending June 30	
2023	\$ (178,417)
2024	(178,417)
2025	(210,207)
2026	(210,207)
2027	(82,338)
	\$ (859,586)

(8) Net Position

Net position is presented as net investments in capital assets and unrestricted on the Clerk's government-wide statement of net position. A component of the Clerk's net position is significantly affected by transactions that resulted in the recognition of deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources, and the difference between the deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflow of resources and the balance of the related asset or liability is significant. As discussed in Notes 6 and 7, the Clerk's recognition of net pension liability in accordance with GASBS No. 68 and OPEB obligations in accordance with GASBS No. 75 significantly affected the Clerk's unrestricted portion of net position as of June 30, 2022.

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(9) Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

A summary of changes in custodial fund net position follows:

	<u>Advance Deposit</u>	<u>Registry of Court</u>	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Net position, beginning	\$ 1,146,816	\$ 1,412,206	\$ 2,559,022
Additions	1,044,748	277,309	1,322,057
Reductions	<u>975,223</u>	<u>25,646</u>	<u>1,000,869</u>
Net position, ending	<u>\$ 1,216,341</u>	<u>\$ 1,663,869</u>	<u>\$ 2,880,210</u>

(10) Compensated Absences

The following is a summary of changes for the year ended June 30, 2022:

Compensated absences payable, July 1, 2021	\$ 20,227
Additions	24,605
Reductions	<u>25,705</u>
Compensated absences payable, June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 19,127</u>

The Clerk of Court's policy requires the disposition of available compensated absences by December 31st of each calendar year. Therefore, the compensated absence liability is presented as a component of current liabilities on the financial statements.

(11) Deferred Compensation Plan

The Clerk of Court offers its employees participation in the Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan administered by the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Commission. The plan, regulated under the provisions of Title 32, Part VII of the Louisiana Administrative Code, is a defined contribution plan established in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan is a retirement savings plan allowing eligible employees to supplement any existing retirement and pension benefits by saving and investing pre-tax and/or after-tax dollars through a voluntary salary contribution.

Contributions to Section 457 plans are determined by the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Internal Revenue Service. In 2022, participants in the plan may contribute up to 100% of earnable compensation or \$20,500 (\$19,500 in 2021), whichever is less. Participants in the plan have two different options to catch-up and contribute more when nearing retirement. In the three calendar years prior to normal retirement age, the special catch-up allows participants to contribute up to \$41,000 in 2022 (\$39,000 in 2021). Also, participants who were age 50 or older by the end of the calendar year are eligible to make additional catch-up contributions of up to \$6,500.

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The Clerk of Court has opted to match participating employees' elective deferrals up to 10%. For the year ended June 30, 2022, the Clerk of Court contributed \$59,105 to the plan.

Participant and on-behalf Clerk of Court contributions to the plan may be invested in a variety of investment options broadly diversified with distinct risk and return characteristics. Self-directed brokerage and managed account options are available. Contributions and investment earnings are always 100% vested.

No amounts were payable to the plan at June 30, 2022.

The plan has issued a standalone audit of their financial statements. Access to the report can be located on the website of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, [www.la.gov](http://www.la.gov), or the Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan, [LouisianaDCP.com](http://LouisianaDCP.com).

(12) Risk Management

The Clerk of Court is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Clerk of Court has elected to purchase insurance coverage through the commercial insurance market to cover its exposure to loss. The Clerk of Court is insured up to policy limits for each of the above risks. There were no significant changes in coverage, retentions, or limits during the year ended June 30, 2022. Settled claims have not exceeded the commercial coverage in any of the previous three fiscal years.

(13) Expenditures of the Clerk of Court Paid by the Parish Council

The Clerk of Court's office is located in the St. Mary Parish Courthouse, which is owned by the Parish of St. Mary. The parish government provides utilities and maintenance for operation of the courthouse. The parish government also furnishes the Clerk of Court's office with other operational materials and supplies. These expenditures are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements and are as follows for the year ended June 30, 2022:

<u>Materials and Supplies</u>		<u>Building and Utilities</u>	
Printing/Forms	\$ 943	Internet	4,200
Book binding	21,935	Rental equipment	25,699
Equipment lease	70,357	Office equipment maintenance	<u>11,273</u>
Office supplies	<u>18,512</u>	Total building and utilities	<u>41,172</u>
Total material and supplies	<u>111,747</u>	Total	<u>\$ 152,919</u>

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(14) Compensation and Other Payments to Agency Head

Act 706 of the 2014 Legislative Session amended R.S. 24:513A requiring additional disclosure of total compensation, reimbursements, benefits, or other payments made to an agency head or chief officer. Payments to and on behalf of the Clerk of Court, Clifford Dressel, for the year ended June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Salary	\$ 161,999
Benefits - Insurance	15,394
Benefits - Retirement	49,410
Benefits - Deferred compensation	13,272
Election expense allowance	2,400
	<u>\$ 242,475</u>

(15) Current Accounting Standards Scheduled to be Implemented

The following is a summary of accounting standards adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) that are scheduled to be implemented in the future that may affect the Clerk of Court's financial report:

GASB Statement No. 94, *Public-Private and Public-Public Partnerships and Availability Payment Arrangements* (PPP). This Statement requires that PPPs that meet the definition of a lease apply the guidance in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended, if existing assets of the transferor that are not required to be improved by the operator as part of the PPP arrangement are the only underlying PPP assets and the PPP does not meet the definition of an SCA. This Statement provides accounting and financial reporting requirements for all other PPPs: those that either (1) meet the definition of an SCA or (2) are not within the scope of Statement 87, as amended (as clarified by this Statement). The provisions of GASB Statement No. 94 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The effect of implementation on the Clerk's financial statements has not yet been determined.

GASB Statement No. 96, *Subscription-Based Information Technology Arrangements*. This Statement provides guidance on the accounting and financial reporting for subscription-based information technology arrangements (SBITAs) for government end users (governments). This Statement (1) defines a SBITA; (2) establishes that a SBITA results in a right-to-use subscription asset—an intangible asset—and a corresponding subscription liability; (3) provides the capitalization criteria for outlays other than subscription payments, including implementation costs of a SBITA; and (4) requires note disclosures regarding a SBITA. To the extent relevant, the standards for SBITAs are based on the standards established in Statement No. 87, *Leases*, as amended. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 96 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2022. The effect of implementation on the Clerk's financial statements has not yet been determined.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**



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Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
General Fund  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	Budget		Actual	Variance
	Original	Final		Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>				
Fees, charges and commissions for services:				
Court costs, fees and charges	\$ 888,500	\$ 813,000	\$ 891,328	\$ 78,328
Fees for recording legal documents	650,000	572,000	627,455	55,455
Fees for certified copies of documents	55,000	45,000	51,594	6,594
Marriage licenses	3,000	2,500	3,297	797
Miscellaneous	45,000	45,500	24,036	(21,464)
Intergovernmental	-	-	24,600	24,600
Use of money and property - interest earnings	3,500	2,000	2,286	286
Total revenues	<u>1,645,000</u>	<u>1,480,000</u>	<u>1,624,596</u>	<u>144,596</u>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
General government:				
Personal service and related benefits	1,446,400	1,409,000	1,401,971	7,029
Operating services	88,000	89,000	79,647	9,353
Materials and supplies	7,000	7,500	7,976	(476)
Travel and other charges	14,800	17,200	16,733	467
Total expenditures	<u>1,556,200</u>	<u>1,522,700</u>	<u>1,506,327</u>	<u>16,373</u>
Net change in fund balance	88,800	(42,700)	118,269	160,969
Fund balance, beginning	<u>798,009</u>	<u>798,009</u>	<u>974,815</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 886,809</u>	<u>\$ 755,309</u>	<u>\$ 1,093,084</u>	<u>\$ 337,775</u>

*See notes to required supplementary information.*

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Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 41,828	\$ 43,050	\$ 19,126	\$ 47,461	\$ 26,877
Interest	155,671	135,121	141,143	86,695	69,546
Differences between expected and actual experience	(9,384)	(162,241)	176,163	(18,219)	156,528
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	-	361,028	(1,196,918)	125,938	(650,557)
Benefits payments	<u>(171,560)</u>	<u>(173,862)</u>	<u>(147,417)</u>	<u>(129,826)</u>	<u>(145,513)</u>
Net change in total OPEB liability	16,555	203,096	(1,007,903)	112,049	(543,119)
Total OPEB liability, beginning	<u>4,344,278</u>	<u>4,360,833</u>	<u>4,563,929</u>	<u>3,556,026</u>	<u>3,668,075</u>
Total OPEB liability, ending	<u>\$ 4,360,833</u>	<u>\$ 4,563,929</u>	<u>\$ 3,556,026</u>	<u>\$ 3,668,075</u>	<u>\$ 3,124,956</u>
Covered employee payroll	<u>\$ 748,004</u>	<u>\$ 730,323</u>	<u>\$ 741,199</u>	<u>\$ 731,399</u>	<u>\$ 708,409</u>
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	<u>583.0%</u>	<u>624.9%</u>	<u>479.8%</u>	<u>501.5%</u>	<u>441.1%</u>

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

*See notes to required supplementary information.*

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

Plan Year Ended June 30,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) (a)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll (b)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll (a/b)	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2014	0.866400%	\$ 1,168,654	\$ 787,696	148.36%	79.37%
2015	0.874817%	\$ 1,312,253	\$ 779,553	168.33%	78.13%
2016	0.881513%	\$ 1,630,776	\$ 774,548	210.55%	74.17%
2017	0.835017%	\$ 1,263,326	\$ 753,299	167.71%	79.69%
2018	0.805624%	\$ 1,339,995	\$ 748,004	179.14%	79.07%
2019	0.751101%	\$ 1,363,993	\$ 730,323	186.77%	77.93%
2020	0.747516%	\$ 1,798,423	\$ 741,199	242.64%	72.09%
2021	0.724650%	\$ 963,957	\$ 731,399	131.80%	85.40%

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Schedule of Employer Contributions  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

Fiscal Year Ended June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2015	\$ 144,217	\$ 144,217	\$ -	\$ 779,553	18.50%
2016	\$ 147,164	\$ 147,164	\$ -	\$ 774,548	19.00%
2017	\$ 143,127	\$ 143,127	\$ -	\$ 753,299	19.00%
2018	\$ 142,121	\$ 142,121	\$ -	\$ 748,004	19.00%
2019	\$ 138,761	\$ 138,761	\$ -	\$ 730,323	19.00%
2020	\$ 140,828	\$ 140,828	\$ -	\$ 741,199	19.00%
2021	\$ 153,594	\$ 153,594	\$ -	\$ 731,399	21.00%
2022	\$ 157,621	\$ 157,621	\$ -	\$ 708,409	22.25%

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budgetary Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by the Clerk of Court.

(2) Budget Adoption

The following procedures apply to establishing the budgetary data reflected in the supplementary information:

1. A proposed budget is prepared and submitted by the Clerk of Court for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
2. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year.

(3) Retirement Systems

1. Changes of Benefit Terms -

There were no changes of benefit terms.

2. Changes of Assumptions –

Plan Year ended June 30,	Discount Rate	Investment Rate of Return	Inflation Rate	Expected Remaining Service Lives	Projected Salary Increase
2014	7.25%	7.25%	2.75%	5	5.75%
2015	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	5.00%
2016	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	5.00%
2017	7.00%	7.00%	2.50%	5	5.00%
2018	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	5	5.00%
2019	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	5	5.00%
2020	6.75%	6.75%	2.50%	5	5.00%-6.20%
2021	6.55%	6.55%	2.40%	5	5.00%-6.20%

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information (continued)

(4) Other Postemployment Benefits

1. Changes of Benefits Terms - None
2. Changes of Assumptions - Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period.

The following are the discount and mortality rates used in each period:

<u>Period</u>	<u>Discount Rate</u>
2018	3.62%
2019	3.13%
2020	2.45%
2021	1.92%
2022	3.69%

<u>Period</u>	<u>Mortality Rates</u>	<u>Source</u>
2018	RPH-2014 Employee and Healthy Annuitant, Generational with MP-2018	
2019	PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Retiree, Generational with MP-2018	
2020	PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Retiree, Generational with MP-2019	
2021	PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Retiree, Generational with MP-2020	
2022	PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Retiree, Generational with MP-2021	

3. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in GASBS No. 75, paragraph 4, to pay related benefits.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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Justice System Funding Schedule  
Receiving Entity  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/2021</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>06/30/2022</u>
Cash Basis Presentation		
Receipts From:		
St. Mary Parish Sheriff- Criminal Fines	\$ 21,452	\$ 21,107
St. Mary Parish Sheriff- Bond Fees	<u>1,387</u>	<u>1,373</u>
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 22,839</u>	<u>\$ 22,480</u>

*See accompanying independent auditor's report.*



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Justice System Funding Schedule  
Collecting/Disbursing Entity  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/2021</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>06/30/2022</u>
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ <u>1,314,562</u>	\$ <u>1,334,230</u>
Add: Collections		
Civil Fees	491,534	553,214
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	<u>213</u>	<u>213</u>
Subtotal Collections	<u>491,747</u>	<u>553,427</u>
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:		
Acadia Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	207
Ascension Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	188	107
Assumption Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	886	376
Beauregard Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	58
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	48	41
East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	5,062	5,906
East Feliciana Sheriff - Civil Fees	46	-
Evangeline Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	88
Iberia Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	1,235	1,597
Iberville Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	64
Jefferson Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	540	510
Lafayette Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	2,085	3,576
Lafourche Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	755	863
Orleans Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	1,410	980
Ouachita Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	99	96
Plaquemines Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	60	90
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	90	44
Rapides Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	110	36
Richland Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	36	-
St. Bernard Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	33	-
St. Charles Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	37
St. James Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	53
St. John Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	35	10
St. Landry Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	62	200
St. Martin Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	402	152
St. Mary Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	30,307	32,918
St. Tammany Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	191	402
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	31	52

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Justice System Funding Schedule  
Collecting/Disbursing Entity (continued)  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

Terrebonne Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	1,592	986
Vermilion Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	36	108
Washington Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	94
West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff - Civil Fees	-	82
West Feliciana Sheriff- Civil Fees	-	34
First Circuit Court of Appeals Clerk of Court- Civil Fees	327	327
La. Dept. of Treasurer - Civil Fees	2,952	-
La. Secretary of State - Civil Fees	3,000	2,850
La. Supreme Court - Civil Fees	275	345
Louisiana Clerks Remote Access Authority- Criminal Fees	658	982
St. Mary Parish Government - Criminal Fees	750	8,175
La. Supreme Court Judicial Administrator - La. Judicial College Fees	254	244
La. State Treasurer - Judges' Supplemental Compensation Fund	13,222	12,854
16th Judicial District Court- Judicial Expense Fund	17,132	16,622
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency- Civil Fees	299,139	325,088
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Civil Fee Refunds	81,172	107,498
Other Disbursements to Individuals	7,859	8,560
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>89,031</u>	<u>116,058</u>
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	<u>\$ 1,334,230</u>	<u>\$ 1,354,345</u>

*See accompanying independent auditor's report.*

**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS**

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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*

The Honorable Clifford Dressel  
St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court  
Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court (hereinafter "Clerk of Court"), a component unit of the Parish of St. Mary, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clerk of Court's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 25, 2022.

### Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk of Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk of Court'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 Clerk of Court'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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

## **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Clerk of Court's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our 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 our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Clerk of Court'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 Clerk of Court's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of this report may be limited under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 44:6.

***Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC***  
Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana  
October 25, 2022

ST. MARY PARISH CLERK OF COURT  
Franklin, Louisiana

Schedule of Audit Results and Findings  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results

*Financial Statements*

1. Type of auditor's opinion issued on financial statements:

Opinion Unit	Type of Opinion
Governmental activities	Unmodified
Major fund:	
General	Unmodified
Aggregate remaining fund information	Unmodified

2. Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weakness(es) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> no	
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	_____ yes	_____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> none reported	

3. Noncompliance material to the financial statements? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_  no

*Other*

4. Management letter issued? \_\_\_\_\_ yes \_\_\_\_\_  no

Part II: Findings Required to be Reported in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

Internal Control –

There are no findings reported in this section.

Compliance –

There are no findings reported in this section.

Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs Reported in Accordance with Uniform Guidance

The requirements of the Uniform Guidance do not apply.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings  
Year Ended June 30, 2022

A. Internal Control –

No findings were reported under this section.

B. Compliance –

2021-001 – Public Bid Law

CONDITION: The Clerk of Court leased a vehicle during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2021. The lease agreement included a purchase option, and such exceeds the threshold established by the Public Bid Law. This potential purchase may have been subject to the Public Bid Law since the agreement contains an opportunity to obtain title at the end of the lease term.

CURRENT STATUS: This condition did not reoccur.

C. Uniform Guidance –

Not applicable in prior year.

D. Management Letter –

Not issued in the prior year.

**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT AUDIT FINDINGS**

APPENDIX A

There are no items requiring corrective action.



**ST. MARY PARISH CLERK OF COURT**

Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures

Fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Honorable Clifford Dressel, St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court, and  
Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. The St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court's (hereinafter "Clerk") management is responsible for those control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Clerk 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 control and compliance areas identified in LLA's SAUPs and report on exceptions based upon the procedures performed for the fiscal period July 1, 2021 through June 30, 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 exceptions, if any, are as follows:

### *Written Policies and Procedures*

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1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):

- a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- b) **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.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- d) **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).

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employees(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-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).

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- i) **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.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above.*

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

*The Clerk has not adopted formal debt service policies and procedures. However, the Clerk maintains no debt.*

- k) **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.

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above with the exception of (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.*

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

*Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the subcategories noted above with the exception of (2) annual employee training and (3) annual reporting.*

### ***Board or Finance Committee***

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**Not applicable – The Clerk is an independently elected official.**

2. 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:
  - a) 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.
  - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that 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. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
  - c) 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.

### ***Bank Reconciliations***

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3. 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:

*Obtained listing of bank accounts for the fiscal year and management's representation that the listing is complete. Management identified the operating account. Randomly selected one month from the fiscal period.*

- a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

*Two (2) of the five (5) accounts selected did not document evidence of a preparation date.*

- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/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

*Two (2) of the five (5) accounts selected are prepared by management. Further, two (2) accounts were reviewed by a member of management who handles cash, posts ledgers, or issues checks.*

- c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

*No reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months identified.*

### ***Collections (excluding EFTs)***

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- 4. 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).

*Obtained 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. Selected the Clerk's one (1) deposit site.*

- 5. 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 (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies and procedures, 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:

*Obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected the Clerk's one (1) collection location. Inquired of employees about their job duties.*

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

*Employees responsible for cash collections share cash drawers.*

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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 were found as a result of this procedure.*

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not 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.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- 6. 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 enforced during the fiscal period.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (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). *Alternately, 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:

a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

d) 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).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

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8. 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).

*Obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Selected the Clerk's one (1) location that processes payments.*

9. For each location selected under #8 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, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

c) 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.

*The employee responsible for processing payments is not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files. Another employee is not responsible for reviewing changes to vendor files.*

- d) 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.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); should not be reported.]

10. For each location selected under #8 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:

*Obtained the Clerk's non-payroll disbursement transaction population and management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly selected five (5) disbursements for the Clerk's one (1) location that processes payments.*

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and that supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

#### ***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

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11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-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.

*Obtained listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards, including the card numbers from management, the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards, and management's representation that the listing is complete.*

12. 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:

*Selected the Clerk's one (1) card.*

- a) Observe that 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) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported]

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 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 (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). 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 note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*Selected the four (4) transactions from the selected statement. Documentation for three (3) transactions did not include description of business/public purpose.*

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

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14. 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, 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:

- a) 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)).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*Not applicable - transactions selected were not reimbursed using actual costs.*

- c) 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 policy (procedure #1h).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

#### ***Contracts***

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15. 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. *Alternately, 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:

- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.

*No contracts selected were subject to requirements of the Louisiana Public Bid Law.*



- b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).

*The Clerk is an independently elected official. Approval of contracts is not required by policy or law.*

- c) 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 was approval documented).

*There were no amendments to the selected contracts.*

- d) 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.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

### ***Payroll and Personnel***

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- 16. 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.

*Obtained a listing of all employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly selected five (5) employees or officials and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in personnel files with no exceptions.*

- 17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

- a) Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, officials are not eligible to earn leave and do not document their attendance and leave. However, if the official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)

*Three (3) of the five (5) employees tested did not have documentation of their daily attendance. Attendance is not documented for full-time employees as earnings are based on salary. However, detailed leave records maintained include absences when the schedule is deviated from.*

- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.

*Three (3) of the five (5) employees selected did not have documentation of their daily attendance.*

- c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- d) Observe that the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

18. 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, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee or officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

*Obtained management's representation that there were no termination payments during the fiscal period.*

19. 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.

*Obtained management's representation that all amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.*

### ***Ethics***

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20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

*Two (2) of the five (5) employees selected did not complete one hour of ethics training. However, these employees are part-time high school students.*

- b. Observe that the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

*Documentation which demonstrated employees were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy could not be obtained for the two (2) part-time employees selected.*

### ***Debt Service***

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21. 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 bond/note issued.

*No bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period.*

22. 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).

*No bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal year.*

### ***Fraud Notice***

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23. 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.

*Obtained management's representation that there were no misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period.*

24. 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.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

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25. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**

- a. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup occurred within the past week. If backups are stored on a physical medium (e.g., tapes, CDs), observe evidence that backups are encrypted before being transported.

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

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

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

- c. 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.

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

### ***Sexual Harassment***

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26. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under 'Payroll and Personnel' above, 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.

*Two (2) of the five (5) employees selected did not complete one hour of sexual harassment training. However, these employees are part-time high school students.*

27. 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).

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

28. 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 it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

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

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- b. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- c. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- d. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

- e. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*No exceptions were found as a result of this procedure.*

### **Management's Response**

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The Clerk concurs with the exceptions and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the Clerk to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable provisions of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were 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 control and compliance areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Clerk and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance 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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