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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Washington Parish Government
Franklinton, Louisiana

Adverse, Qualified, and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington Parish Government (the Parish), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Parish's primary government as listed in the Table of Contents.

Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the "Basis for Adverse, Qualified and Unmodified Opinions" section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the Parish as of December 31, 2025, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Qualified Opinion on Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, except for the matters described in the "Basis for Adverse, Qualified and Unmodified Opinions" section of our report, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the aggregate remaining fund information of the Parish as of December 31, 2025, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinions on Governmental Activities, Business-Type Activities and Each Major Fund

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, and each major fund of the Parish as of December 31, 2025, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Adverse, Qualified and Unmodified Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. 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 Parish, 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 adverse, qualified, and unmodified audit opinions.

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units and Qualified Opinion on the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

The financial statements referred to above do not include financial data for the Parish's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the Parish's primary government unless the Parish also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The Parish has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. Because of this departure from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses of the aggregate discretely presented component units has not been determined. In addition, the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues, and expenditures of the aggregate remaining fund information are indeterminable.

Responsibility of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes 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 Parish'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.

Auditors' 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 will always detect a material misstatement when it exists.

The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, 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 Parish'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 Parish'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 the Management's Discussion and Analysis, Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios and Notes to the Schedule, Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of Employer's Pension Contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements is required by the *Government 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, and 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 information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Parish's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards, combining nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and justice system funding schedule are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. The schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*.

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and justice system funding schedule are the responsibility of management and were derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. In our opinion, the schedule of expenditures of federal awards, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements, schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and justice system funding schedule 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 issued our report dated June 23, 2026, on our consideration of the Parish'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 to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Parish's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
June 23, 2026

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

As management of the Washington Parish Government, we offer readers of Washington Parish Government's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Washington Parish Government for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2025. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information contained in this report.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The assets of the Washington Parish Government exceeded its liabilities at the close of the most recent fiscal year by $81,916,148 (net position). Of this amount, $5,208,298 represents unrestricted net position.

During 2025, the Washington Parish Government's total net position increased by $6,498,208. The decrease in net position of $6,498,208 in 2025 can be explained by the relationship between total revenues (including transfers) and total expenses for the year. Here's a breakdown of the key reasons for this decrease.

- The net investment in capital assets increased by $4,835,681. These capital projects and infrastructure improvements were largely funded by state and federal grant sources.

- The sales tax revenue for the Parish decreased by approximately $1.2 million (10.6%).This was the main contributor to the total revenue decrease over the prior year of $2,387,652.

- However, the Parish was able to decrease spending by $764,802 compared to the prior year. This increased the net position of the Parish by $6,498,208. Major contributors to this savings were a reduction in employee health care premiums due to a change in health plans and savings in the cost of feeding and keeping of Parish prisoners. Although the Parish continued to make significant investments in capital assets during 2025, total capital outlay was lower than in the prior year, primarily due to the timing of large equipment purchases and construction projects.

- A net pension asset of $604,854 was recognized in 2025, compared to a net pension liability of $584,055 in the prior year.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

***Capital Projects and Infrastructure Improvements**:*

- In 2025, the Parish undertook and recorded a range of capital improvement projects across various departments. The Department of Public Works completed 3.40 miles of asphalt overlay on Parish roads at a cost of $101,763 per mile. Additionally, the Parish contracted 23.57 miles of asphalt overlay work at a total cost of $3,062,106, averaging $129,942 per mile. The Road Maintenance Department expanded the Parish fleet with new and used equipment valued at $940,629.

- ARPA funding also supported various other initiatives, including:

  - $187,942 to enhance medical services at the Parish Jail & help with overcrowding;

  - $229,367 for the construction of soccer fields and a concession and restroom facility for the Washington Parish Recreation District #1;

  - $69,357 for additional capital renovations at various Parish facilities.

- The Parish also received a $100,000 grant from the Louisiana Governor's Assistance Program (LGAP), used to renovate the Courthouse Annex Building.

- Construction on the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) Sidewalk Project – Segment A, extending the brick-lined sidewalk from downtown Franklinton to the Washington Parish Fairgrounds. Completion is anticipated by June 2026. Engineering began on Segments D&E.

- Additionally, funding from Act 776 in the amount of $250,000 allowed for the construction of a storage shed at Loc 3, baseball field fencing and playground equipment at Varnado Recreation Center and a fuel tank and pump shed at Choctaw Landfill.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS - Continued

At the close of the current fiscal year, the Washington Parish Government's funds reported combined fund balances of $15,458,286, an increase of $1,154,548 in comparison with the prior year. The majority of this amount is restricted for specific purposes. See pg. 23 and 24 for additional detail on fund balances.

At the end of the current fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the general fund was $1,033,800, or 55% of total general fund expenditures and committed fund balance was $850,000.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The discussion and analysis provided here are intended to serve as an introduction to the Washington Parish Government's basic financial statements. The Washington Parish Government's basic financial statements consist of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) the notes to financial statements. This report also includes supplementary information intended to furnish additional detail to support the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Washington Parish Government's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *Statement of Net Position* presents financial information on all of the Washington Parish Government's assets, liabilities, and deferred inflows/outflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Washington Parish Government is improving or deteriorating.

The *Statement of Activities* presents information showing how the Washington Parish Government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, *regardless of the timing of related cash flows*. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (e.g., uncollected taxes and earned but unused vacation leave).

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

Both of the government-wide financial statements distinguish functions of the Washington Parish Government that are principally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues *(governmental activities)* from other functions that are intended to recover all or a significant portion of their costs through user fees and charges *(business-type activities)*.

The governmental activities of the Washington Parish Government include general government, public safety, highways and streets, health and welfare, culture and recreation, sanitation and hurricane relief and restoration. The business-type activities of the Washington Parish Government consist of a revolving loan program funded by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Choctaw Road Landfill.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 20-21 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Washington Parish Government, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Washington Parish Government can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and proprietary funds.

Governmental Funds. *Governmental funds* are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on *near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources,* as well as on *balances of spendable resources* available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in assessing a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for *governmental funds* with similar information presented for *governmental activities* in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between *governmental funds* and *governmental activities.*

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

The Washington Parish Government maintains eight major governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental fund balance sheet and in the governmental fund statement of revenue, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for all major funds. Data from the other twelve governmental funds are combined into a single aggregated presentation. Individual fund data for each of these nonmajor governmental funds is provided in the form of combining statements in the Nonmajor Governmental Funds section, under OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION of this report.

The Washington Parish Government adopts an annual appropriated budget for its general fund and each special revenue fund, as required by the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act. A budgetary comparison statement has been provided for each of these funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

The basic governmental fund financial statements and reconciliations can be found on pages 23-28 of this report.

Proprietary Funds. The Washington Parish Government maintains two proprietary funds, *Enterprise funds*. *Enterprise funds* are used to report the same functions presented as *business-type activities* in the government-wide financial statements. The Washington Parish Government uses enterprise funds to account for its USDA revolving loan and Choctaw Road landfill funds. The revolving loan fund is funded by the United States Department of Agriculture. The purpose of this fund is to assist individuals in the Parish with an additional source of funding for restricted business projects with the hope of aiding economic development in Washington Parish. The Choctaw Road Landfill Fund is a fund that accounts for the operations of the Choctaw Road Landfill, a solid waste disposal landfill.

Proprietary funds provide the same type of information as the government-wide financial statements, only in more detail. The basic proprietary fund financial statements can be found on pages 29-31 of this report.

Notes to the Financial Statements. The notes provide additional information that is necessary to acquire a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 32-61 of this report.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents *required supplemental information* concerning the Washington Parish Government's budgetary comparison information. Required supplemental information can be found on pages 63-74 of this report.

The combining statements referred to earlier in connection with nonmajor governmental funds are presented immediately following the required supplemental information. Combining fund statements and schedules can be found on pages 78-81 of this report.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT'S NET POSITION

A condensed statement of net position is presented below in Table A-1.

TABLE A-1

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Totals	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
Current assets	$ 19,684,706	$ 17,728,461	$ 6,866,773	$ 6,137,250	$ 26,551,479	$ 23,865,711
Non-current assets	60,606,685	54,783,760	1,563,563	1,945,953	62,170,248	56,729,713
TOTAL ASSETS	80,291,391	72,512,221	8,430,336	8,083,203	88,721,727	80,595,424
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	889,359	1,750,054	-	-	889,359	1,750,054
Current liabilities	4,678,343	4,481,616	1,785,167	1,734,072	6,463,510	6,215,688
Non-current liabilities	85,460	77,246	3,881	3,713	89,341	80,959
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,763,803	4,558,862	1,789,048	1,737,785	6,552,851	6,296,647
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	1,142,087	630,891	-	-	1,142,087	630,891
Net invested in capital assets	60,001,831	54,783,760	1,563,563	1,945,953	61,565,394	56,729,713
Restricted:						
Capital projects	2,030,584	1,338,875	-	-	2,030,584	1,338,875
Health and welfare	209,104	343,572	-	-	209,104	343,572
Solid waste disposal	2,037,924	1,894,308	-	-	2,037,924	1,894,308
Closure and post-closure	-	-	1,327,170	1,045,593	1,327,170	1,045,593
Highways and bridges	5,975,830	5,386,067	-	-	5,975,830	5,386,067
Other purposes	3,321,044	3,100,639	240,800	233,460	3,561,844	3,334,099
Unrestricted net position	1,698,543	2,225,301	3,509,755	3,120,412	5,208,298	5,345,713
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 75,274,860	$ 69,072,522	$ 6,641,288	$ 6,345,418	$ 81,916,148	$ 75,417,940

GOVERNMENT-WIDE OVERALL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

As noted earlier, net position over time, may serve as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of Washington Parish Government, assets and deferred outflows of resources exceeded liabilities and deferred inflows of resources by $81,916,148, at the close of the most recent fiscal year.

By far, the largest portion of the Washington Parish Government's net position (75%) reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., land, buildings, machinery, equipment, vehicles, roads, bridges and other infrastructure), less any related outstanding debt that was used to acquire those assets. The Washington Parish Government uses these capital assets to provide a variety of services to its citizens. Accordingly, these assets are not available for future spending. Although the Washington Parish Government's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources used to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE OVERALL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS - Continued

An additional portion of the Washington Parish Government's net position (18%) represents resources that are subject to external restrictions on how they may be used. The remaining amount of $5,208,298 represents unrestricted net position. At the end of the current fiscal year, the Washington Parish Government can report positive balances in all reported categories of ending net position. The Washington Parish Government's overall net position increased by $6,498,208 during 2025, as discussed on pg. 5.

CHANGES IN NET POSITION

A condensed statement of changes in net position is presented below in Table A-2.

TABLE A-2

	Governmental Activities		Business-Type Activities		Total	
	2025	2024	2025	2024	2025	2024
REVENUES						
Program revenues						
Charges for services	$ 986,540	$ 972,792	$1,141,316	$1,094,696	$ 2,127,856	$ 2,067,488
Operating grants and contributions	4,766,538	3,117,996	-	-	4,766,538	3,117,996
Capital grants and contributions	2,501,690	5,823,889	-	-	2,501,690	5,823,889
General revenues:						
Property taxes	6,993,518	6,621,169	-	-	6,993,518	6,621,169
Sales taxes	10,110,994	11,309,331	-	-	10,110,994	11,309,331
Other taxes	603,039	638,102	-	-	603,039	638,102
Other	1,749,979	1,661,922	7,340	8,709	1,757,319	1,670,631
TOTAL REVENUES	27,712,298	30,145,201	1,148,656	1,103,405	28,860,954	31,248,606
EXPENSES						
General government	7,130,546	5,905,100	-	-	7,130,546	5,905,100
Public safety	3,208,785	5,165,373	-	-	3,208,785	5,165,373
Highway and streets	7,129,126	6,575,595	-	-	7,129,126	6,575,595
Health and welfare	1,466,924	1,932,491	-	-	1,466,924	1,932,491
Culture and recreation	952,579	1,060,990	-	-	952,579	1,060,990
Landfill	-	-	2,474,786	2,487,999	2,474,786	2,487,999
TOTAL EXPENSES	19,887,960	20,639,549	2,474,786	2,487,999	22,362,746	23,127,548
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET POSITION BEFORE TRANSFERS	7,824,338	9,505,652	(1,326,130)	(1,384,594)	6,498,208	8,121,058
TRANSFERS	(1,622,000)	(1,994,000)	1,622,000	1,994,000	-	-
INCREASE IN NET POSITION	6,202,338	7,511,652	295,870	609,406	6,498,208	8,121,058
NET POSITION – BEGINNING	69,072,522	61,560,870	6,345,418	5,736,012	75,417,940	67,296,882
NET POSITION – ENDING	$ 75,274,860	$ 69,072,522	$6,641,288	$6,345,418	$ 81,916,148	$ 75,417,940

CHANGES IN NET POSITION - Continued

The expenditure categories for each of Washington Parish Government's seven largest programs are outlined as follows:

1. **General Government** – Encompasses funding for the legislative, executive, and administrative functions of Parish government, including the building permit office and community services. It also includes state-mandated expenditures such as the court system (Judges, District Attorney, Court Reporters, Jurors, and Witnesses), Justice of the Peace, Clerk of Court, Registrar of Voters, and Assessor.
2. **Highways and Streets** – Covers both routine maintenance and capital improvements related to roads, drainage systems, bridges, and associated equipment.
3. **Public Safety** – Includes state-mandated funding for the Sheriff's Office, as well as operational expenses for the Parish jail, Constables, and the 4th Ward Marshal.
4. **Health and Welfare** – Funds administrative and operational costs of the Health Unit facilities located in Bogalusa and Franklinton, the Animal Shelter, and state-mandated expenditures for the Coroner's Office.
5. **Culture and Recreation** – Includes operational and administrative expenses for the main library branches and satellite locations throughout the Parish, as well as costs associated with the acquisition, pre-construction, and maintenance of Recreation District #1.
6. **Landfill** – Relates to the construction and ongoing operation of the Choctaw Road landfill.
7. **Revolving Loan Program** – Administered on behalf of the USDA, this program provides low-interest loans to eligible small businesses within the Parish.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Washington Parish Government used fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds. The focus of the Washington Parish Government's governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Washington Parish Government's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for discretionary use as they represent the portion of fund balance which has not yet been limited to use for a particular purpose by either an external party, the Washington Parish Government itself, or a group or individual that has been delegated authority to assign resources for use for particular purposes by the Washington Parish Government's Council.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The General Fund reported a deficit of revenues and other financing sources over expenditures and other financing uses of $356,477 resulting in an ending fund balance of $1,883,800.

At December 31, 2025, the Washington Parish Government's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of $15,458,286, an increase of $1,154,548 in comparison with the prior year. The unassigned portion of the fund balance is $1,033,800 of the total balance and the Parish committed $850,000 for disaster recovery and/or capital projects. $13,469,252 is restricted for particular purposes. See Note 13 to the financial statements.

TABLE A-3
WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT FUND BALANCES

FUND NAME	FUND BALANCE		% OF TOTAL	
	2025	2024	2025	2024
General Fund	$ 1,883,800	$ 2,240,277	12.19	15.66
Parish Transportation Fund	5,975,830	5,386,067	38.66	37.66
Sales Tax Split .67% Fund	1,932,545	1,792,445	12.50	12.53
Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund	172,428	66,398	01.12	00.46
Road Improvement Fund	2,030,574	1,338,865	13.14	09.36
Courthouse Maintenance Fund	180,085	285,188	01.17	01.99
Health Unit Maintenance Fund	209,104	343,572	01.35	02.40
Criminal Court Fund	52,961	38,460	00.34	00.27
Library Fund	2,611,661	2,376,453	16.90	16.62
Special Witness Fund	16,346	17,531	00.11	00.12
Sales Tax Split 1% Fund	105,379	101,863	00.68	00.71
FEMA Disaster Recovery Fund	115,544	115,544	00.75	00.81
Criminal Jury Fund	73,065	65,618	00.47	00.46
Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Fund	34,667	32,357	00.21	00.23
LCDBG Water Improvements Fund	10	10	00.00	00.00
Recreation District # 1 Fund	64,287	103,090	00.41	00.72
TOTAL	$ 15,458,286	$ 14,303,738	100	100

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Original budget compared to final budget.

The 2025 budget was developed based on projected actuals from 2024. Sales tax revenues were originally budgeted with a slight increase, while ad valorem tax revenues were projected to rise by 5%. In September, amendments were made across all funds to align fund balances with actual figures as of December 31, 2025. These amendments also incorporated key adjustments related to revenue and expenditures, including:

1. Sales tax revenues were revised downward by approximately $2.2 million due to lower-than-anticipated collections; and

2. Several grant revenues were revised as timing became clearer when the funds would be received and/or the projects completed.

Final budget compared to actual results. The most notable variances between estimated and actual revenues were as follows:

- The progress of capital outlay projects was inconsistent, with several projects not advancing as anticipated by year-end.

- Revenues exceeded budgeted projections in all funds except four reimbursement-based special revenue and grant funds — the Opioid Abatement Settlement Fund, CDBG Community Projects Fund, American Rescue Plan Act Fund, and Hazard Mitigation Grant Fund. Because revenues in these funds are recognized only as qualifying expenditures are incurred, expenditures in each of these funds were also below budget by approximately the same amounts.

- All fund expenditures remained below budgeted levels, with the exception of the State/Federal Funded Capital Projects fund. This fund contains expenses for the construction of a 911 Communications Tower. The 2025 expenses will be reimbursed by the Washington Parish Communications District and future expenses will either be reimbursed by the Washington Parish Communication District or the USDA Rural Development Grant program.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets. The Washington Parish Government's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2025, amounts to $60,001,831. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, equipment, vehicles, roads, bridges and culverts. The total increase in capital assets for the current fiscal year was approximately 10%.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION - CONTINUED

TABLE A-4
WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT'S CAPITAL ASSETS

Governmental Activities:	2025	2024	Total Change 2025-2024
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:			
Land	$ 3,038,051	$ 3,037,969	$ 82
Construction-in-progress	1,089,344	1,187,731	(98,387)
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS NOT BEING DEPRECIATED	4,127,395	4,225,700	(98,305)
Other Capital Assets:			
Buildings	17,825,353	15,275,451	2,549,902
Equipment	10,600,587	9,908,570	692,017
Books	1,391,013	1,391,013	-
Asphalt roads	48,557,321	43,266,299	5,291,022
3-shot roads	8,014,282	8,592,541	(578,259)
Bridges and culverts	28,602,070	28,602,070	-
TOTAL OTHER CAPITAL ASSETS	114,990,626	107,035,944	7,954,682
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	$119,118,021	$111,261,644	$ 7,856,377

There was a net increase in capital assets in the amount of $7,856,377 for the year ended December 31, 2025. Major capital asset events during the current fiscal year included the following:

- The Department of Public Works (DPW) completed asphalt overlay on 3.4 miles of roadway, with a total expenditure of $346,302.
- Through the DOTD Road Transfer Program, 4.5 miles of Parish roads were reconstructed at a cost of $1,966,681.
- Asphalt overlay covering 23.57 miles was contracted to Barriere Construction Co. Inc. totaling $3,062,106.
- Soccer Fields, Concession Stands and Restrooms totaling approximately $1.6 million were constructed at the Atoka Recreation Complex through Capital Outlay, ARPA and Land and Water Conservation Funding.
- Modernization efforts for the Courthouse were completed at a cost of $450,643 using capital outlay funding.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION - CONTINUED

Governmental Activities: (Continued)

- Additionally, funding from Act 776 in the amount of $250,000 allowed for the construction of a storage shed at Loc 3, baseball field fencing and playground equipment at Varnado Recreation Center and a fuel tank and pump shed at Choctaw Landfill.
- The Permit office was also renovated using LGAP funding a cost of $103,475.
- New and used equipment for road maintenance was acquired, amounting to $940,629.

Business-type Activities:

	2025	2024	Total Change 2025-2024
Capital assets not being depreciated			
Land	$ 15,000	$ 15,000	$ -
Other Capital Assets			
Land	292,712	292,712	-
Buildings	233,376	233,376	-
Cells and land work	8,277,072	8,277,072	-
Drop off facility	185,575	185,575	-
Equipment	767,792	722,905	44,887
	9,756,527	9,711,640	44,887
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	$ 9,771,527	$ 9,726,640	$ 44,887

Additional information on the Washington Parish Government's capital assets can be found in Note 8 on pages 48-49 of this report.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

All funds of the Washington Parish Government were budgeted based on the projected revenues and expenditures of 2025.

All funds within the Washington Parish Government's 2026 budget have been projected based on the revenues and expenditures of 2025. This approach ensures alignment with historical financial trends and provides a stable foundation for fiscal planning. The Finance Department, under the leadership of Director Lacy Burris, is responsible for safeguarding the Parish's assets through the development and implementation of sound financial policies and procedures.

- Sales tax revenues for 2026 have been budgeted based on projected actual collections for 2025.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES - Continued

- Ad valorem tax revenues were estimated using the 2025 millage rates provided by the Washington Parish Assessor, incorporating a modest 1.0% increase, driven by normal commercial and residential construction activity throughout the Parish.

- Hospitalization insurance was renewed with a modest 1.73% increase in premiums. By selecting a higher deductible plan, we were able to mitigate larger rate increases. This decision will result in higher Parish HRA funding costs but will preserve current employee benefits without increasing out-of-pocket expenses for our employees. The employer contribution rate to the Parochial Employees Retirement System remained at 11.0%. Property insurance premiums have been budgeted with modest increases in line with current market conditions.

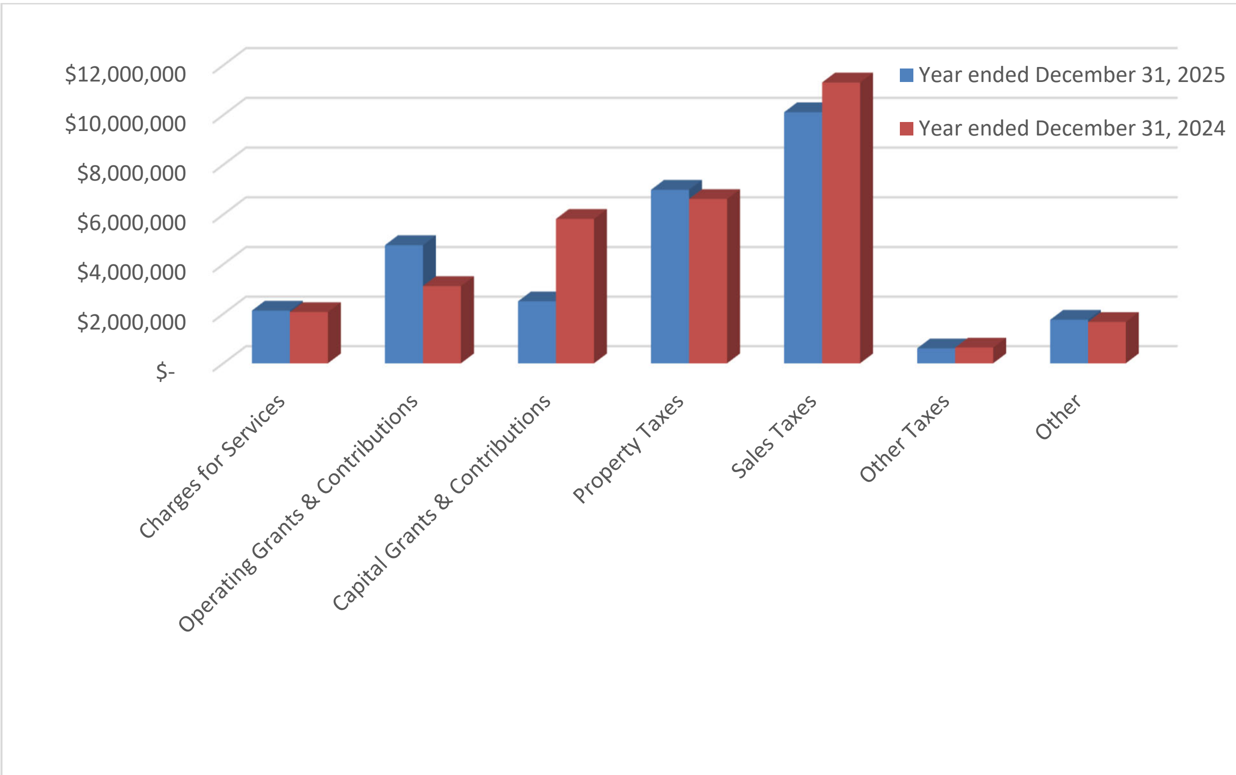
- A 2% cost of living adjustment will be granted to all Washington Parish employees. Additional merit or tenure-based salary increases may be awarded at the discretion of the Parish President.

The 2026 budget has been prepared with a conservative approach, maintaining close oversight of expenditures. Given the anticipated increases in sales and ad valorem tax revenues, along with the continued growth in fund balances, the Parish remains confident in its path toward strengthened financial stability.

REVENUES BY SOURCE

The following chart reflects the Parish's revenues for the years ended December 31, 2025 and 2024, by source:

Revenues	2025	2024	Difference
Charges for services	$ 2,127,856	$ 2,067,488	$ 60,368
Operating grants and contributions	4,766,538	3,117,996	1,648,542
Capital grants and contributions	2,501,690	5,823,889	(3,322,199)
Property taxes	6,993,518	6,622,713	370,805
Sales taxes	10,110,994	11,309,331	(1,198,337)
Other taxes	603,039	636,558	(33,519)
Other	1,757,319	1,670,631	86,688
Total Revenues	$ 28,860,954	$ 31,248,606	$ (2,387,652)



REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Washington Parish Government's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Office of the Finance Director, 909 Pearl Street, Washington Parish Government, Franklinton, LA 70438, telephone number (985) 839-7825.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2025

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
ASSETS			
Cash	$ 8,545,463	$ 5,782,843	$ 14,328,306
Investments	1,494,027	564,512	2,058,539
Receivables	8,043,482	168,308	8,211,790
FEMA receivable	1,492,650	-	1,492,650
Prepaids	88,500	24,302	112,802
Notes receivable - net	-	3,942	3,942
Due from other governments	20,584	-	20,584
Restricted investments	-	322,866	322,866
Net pension asset	604,854	-	604,854
Capital assets:			
Land	3,038,051	15,000	3,053,051
Construction-in-progress	1,089,344	-	1,089,344
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	55,874,436	1,548,563	57,422,999
TOTAL ASSETS	80,291,391	8,430,336	88,721,727
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	5,658	-	5,658
Differences between expected and actual experience	369,115	-	369,115
Contributions subsequent to themeasurement date	514,586	-	514,586
TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	889,359	-	889,359
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	2,115,778	135,131	2,250,909
Unearned revenue	1,976,865	-	1,976,865
Due to other governments	112,800	-	112,800
Noncurrent liabilities			
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	-	1,650,036	1,650,036
OPEB liability	472,900	-	472,900
Due within one year - compensated absences	85,460	3,881	89,341
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,763,803	1,789,048	6,552,851
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES			
Changes in assumptions related to OPEB	622,809	-	622,809
Changes in assumptions related to pension	66,556	-	66,556
Changes in proportion and differences between contributions and proportionate share of contributions	1,849		1,849
Differences between expected and actual experience	52,578		52,578
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	398,295	-	398,295
TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	1,142,087	-	1,142,087
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	60,001,831	1,563,563	61,565,394
Restricted for:			
Capital projects	2,030,584	-	2,030,584
Health and welfare	209,104	-	209,104
Solid waste disposal	2,037,924	-	2,037,924
Closure and post-closure	-	1,327,170	1,327,170
Highways and bridges	5,975,830	-	5,975,830
Other purposes	3,321,044	240,800	3,561,844
Unrestricted	1,698,543	3,509,755	5,208,298
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 75,274,860	$ 6,641,288	$ 81,916,148

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

		Program Revenues			**Net (Expense) Revenue & Changes in Net Position**		
Functions/Programs	**Expenses**	**Charges for Services**	**Operating Grants and Contributions**	**Capital Grants and Contributions**	**Governmental Activities**	**Business-type Activities**	**Total**
Primary Government							
Governmental Activities:							
General Government	$ 7,130,546	$ 848,649	$ 1,334,394	$ 1,947,869	$ (2,999,634)	$ -	$ (2,999,634)
Public Safety	3,208,785	96,112	3,899	56,210	(3,052,564)	-	(3,052,564)
Highways and Streets	7,129,126	-	2,770,996	-	(4,358,130)	-	(4,358,130)
Health and Welfare	1,466,924	13,442	333,878	-	(1,119,604)	-	(1,119,604)
Culture and Recreation	952,579	28,337	323,371	497,611	(103,260)	-	(103,260)
Total Governmental Activities	19,887,960	986,540	4,766,538	2,501,690	(11,633,192)	-	(11,633,192)
Business-type Activities:							
Landfill	2,474,786	1,141,316	-	-	-	(1,333,470)	(1,333,470)
Total Business-type Activities	2,474,786	1,141,316	-	-	-	(1,333,470)	(1,333,470)
Total Primary Government	$ 22,362,746	$ 2,127,856	$ 4,766,538	$ 2,501,690	(11,633,192)	(1,333,470)	(12,966,662)

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
General revenues and transfers:			
General Reveues:			
Property taxes, levied for general purpose	6,993,518	-	6,993,518
Sales taxes	10,110,994	-	10,110,994
State revenue sharing	198,690	-	198,690
Timber severance	264,412	-	264,412
Mineral severance	41,897	-	41,897
Other taxes	98,040	-	98,040
Fire insurance rebate	311,186	-	311,186
Licenses and permits	730,281	-	730,281
Unrestricted interest	56,229	7,340	63,569
Insurance proceeds	57,389	-	57,389
Pension contributions from non-employer contributing entities	62,806	-	62,806
Miscellaneous	532,088	-	532,088
Transfers	(1,622,000)	1,622,000	-
Total general revenues and transfers	17,835,530	1,629,340	19,464,870
Change in net position	6,202,338	295,870	6,498,208
Net position-beginning	69,072,522	6,345,418	75,417,940
Net position-ending	$ 75,274,860	$ 6,641,288	$ 81,916,148

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

December 31, 2025

	General Fund	Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund	Parish Transportation Fund	Sales Tax Split .67% Fund	Road Improvement Fund
ASSETS					
Cash	$ 612,793	$ 154,212	$ 613,086	$ 1,828,094	$ 1,896,330
Investments	527,001	-	442,043	-	-
Receivables	843,688	200,069	3,843,853	308,451	305,230
FEMA Receivable	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaids	-	-	88,500	-	-
Due from other funds	141,288	-	1,066,449	-	-
Due from other governmental units	20,584	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 2,145,354	$ 354,281	$ 6,053,931	$ 2,136,545	$ 2,201,560
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	$ 148,754	$ 181,853	$ 78,101	$ 204,000	$ 170,986
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other funds	-	-	-	-	-
Due to other governmental units	112,800	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	261,554	181,853	78,101	204,000	170,986
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Not in spendable form	-	-	88,500	-	-
Restricted	-	172,428	5,887,330	1,932,545	2,030,574
Committed	850,000	-	-	-	-
Unassigned	1,033,800	-	-	-	-
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	1,883,800	172,428	5,975,830	1,932,545	2,030,574
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 2,145,354	$ 354,281	$ 6,053,931	$ 2,136,545	$ 2,201,560

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BALANCE SHEET

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - Continued

December 31, 2025

	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Library Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
ASSETS					
Cash	$ 72,014	$ 1,129,745	$ 1,872,987	$ 366,202	$ 8,545,463
Investments	-	354,637	-	170,346	1,494,027
Receivables	-	1,160,263	-	1,360,951	8,022,505
FEMA Receivable	-	-	-	1,492,650	1,492,650
Prepaids	-	-	-	-	88,500
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	1,207,737
Due from other governmental units	-	-	-	-	20,584
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 72,014	$ 2,644,645	$ 1,872,987	$ 3,390,149	$ 20,871,466
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	$ 20,343	$ 22,250	$ 15,839	$ 1,273,652	$ 2,115,778
Unearned revenue	51,671	10,734	1,857,148	57,312	1,976,865
Due to other funds	-	-	-	1,207,737	1,207,737
Due to other governmental units	-	-		-	112,800
TOTAL LIABILITIES	72,014	32,984	1,872,987	2,538,701	5,413,180
FUND BALANCES					
Nonspendable:					
Not in spendable form	-	10,734	-	6,000	105,234
Restricted	-	2,600,927	-	845,448	13,469,252
Committed	-	-	-	-	850,000
Unassigned	-	-	-	-	1,033,800
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	-	2,611,661	-	851,448	15,458,286
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 72,014	$ 2,644,645	$ 1,872,987	$ 3,390,149	$ 20,871,466

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

RECONCILIATION OF THE BALANCE SHEET OF

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

December 31, 2025

Total fund balances reported on the Balance Sheet of Governmental Funds	$	15,458,286
Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		60,001,831
The net effect of transactions involving ad valorem taxes		20,977
Compensated absences for current period		(85,460)
Net pension asset		604,854
Other post-employment benefits (OPEB) payable		(472,900)
Deferred outflows of resources:		
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date related to pension		514,586
Change in proportions related to pension		5,658
Differences between expected and actual experience related to pension		369,115
Deferred inflows of resources:		
Change in assumptions related to OPEB		(622,809)
Change in assumptions related to pension		(66,556)
Differences between expected and actual experience related to pension		(52,578)
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments		(398,295)
Change in proportions related to pension		(1,849)
Total net position of governmental activities	$	75,274,860

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	General Fund	Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund	Parish Transportation Fund	Sales Tax Split .67% Fund	Road Improvement Fund
REVENUES					
Taxes					
Ad valorem	$ 769,902	$ -	$ 3,832,239	$ -	$ -
Sales	-	1,907,693	2,664,825	3,065,773	2,472,703
Other	98,040	-	-	-	-
Licenses and permits	730,281	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental federal funds					
Federal grants	331,476	-	-	-	618,457
State funds					
Parish transportation funds	-	-	571,885	-	-
State revenue sharing	41,852	-	50,329	-	-
Other	1,365,113	-	-	-	2,023,731
Insurance proceeds	-	-	57,389	-	-
Fees, charges, etc.	617,832	96,112	-	-	-
Fines and penalties	250	-	-	-	-
Interest income	53,097	1,073	82,807	54,579	92,573
Other	29,537	19,569	229,738	-	-
TOTAL REVENUES	4,037,380	2,024,447	7,489,212	3,120,352	5,207,464
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government					
Legislative	178,987	-	-	-	-
Judicial	240,364	1,404,924	-	-	-
Executive	397,075	-	-	-	-
Elections	325,661	-	-	-	-
Finance and administrative	1,119,680	44,516	446,426	164,252	138,321
Other	976,330	-	-	-	-
Public safety	452,138	978,977	-	-	-
Health and welfare	349,591	-	-	-	-
Highway and streets	-	-	5,749,699	-	-
Culture and recreation	50,771	-	-	-	-
Capital outlay	375,263	-	142,331	-	5,141,434
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,465,860	2,428,417	6,338,456	164,252	5,279,755
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(428,480)	(403,970)	1,150,756	2,956,100	(72,291)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers in	810,000	510,000	213,178	-	764,000
Operating transfers out	(737,997)	-	(774,171)	(2,612,000)	-
Excess sales tax split with other government entities	-	-	-	(204,000)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	72,003	510,000	(560,993)	(2,816,000)	764,000
Net change in fund balance	(356,477)	106,030	589,763	140,100	691,709
Fund balances, beginning	2,240,277	66,398	5,386,067	1,792,445	1,338,865
Fund balances, ending	$ 1,883,800	$ 172,428	$ 5,975,830	$ 1,932,545	$ 2,030,574

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - Continued
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Library Fund	Opioid Settlement Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
REVENUES					
Taxes					
Ad valorem	$ -	$ 1,247,579	$ -	$ 1,122,821	$ 6,972,541
Sales	-	-	-	-	10,110,994
Other	-	-	-	-	98,040
Licenses and permits	-	-	-	-	730,281
Intergovernmental federal funds					
Federal grants	486,667	37,394	-	1,758,029	3,232,023
State funds					
Parish transportation funds	-	-	-	-	571,885
State revenue sharing	-	56,057	-	50,452	198,690
Other	-	-	-	379,909	3,768,753
Insurance proceeds	-	-	-	-	57,389
Fees, charges, etc.	-	26,515	-	80,612	821,071
Fines and penalties	-	1,822	-	163,397	165,469
Interest income	-	66,915	-	18,247	369,291
Other	-	21,494	177,832	53,918	532,088
TOTAL REVENUES	486,667	1,457,776	177,832	3,627,385	27,628,515
EXPENDITURES					
Current					
General government					
Legislative	-	-	-	-	178,987
Judicial	-	-	-	543,896	2,189,184
Executive	-	-	-	-	397,075
Elections	-	13,653	-	27,306	366,620
Finance and administrative	-	97,006	-	130,605	2,140,806
Other	-	-	-	-	976,330
Public safety	187,942	-	177,832	394,734	2,191,623
Health and welfare	-	-	-	957,395	1,306,986
Highway and streets	-	-	-	-	5,749,699
Culture and recreation	-	1,111,909	-	3,120	1,165,800
Capital outlay	298,725	-	-	2,027,104	7,984,857
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	486,667	1,222,568	177,832	4,084,160	24,647,967
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	235,208	-	(456,775)	2,980,548
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	248,168	2,545,346
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	(43,178)	(4,167,346)
Excess sales tax split with other government entities	-	-	-	-	(204,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	-	204,990	(1,826,000)
Net change in fund balance	-	235,208	-	(251,785)	1,154,548
Fund balances, beginning	-	2,376,453	-	1,103,233	14,303,738
Fund balances, ending	$ -	$ 2,611,661	$ -	$ 851,448	$ 15,458,286

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Net change in fund balances – total governmental funds	$ 1,154,548
Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities are different because:	
The net effect of transactions involving ad valorem taxes.	20,977
Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the current period.	7,448,070
The net effect of various miscellaneous transactions involving capital assets (i.e. sales, trade-ins, and donations) is to (increase) decrease net position.	(2,230,081)
The change in post-employment benefits obligation and associated deferred inflows are reported in the statement of activities but does not require the use of current resources and is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(58,264)
Net change in pension expense	(93,400)
Contributions from non-employer contributing entities	62,806
Some expenditures reported in the governmental funds are not reported as expenses in the statement of activities.	(102,318)
Change in net position of governmental activities	$ 6,202,338

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

December 31, 2025

	Choctaw Road Landfill	USDA Revolving Loan Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 5,545,985	$ 236,858	$ 5,782,843
Tipping fees receivable (net of allowance of $1,700)	168,308	-	168,308
Investments	564,512	-	564,512
Prepaid expenses	24,302	-	24,302
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	6,303,107	236,858	6,539,965
NONCURRENT ASSETS			
Restricted assets - (Certificates of Deposit for landfill closure and post-closure care costs)	322,866	-	322,866
Notes receivable:			
Breedlove Farm, L.L.C.	-	561,139	561,139
Smith Creamery, L.L.C.	-	3,942	3,942
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	-	(561,139)	(561,139)
Net notes receivable	-	3,942	3,942
Land	15,000	-	15,000
Other capital assets, net of depreciation	1,548,563	-	1,548,563
TOTAL ASSETS	8,189,536	240,800	8,430,336
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	135,131	-	135,131
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	135,131	-	135,131
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES			
Landfill closure and post-closure care costs	1,650,036	-	1,650,036
Compensated absences	3,881	-	3,881
TOTAL NONCURRENT LIABILITIES	1,653,917	-	1,653,917
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,789,048	-	1,789,048
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	1,563,563	-	1,563,563
Restricted for:			
Closure and post-closure	1,327,170	-	1,327,170
Other purposes	-	240,800	240,800
Unrestricted	3,509,755	-	3,509,755
TOTAL NET POSITION	$ 6,400,488	$ 240,800	$ 6,641,288

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUNDS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Choctaw Road Landfill	USDA Revolving Loan Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
OPERATING REVENUES			
Tipping fees	$ 877,415	$ -	$ 877,415
Recycling fees	31,598	-	31,598
State of Louisiana funding	29,000		29,000
Interest	203,303	7,340	210,643
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,141,316	7,340	1,148,656
OPERATING EXPENSES			
Landfill operations	1,240,094	-	1,240,094
Depreciation	427,277	-	427,277
Recycling	4,581	-	4,581
Engineering and testing	134,105	-	134,105
Salaries and benefits	398,176	-	398,176
Insurance	47,899	-	47,899
Utilities	43,664	-	43,664
Repairs and maintenance	81,805	-	81,805
Office supplies	5,404	-	5,404
Accounting and auditing	11,261	-	11,261
Conference and travel	4,595	-	4,595
Telephone	2,686	-	2,686
Permits	20,418	-	20,418
Postage	275	-	275
Dues and subscriptions	559	-	559
Vehicles	51,987	-	51,987
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2,474,786	-	2,474,786
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	(1,333,470)	7,340	(1,326,130)
NON-OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)			
Transfers in	1,622,000	-	1,622,000
TOTAL NON-OPERATING REVENUES	1,622,000	-	1,622,000
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	288,530	7,340	295,870
NET POSITION - BEGINNING OF YEAR	6,111,958	233,460	6,345,418
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	$ 6,400,488	$ 240,800	$ 6,641,288

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

PROPRIETARY FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Choctaw Road Landfill	USDA Revolving Loan Fund	Total Enterprise Funds
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Receipts from customers	$ 1,104,872	$ 420	$ 1,105,292
Payments to suppliers	(1,996,206)	-	(1,996,206)
Interest received	203,303	7,340	210,643
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	(688,031)	7,760	(680,271)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Net change in certificate of deposits	(256,853)	-	(256,853)
NET CASH (USED IN) INVESTING ACTIVITIES	(256,853)	-	(256,853)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES			
Fixed asset purchases	(44,887)	-	(44,887)
Operating transfers in	1,622,000	-	1,622,000
NET CASH PROVIDED BY FINANCING ACTIVITIES	1,577,113	-	1,577,113
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND RESTRICTED ASSETS	632,229	7,760	639,989
BALANCES - BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,236,622	229,098	5,465,720
BALANCES - END OF YEAR	$ 5,868,851	$ 236,858	$ 6,105,709
RECONCILIATIONS OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) OPERATING ACTIVITIES:			
Net operating income (loss)	$ (1,333,470)	$ 7,340	$ (1,326,130)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:			
Depreciation	427,277	-	427,277
Decrease in tipping fees receivable	166,859	-	166,859
Decrease in receivable	-	420	420
Increase in accounts payable and accrued expenses	5,169	-	5,169
Decrease in prepaid expenses	40	-	40
Increase in landfill closure and post-closure care costs	46,094	-	46,094
NET CASH USED IN OPERATING ACTIVITIES	$ (688,031)	$ 7,760	$ (680,271)

INTRODUCTION

The Washington Parish Government is the governing authority for Washington Parish and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. On November 17, 1998, a home rule charter became effective which provides for a Parish President (elected Parish-wide) and seven elected Councilmen representing the various districts within the Parish.

Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:1236 gives the Parish government various powers in regulating and directing the affairs of the Parish and its inhabitants. The more notable of those is the power to make regulations for its own government; to regulate the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and drainage systems; to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages; and to provide for the health and welfare of the poor, disadvantaged, and unemployed in the Parish. Funding to accomplish these tasks is provided by ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, beer and alcoholic beverage permits, state revenue sharing, and various other state and federal grants.

Washington Parish covers an area of 676 square miles with a population of approximately 44,865. The Parish Government maintains 1,039 miles of roads, of which 474 miles are asphalt, 382 miles are 3-shot, and 183 miles are gravel.

As the governing authority of the Parish, for reporting purposes, the Washington Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for Washington Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Parish Government), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, as amended by GASB Statement No. 61, GASB Statement No. 80 and GASB Statement No. 90, establishes criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Washington Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability.

These criteria include:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and

    a. The ability of the Parish Government to impose its will on that organization and/or

    b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or to impose specific financial burdens on the Parish Government.

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2. Organizations for which the Parish Government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent and provide the potential for specific financial benefits to, or impose specific financial burdens on the Parish Government.

3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Based on the previous criteria, the Parish Government has determined that the following component units are part of the reporting entity. They have been blended because the Parish Government has operational responsibility for the component unit.

BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS

The Criminal Court Fund (the Fund) was established under Section 571.11 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statues of 1950, which provides that fines and forfeitures imposed by district courts and district attorney conviction fees in criminal court cases be transferred to the Parish treasurer and deposited into a special Criminal Court Fund account to be used for the expenses of the criminal court of the Parish. Expenditures are made from the Fund on motion of the district attorney and approval of the district judges or on motion of the district judges and approval of the district attorney. The Parish Government adopts a budget for the Fund. Separate financial statements are not issued for the Fund since it has been historically included as a fund within the Parish Government's financial statements.

The Washington Parish Library (the Library) was established by the Parish Government on November 14, 1945, under provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:211. The Library is governed by a board of control, which is appointed by the Parish Government in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:214. Although the Library is legally separate, the Parish Government approves its budget and levies and collects ad valorem taxes dedicated to the operation of the library system. Separate financial statements are not issued for the Library since it has been historically included as a fund within the Parish Government's financial statements.

The Washington Parish Office of Emergency Preparedness (OEP) was established by state law (R.S. 29:728) and is responsible for emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The director is appointed by the Parish President and must be commissioned by the director of the state office of emergency preparedness. Operating expenses are partially reimbursed by the state office.

The Washington Parish Recreation District # 1 (the District) was established by the Parish government on May 11, 2009 under provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute Chapter 11, Title 33 to be a body corporate in law and a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The District is governed by a commission, which is appointed by the Parish Government.

BLENDED COMPONENT UNITS (Continued)

The District obtains funding from fundraisers and donations and covers all the costs of its expenses. Although the District is legally separate, separate financial statements are not issued for the District and the Parish Government is responsible for the accounting and financial reporting and will therefore include the District as a special revenue fund.

OTHER COMPONENT UNITS

The Parish Government has chosen to issue financial statements of the primary government (Parish Government) and blended component units only; therefore, none of the following listed component units are presented in the accompanying financial statements.

Component Unit	Fiscal Year End	Criteria Used
Riverside Medical Center- Hospital Service District No. 1	December 31	1
Washington Parish Gas District No. 1	December 31	1
Washington Parish Gas District No. 2	December 31	1
Bogalusa Waterworks District	December 31	1
Varnado Waterworks District	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 1	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 2	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 3	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 4	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 5	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 6	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 7	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 8	December 31	1
Washington Parish Fire Protection District No. 9	December 31	1
Washington Parish Communications District	December 31	1
Washington Parish Tourism Commission	December 31	1

Considered in the determination of component units of the reporting entity were the Washington Parish School Board and various municipalities in the Parish. It was determined that these governmental entities are not component units of the Washington Parish Government reporting entity because they have separately elected governing bodies, are legally separate, and are fiscally independent of the Washington Parish Government.

Primary government officials may appoint some, or all, governing board members of organizations that are not included as component units in the primary government's reporting entity. These organizations are classified as related organizations.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) promulgates accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and reporting standards for state and local governments. These principles are found in the *Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards*, published by GASB. The accompanying financial statements of the Washington Parish Government have been prepared in conformity with such principles.

The financial statements include the following:

- Fund financial statements focus on the major funds.
- Financial statements prepared using full accrual accounting for all of the Parish's activities, including infrastructure.

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net position and the statement of activities) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and propriety funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual proprietary funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as is the proprietary fund statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as 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. The government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, expenditures related to compensated absences are recorded in accordance with GASB Statement No. 101. Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Washington Parish Government reports the following major governmental funds:

The **General Fund** is the Parish Government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

The **American Rescue Plan Act Fund** accounts for the receipt and expenditures of funds for amounts received from the American Rescue Plan Act.

The **Parish Transportation Fund** is a special revenue fund which accounts for constructing, improving, and maintaining public roads and bridges in the Parish. Financing is provided by the State of Louisiana Parish Transportation Fund, ad valorem taxes, and state revenue sharing funds. The 4-13 mill ad valorem tax expires in 2036 and the 10-mill ad valorem tax expires in 2031.

The **Sales Tax Split .67% Fund** is a special revenue fund which accounts for the rededication of a 1992 sales tax of 1% that was reduced to .67% by voters on April 6, 2002 that also rededicated the proceeds of the tax in excess of that needed for solid waste.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation (Continued)

The **Road Improvement Fund** accounts for the constructing, improving and resurfacing of public roads and bridges in the Parish including incidental drainage and the acquisition of equipment thereof. The .33% sales and use tax is the primary source of funding as approved by Washington Parish Resolution 16-742.

The **Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund** is a special revenue fund which accounts for the .33% sales and use tax dedicated solely for providing, maintaining, administering and operating services and facilities in the civil, juvenile and criminal justice systems mandated by state statute, approved by voters on October 19, 2013 for a period of 10 years. The tax was renewed during 2023 for an additional (10) years, commencing on January 1, 2024.

The **Library Fund** was established by the Washington Parish Government on November 14, 1945, under provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 25:211. The library provides citizens of the Parish access to library materials, computers, books, magazines, records, and films. The library is governed by a board of control, which is appointed by the Washington Parish Government in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 21:214. The members of the board of control serve without pay. Primary financing is provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing. The ad valorem tax expires in 2036.

The **Opioid Fund** was established by the Washington Parish Government to account for funds allocated to the Parish from the State's National Opioid Settlement award.

The Washington Parish Government reports the following major proprietary funds:

The **USDA Revolving Loan Fund** is an enterprise fund that accounts for a grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to establish a revolving loan fund to facilitate the development of small and emerging private business, industry, and related employment for improving the economy in rural communities.

The **Choctaw Road Landfill Fund** is an enterprise fund that accounts for the operations of the Choctaw Road Landfill, a solid waste disposal landfill.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Deposits and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Parish may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana, mutual funds and bonds, debentures and notes or other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by Federal agencies provided such obligations are backed by full faith and credit of the United States of America.

D. Receivables

Activity between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal years is referred to as either "due to/from other funds" (i.e., the current portion of interfund loans) or "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

Any residual balances outstanding between the governmental activities and business-type activities are reported in the government-wide financial statements as "internal balances."

E. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, and similar items), are reported in the governmental activity's column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The following table states the Parish's thresholds for capitalizing capital assets and the estimated useful lives of capital assets:

Governmental activities:

Description	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Useful Lives
Buildings	$5,000	40 years
Building Improvements	$5,000	5-20 years
Office Equipment	$5,000	5 years
Other Equipment	$5,000	7 years
Vehicles	$5,000	5-7 years
Heavy Equipment	$5,000	10-15 years
Infrastructure:		
Roads	$25,000	15-20 years
Bridges	$25,000	15-70 years

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Capital Assets (Continued)

Business-type activities:

Description	Capitalization Threshold	Estimated Useful Lives
Landfill property	$1,000	53.75 years
Cells and land work	$1,000	6-20 years
Buildings/drop off facility	$1,000	34-45 years
Equipment	$1,000	5-15 years

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Bridges were valued using estimated historical cost. The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development maintains a listing of Parish Bridges that includes the construction date and estimated replacement cost. Using this list, along with the consumer price index, historical cost was estimated by the Parish Government's engineer.

The Parish began the majority of the reconstruction of Parish roads after the voters of Washington Parish approved the following additional taxes:

- 10 mill ad valorem tax
- 1% sales tax (unincorporated areas of the Parish)
- .33% sales tax (Parish wide)

F. Encumbrances

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of funds are recorded to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not utilized in the governmental funds.

G. Compensated Absences

In accordance with ordinance no.19-661, the Parish adopted a revised and restated employee handbook, including the following vacation and sick time:

Years of Service	8-Hour Days
1-2 years	5 days
3-7 years	10 days
8-14 years	15 days
15 years & greater	20 days

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

G. Compensated Absences (Continued)

Employees are allowed to carryover up to 80 hours of vacation leave, under a use or lose assumption; however, an employee may be paid unused vacation time upon retirement.

Sick leave accrues at one day per month with a maximum accumulation of 60 days and is not paid upon termination, but may be paid out at retirement. Upon application for retirement by an employee who has served the Parish for 20 years or more, the employee may be paid accrued sick leave not to exceed 72 days.

Employees may opt to convert any accumulated, unused and unpaid sick or annual leave to additional retirement benefit credit upon application for normal retirement with the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

H. Long-Term Liabilities

In the government-wide financial statements, and the propriety fund types in the fund financial statements, long-term liabilities are reported as liabilities.

I. Fund Equity

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

1. Non-spendable Fund Balances – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a non-spendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

2. Restricted Fund Balance – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws, or externally imposed by grantors, creditors, or citizens.

3. Committed Fund Balance – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by the Parish Council ordinance or resolution.

4. Assigned Fund Balance – amounts that are constrained by the Parish's intent that they will be used for specific purposes.

5. Unassigned Fund Balance – all amounts not included in the other spendable classifications.

The Parish considers restricted fund balances spent for governmental expenditures first when both restricted and unrestricted resources are available. The Parish also considers committed fund balances to be spent first when other unrestricted fund balance classifications are available for use.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

J. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures, or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

K. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

L. Sales Taxes Changes

On September 27, 1986 the voters of Washington Parish outside the corporate limits of the City of Bogalusa approved for an indefinite period of time, a 1% sales tax. The proceeds of the sales tax, after administrative expenses, were dedicated to the costs of acquiring, operating, and maintaining solid waste disposal facilities.

On April 11, 1992 the voters decided to rededicate and reallocate the above-mentioned sales tax so that the proceeds in excess of those needed for the solid waste disposal facilities would go to:

1. 45% to pay the costs of services which the Parish is legally obligated to pay under the laws of Louisiana;

2. 44.14% to be placed in the Parish Transportation Fund to be used for constructing, maintaining and improving public roads, highways and bridges in the Parish, to the extent that such projects qualify as allowable Parish Transportation Fund projects;

3. 9.72% to be used for constructing, maintaining and improving public roads, highways and bridges, for constructing, maintaining and improving drainage facilities and for economic development in the Town of Franklinton (provided that for five years after the effective date of this rededication, 80% of the portion described in this part (3) shall be used for economic development);

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Sales Taxes Changes (Continued)

4. 0.57% to be used for constructing, maintaining and improving public roads, highways and bridges in the Village of Angie; and

5. 0.57% to be used for constructing, maintaining and improving public roads, highways and bridges in the Village of Varnado.

These tax proceeds were recorded in the Sales Tax Split 1% Fund until 2002, at which time the voters reduced the tax to .67% which is now recorded in a separate fund. The remaining fund balance of the 1% fund is restricted for sanitation and other state mandated costs. The fund only records interest income on investments as revenues and transfers out for state mandated costs.

On April 6, 2002 the voters approved a proposition to reduce the 1.00% sales tax, Parish-wide except Bogalusa, to .67% and rededicate the proceeds of the tax in excess of that needed for administering and maintaining solid waste disposal facilities as follows:

- 68% for cost of services, Parish is legally obligated to pay,
- 15% for Parish roads and bridges,
- 15% to the Town of Franklinton,
- 1% to the Village of Angie, and
- 1% to the Village of Varnado.

Washington Parish Government Collections on Behalf of Other Taxing Authorities

	Annual Totals – 2025 Tax Period	
	Total Collections	Final Distribution
Town of Franklinton (15%)	$ 180,000	$ 180,000
Village of Angie (1%)	12,000	12,000
Village of Varnado (1%)	12,000	12,000
Totals	$ 204,000	$ 204,000

The Parish does not charge a collection cost on taxes collected on behalf of other taxing authorities.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Sales Taxes Changes (Continued)

On April 6, 2002 the voters, also, approved a parish-wide .33% sales and use tax dedicated solely for constructing, improving, maintaining and resurfacing Parish roads and bridges, including incidental drainage and the acquisitions of equipment thereof. The tax was levied beginning July 1, 2002. On November 5, 2002, the voters approved a 1% sales and use tax for all unincorporated areas of the Parish dedicated solely for constructing, improving, maintaining and resurfacing Parish roads and bridges, including incidental drainage and the acquisitions of equipment thereof. The tax was levied beginning January 1, 2003.

On October 19, 2013, the voters approved a .33% sales and use tax, to be collected parish-wide, except in the Town of Franklinton, dedicated solely for providing, maintaining, administering and operating services and facilities in the civil, juvenile and criminal justice systems mandated by state statute, for a period of ten (10) years. The tax was levied beginning January 1, 2014, and renewed during 2023 for an additional ten (10) years, commencing on January 1, 2024.

M. Intangible Assets

Intangible assets include easements, computer software, patents, copyrights, trademarks and goodwill. The Parish records reportable intangible assets that meet the capitalization threshold for intangible assets in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 51 *"Accounting and Financial Reporting for Intangible Assets"*.

N. Changes in Financial Reporting Entity

For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Parish activated the Capital Project Fund: Federal and State Funded Fund, which was previously maintained as an inactive fund with a $0 balance. This fund was activated to account for and report two new capital projects (Washington Parish Communication District tower construction project and USDA road construction project) separately from other capital projects.

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 100, Accounting Changes and Error Corrections, this activation represents a change within the financial reporting entity. Because the fund possessed no assets, liabilities, or fund balance prior to its activation in the current fiscal year, there is no quantitative impact on the opening balances of the Nonmajor Governmental funds. All funding received during the fiscal year is recognized as current-period revenue. For current year balances and beginning balances, see Nonmajor Governmental Funds financial statements on pages 78-81.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

The Parish follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. The President submits to the Council a proposed operating budget at least sixty days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and total anticipated revenues.

2. At the meeting of the Council at which the operating budget is submitted, the Council orders a public hearing.

3. At least ten days prior to the date of such hearing the Council publishes in the official journal a general summary of the proposed budget.

4. The budget is adopted not later than 30 days before the end of the fiscal year.

5. At any time during the year the President may transfer part or all of any unencumbered appropriation within programs, except that no transfer can be made to or from the salary account unless approved by the Council by ordinance

6. Every appropriation, except an appropriation for a capital expenditure, lapses at the close of the fiscal year to the extent that it has not been expended or encumbered.

Budgets for the General and Special Revenue Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as amended from time to time by the Parish Council.

3. LEVIED TAXES

The following is a listing of levied millages for ad valorem taxes:

	Levied Millage	Expiration Date
Parish-wide Taxes:		
General Fund:		
Inside	1.85	Indefinite
Outside	3.70	Indefinite
Special Revenue Funds:		
Library	4.60	2036
Parish Transportation	4.13	2036
Road Improvement	10.00	2031
Courthouse Maintenance	1.03	2036
Health Unit Maintenance	3.11	2036
	28.42	

4. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

Cash

At December 31, 2025, the Parish Government had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling $14,328,306 as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits	$ 14,328,006
Petty cash	300
Total	$ 14,328,306

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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.

These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

At December 31, 2025, the Parish Government had $16,584,916 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by $750,000 of federal deposit insurance and $22,770,512 pledged securities.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized, (State Law R.S. 39:1229) imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Parish Government that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

Investments

Custodial Credit Risk – Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty to a transaction, the Parish will be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party investment. The Parish investment policy requires that all repurchase agreement investments be fully collateralized and held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Parish's name. Investments in external investment pools, mutual funds, and other pooled investments are not exposed to custodial credit risk because of their natural diversification and the diversification required by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

4. CASH AND INVESTMENTS – (Continued)

At year-end, the Parish investments were not exposed to any custodial credit risk.

Hancock Whitney – Certificates of Deposits	$	2,103,263
Resource Bank:		
Certificates of Deposits		180,231
Cash held in Money Market Investment		97,911
Total	$	2,381,405

Interest Rate Risk - Interest rate risk is defined as the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of investments. The Parish's investment policy limits interest rate risk by generally limiting maturities of its investments to one year or less.

Credit Risk and Concentration of Credit Risk - The credit risk of investments is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty will not meet its obligations. This credit risk is measured by credit quality ratings as described by ratings agencies such as Standard & Poor's (S&P) and Moody's. The concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss that may occur due to the amount of investments in a single issuer (not including investments issued or guaranteed by the U.S. government, investments in mutual funds, or external investment pools). The Parish's investment policy does not place a limit on the amount the Parish may invest in any one issuer.

5. RECEIVABLES

Governmental Activities

The receivables of $9,536,132 at December 31, 2025, were as follows:

Governmental Activities								
Class of Receivable	General Fund	Parish Transportation Fund	Sales Tax Split .67% Fund	Road Improvement Fund	Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund	Library Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
Taxes:								
Ad Valorem	$ 718,955	$ 3,530,647	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,162,441	$ 1,046,198	$ 6,458,241
Sales and Use	-	265,460	308,451	248,180	191,988	-	-	1,014,079
Intergovernmental:								
Federal	69,742	-	-	-	-	-	1,645,943	1,715,685
State	53,229	58,362	-	57,050	-	-	37,861	206,502
Local	5,556	-	-	-	8,081	1,278	126,710	141,625
TOTAL	$ 847,482	$ 3,854,469	$ 308,451	$ 305,230	$ 200,069	$ 1,163,719	$ 2,856,712	$ 9,536,132

The Parish uses the direct write-off method to write off the majority of general uncollectible accounts receivable. This method approximates methods in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

5. RECEIVABLES – (Continued)

Business-type Activities

Accounts receivable consists of one type of receivable. Tipping fees (landfill use fees) totaling $168,308 represent fees billed through December 31, 2025, but not yet collected. The allowance for doubtful accounts on these receivables at December 31, 2025 was $1,700.

6. NOTES RECEIVABLE

In 2002, the Parish received a Federal grant of $975,000 to establish a revolving loan fund to businesses to improve the economy in rural parts of the Parish. The entire $975,000 was loaned to Richard and Penny Breedlove Farm, L.L.C. on October 18, 2002, at an interest rate of 2.75%. The Breedlove's were to repay the loan in 120 monthly payments of $9,320 including interest. Collection of the loan became doubtful. In 2006, the property was seized in foreclosure proceedings. In 2008, all movable and immovable property was transferred to the Washington Parish Government. The Parish subsequently completed the process of selling the remaining property and the project was closed. See additional information at Note 22 – Subsequent Events.

Notes receivable, December 31, 2025:

Breedlove Farm, L.L.C.	$ 561,139
Smith Creamery, L.L.C.	3,942
Allowance for doubtful accounts	(561,139)
Notes receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	$ 3,942

7. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require the Washington Parish Government to place a final cover on the landfill site when it stops accepting waste and to perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the site for 30 years after closure. In addition to operating expenses relating to current activities of the Landfill, an expense provision and related liability are being recognized based on the future closure and post-closure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the Landfill no longer accepts waste. The recognition of these Landfill closure and post-closure care costs is based on the amount the Landfill used during the year.

The estimated total current cost liability for landfill closure and post-closure care costs is $2,720,547 as of December 31, 2025. It is estimated that $1,094,832 will be recognized as closure costs, which is based on 66.05% usage (filled) of the landfill. The percentage usage reflects an update in the engineering estimate, and the related estimated liability for landfill closure and post-closure costs required by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) regulations. The remaining $1,625,715 is the estimated liability for post-closure care costs. The estimated total current cost liability for landfill closure and post-closure care costs, after adjusting for present worth, is $2,429,848 as of December 31, 2025.

7. LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST-CLOSURE CARE COSTS – (Continued)

However, the actual costs of closure and post-closure care may be higher due to inflation, in excess of the assumed rate of 1%, over the 30-year post-closure period, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

In addition, total closure and post-closure costs, as well as estimates of percentage usage of the Landfill, will change as any additional cells are permitted to accept additional waste.

There was an increase in costs between the end of 2024 and the end of 2025.

Cumulative capacity used is defined as the number of years the Landfill has actually been operating under the permit issued by the LDEQ. Total estimated capacity is defined as the life of the entire property as stated in the current permit issued by LDEQ.

The estimated total current costs of the Landfill are recognized as an expense and as a liability in each period that the Landfill accepts solid waste. The current-period amount was based on the following formula:

$$\text{Estimated total current costs} \times \frac{\text{Cumulative capacity used}}{\text{Total estimated capacity}} - \text{Amount previously recognized}$$

Expressed in numbers, the formula produces an expense for 2025 as follows:

$$\$2{,}429{,}848 \times \frac{36.5 \text{ yrs.}}{53.75 \text{ yrs.}} = \$1{,}650{,}036 - \$1{,}603{,}942 = \$46{,}094$$

At December 31, 2025, the Landfill had invested $322,866 in certificates of deposit for landfill closure and post-closure care costs.

8. CAPITAL ASSETS

The following is a summary of the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2025:

Business-type Activities:

	Balance at 01/01/2025	Additions	Deletions	Balance at 12/31/2025
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Land	$ 15,000	$ -	$ -	$ 15,000
	15,000	-	-	15,000
Other Capital Assets				
Land	292,712	-	-	292,712
Buildings	233,376	-	-	233,376
Cells and land work	8,277,072	-	-	8,277,072
Drop off facility	185,575	-	-	185,575
Equipment	722,905	44,887	-	767,792
	9,711,640	44,887	-	9,756,527
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS	9,726,640	44,887	-	9,771,527
ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION	(7,780,687)	(427,277)	-	(8,207,964)
TOTAL CAPITAL ASSETS, NET	$ 1,945,953	$ (382,390)	$ -	$ 1,563,563

8. CAPITAL ASSETS (Continued)

Governmental Activities

	Balance 01/01/2025	Increases	Decreases	Balance 12/31/2025
Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	$ 3,037,969	$ 780	$ (698)	$ 3,038,051
Construction in progress	1,187,731	2,037,087	(2,135,474)	1,089,344
Total capital assets not being depreciated	4,225,700	2,037,867	(2,136,172)	4,127,395
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	15,275,451	2,549,902	-	17,825,353
Equipment	9,908,570	1,523,115	(831,098)	10,600,587
Books	1,391,013	-	-	1,391,013
Asphalt roads	43,266,299	5,375,089	(84,067)	48,557,321
3-shot roads	8,592,541	-	(578,259)	8,014,282
Bridges and culverts	28,602,070	-	-	28,602,070
	107,035,944	9,448,106	(1,493,424)	114,990,626
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Buildings	(7,558,085)	(612,151)	-	(8,170,236)
Equipment	(7,118,617)	(527,538)	736,491	(6,909,664)
Books	(1,391,013)	-	-	(1,391,013)
Asphalt roads	(24,873,250)	(2,018,595)	84,067	(26,807,778)
3-shot roads	(4,105,671)	(229,387)	578,259	(3,756,799)
Bridges and culverts	(11,431,248)	(649,452)	-	(12,080,700)
Total accumulated depreciation	(56,477,884)	(4,037,123)	1,398,817	(59,116,190)
Other capital assets, net	50,558,060	5,410,983	(94,607)	55,874,436
Totals	$ 54,783,760	$ 7,448,850	$ (2,230,779)	$ 60,001,831

Depreciation expense of $4,037,123 for the year ended December 31, 2025, was charged to the following governmental functions:

General government	$ 188,147
Public safety	262,293
Highways and streets	3,384,532
Health and welfare	82,743
Culture and recreation	119,408
	$ 4,037,123

The State of Louisiana through their Off-System Bridge Replacement Program, did not replace bridges and culverts throughout Washington Parish during the year ended December 31, 2025.

9. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Details about interfund transfers during 2025 follow:

	Transfers In:						
	General Fund	Parish Transportation Fund	Road Improvement Fund	Criminal Justice Sales Tax Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Choctaw Road Landfill Enterprise Fund	Total
Transfers out:							
General Fund	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 510,000	$ 227,997	$ -	$ 737,997
Sales Tax Split .67 Fund	810,000	180,000	-	-	-	1,622,000	2,612,000
Parish Transportation Fund	-	-	764,000	-	10,171	-	774,171
Nonmajor Governmental Funds	-	33,178	-	-	10,000	-	43,178
Total	$ 810,000	$ 213,178	$ 764,000	$ 510,000	$ 248,168	$ 1,622,000	$ 4,167,346

Transfers are used to 1) move revenues from the fund for sanitation (Choctaw Road Landfill Enterprise Fund) and other state mandated costs, 2) move revenues from the general fund, with collection authorization, to the fund accounting for the activity (Parish government mandated responsibility), 3) move funds to the Road Improvement Fund to finance road maintenance costs in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

10. ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

GASB Statement No. 24 establishes accounting and financial reporting standards for passthrough grants and on-behalf payments for fringe benefits and salaries. During the year ended December 31, 2025, the state paid salaries of $281,638 directly to Parish Government employees on behalf of the Parish Government. This amount has been included in the financial statements in intergovernmental revenues and salaries expenditures.

11. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Governmental Activities

The following is a summary of the long-term liability transactions:

	Balance 01/01/25	Additions	Retirements	Balance 12/31/25	Current Portion
Compensated absences	$ 77,246	$ 8,847	$ (633)	$ 85,460	$ 85,460
TOTAL	$ 77,246	$ 8,847	$ (633)	$ 85,460	$ 85,460

Business-type Activities

The Choctaw Road Landfill Fund has $3,881 accrued for compensated absences as of December 31, 2025, which is recorded in accounts payable and accrued expenses. This amount increased a net $168 from the prior year.

12. PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the Parish are members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System (PERS).

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description – Employees of the Parish are eligible for participation in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the "System") – a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a Board of Trustees and established by Act 205 of the 1952 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. The System issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.persla.org. The report may also be obtained by writing to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 7905 Wrenwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 928-1361.

Contributions – Per Act 765 of the 1979 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature, contribution rates for employees are established by state law and employer contribution rates are actuarially determined each year by the System's Board of Trustees. Employees are required to contribute 9.50% of their annual pay. The Parish's contractually required contribution rate was 11.00% for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Contributions to the System from the Parish were $514,586 for the year ended December 31, 2025.

12. PENSION PLAN – (Continued)

General Information about the Pension Plan (continued)

Benefits Provided – The System provides retirement, disability, and death benefits. Retirement benefits are determined as 3.0% of the employee's final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of creditable service. Employees hired prior to January 1, 2007 who retire at or after age 65 with at least 7 years of creditable service, age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3.0% of their final-average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. Employees hired after January 1, 2007 who retire at or after age 67 with at least 7 years of creditable service, age 62 with at least 10 years of creditable service, or at or after age 55 with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3.0% of their final-average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service.

Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Under state law, cost of living increases to benefits are allowable only if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements. Cost of living increases cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At December 31, 2025, the Parish reported an asset of $604,854 for its proportionate share of the net pension asset. The net pension asset was measured as of December 31, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension asset was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Parish's proportion of the net pension asset was based on a projection of the Parish's December 31, 2025 contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At December 31, 2024, the Parish's proportion was 0.601469%, which was a decrease of 0.011569% from its proportion measured as of December 31, 2023. For the year ended December 31, 2025, the Parish recognized pension expense of $545,180.

12. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions (continued)

At December 31, 2025, the Parish reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 369,115	$ 52,578
Changes of assumptions	-	66,556
Changes in proportion	5,658	1,849
Net difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments	-	398,295
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	514,586	-
	$ 889,359	$ 519,278

$514,586 is reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Parish's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as additions to the net pension asset in the year ended December 31, 2026. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

For the Year Ended:	
December 31, 2026	$224,777
December 31, 2027	541,881
December 31, 2028	(611,017)
December 31, 2029	(300,146)

Actuarial Assumptions - The total pension liability in the December 31, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation:	2.30%
Projected Salary Increases:	4.75% (2.30% Inflation, 2.45% Merit)
Investment Rate of Return:	6.40%, net of investment expense, including inflation

12. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Mortality Rate: Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2021 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2021 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2021 scale for disabled annuitants.

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

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up), and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward-looking basis in equilibrium, in which best estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These rates are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.40% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 7.13% for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of December 31, 2024 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Fixed Income	37.00%	1.08%
Equity	47.00%	2.82%
Alternatives	15.00%	0.76%
Real Assets	1.00%	0.07%
Total	100.00%	4.73%
Inflation		2.40%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		7.13%

12. PENSION PLAN (Continued)

Mortality Rate - The mortality rate assumption used in the December 31, 2024; valuation was set based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2022. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. As a result of this study, mortality for employees was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2021 scale.

In addition, mortality for annuitants and beneficiaries was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement plans Mortality Table for Healthy Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2021 scale. For Disabled annuitants, mortality was set equal to the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females, each with full generational projection using the MP2021 scale.

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

	1.0% Decrease (5.40%)	Current Discount Rate (6.40%)	1.0% Increase (7.40%)
The Parish's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	$ 3,086,765	$ (604,854)	$(3,703,538)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position – Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued System financial report.

Payables to the Pension Plan – As of December 31, 2025 the Parish had a payable of $6,829 to the Pension Plan.

13. FUND BALANCES

Governmental Funds:

Description:	Major Funds General Fund	Major Funds Special Revenue Funds	Major Funds Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Fund Balances:					
Nonspendable	$ -	$ 99,234	$ -	$ 6,000	$ 105,234
Restricted for:					
Sales taxes	-	2,104,973	-	105,379	2,210,352
Ad valorem taxes	-	2,600,927	-	-	2,600,927
Road improvement	-	-	2,030,574	10	2,030,584
Emergency preparedness	-	-	-	34,667	34,667
Disaster relief	-	-	-	115,544	115,544
Health services	-	-	-	203,104	203,104
Courthouse maintenance	-	-	-	180,085	180,085
Criminal court	-	-	-	52,961	52,961
Parish transportation	-	5,887,330	-	-	5,887,330
Recreation	-	-	-	64,287	64,287
Special witnesses	-	-	-	16,346	16,346
Criminal jury	-	-	-	73,065	73,065
Committed for emergency and disaster response/ capital projects:	850,000	-	-	-	850,000
Unassigned:	1,033,800	-	-	-	1,033,800
Total Fund Balances	$ 1,883,800	$ 10,692,464	$ 2,030,574	$ 851,448	$ 15,458,286

14. RISK MANAGEMENT

Washington Parish Government is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Parish attempts to minimize risk from significant losses through the purchase of commercial insurance.

15. COMPENSATION PAID TO PARISH PRESIDENT AND PARISH COUNCIL

Name	Title	Amount
Ryan B. Seal	Parish President	$ 199,311
Joseph Lee Culpepper	Parish Council District 1	11,850
Shawn Rice	Parish Council District 2	11,250
Kim Wagner	Parish Council District 3	14,400
Clark Harry	Parish Council District 4	11,850
Steven Branch	Parish Council District 5	11,850
Reginald McMasters	Parish Council District 6	11,700
Carley King	Parish Council District 7	10,500

16. LITIGATION

The attorney for the Parish Government has advised that several lawsuits have been filed against the Parish, mainly for roadway damage. The attorney advised that the provisions of the present Louisiana Constitution do not permit a person holding a judgment against the Parish Government to levy or collect that judgment against any assets of the Parish in a judicial fashion. He also said that no funds have been allocated by Parish Government to pay any outstanding judgments or to make offers in settlement of pending litigation.

17. CONTINGENT LIABILITY

In the audit report of Washington Parish Government for the year ended December 31, 2003, there was a "questioned cost" concerning an $872,187 bad debt expense on a loan made with the proceeds of a U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) revolving loan fund grant. In 2005, the USDA and the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor began looking into this matter. Because of the inherent nature of "questioned costs," the USDA could possibly ask the Parish Government for partial or full reimbursement sometime in the future. In 2022 and 2021, the proceeds from the sale of a portion of the immovable property was applied to the $872,187, thus reducing the outstanding amount to $702,139. In 2025, the proceeds from the sale of the remaining portion of the immovable property was applied to the $702,139, thus reducing the outstanding amount to $561,139. Due to the closing on the sale of the remaining immovable property subsequent to year-end, a liability of $112,000 was recorded on the Statement of Net Position as of December 31, 2025. See additional information at Note 22 – Subsequent Events.

18. GRANTS FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

Federal and state governmental units represent an important source of supplementary funding used to finance construction and road maintenance programs, and other activities beneficial to the community. A grant receivable is recorded when the Parish Government has a right to reimbursement under the related grant.

Some of the grants received by the Parish Government specify the purpose for which the grant monies are to be used and such grants are subject to audit by the granting agency. These financial statements contain the following significant grant expenditures which have been expended as of December 31, 2025:

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	$ 1,149,598
Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning Program	497,611
Coronavirus Relief Fund – American Rescue Plan Act	486,667
U.S. Department of Transportation Washington Parish Council on Aging expenditures	331,476

19. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

HEALTH INSURANCE

Plan Description

In accordance with the revised and restated employee handbook adopted by ordinance 19-661 in 2019, the Parish provides health care benefits to its employees upon retirement. Health coverage includes a fully insured group health maintenance plan (PPO).

Medical benefits are provided to employees upon retirement according to the retirement eligibility provisions as follows: an employee who has met the eligibility requirements of the Louisiana Parochial Retirement System, and is at least 62 years old, and has a minimum of 25 years of service with the Washington Parish Government, will continue to carry hospitalization insurance on said employee only and the cost shall be paid for by the Parish until the employee reaches the age of 65.

No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit.

The Parish has fewer than 100 plan members and meets the requirements to use the alternative measurement method in lieu of an actuarial evaluation, and elects to do so. The Parish will use the following method:

Employees covered by benefit terms – At December 31, 2025, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	-
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	41
	41

In the year ended December 31, 2025, the Parish did not contribute for retired employees.

19. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Total OPEB Liability

The Parish's total OPEB liability of $472,900 was measured as of December 31, 2025.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability as of December 31, 2025 was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.00%
Salary increases	3.00%
Discount rate	4.79%

The discount rate was based on the bond buyers' 20 Year tax-exempt general obligation municipal bond index with an average rating of AA/Aa or higher, as of December 31, 2025, the end of the applicable measurement period.

Healthcare Cost Trend Rate

The expected rate of increase in medical costs is based on projections performed by the Office of Actuary at the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services as published in National Health Care Expenditures Projections: 2024 – 2033, Table 3 - National Health Expenditures; Aggregate and per Capita Amounts, Percent Distribution and Annual Percent Change by Source of Funds: Calendars Years 2017 – 2033, released by the Health Care Financing Administration (www.cmc.gov). Graduated rates for 2024 through 2033 were used from this table with an ultimate annual rate of 6.0% for 2031 and later. The current medical premium is $961 per month which is paid at 100% by the Parish.

Turnover

The probability that an employee will remain employed until the assumed retirement age was determined using non-group-specific age-based turnover data adapted from data maintained by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management regarding the experience of employee group covered by Federal Employees Retirement System. These probabilities were provided in the GASB Statement 75.

Mortality

As recommended in GASB 75, the life expectancies are based on mortality tables at the National Center for Health Statistics website (www.cdc.gov). The 2022 United States Life Tables for Males and United States Life Tables for Females were used. Life expectancies that included partial years were rounded to the nearest whole year. The calculation of postemployment health insurance coverage for each year is based on the assumption that all participants will live until their expected age.

19. POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (Continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at December 31, 2024	$	567,024
Changes for the year:		
Service cost		35,586
Interest		1,705
Amortization component		20,973
Changes in assumptions		(152,388)
Net changes		(94,124)
Balance at December 31, 2025	$	472,900

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Parish, as well as what the Parish's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.79%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.79%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (3.79%)	Current Discount Rate (4.79%)	1.0% Increase (5.79%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 563,506	$ 472,900	$ 399,374

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Parish, as well as what the Parish's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a healthcare cost trend rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (5.0%) or 1-percentage-point higher (7.0%) than the current healthcare cost trend rate:

	1.0% Decrease (5.0%)	Current Healthcare Cost Trend Rate (6.0%)	1.0% Increase (7.0%)
Total OPEB liability	$ 391,036	$ 472,900	$ 574,992

OPEB Expense

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Parish recognized an OPEB expense of $58,264.

20. LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Parish is party to various lease agreements for small office equipment. The terms of these agreements require monthly obligations ranging from $86 to $314 per month, and are set to expire within the next two to three years. Due to the small nature of these leases and minimal impact on the Statement of Net Position, the Parish has determined a reclassification under GASB Statement No. 87 is not deemed necessary at this time.

21. SUBSCRIPTION-BASED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AGREEMENT (SBITA) OBLIGATIONS

The Parish is party to various subscription-based information technology arrangements for the use of information technology software. The terms of these agreements require monthly obligations ranging from $7 to $867 per month, and are set to expire within the next two to three years. Due to the small nature of these arrangements and minimal impact on the Statement of Net Position, the Parish has determined a reclassification under GASB Statement No. 96 is not deemed necessary at this time.

22. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No other material subsequent events have occurred since December 31, 2025 that required recognition or disclosure in these financial statements, except as described below.

Effective May 7, 2026, the Parish sold all real property seized as a result of the Breedlove Property foreclosure related to the Rural Development Business and Co-op Program and has exhausted all avenues for recovering any additional funds. On the same day, a check was remitted in the amount of $224,290 to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, which represents the USDA's portion of the funds held in the Washington Parish Government USDA Bank account related to the Breedlove Property FY01 Rural Business Enterprise Grant. The remaining balance was fully forgiven by the USDA and the project closed out in May 2026.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem	$ 752,000	$ 727,000	$ 769,902	$ 42,902
Other	4,500	4,500	98,040	93,540
Licenses and permits	677,500	702,800	730,281	27,481
Intergovernmental federal funds				
Federal grants	280,000	280,000	331,476	51,476
State funds				
State revenue sharing	39,000	39,000	41,852	2,852
Other	976,500	1,485,450	1,365,113	(120,337)
Fees, charges, etc.	671,200	671,200	617,832	(53,368)
Fines and penalties	-	-	250	250
Interest income	243,000	82,100	53,097	(29,003)
Other	-	6,000	29,537	23,537
TOTAL REVENUES	3,643,700	3,998,050	4,037,380	39,330
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Legislative	214,200	214,200	178,987	35,213
Judicial	218,400	218,400	240,364	(21,964)
Executive	393,700	393,700	397,075	(3,375)
Elections	345,300	345,300	325,661	19,639
Finance and administrative	1,062,900	1,062,900	1,119,680	(56,780)
Other	938,100	936,100	976,330	(40,230)
Public Safety	443,000	443,000	452,138	(9,138)
Health and welfare	400,700	400,700	349,591	51,109
Culture and recreation	87,000	428,500	50,771	377,729
Capital outlay	90,000	190,000	375,263	(185,263)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,193,300	4,632,800	4,465,860	166,940
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(549,600)	(634,750)	(428,480)	206,270
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	840,000	810,000	810,000	-
Operating transfers out	(485,000)	(950,500)	(737,997)	212,503
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	355,000	(140,500)	72,003	212,503
Net change in fund balances	(194,600)	(775,250)	(356,477)	418,773
Fund balances, beginning	2,153,907	2,240,277	2,240,277	-
Fund balances, ending	$ 1,959,307	$ 1,465,027	$ 1,883,800	$ 418,773

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SALES TAX FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts Original	Final	**Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis**	**Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)**
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Sales	$ 2,242,000	$ 1,875,200	$ 1,907,693	$ 32,493
Fees, charges, etc.	100,000	96,600	96,112	(488)
Other	20,000	20,300	19,569	(731)
Interest income	6,000	400	1,073	673
TOTAL REVENUES	2,368,000	1,992,500	2,024,447	31,947
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Judicial	1,427,400	1,421,150	1,404,924	16,226
Finance and administrative	47,500	45,200	44,516	684
Public Safety	1,273,500	1,174,900	978,977	195,923
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,748,400	2,641,250	2,428,417	212,833
Excess (Deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(380,400)	(648,750)	(403,970)	244,780
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Operating transfers in	250,000	650,000	510,000	(140,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	250,000	650,000	510,000	(140,000)
Net change in fund balances	(130,400)	1,250	106,030	104,780
Fund balances, beginning	139,705	66,398	66,398	-
Fund balances, ending	$ 9,305	$ 67,648	$ 172,428	$ 104,780

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
PARISH TRANSPORTATION FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem	$ 3,725,000	$ 3,750,300	$ 3,832,239	$ 81,939
Sales	3,400,000	2,610,500	2,664,825	54,325
Parish transportation funds	480,000	498,800	571,885	73,085
State revenue sharing	49,500	50,500	50,329	(171)
Other				-
Interest income	77,000	96,300	82,807	(13,493)
Insurance proceeds	-	57,400	57,389	(11)
Other	2,500	217,500	229,738	12,238
TOTAL REVENUES	7,734,000	7,281,300	7,489,212	207,912
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Finance and administrative	422,500	419,275	446,426	(27,151)
Highway and streets	6,492,800	6,169,500	5,749,699	419,801
Capital outlay	156,000	119,325	142,331	(23,006)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,071,300	6,708,100	6,338,456	369,644
Excess of revenues over expenditures	662,700	573,200	1,150,756	577,556
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Operating transfers in	185,000	207,250	213,178	5,928
Operating transfers out	(1,000,000)	(868,200)	(774,171)	94,029
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(815,000)	(660,950)	(560,993)	99,957
Net change in fund balances	(152,300)	(87,750)	589,763	677,513
Fund balances, beginning	5,265,316	5,386,067	5,386,067	-
Fund balances, ending	$ 5,113,016	$ 5,298,317	$ 5,975,830	$ 677,513

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

SALES TAX SPLIT .67% FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Sales	$ 3,600,000	$ 2,993,850	$ 3,065,773	$ 71,923
Interest income	60,000	54,000	54,579	579
TOTAL REVENUES	3,660,000	3,047,850	3,120,352	72,502
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Finance and administrative	193,000	178,400	164,252	14,148
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	193,000	178,400	164,252	14,148
Excess of revenues over expenditures	3,467,000	2,869,450	2,956,100	86,650
OTHER FINANCING USES				
Operating transfers out	(3,025,000)	(2,612,000)	(2,612,000)	-
Excess sales tax split with other government entities	(211,000)	(204,000)	(204,000)	-
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING USES	(3,236,000)	(2,816,000)	(2,816,000)	-
Net change in fund balances	231,000	53,450	140,100	86,650
Fund balances, beginning	1,845,689	1,792,445	1,792,445	-
Fund balances, ending	$ 2,076,689	$ 1,845,895	$ 1,932,545	$ 86,650

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem				
Sales	$ 2,836,000	$ 2,426,850	$ 2,472,703	$ 45,853
Intergovernmental federal funds				
Federal grants	413,000	618,500	618,457	(43)
State funds				
State revenue sharing	-	-	-	-
Other	-	1,966,700	2,023,731	57,031
Interest income	45,000	95,000	92,573	(2,427)
TOTAL REVENUES	3,294,000	5,107,050	5,207,464	100,414
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Finance and administrative	157,400	152,700	138,321	14,379
Capital outlay	4,948,000	5,770,100	5,141,434	628,666
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,105,400	5,922,800	5,279,755	643,045
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(1,811,400)	(815,750)	(72,291)	743,459
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Operating transfers in	1,000,000	864,000	764,000	(100,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES	1,000,000	864,000	764,000	(100,000)
Net change in fund balances	(811,400)	48,250	691,709	643,459
Fund balances, beginning	1,394,375	1,338,865	1,338,865	-
Fund balances, ending	$ 582,975	$ 1,387,115	$ 2,030,574	$ 643,459

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	**Final**		
REVENUES				
Intergovernmental federal funds				
Federal grants	$ 516,000	$ 516,000	$ 486,667	$ (29,333)
TOTAL REVENUES	516,000	516,000	486,667	(29,333)
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
Public Safety	150,000	150,000	187,942	(37,942)
Capital outlay	366,000	366,000	298,725	67,275
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	516,000	516,000	486,667	29,333
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	-	-
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, ending	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

LIBRARY FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem	$ 1,218,000	$ 1,218,000	$ 1,247,579	$ 29,579
Other	11,200	11,200		(11,200)
Intergovernmental federal funds				
Federal grants	-	-	37,394	37,394
State funds				
State revenue sharing	55,000	55,000	56,057	1,057
Other	8,450	8,450	-	(8,450)
Fees, charges, etc.	17,000	17,000	26,515	9,515
Fines and penalties	3,000	3,000	1,822	(1,178)
Interest income	49,600	49,600	66,915	17,315
Other	60,000	60,000	21,494	(38,506)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,422,250	1,422,250	1,457,776	35,526
EXPENDITURES				
Current				
General government				
Finance and administrative	99,000	99,000	97,006	1,994
Elections	-	-	13,653	(13,653)
Culture and recreation	1,177,000	1,177,000	1,111,909	65,091
Capital outlay	100,000	100,000	-	100,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,376,000	1,376,000	1,222,568	153,432
Net change in fund balances	46,250	46,250	235,208	188,958
Fund balances, beginning	2,304,275	2,376,453	2,376,453	-
Fund balances, ending	$ 2,350,525	$ 2,422,703	$ 2,611,661	$ 188,958

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

OPIOID SETTLEMENT FUND

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Budgeted Amounts		**Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis**	**Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)**
	Original	**Final**		
REVENUES				
Other	$ 247,000	$ 196,750	$ 177,832	$ (18,918)
TOTAL REVENUES	247,000	196,750	177,832	(18,918)
EXPENDITURES				
Other	247,000	196,750	177,832	18,918
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	247,000	196,750	177,832	18,918
Net change in fund balances	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, ending	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS AND NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE

For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 through 2025

Total OPEB Liability	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025
Service cost	$ 31,570	$ 46,066	$ 48,107	$ 68,233	$ 42,946	$ 51,909	$ 44,575	$ 35,586
Interest	1,291	1,262	1,020	1,406	1,778	2,180	2,166	1,705
Changes in assumptions	(33,253)	430,037	(187,432)	(120,562)	(353,523)	(50,282)	(154,421)	(152,388)
Amortization component	-	-	27,781	26,802	25,090	26,544	25,386	20,973
Net change in total OPEB liability	(392)	477,365	(110,524)	(24,121)	(283,709)	30,351	(82,294)	(94,124)
Total OPEB liability – beginning	560,348	559,956	1,037,321	926,797	902,676	618,967	649,318	567,024
Total OPEB liability – ending	$ 559,956	$ 1,037,321	$ 926,797	$ 902,676	$ 618,967	$ 649,318	$ 567,024	$ 472,900
Covered-employee payroll	$ 3,797,094	$ 3,598,527	$ 3,891,281	$ 4,361,643	$ 4,625,645	$ 5,023,455	$ 5,018,242	$ 5,353,089
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.75%	28.83%	23.82%	20.70%	13.38%	12.93%	11.30%	8.83%

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

The alternative measurement method was utilized and the measurement date corresponds with the financial reporting date.

Notes to Schedule of Changes in the Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios:

Benefit changes – There were no changes of benefit terms for the years ended December 31, 2018 through 2025.

Changes in assumptions – There were changes in assumptions related to the implementation of GASB 75 for the year ended December 31, 2018. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 4.09% at the beginning of the measurement period to 2.74% as of December 31, 2019. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 2.74% at the beginning of the measurement period to 2.12% as of December 31, 2020. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 2.12% at the beginning of the measurement period to 2.06% as of December 31, 2021. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 2.06% at the beginning of the measurement period to 4.14% as of December 31, 2022, as well as changes in estimated remaining lives of plan participants. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 4.14% at the beginning of the measurement period to 4.20% as of December 31, 2023 and a change in the health care costs trend rate from 4.7% at the beginning of the measurement period to 5.0% as of December 31, 2023, as well as increases in the estimated remaining lives of plan participants. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 4.20% at the beginning of the measurement period to 4.86% as of December 31, 2024 and a change in the health care costs trend rate from 5.0% at the beginning of the measurement period to 5.9% as of December 31, 2024, as well as increases in the estimated remaining lives of plan participants. There were changes in assumptions related to the change in the discount rate from 4.86% at the beginning of the measurement period to 4.79% as of December 31, 2025 and a change in the health care costs trend rate from 5.9% at the beginning of the measurement period to 5.89% as of December 31, 2025, as well as increases in the estimated remaining lives of plan participants.

As of December 31, 2018, through 2025, there were no assets accumulated in a trust that meet the requirements of GASB 75, paragraph 4 to pay related benefits.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
AND NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 Through 2025

Fiscal Year	Employer's Proportion Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a % of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a % of the Total Pension Liability
12/31/2016	0.521790%	$ 1,373,501	$ 3,623,908	37.90%	92.23%
12/31/2017	0.536575%	1,105,083	3,591,542	30.77%	94.15%
12/31/2018	0.528685%	(392,415)	3,797,094	(10.33%)	101.98%
12/31/2019	0.556950%	2,417,944	3,026,343	79.90%	88.86%
12/31/2020	0.572863%	26,967	3,227,991	0.84%	99.89%
12/31/2021	0.564454%	(989,721)	3,704,453	(26.72%)	260.12%
12/31/2022	0.616582%	(2,904,369)	3,914,494	(134.78%)	110.46%
12/31/2023	0.625548%	2,407,603	4,098,175	58.75%	91.74%
12/31/2024	0.613038%	584,055	4,323,883	13.51%	98.03%
12/31/2025	0.601469%	(604,854)	4,738,059	12.77%	101.97%

NOTES TO REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

1. CHANGES OF BENEFIT TERMS:

There were no changes of benefit terms during any of the years presented.

2. CHANGES OF ASSUMPTIONS:

Inflation rate increased from 2.0% to 2.1% from December 31, 2020 to December 31, 2021.

Inflation rate increased from 2.1% to 2.3% from December 31, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Inflation rate increased from 2.3% to 2.4% from December 31, 2022 to December 31, 2025.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 Through 2025

Fiscal Year	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Excess (Deficiency)	Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll
12/31/2016	$ 401,625	$ 422,972	$ -	$ 3,623,908	11.08%
12/31/2017	392,242	401,625	-	3,591,542	10.92%
12/31/2018	368,810	392,242	-	3,797,094	9.71%
12/31/2019	325,596	368,810	-	3,026,343	10.76%
12/31/2020	408,022	325,596	-	3,227,991	12.64%
12/31/2021	453,549	408,022	-	3,704,453	12.24%
12/31/2022	443,059	453,549	-	3,914,494	11.32%
12/31/2023	461,756	443,059	-	4,098,175	11.27%
12/31/2024	520,242	461,756	-	4,323,883	12.03%
12/31/2025	514,586	520,242	-	4,738,059	10.86%

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

FEMA Disaster Recovery Fund – The FEMA Disaster Recovery Fund accounts for the expenditures of funds for disaster relief and restoration and reimbursements received from FEMA.

HMGP Fund – The HMGP Fund accounts for the receipts and expenditures of funds to raise or elevate homes and buildings in flood plain areas and other Hazard Mitigation Grant projects, received from the State of Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.

Special Witness Fund – The Special Witness Fund was established under Section 255 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statute of 1981, which provides that costs of court collected in individual cases, tried in district or parish courts on which there is a plea of guilty or conviction, be transferred to the Parish Treasurer and deposited into a Special Witness Fund account to be used to pay off-duty officer witness fees. Expenditures are made from the Fund when a court affidavit is presented to the Parish Comptroller, and when the appropriate payroll department verifies that the officer was off duty.

Criminal Jury Fund – Accounts for the fines and fees collected and expenditures for jury duty.

Courthouse Maintenance Fund – Accounts for the operation and maintenance of the Courthouse and related public buildings of the Parish. Financing is provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing. The ad valorem tax expires in 2036.

Health Unit Maintenance Fund – Accounts for the operation and maintenance of public health units and animal shelter in the Parish. Financing is provided by ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing. The ad valorem tax expires in 2036.

Criminal Court Fund – The Criminal Court Fund was established under Section 571.11 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, which provides that fines and forfeitures imposed by district courts and district attorney conviction fees in criminal court cases be transferred to the Parish Treasurer and deposited into a special Criminal Court Fund account to be used for the expenses of the criminal court of the Parish. Expenditures are made from the fund on motion of the district attorney and approval of the district judges or on motion of the district judges and approval of the district attorney.

Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Fund – This Fund was established by State law (R.S. 29:728) and is responsible for emergency mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The director is appointed by the Parish President and must be commissioned by the director of the State Office of Emergency Preparedness. Operating expenses are funded by federal and state grants.

Recreation District # 1 Fund – The Washington Parish Recreation District # 1 (the District) was established under Chapter 11 of Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes to be a body corporate in law and a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The District obtains funding from fundraisers, donations, federal and state grants and covers all the costs of its expenses. The Parish Government is responsible for the accounting and financial reporting.

Sales Tax Split 1% Fund – Accounts for the proceeds of the one cent sales tax-imposed Parish-wide, excluding the City of Bogalusa, for the period of May 1992 through June 2002, to pay the costs of providing, maintaining, operating, constructing, acquiring, and/or in providing solid waste facilities. Currently, all funds are restricted for the Landfill.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS

LCDBG Water Improvements Fund – Accounts for a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant to provide for construction of a potable water well in the Varnado Water Works District.

CDBG Grant Fund – Accounts for a Louisiana Community Development Block Grant to provide matching funds for flood events.

Capital Project Fund: Federal and State Funded – Accounts for Washington Parish Communication District tower construction project and USDA road construction project.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET
NON MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
December 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds						
	HMGP Fund	FEMA Disaster Recovery Fund	Special Witness Fund	Criminal Jury Fund	Courthouse Maintenance Fund	Health Unit Maintenance Fund	Criminal Court Fund
ASSETS							
Cash	$ 10	$ -	$ 15,524	$ 72,819	$ -	$ -	$ 55,770
Investments	-	-	-	-	72,435	97,911	-
Receivables	-	-	822	6,076	259,512	783,675	12,644
FEMA Receivable	310,657	1,181,993	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 310,667	$ 1,181,993	$ 16,346	$ 78,895	$ 331,947	$ 881,586	$ 68,414
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	$ 310,657	$ -	$ -	$ 5,830	$ 151,862	$ 666,482	$ 15,453
Due to other funds	10	1,066,449	-	-	-	-	-
Unearned revenue	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	310,667	1,066,449	-	5,830	151,862	672,482	15,453
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable:							
Not in spendable form	-	-	-	-	-	6,000	-
Restricted	-	115,544	16,346	73,065	180,085	203,104	52,961
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	-	115,544	16,346	73,065	180,085	209,104	52,961
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 310,667	$ 1,181,993	$ 16,346	$ 78,895	$ 331,947	$ 881,586	$ 68,414

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

NON MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - Continued

December 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Projects Funds			
	Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness Fund	Recreation District #1 Fund	Sales Tax Split 1% Fund	CDBG Grant Fund	LCDBG Water Improvements Fund	Capital Projects - State/Federal Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
ASSETS							
Cash	$ 87,933	$ 28,757	$ 105,379	$ -	$ 10	$ -	$ 366,202
Investments	-	-	-	-	-	-	170,346
Receivables	-	176,808	-	14,346	-	107,068	1,360,951
FEMA Receivable	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,492,650
TOTAL ASSETS	$ 87,933	$ 205,565	$ 105,379	$ 14,346	$ 10	$ 107,068	$ 3,390,149
LIABILITIES							
Accounts payable and other accrued liabilities	$ 1,954	$ -	$ -	$ 14,346	$ -	$ 107,068	$ 1,273,652
Due to other funds	-	141,278	-	-	-	-	1,207,737
Unearned revenue	51,312	-	-	-	-	-	57,312
TOTAL LIABILITIES	53,266	141,278	-	14,346	-	107,068	2,538,701
FUND BALANCES							
Nonspendable:							
Not in spendable form	-	-	-	-	-	-	6,000
Restricted	34,667	64,287	105,379	-	10	-	845,448
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	34,667	64,287	105,379	-	10	-	851,448
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	$ 87,933	$ 205,565	$ 105,379	$ 14,346	$ 10	$ 107,068	$ 3,390,149

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

COMBINGING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds						
	HMGP Fund	FEMA Disaster Recovery Fund	Special Witness Fund	Criminal Jury Fund	Courthouse Maintenance Fund	Health Unit Maintenance Fund	Criminal Court Fund
REVENUES							
Taxes							
Ad valorem	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 279,349	$ 843,472	$ -
Intergovernmental federal funds							
Federal grants	1,149,598	-	-	-	-	-	-
State funds							
State revenue sharing	-	-	-	-	12,552	37,900	-
Other	-	-	-	-	56,210	-	-
Fees, charges, etc.	-	-	8,133	59,037	-	13,442	-
Fines and penalties	-	-	-	-	-	-	163,397
Interest income	-	-	732	2,400	3,899	2,402	811
Other	-	-	-	-	-	34,151	-
TOTAL REVENUES	1,149,598	-	8,865	61,437	352,010	931,367	164,208
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General government							
Judicial	-	-	50	53,990	260,149	-	229,707
Elections	-	-	-	-	13,653	13,653	-
Finance and administrative	6,135	-	-	-	20,682	63,723	-
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	92,346	-	-
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	957,395	-
Capital outlay	1,143,463	-	-	-	70,283	31,064	-
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,149,598	-	50	53,990	457,113	1,065,835	229,707
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	-	-	8,815	7,447	(105,103)	(134,468)	(65,499)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Operating transfers in	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,000
Operating transfers out	-	-	(10,000)	-	-	-	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	-	-	(10,000)	-	-	-	80,000
Net change in fund balances	-	-	(1,185)	7,447	(105,103)	(134,468)	14,501
Fund balances, beginning	-	115,544	17,531	65,618	285,188	343,572	38,460
Fund balances, ending	$ -	$ 115,544	$ 16,346	$ 73,065	$ 180,085	$ 209,104	$ 52,961

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

COMBINGING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - Continued

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	Special Revenue Funds			Capital Projects Funds			
	Office of Security & Emergency Preparedness Fund	Recreation District #1 Fund	Sales Tax Split 1% Fund	CDBG Grant Fund	LCDBG Water Improvements Fund	Capital Projects - State/Federal Fund	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
REVENUES							
Taxes							
Ad valorem	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ 1,122,821
Intergovernmental federal funds							
Federal grants	38,074	497,611	-	72,746	-	-	1,758,029
State funds							
State revenue sharing	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,452
Other	-	216,631	-	-	-	107,068	379,909
Fees, charges, etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	80,612
Fines and penalties	-	-	-	-	-	-	163,397
Interest income	2,056	2,431	3,516	-	-	-	18,247
Other	-	19,767	-	-	-	-	53,918
TOTAL REVENUES	40,130	736,440	3,516	72,746	-	107,068	3,627,385
EXPENDITURES							
Current							
General government							
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	543,896
Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	27,306
Finance and administrative	-	-	-	40,065	-	-	130,605
Public Safety	195,320	-	-	-	-	107,068	394,734
Health and welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	957,395
Culture and recreation	-	3,120	-	-	-	-	3,120
Capital outlay	-	772,123	-	-	4,171	6,000	2,027,104
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	195,320	775,243	-	40,065	4,171	113,068	4,084,160
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(155,190)	(38,803)	3,516	32,681	(4,171)	(6,000)	(456,775)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							
Operating transfers in	157,500	-	-	497	4,171	6,000	248,168
Operating transfers out	-	-	-	(33,178)	-	-	(43,178)
Total other financing sources (uses)	157,500	-	-	(32,681)	4,171	6,000	204,990
Net change in fund balances	2,310	(38,803)	3,516	-	-	-	(251,785)
Fund balances, beginning	32,357	103,090	101,863	-	10	-	1,103,233
Fund balances, ending	$ 34,667	$ 64,287	$ 105,379	$ -	$ 10	$ -	$ 851,448

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

Agency Head: Ryan B. Seal, Parish President

Salary	$	199,311
Benefits – retirement		21,924
Benefits – insurance		12,465
Vehicle provided by government		4,723
Conference travel		4,663
Telephone		520
Total	$	243,606

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - RECEIVING SCHEDULE

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/25	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/25
Receipts From:		
Washington Parish Sheriff - Criminal Court Costs/Fees	$ 73,704	$ 47,407
Washington Parish Sheriff – Bond Fees	6,440	23,517
Washington Parish Sheriff - Criminal Fines - Other/Non-Contempt	33,146	32,054
Bogalusa City Court	4,239	4,932
Total receipts	$ 117,529	$ 107,910

OTHER REPORTS

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

Washington Parish Government
Franklinton, 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 business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington Parish Government (the Parish) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Parish's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 23, 2026.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Parish'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 Parish's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

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 Parish's financial statements are free of 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 entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
June 23, 2026

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Washington Parish Government
Franklinton, Louisiana

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Washington Parish Government's (the Parish) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of the Parish's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025. The Parish's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Parish complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2025.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Parish and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with 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 opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Parish's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Parish's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on the Parish's compliance based on our audit. 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, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about the Parish's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, 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 Parish's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Parish's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis.

A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kushner LaGraize, L.L.C.

Metairie, Louisiana
June 23, 2026

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS

December 31, 2025

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor Program or Cluster Title	Award Number	Federal Assistance Listing Number	Passed through to Subrecipients	Federal Expenditures
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
Passed through Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness:				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	EMT-2024-EP-00001-S01	97.042	$ -	$ 15,694
Homeland Security Grant Program	EMW-2024-SS-05277	97.067	-	17,505
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	4277-117-0082	97.039	-	646,278
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	4611-117-0147	97.039	-	503,320
Total Department of Homeland Security			-	1,182,797
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Passed through State Department of Transportation and Development:				
Highway Planning and Construction	H.015850	20.205	-	618,457
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	RU-18-59-25	20.509	129,541	129,541
Formula Grants for Rural Areas	RU-18-59-26	20.509	201,935	201,935
Total Department of Transportation			331,476	949,933
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development				
Passed through State Department of Housing and Urban Development:				
Community Development Block Grant	B-22-DF-22-0001	14.228	-	39,568
Community Development Block Grant	B-16-DL-22-0001	14.228	-	33,178
Total Department of Housing and Urban Development			-	72,746
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services				
Passed through State Department of Health and Hospitals:				
Public Health				
Public Health Emergency Preparedness	723936	93.069	-	4,875
Total Department of Health and Human Services			-	4,875
Department of Interior				
Passed through State of Louisiana Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism, Office of State Parks:				
Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning	P21AP11481-01	15.916	-	497,611
Total Department of Interior			-	497,611
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Direct Program:				
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	NONE	21.027	417,310	486,667
Total Department of the Treasury			417,310	486,667
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			$ 748,786	$ 3,194,629

See accompanying notes to the schedule of expenditures of federal awards.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
December 31, 2025

NOTE A – BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying *Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards* includes the federal grant activity of the Washington Parish Government and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of the Parish, it is not intended to and does not present the net position and changes in the net position of the Parish. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

NOTE B – DE MINIMIS COST RATE

During the year ended December 31, 2025, the Parish did not elect to use the de minimis cost rate as covered in Section 200.414 of the Uniform Guidance.

NOTE C – DETERMINATION OF TYPE A AND TYPE B PROGRAMS

Federal awards programs are classified as either Type A or Type B programs. For the year ended December 31, 2025, Type A programs consisted of the federal programs that expended over $1,000,000 and Type B programs were the programs that expended under $1,000,000.

NOTE D – NON-CASH ASSISTANCE

No federal awards were expended in the form of non-cash assistance during the year ended December 31, 2025.

NOTE E – PRIOR YEAR EXPENDITURES

During the prior year, $696 of expenditures of Highway Planning and Construction (#21.205) federal funds were erroneously excluded from the Schedule of Federal Expenditures. As this amount relates to prior year expenditures and does not have a significant impact on the financial statements, an adjustment to the Schedule of Federal Expenditures was not made for the year ended December 31, 2025.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

SECTION 1 - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of Auditors' Report Issued: Adverse (Due to omission of discretely presented component units)

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes _X_ No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ___ Yes _X_ None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? ___ Yes _X_ No

Federal Awards

Internal Control Over Major Programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? ___ Yes _X_ No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? ___ Yes _X_ None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance? ___Yes _X_ No

Identification of major programs:

Assistance Listing Number	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
97.039	Hazard Mitigation Grant Program
15.916	Outdoor Recreation Acquisition, Development and Planning

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS - Continued

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between
Type A and Type B programs: $1,000,000

Auditee Qualified as Low-Risk Auditee? _X_ Yes ___ No

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

None noted.

SECTION III – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

None noted.

WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

For the Year Ended December 31, 2025

	<u>**RESOLUTION**</u>
SECTION 1 - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
2024-001 Budget Compliance	Resolved
SECTION II - INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
None issued.	
SECTION III - MANAGEMENT LETTER	
None issued.	

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Washington Parish Council, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. The Washington Parish Government's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Washington Parish Government (the Parish) has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period January 1, 2025 through December 31, 2025. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1. ***Written Policies and Procedures***

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

   i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

      No exceptions noted.

   ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

      No exceptions noted.

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iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

No exceptions noted.

iv. ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

viii. ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, 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).

No exceptions noted.

ix. ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

xi. ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

2. ***Board or Finance Committee***

A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:

i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.

No exceptions noted.

ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.

No exceptions noted.

iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

N/A – the General Fund did not have a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year.

iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit findings, according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

No exceptions noted.

3. ***Bank Reconciliations***

A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

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

No exceptions noted.

ii. Bank reconciliations include 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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Obtained listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (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 or 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 listing of collection sites for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

No exceptions noted.

ii. 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 noted.

iii. 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 noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for "Bank Reconciliations" procedure #3A 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). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe 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 noted.

v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

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

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

Obtained listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

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

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and:

i. Observe whether the disbursement matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in "Bank Reconciliations" procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

No exceptions noted.

6. ***Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards***

A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Obtained complete listing of all active credit cards for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #6B above, <u>excluding fuel cards</u>, 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 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.

No exceptions noted.

D. Using the list of terminated employees obtained in Payroll and Personnel procedure #9C identify those individuals who had access to cards and randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees with card access if less than 5) from this population. Observe evidence that the cards have been deactivated for these terminated employees. In cases where a card is shared by multiple users, obtain evidence that the terminated employees' authorization has been removed.

No exceptions noted.

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

A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, 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:

Obtained complete listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (<u>www.gsa.gov</u>).

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

8. ***Contracts***

A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. 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:

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

No exceptions noted.

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

No exceptions noted.

iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe 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).

N/A – examined 5 contracts, noting none were amended during the fiscal year.

iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

9. ***Payroll and Personnel***

A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Obtained complete listing of all employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete, without exception.

B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:

i. Observe all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).

No exceptions noted.

ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials.

No exceptions noted.

iii. Observe any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

No exceptions noted.

iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee or officials' cumulative 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.

No exceptions noted.

D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Per discussion with management, all employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms filed, by the required deadline, without exception.

10. ***Ethics***

A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from "Payroll and Personnel" procedure #9A above, obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

Examined 5 employees, noting 1 of 5 employees selected did not complete the required ethics training during the fiscal period.

ii. Observe whether 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.

N/A - Per discussion with management, there were no changes to the entity's ethics policies during the fiscal period.

B. Inquire whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

11. ***Debt Service***

A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued.

N/A – per discussion with management and review of the financial statements, the Parish issued no debt during the fiscal period.

B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

N/A – per discussion with management and review of the financial statements, the Parish had no outstanding debt during the year.

12. ***Fraud Notice***

A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the Court attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

Obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets from management. Obtained supporting documentation and observed that the entity reported the misappropriation to the LLA and to the Parish Attorney, without exception.

B. Observe 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 noted.

13. ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***

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

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

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if 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 procedures and discussed the results with management.

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

We performed the procedures and discussed the results with management.

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

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

14. ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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

   Examined 5 employees, noting 1 of 5 employees selected did not complete the required sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

B. Observe 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 noted.

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

   i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
   ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
   iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
   iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
   v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

   No exceptions noted.

We were engaged by the Parish 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 standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. 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 C/C 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 Parish 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 C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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Metairie, Louisiana
June 23, 2026