CITY COURT OF LEESVILLE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024



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November 7, 2024

Independent Accountants' Review Report

The Honorable Elvin Fontenot City Court of Leesville Leesville, LA

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City Court of Leesville, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility 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.

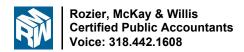
Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

We are required to be independent of the City Court of Leesville and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Substantial Doubt About Ability to Continue as a Going Concern

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared assuming that the City Court of Leesville will continue as a going concern. As discussed in Note 6, the City Court of Leesville has suffered recurring losses from operations, cash overdrafts, financial stress, has a net capital deficiency, and substantial doubt exists about the City Court of Leesville's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's evaluation of the events and conditions and management's plans regarding these matters are also described in Note 6. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty. Our conclusion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the accompanying Managements' Discussion and Analysis, and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances (Budget and Actual) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited, reviewed, or compiled the required supplementary information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

Supplemental Financial Information

The supplementary information as listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have not audited or reviewed such information and we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any assurance on it.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued our report dated November 7, 2024 on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants

Alexandria, Louisiana

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

This section of the annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the City Court of Leesville's financial performance during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the City Court as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Court's assets and all of its liabilities. All of the Court's activities are classified as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. The governmental activities are financed primarily by cost and fees assessed by the City Court.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Court's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the organization as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. The Court's funds are described as follows:

Governmental Funds:

Governmental funds are limited to the general fund, which is classified as a Governmental Fund. This fund is used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund uses a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Court's finances. Assets reported by the governmental fund are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

Fiduciary Funds:

Fiduciary funds are limited to custodial funds that are used to account for collection of funds on behalf of individuals, organizations and other governments. The custodial funds are excluded from the government-wide financial statements because these resources are not available to support the Court's ongoing activities.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY COURT AS A WHOLE

An analysis of the government-wide Statement of Net Position is presented as follows:

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS June 30, 2024

	June 30,			
	2024		2023	
Assets:	·			
Current Assets	\$	6,433	\$	9,996
Depreciable Capital Assets, net		80		130
Total Assets		6,513		10,126
Deferred Outflows of Resources		6,886		7,329
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Accounts Payable				8,000
Current and Other Liabilities		31,624		26,568
Long-Term Liabilities		39,023		39,233
Total Liabilities		70,647	647 73,80	
Deferred Inflows of Resources				
Net Position:				
Invested in Capital Assets, Net		80		130
Unrestricted		(57,328)		(56,476)
Total Net Position		(57,248)	\$	(56,346)

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, liabilities associated with providing defined retirement benefits for employees, and declines in revenue that resulted in substantial losses have eliminated the net position.

A comparative analysis of the government-wide Statement of Activities is presented as follows:

		For the Year Ended June 30,					
		2024		2023			
Revenues:							
Program Revenue:			_				
Charges for Services	\$	169,311	\$	159,675			
Capital Contributions							
General Revenue:							
Interest							
Total Revenue		169,311		159,675			
Program Expenses:							
Judicial		170,213		205,158			
Change in Net Position		(902)		(38,616)			
Net Position Beginning							
As Originally Reported		(82,966)		(44,350)			
Prior Period Adjustment		26,620					
As Adjusted		(56,346)		(44,350)			
Net Position Ending	\$	(57,248)	\$	(82,966)			
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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

As the accompanying presentation demonstrates, the deficit has declined due to an absence of revenue and cash flows in the current year.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE CITY COURT'S FUNDS

For the year ended June 30, 2024, differences between the government-wide presentation and the fund financial statements were limited to reporting long term liabilities associated with participating in cost sharing defined benefit retirement arrangements.

BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

For the year ended June 30, 2024, revenue and expenditures did not meet expectations and unfavorable variances were reported.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended June 30, 2024, capital asset activity was limited to depreciating existing assets.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

For the year ended June 30, 2024, there were was no debt outstanding and no activity involving borrowing or repayment.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

At the present time, no known issues are expected to have a significant impact on future operations.

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2024

	 vernmental activities
ASSETS	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 6,433
Depreciable Capital Assets	80
Total assets	6,513
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Pension Funding Deferrals	6,886
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LIABILITIES	
Accounts Payable	-
Accrued Liabilities	31,624
Net Pension Liability	39,023
Total Liabilities	70,647
DEFENDED INC. OW OF DESCRIPCES	
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Pension Funding Deferrals	
NET POSITION	
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	80
Unrestricted	(57,328)
Total Net Position (deficit)	\$ (57,248)

Statement of Activities Year Ended June 30, 2024

		vernmental Activities
Expenses:		
Judicial		
Dues and Seminars	\$	100
Office Supplies and Expense		6,900
Payroll Taxes		9,103
Retirement		233
Postage		-
Salaries		138,222
Telephone		4,936
Uniforms		1,700
Depreciation		50
Accounting		8,969
Bank Charges	_	
Total Expenses		170,213
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Program Revenues:		100 011
Charges for Services		169,311
Capital Contributions Total Program Revenues		<u>-</u> 169,311
Total Flogram Revenues		109,311
Net (Expense) Revenue - Governmental Activities		(902)
General Revenues:		
Interest		-
Total General Revenues		-
Change in Net Position		(902)
Net Position - Beginning		
As Originally Reported		(82,966)
Prior Period Adjustment		26,620
As Adjusted		(56,346)
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Net Position - Ending	\$	(57,248)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds Year Ended June 30, 2024

	General Fund	
<u>Assets</u>		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	6,433
Accounts Receivables		
Total Assets		6,433
<u>Liabilities and Fund Balance</u> Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		-
Accrued Liabilities		31,624
Total Liabilities		31,624
Fund Balance		
Unassigned		(25,191)
Total Fund Balances		(25,191)
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$	6,433

Fund Balance	\$ (25,191)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	80
Pension obligations do not require a commitment of current financial resources and are excluded from the fund presentation.	 (32,137)
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ (57,248)

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds

Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Ge	neral Fund
Revenues: Court Cost and Fees Interest	\$	169,311 -
Total revenues		169,311
Expenditures:		
Judicial		
Dues and Seminars		100
Office Supplies and Expense		6,900
Payroll Taxes		9,103
Postage		-
Salaries		138,222
Telephone Uniforms		4,936
Accounting		1,700 8,969
Bank Charges		0,909
Capital Expenditures		_
Total expenditures		169,930
Net Change in Fund Balance		(619)
Fund Balance - Beginning		
As Originally Reported		(51,192)
Prior Period Adjustment		26,620
As Adjusted		(24,572)
<u> </u>		
Fund Balance - Ending	\$	(25,191)
Net change in fund balances of Governmental Funds	\$	(619)
Amounts reported for governmental activates in the statement of activities are different because		
Governmental funds do not report changes in liabilities associated with participating in cost sharing, multi employer retirement systems.		(233)
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. The effect of		
capital outlays and depreciation is presented as follows:		
Capital Outlay -		
Depreciation(50)	(50)
Change in net position of governmental activities	\$	(902)

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024

	_	Custodial Funds	
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	56,997	
Total Assets		56,997	
Liabilities Due to Marshal's Cost Account Total Liabilities		<u>-</u>	
Net Position Restricted for Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments		56,997	
Total Net Position	\$	56,997	

Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024

	_	Custodial Funds	
Additions Fines and Court Cost	\$	250 450	
Probation Fees	Φ	258,458	
		97,855	
Civil Fees		70,371	
Total Additions		426,684	
<u>Deductions</u>			
Distributions to Recipients of Traffic Receipts		317,273	
Distributions to Recipients of Civil Fees		66,151	
Administrative Expenses		9,368	
Other		1,365	
Total Deductions		394,157	
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position		32,527	
Net Position - Beginning			
As Originally Reported		58,406	
Prior Period Adjustment		(33,936)	
As Restated		24,470	
Net Position - Ending	\$	56,997	

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The City Court of Leesville was created by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:2485.1, which grants jurisdiction encompassing the City of Leesville and the remainder of Ward 1 of Vernon Parish. The City Court is governed by a Judge that is elected to a term of six years. Operation of the City Court is funded primarily by court cost and fees assessed from persons participating in the judicial process.

The accompanying policies conform to generally accepted accounting principles for governmental units.

Reporting Entity

The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. Criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability are described as follows:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a) The ability of the reporting entity to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b) The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the reporting entity.
- 2. Organizations for which the reporting entity does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the reporting entity.
- 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 criteria presented above, the City Court is a component of the City of Leesville. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City Court and do not present information of the City of Leesville as a whole, the general government service provided by that governmental unit, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize all of the Court's operations as governmental activities. Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide and fund financial statements present the Court's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Court as a whole. The effect of any interfund activity is eliminated from these financial statements. Furthermore, government-wide financial statements exclude any fiduciary activities which are reported in the fund financial statements.

Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service. Program revenues include charges for services, and capital contributions.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Court's major funds are described as follows:

 General Fund – This fund is the primary operating fund of the Court is used to account for all resources.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to report assets held by the City Court for the benefit of other governments, individuals or organizations. Fiduciary funds utilized by the City Court are described as follows:

- Traffic This fund is used to report the receipt and disbursement of various fines, and court cost collected in connection with citations issued by law enforcement.
 The fund is also used to account for probation fees collected from defendants that receive citations.
- Civil This fund is used to report receipt and disbursement of court cost assessed in connection with civil litigation.

Financial Statement Presentation	Basis of Accounting	Measurement Focus
Government-Wide Financial	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Statements		
Fund Financial Statements	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial
		Resources
Fiduciary Funds	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year end. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measure focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. In addition, any long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from issuing long-term debt are reported as other financing sources and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statement in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Budget Practices

As an independently elected official, the Judge is solely responsible for adopting annual budgets for the general fund. Budgets present revenue and expenditures on a basis which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

Capital Assets

Capital assets include significant acquisitions of equipment that are expected to remain in service for a period of years. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements, but are excluded from the fund financial statements. Instead, the funds report the acquisition of capital assets as expenditures rather than asset acquisitions.

All capital assets are reported at historical cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciated is computed using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives that are based on the expected durability of the particular asset. A useful life of five years is typically used.

Cash

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, and any highly liquid investments.

Fund Balance Classification

Commitment or assignment of fund balances requires approval of the Judge. When expenditures comply with the necessary provisions restricted, committed or assigned amounts are generally consumed rather than utilizing unassigned funds.

Accounting for Fiduciary Activities

Governmental Accounting Standards require a governmental unit to recognize a liability to beneficiaries of a fiduciary fund when an event occurs that compels the government to disburse the resources, or if the beneficiary does not need to take action to compel the government to disburse the resources. The has not recognized a liability associated with amounts on deposit in fiduciary funds because further action is necessary to complete adjudication and determine the ultimate beneficiaries.

NOTE 2 - CASH

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. At June 30, 2024, deposits were fully secured by FDIC insurance coverage.

NOTE 3 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Court's capital assets is provided as follows:

	Beginning Balance		Add	Additions Disposal		Disposals		ling ance
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:								
Equipment	\$	120,898	\$		\$		\$ 12	20,898
Less Accumulated Depreciation		120,768		50			12	20,818
Total Net of Depreciation	\$	130	\$	(50)	\$		\$	80

NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT

The Court is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Court insures against these risks by participating in a public entity risk pool that operates as a common insurance program and by purchasing commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

NOTE 5 - RETIREMENT PLAN

Plan Description – Selected employees of the Court are members of the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System (LASERS), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to eligible employees and their beneficiaries as defined in the Louisiana Revised Statutes. The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to receive retirement benefits are established by statutes and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer and job classification.

Funding Policy – Contribution rates are established governed by statute based on findings by the System's actuary. In addition, the actuarially determined contribution rates vary based on the type of participating employer. The Court's contributions to the System for the preceding three years were consistent with the required contributions for each of those years.

Financial Summary - The plan description, funding policies and financial information provides a summary of the Plan provisions and finances. For additional details the System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained at lasersonline.org.

Net pension liability was determined at June 30, 2023 (measurement date and actuarial valuation date) and details are provided as follows:

Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 6,693,528,340
City Court's Proportionate Share (Percentage)	0.00058%
City Court's Proportionate Share (Amount)	\$ 39,023

The net pension liability presented above was not affected by any special funding situations. Changes in the City Court's proportionate share of net pension liability during the measurement period ending June 30, 2023 are provided as follows:

Beginning Net Pension Liability (Asset) Employer Contributions Legislative Acts Contributions Pension Expense Changes in Proportion Change in Deferred Outflows of Resources Change in Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ 39,233 (5,337) (2,183) 5,875 4,347 (2,912)
Ending Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 39,023

There were no changes between June 30, 2024 and the measurement date that are expected to have a significant effect on the City Court's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. Balances presented as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources reported in connection with participation in the plan are presented as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferre Inflows Resoure	of	Tota	al (Net)
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 845	5 \$	 	\$	845
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Pension Plan Investments	223	}			223
Changes of Assumptions Changes in Proportion					
Employer Contributions Made After the Measurement Date	5,818	<u> </u>			5,818
Total Deferrals	6,886	;			6,886
Deferrals That Will be Recorded as a Reduction in Net Pension Liability in the Subsequent Reporting Period	(5,818	3)			(5,818)
Deferrals Subject to Amortization	\$ 1,068	\$		\$	1,068

Deferrals that will be amortized as a component of pension expense in future periods are summarized as follows:

For the Year Ending: June 30, 2024 June 30, 2025 June 30, 2026 June 30, 2027	\$ 1,067 (1,409) 1,922 (512)
Total	\$ 1,068

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of the measurement date are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment Rate of Return	7.25% (Net of Investment Expense)
Projected Salary Increases	Salary increases were projected based on a 2014-2018 experience study of the System's members. The salary

increase for ranges for specific types of members are:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

	Member Type Regular Judges Corrections Hazardous Duty Wildlife	Lower Range 3.0% 2.6% 3.6% 3.6% 3.6%	Upper Range 12.8% 5.1% 13.8% 13.8% 13.8%
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2 Years		
Termination, Disability and Retirement			assumptions were 18) experience study
Cost of Living Adjustments	benefits currently previously granted benefit payments d increases not yet a	of future retirement being paid by the S cost of living incre o not include provisio uthorized by the Boar o be substantively au	system and includes ases. The projected as for potential future d of Trustees as they
Mortality	(males/females) an	on a fully generation	-2014 Blue Collar es) Healthy Annuitant al basis by Mortality
		Mortality Table, wit	sed on the RP-2000 h no projection for
Inflation Rate	2.3%		

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges 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 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.19% for 2023. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of
Asset Class	Return
Cash	0.80%
Domestic Equity	4.45%
International Equity	5.44%
Domestic Fixed Income	2.04%
International Fixed Income	5.33%
Alternative Investments	8.19%
Total	5.75%

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 2024

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. 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.

Sensitivity to changes in the discount has been determined by measuring net pension liability at a discount rate that is one percentage point lower and one percentage point higher than the current rate. The results are presented as follows:

	1% Decrease		
	6.25% Discount	Current Discount	1% Increase
	Rate	Rate 7.25%	8.25% Discount
Net Pension Liability	\$ 51,098	\$ 39,023	\$ 28,794

Note 6 - Going Concern Issues

The City Court of Leesville has experienced losses resulting from decreased law enforcement activity and defendant's inability to make payments imposed by the Court. These losses have resulted in reporting a deficit in the general fund balance. If these conditions persist, it could inhibit the ability to meet obligations and sustain operations.

Since management has essentially no influence over law enforcement activity and financial conditions contributing to the decline in resources, its ability to respond to these matters is limited. Accordingly, management is making arrangements to sustain operations utilizing existing resources. The ability to continue as a going concern is dependent on the success of managements' plans. The financial statements do not include any adjustments that might be necessary if the City Court of Leesville is unable to continue as a going concern.

Note 7 - Prior Period Adjustment

The cash cutoff for the previous period was not performed correctly. As a result of the poor cutoff, various transactions were omitted. The effect of the omitted transactions is summarized as follows:

Net Position / Fund Balance

Governmental Activities					stodial unds
\$	9,996	\$	9,996	\$	24,470
	(16,624)		(16,624)		58,406
\$	26,620	\$	26,620	\$	(33,936)
Change in N Governmental Activities		Gove	ernmental	Cu	ance stodial unds
\$	(38,616)	\$	(37,628)	\$	9,857
	26,620		26,620		(33,936)
\$	(11,996)	\$	(11,008)	\$	(24,079)
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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual Year Ended June 30, 2024

								iance with al Budget
		Budget Amounts		Actual		Positive		
		Original		Final		Amounts	<u>(N</u>	legative)
_								
Revenues:	_		_		_			()
Court Cost and Fees	\$	234,000	\$	250,000	\$	169,311	\$	(80,689)
Interest		-		-		-		
Total revenues		234,000		250,000		169,311		(80,689)
Expenditures:								
Judicial								
Dues and Seminars		1,000		1,000		100		900
Miscellaneous		20,000		19,500		-		19,500
Office Supplies and Expense		6,000		6,000		6,900		(900)
Payroll Taxes		11,000		11,000		9,103		1,897
Postage		1,400		1,400		-		1,400
Professional Fees		25,000		26,000		8,969		17,031
Retirement		-		-		-		-
Salaries		144,000		143,000		138,222		4,778
Telephone		3,500		3,500		4,936		(1,436)
Uniforms		2,300		2,300		1,700		600
Capital Expenditures		-		-		-		-
Total expenditures		214,200		213,700		169,930		43,770
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues								
Over Expenditures		19,800		36,300		(619)		(36,919)
Fund balance - beginning of year		(24,572)		(24,572)		(24,572)		
Fund balance - end of year	\$	(4,772)	\$	11,728	\$	(25,191)	\$	(36,919)

Schedule of Net Pension Liability Data Cost Sharing Retirement Systems

Retirement System /	Share of Co	Liability	Covered	Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of	Pension Plans Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension
Measurement Date	Percent	Amount	Payroll	Covered Payroll	Liability
Louisiana State Employee	es' Retirement S	ystem			
June 30, 2014	0.00101%	62,904	18,099	347.6%	65.0%
June 30, 2015	0.00083%	56,657	20,626	274.7%	62.7%
June 30, 2016	0.00068%	53,005	21,167	250.4%	57.7%
June 30, 2017	0.00109%	76,934	19,462	395.3%	62.5%
June 30, 2018	0.00097%	66,017	23,436	281.7%	64.3%
June 30, 2019	0.00080%	58,104	15,320	379.3%	62.9%
June 30, 2020	0.00055%	45,241	9,474	477.5%	58.0%
June 30, 2021	0.00054%	29,446	11,554	254.8%	72.8%
June 30, 2022	0.00052%	39,235	10,839	362.0%	63.7%
June 30, 2023	0.00058%	39,023	7,900	494.0%	68.4%

Notes to Schedule:

At the present time, management has not identified any factors that are expected to significantly affect trends in the amounts reported above.

Schedule of Employer Contributions Cost Sharing Retirement Systems

Retirement System / Fiscal Year Ending	Statutorily Required Employer Contributions	Contributions Recognized By the Pension Plan	Difference Between Required and Recognized Contributions	Covered Payroll	Contributions Recognized as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
Louisiana State Employ	ees' Retiremen	t System			
June 30, 2014	8,560	8,560	-	20,626	41.50%
June 30, 2015	8,065	8,072	(7)	21,167	38.13%
June 30, 2016	7,396	7,381	15	19,462	37.93%
June 30, 2017	9,398	9,398	-	23,436	40.10%
June 30, 2018	6,143	6,146	(3)	15,320	40.12%
June 30, 2019	4,592	4,562	30	10,831	42.12%
June 30, 2020	4,017	4,672	(655)	9,473	49.32%
June 30, 2021	4,899	4,565	334	11,554	39.51%
June 30, 2022	4,596	4,442	154	10,839	40.98%
June 30, 2023	3,349	5,337	(1,988)	7,900	67.56%

Notes to Schedule:

At the present time, management has not identified any factors that are expected to significantly affect trends in the amounts reported above.

Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position Custodial Funds June 30, 2024

	 Traffic	 Civil	_	Total ustodial Funds
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 50,358	\$ 6,639	\$	56,997
Total Assets	50,358	6,639		56,997
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Due to Other Funds	-	-		-
Total Liabilities	-	-		-
Net Position				
Restricted for Individuals, Organizations,				
and Other Governments	50,358	6,639		56,997
Total Net Position	\$ 50,358	\$ 6,639	\$	56,997

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position Fiduciary Funds
June 30, 2024

Additions	Traffic	Civil		Total Custodial Funds	
Criminal Court					
Fines and Court Cost	\$ 258,458	\$	-	\$	258,458
Probation Fees	97,855		-		97,855
Civil Fees	-		70,371		70,371
Total Additions	356,313		70,371		426,684
<u>Deductions</u>					
Distributions to Recipients of Traffic Receipts	317,273		-		317,273
Distributions to Recipients of Civil Fees	-		66,151		66,151
Administrative Expenses	8,845		523		9,368
Refunds	-		-		-
Other	1,365		-		1,365
Total Deductions	327,483		66,674		394,157
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	28,830		3,697		32,527
Net Position - Beginning					
As Originally Reported	51,652		6,754		58,406
Prior Period Adjustment	(30,124)		(3,812)		(33,936)
As Restated	21,528		2,942		24,470
Net Position - Ending	\$ 50,358	\$	6,639	\$	56,997

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting / Disbursing Entity
As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session Cash Basis Presentation

For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended December 30, 2023	Second Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2024	
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ 24,470	\$ 27,451	
Add: Collections Criminal Court Costs/Fees	150,196	206,117	
Civil Fees	33,014	37,357	
Subtotal Collections	183,210	243,474	
Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits Criminal Court Cost/Fees			
Vernon Parish Clerk of Court	3,600	2,500	
Indigent Defender Board	3,946	7,506	
City of Leesville	50,761	52,424	
City Marshal	9,000	14,827	
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	-	206	
Crime Victims Assistance	552	555	
North Louisiana Crime Lab	8,095	13,007	
LRS-HSCI	1,173	560	
Juvenile Detention Center	1,936	2,661	
DARE	245	100	
Judicial Supplemental Fee	-	<u>-</u>	
Judges Supplemental Fee	128	65	
Judicial Admin Costs	1,125	-	
Office Supplies	-	<u>-</u>	
Professional Fees	5,500	3,000	
Restitution	-	-	
Other	662	2,280	
Civil Fees			
City Marshal	3,413	3,450	
Vernon Parish Clerk of Court	945	2,310	
Vernon Parish Sheriff	418	565	
Indigent Defender Board	-	-	
Judges Supplemental Fee	53	37	
Judicial Admin Costs	8,865	8,795	
Office Supplies	-	-	
Restitution	69	135	
Less: Amounts Retained by the City Court			
Criminal Court Cost/Fees	65,684	75,385	
Civil Fees	13,200	22,796	
Less: Disbursements to Individuals /3rd Party Collection			
Adminstrative Fees - Criminal Court Cost/Fees	_	_	
Administrative Fees - Civil Fees	859	764	
Subtotal Disbursements / Retainage	180,229	213,928	
Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed	\$ 27,451	\$ 56,997	
		/ /-	

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Elvii	ency Head n Fontenot ty Judge)
Compensation	\$	10,434
Benefits		-
Reimbursements		-
Travel		-
Other		-



Independent Accountants' Report on Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

November 7, 2024

The Honorable Elvin Fontenot Leesville City Judge

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the City Court of Leesville compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Court's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Court 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 Court's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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:

PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000, and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code); R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

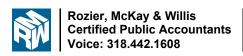
During the year, there were no expenditures meeting the scope of the public bid law as defined above.

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by R.S. 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.



Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

There were no instances where names appeared on both lists.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interests of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. Vendors did not include any related parties disclosed by the Judge.

BUDGETING

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. Management represented that there were no amendments to the budget during the year.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

Not applicable, the Judge's Office is governed exclusively by the City Judge and no meetings or votes are required to adopt a budget.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, budgeted revenue exceeded actual revenue, resulting in an unfavorable variance.

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

- 9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:
 - (a) Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and the payee in the supporting documentation.

Each of the six selected disbursements agreed with the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

(b) Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Each check was signed by the appropriate official.

MEETINGS

10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by R.S. 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

Not applicable, the City Judge is solely responsible for governing the Court; therefore, no meetings are required.

DEBT

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We inspected the cash receipts journal for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

Payroll is processed by the City of Leesville and disbursed on established paydays. The Judge's activity is limited to providing partial reimbursement on a routine basis. Accordingly, there is no evidence of advances, bonuses or gifts by the Judge's Office.

STATE AUDIT LAW

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The previous report was completed within the period of time prescribed by State Law.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Not applicable, the Judge's Office has fully complied with R.S, 24:513

PRIOR-YEAR COMMENTS

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

See the Schedule of Prior Year Findings.

We were engaged by the Court 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 the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Court's compliance with the foregoing matters. 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 Court 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 the Court's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Rozier, McKay & Willis Certified Public Accountants

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN For the Year Ended June 30. 2024

SECTION I

Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements.

2024-001: BUDGET NONCOMPLIANCE

Revenue budgeted by the General Fund exceeded the amount of actual revenue, resulting in noncompliance with State Law. We recommend revising financial statement presentations to include budget variances in a manner that facilities identifying unfavorable variances and adopting amendments when variances exceed prescribed limits.

2024-002: ACCOUNTING PRACTICES

The accounting system utilized by the City Court is subject to some deficiencies that are summarized as follows:

- Third party personnel responsible for reconciling accounts did not preform a proper cutoff of cash. Accordingly, it was necessary to adjust opening balances and certain disbursements were excluded from reported transactions.
- The City Court's accounting system combines activities of its general fund with the activities of its custodial funds. Combining these activities limits the usefulness of reports by making it difficult to distinguish the activities of particular funds. We suggest establishing a separate general ledger to account for each fund.

2024-001: RESPONSE

We will attempt to implement a better process for monitoring budgets to facilitate avoiding unfavorable variances.

2024-002: RESPONSE

We will request that the vendor providing accounting services address deficiencies by improving the cash cutoff process and providing a separate general ledger for each fund.

SECTION II

Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

No findings of this nature were reported

Response – N/A

SECTION III

Management Letter

No management letter was issued with this report. Response – N/A

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Previous Finding	Current Status
2023-001: BUDGET NONCOMPLIANCE Actual revenue was less than budgeted and actual expenditures exceeded budget appropriations. The unfavorable variances resulted in non-compliance with State Law	2023-001: UNRESOLVED See 2024-001 for further details
2023-002: ACCOUNTING PRACTICES The City Court's accounting system combines activities of its general fund with the activities of its custodial funds. Combining these activities limits the usefulness of reports by making it difficult to distinguish the activities of particular funds.	2023-002: UNRESOLVED See 2024-002 for further details

Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

Rozier, McKay & Willis 160 Browns Bend Road Alexandria, LA 71303

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of <u>June 30, 2024</u> and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the <u>Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide</u>, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we	have complied with	the state procuren	nent code (R.S. 39	9:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid
law (R.S. 38:22	11-2296), and, where	e applicable, the re	egulations of the D	ivision of Admini	stration and the
State Purchasin	g Office.				

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines
and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained;
the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes [X] N	1 10	N/A	1
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Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [] No [] N/A [X]

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [] No [] N/A [X]

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose

to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

City Judge

_Date