

**RED RIVER PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Coushatta, Louisiana**

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With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
June 30, 2017
With Supplemental Information Schedules**

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Independent Auditor's Report

RED RIVER PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Coushatta, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court, a component unit of the Red River Parish Police Jury, as of June 30, 2017, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Clerk's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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.

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements 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 Red River Parish Clerk of Court's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

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June 30, 2017

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position and major fund of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court as of June 30, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 through 10, the budgetary comparison information on pages 33 through 34, and the schedule of the Clerks' proportionate share of the net pension liability on pages 35 through 36, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's office basic financial statements. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head on page 38 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated December 2, 2017, on my consideration of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



West Monroe, Louisiana
December 2, 2017

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I**

RED RIVER PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Coushatta, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2017

As management of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court, I offer readers of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document introduces the Clerk's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-wide Financial Statements) provide information about the financial activities as a whole and illustrate a longer-term view of the Clerk of Court's finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund (Fund Financial Statements) tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Financial Statements by providing information about the most significant funds. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Our auditor has provided assurance in her independent auditor's report that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Financial Section.

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

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the 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 timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned, but unused, sick leave).

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 Red River Parish Clerk of Court, 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 Red River Parish Clerk of Court can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary (agency) 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 evaluating 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 governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Red River Parish Clerk of Court adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary (agency) funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Since these resources are not available to support the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's programs, Fiduciary (agency) funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, assets of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court exceeded liabilities by \$528,569. Approximately 3% of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are not available for future spending.

The balance in unrestricted net position is affected by two factors: 1) resources expended, over time, by the Red River Parish Clerk of Court to acquire capital assets from sources other than internally generated funds (i.e., debt), and 2) required depreciation.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$396,661	\$496,221
Investments	554,367	554,367
Receivables	14,798	10,106
Prepaid expenses		1,994
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>17,754</u>	<u>23,147</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>983,580</u>	<u>1,085,835</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related	<u>240,123</u>	<u>97,484</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>\$1,223,703</u>	<u>\$1,183,319</u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$5,620	\$2,621
Withholdings payable	11,103	17,531
Due to clerk	10,012	10,012
Net pension liability	<u>592,880</u>	<u>458,170</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	619,615	488,334
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related	75,519	82,262
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	17,754	23,147
Unrestricted	<u>510,815</u>	<u>589,576</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>528,569</u>	<u>612,723</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u>\$1,223,703</u>	<u>\$1,183,319</u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Judicial:		
Personal services	\$451,905	\$422,738
Operating services	35,260	52,779
Materials and supplies	7,119	11,027
Travel	34,681	33,357
Depreciation expense	<u>5,393</u>	<u>8,214</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>534,358</u>	<u>528,115</u>
Program revenues:		
License and permits - marriage	2,173	1,155
Clerk's supplemental compensation	22,750	23,650
Court cost, fees, and charges	208,845	278,096
Recordings	134,829	47,398
Charges for copies	<u>39,408</u>	<u>23,659</u>
Total program revenues	<u>408,005</u>	<u>373,958</u>
Net Program Expenses	<u>(126,353)</u>	<u>(154,157)</u>
General revenues:		
Interest earned	7,642	8,544
Other	<u>34,557</u>	<u>31,332</u>
Change in Net Position	(84,154)	(114,281)
Net Position - Beginning of year - as restated	<u>612,723</u>	<u>727,004</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u>\$528,569</u>	<u>\$612,723</u>

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Red River Parish Clerk of Court uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

The General Fund's unreserved, unassigned fund balance of \$939,091 shows a decrease (of approximately \$93,433) from the prior year amount.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between expenditures of the original budget and the final budget were due primarily to increases in travel and other charges and decreases in personal services and related benefits, operating services and materials and supplies. Differences between revenues of the original budget and the final budget were due primarily to an increase in anticipated revenues for clerks supplemental compensation, court costs, fees and charges, recordings and decreases in licenses and permits, charges for copies and use of money and property.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Red River Parish Clerk of Court's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2017, amounts to \$17,754 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes furniture and equipment. There were no increases or decreases for the year.

Long-term debt. The Red River Parish Clerk of Court participates in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. The pension plan liability at June 30, 2017 is \$592,880.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court'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 Red River Parish Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 485, Coushatta, LA 71019.

December 2, 2017

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Coushatta, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2017

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$396,661
Investments	554,367
Receivables	14,798
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>17,754</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	983,580
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	<u>240,123</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u><u>\$1,223,703</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$5,620
Withholdings payable	11,103
Due to clerk	10,012
Net pension liability	<u>592,880</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>619,615</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	<u>75,519</u>
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	17,754
Unrestricted	<u>510,815</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	528,569
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$1,223,703</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 30, 2017

Judicial:	
Personal services	\$451,905
Operating services	35,260
Materials and supplies	7,119
Travel	34,681
Depreciation expense	5,393
Total Program Expenses	<u>534,358</u>
Program revenues:	
License and permits - marriage	2,173
Clerk's supplemental compensation	22,750
Court cost, fees, and charges	208,845
Recordings	134,829
Copies	39,408
Total program revenues	<u>408,005</u>
Net Program Expenses	<u>(126,353)</u>
General revenues:	
Interest earned	7,642
Other	34,557
Change in Net Position	<u>(84,154)</u>
Net Position - Beginning of year - as restated	<u>612,723</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u><u>\$528,569</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

RED RIVER PARISH CLERK OF COURT
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet, June 30, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$396,661
Investments	554,367
Receivables	<u>14,798</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$965,826</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities -	
Accounts payable	\$5,620
Withholdings payable	11,103
Due to clerk	<u>10,012</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>26,735</u>
Fund Equity - fund balances - unassigned	<u>939,091</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$965,826</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2017 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)		<u>\$939,091</u>
Deferred outflows of resources		240,123
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2017	\$103,808	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(86,054)</u>	17,754
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds:		
Net pension liability		(592,880)
Deferred inflows of resources		<u>(75,519)</u>
Net Position at June 30, 2017		<u><u>\$528,569</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

REVENUES

Licenses and permits - marriage	\$2,173
Intergovernmental revenues - state grants- Clerk's supplemental compensation	22,750
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:	
Court costs, fees, and charges	208,845
Recordings	134,829
Charges for copies	39,408
Use of money and property	7,642
Miscellaneous revenues	940
Total revenues	<u>416,587</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current:

General government - judicial:

Personal services	432,960
Operating services	35,260
Materials and supplies	7,119
Travel and other charges	34,681
Total expenditures	<u>510,020</u>

**EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES
OVER EXPENDITURES**

(93,433)

FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

1,032,524

FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR

\$939,091

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement D)	(\$93,433)
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation for the period.	(5,393)
Non-employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan	33,617
Pension expense	<u>(18,945)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>(\$84,154)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets - Agency Funds

June 30, 2017

	<u>ADVANCE DEPOSIT</u>	<u>REGISTRY OF COURT</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$689,139	\$20,000	\$709,139
Investments		30,339,756	30,339,756
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$689,139</u>	<u>30,359,756</u>	<u>\$31,048,895</u>
LIABILITIES			
Others	<u>\$689,139</u>	<u>\$30,359,756</u>	<u>\$31,048,895</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$689,139</u>	<u>\$30,359,756</u>	<u>\$31,048,895</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

The accompanying financial statements of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Red River Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Red River Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which primary government is financially accountable, and c) other organizations for which the 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 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Red River Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the police jury 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 police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.

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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.

Because the police jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the clerk of court's office is located and provides partial funding for equipment, furniture and supplies of the clerk of court's office, the clerk of court was determined to be a component unit of the Red River Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the clerk of court and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the Red River Parish financial reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The clerk of court's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the clerk of court as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the clerk's major fund). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All activities of the clerk are classified as governmental.

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the clerk, except for fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets at the fund financial statement level.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net Position are reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The clerk first uses restricted resources to finance qualifying activities. The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the clerk's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the clerk's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The clerk reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function. Depreciation on buildings is assigned to the "general administration" function due to the fact that buildings serve multiple purposes. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the clerk are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the clerk. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The clerk of court's current operations require the use of only governmental and fiduciary funds. The governmental and fiduciary fund types used by the clerk are described as follows:

Governmental Fund Type

General Fund - The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:781, is the principal fund of the clerk of court and is used to account for the operations of the clerk's office. The various fees and charges due to the clerk's

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office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Funds

The Advance Deposit and Registry of Court agency funds are used to account for assets held as an agent for others. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

Both governmental and business type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds and the fiduciary type agency funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the

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current period. The clerk considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Intergovernmental revenue, recordings, cancellations, court attendance, criminal costs, and other fees, charges, and commissions for services are recorded in the year in which they are earned.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured and the income is available.

Substantially all other revenues are recognized when received by the clerk of court.

Based on the above criteria, intergovernmental revenue, recordings, cancellations, court attendance, criminal costs, and other fees, charges, and commissions for services are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the clerk of court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2017, the clerk of court has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$1,105,800.

Demand deposits	\$860,750
Time deposits	245,000
Petty cash	50
Total	<u>\$1,105,800</u>

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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 are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	<u>\$1,115,780</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$1,046,130
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>16,371</u>
Total	<u>\$1,062,501</u>

Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than in the name of the clerk, they are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Codification C20.106; however, Louisiana Revised Statute 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 clerk of court that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

F. INVESTMENTS

Under state law, the clerk may invest funds in obligations of the United States, in federally insured investments, investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic corporations or in time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. Investments are grouped into three categories of credit risk:

1. Insured or registered, or for which the securities held by the clerk or its agent in the clerk's name.
2. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the bank's trust department or agent in the clerk's name.
3. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the bank, or by its trust department or agent but not in the clerk's name.

At year-end, the clerk's investment balances are in United State government securities totaling \$30,894,123, which is also fair market value. There is an unrealized gain of \$6,176.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

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 clerk has no threshold level for capitalizing capital assets, all assets

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are capitalized. Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the clerk, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and building improvements	20 - 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

H. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

Employees of the clerk of court's office receive 5 to 20 days of non-cumulative vacation leave each year, depending on the length of service. Employees earn from 8 to 12 hours of sick leave per month, depending on length of service. Vacation and sick leave are earned and accumulated on a calendar basis, however, any unused vacation and sick leave is forfeited at December 31 and/or upon termination.

I. RISK MANAGEMENT

The clerk is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the clerk maintains commercial insurance policies covering her automobile, professional liability and surety bond coverage. In addition to the above policies, the clerk also maintains an errors and omissions claims paid policy with the Louisiana Clerks of Court Risk Management Agency. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended June 30, 2017.

J. PENSION PLANS

The Red River Parish Clerk's Office is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 4. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the

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plans, and additions to/deductions for the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

2. RECEIVABLES

Receivables of \$14,798 at June 30, 2017, are as follows:

<u>Class of receivables:</u>	GENERAL
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:	FUND
Non-support	\$920
Other	13,878
Total	<u>\$14,798</u>

3. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in office furnishings and equipment follows:

Balance, June 30, 2016	\$103,808
Additions	NONE
Deletions	NONE
Balance, June 30, 2017	103,808
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(86,054)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$17,754</u>

4. NOTE DISCLOSURES AND REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR A COST-SHARING EMPLOYER

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement Fund (Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 11:1501 to provide retirement, disability and survivor benefits to clerks of court, their deputies and other employees, and the beneficiaries of such clerks of court, their deputies, and other employees.

Substantially all employees of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court are members of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund prepares its employer schedules in accordance with Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68 - *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. GASB Statement No. 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and expenses/expenditures. It provides methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. It also provides methods to calculate participating employer's proportionate share of net pension liability, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, pension expense and amortization periods for deferred inflows and deferred outflows.

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund employer schedules were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Members' earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. The member's earnable compensation is attributed to the employer for which the member is employed as of June 30, 2016.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the Fund's collective net pension liability. The Fund's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The Fund's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the determination of the fair market value of the Fund's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Plan Description.

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

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The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.lla.la.gov.

Plan Benefits

A member or former member shall be eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining twelve or more years of credited service, attaining the age of fifty-five years or more and terminating employment. Regular retirement benefits, payable monthly for life, equal $3 \frac{1}{3}$ percent of the members average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed one hundred percent of the monthly average final compensation. Monthly average final compensation is based on the highest compensated thirty-six consecutive months, with a limit of increase of 10% in each of the last three years of measurement. For those members hired on or after July 1, 2006, compensation is based on the highest compensated sixty consecutive months with a limit of 10% increase in each of the last six years of measurement. Act 273 of the 2010 regular session applied the sixty consecutive months to all members. This Act has a transition period for those members who retire on or after January 1, 2011 and before December 31, 2012. Additionally, Act 273 of the 2010 regular session increased a member's retirement age to 60 with an accrual rate of 3% for all members hired on or after January 1, 2011.

A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age but after completing twelve years' credited service becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

According to the state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 20, 2016, the actual employer contribution rate was 19.0%, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance any unfunded accrued liability. In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations.

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

At June 30, 2017, the Clerk reported a liability of \$592,880 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2016, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Clerks' proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Clerks' long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating clerks' actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the Clerks' proportion was .3205 percent, which was a decrease of .015 from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

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For the year ended June 30, 2017, the Clerk recognized pension expense of \$18,945. At June 30, 2016, the Clerk 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
Beginning balance	\$111,326	\$96,104
Change in system deferred outflows and inflows of resources	95,408	(20,541)
Changes in proportionate share	34,392	
Differences between Clerk of Court contributions and proportionate share of contributions		(44)
Contributions for measurement period	(55,576)	
Clerk of Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date	54,573	
Total	\$240,123	\$75,519

\$54,573 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Clerks' contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2018. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2017	\$13,928
2018	13,928
2019	45,534
2020	32,765
Total	106,155

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the June 30, 2016 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2016
Actuarial cost Method	Entry Age Normal Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	

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Investment Rate of Return	7.00%, net of investment expense
Projected salary increases	5.0%
Mortality rates	RP-2000 Employee Table (set back 4 years for males and 3 years for females) RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table for healthy annuitants (set forward 1 year for males) RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table (set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females)
Expected remaining service lives	2014 - 5 years, 2015 - 5 years, 2016 - 5 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the fund and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The actuarial assumptions used are based on the assumptions used in the 2016 actuarial funding valuation which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study performed over the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014 unless otherwise specified.

The discounted rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%. 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 Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method.

Sensitivity of the Clerks' proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate as of June 30, 2016.

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	1% Decrease (6.00%)	Current Discount Rate (7.00%)	1% Increase (8.00%)
Clerks' proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$843,657	\$592,880	\$380,020

5. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

A summary of changes in agency fund balances deposits due others follows:

	Advance Deposit Fund	Registry of Court Fund	Total
Balance, July 1, 2016	\$668,888	\$29,761,789	\$30,430,677
Additions	170,279	621,152	791,431
Deletions	(150,028)	(23,185)	(173,213)
Balance June 30, 2017	<u>\$689,139</u>	<u>\$30,359,756</u>	<u>\$31,048,895</u>

6. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Red River Parish Clerk of Court is not involved in any litigation at June 30, 2017, nor is he aware of any unasserted claims.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

RED RIVER PARISH CLERK OF COURT
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND

For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Licenses and permits - marriage	\$2,500	\$1,000	\$2,173	\$1,173
Intergovernmental revenues-state grants-				
Clerk's supplemental compensation	22,000	23,000	22,750	(250)
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Court costs, fees, and charges	195,000	205,000	208,845	3,845
Recordings	100,000	125,000	134,829	9,829
Charges for copies	55,000	38,000	39,408	1,408
Use of money and property	10,000	8,000	7,642	(358)
Miscellaneous revenues			940	940
Total revenues	<u>384,500</u>	<u>400,000</u>	<u>416,587</u>	<u>16,587</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government - judicial				
Personal services and related benefits	465,000	445,000	432,960	12,040
Operating services	50,000	25,000	35,260	(10,260)
Materials and supplies	15,000	10,000	7,119	2,881
Travel and other charges	10,000	30,000	34,681	(4,681)
Total expenditures	<u>540,000</u>	<u>510,000</u>	<u>510,020</u>	<u>(20)</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(155,500)	(110,000)	(93,433)	16,567
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>1,188,617</u>	<u>1,032,524</u>	<u>1,032,524</u>	NONE
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$1,033,117</u></u>	<u><u>\$922,524</u></u>	<u><u>\$939,091</u></u>	<u><u>\$16,567</u></u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

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NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

A proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is published in the official journal at least ten days prior to the public hearing. A public hearing is held at the Red River Parish Clerk's office during the month of June for comments from taxpayers. The budget is then legally adopted by the clerk and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the clerk at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule include the original adopted budget amounts and all subsequent amendments.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
June 30, 2017

Actuarial Valuation Date	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer 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 Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2014	0.314500%	\$424,218	\$276,332	153.52%	79.37%
June 30, 2015	0.305440%	\$458,170	\$292,517	156.63%	78.13%
June 30, 2016	0.320480%	\$592,880	\$287,224	206.42%	74.17%

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

Schedule 3

Red River Parish Clerk of Court
 Schedule of Employer Contributions
 June 30, 2017

Actuarial Valuation Date	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relations to Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2014	\$52,503	\$52,503	\$0	\$276,332	19.00%
June 30, 2015	\$55,579	\$55,579	\$0	\$292,517	19.00%
June 30, 2016	\$54,573	\$54,573	\$0	\$287,224	19.00%

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

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

STUART SHAW, CLERK OF COURT

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Salary	\$110,154
Expense Allowance	13,295
Supplemental Compensation	22,800
Election expense	1,800
Benefits-insurance	12,933
Benefits-retirement	39,853
Benefits-deferred compensation	9,000
Benefits-Medicare	1,652
Car Allowance	19,623
Registration fees	250
Housing	337
Telephone	1,200
Membership dues-Clerk's Association	1,994

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS

ADVANCE DEPOSIT FUND

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

REGISTRY OF COURT FUND

The Registry of Court Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:475, accounts for funds which have been ordered by the court to be held until judgement has been rendered in court litigation. Withdrawals of the funds can be made only upon order of the court.

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FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS

Combining Schedule of Changes in Unsettled
Balances Due to Taxing Bodies and Others
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

	ADVANCE DEPOSIT FUND	REGISTRY OF COURT FUND	TOTAL
UNSETTLED DEPOSITS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>\$668,888</u>	<u>\$29,761,789</u>	<u>\$30,430,677</u>
ADDITIONS			
Suits and successions		616,783	616,783
Advance deposits	170,013		170,013
Interest earned on investments	266	4,369	4,635
Total additions	<u>170,279</u>	<u>621,152</u>	<u>791,431</u>
Total	<u>839,167</u>	<u>30,382,941</u>	<u>31,222,108</u>
REDUCTIONS			
Clerk's costs to General Fund	93,583		93,583
Sheriff's fees	15,681		15,681
Refunds	19,157	23,185	42,342
Other reductions	21,607		21,607
Total reductions	<u>150,028</u>	<u>23,185</u>	<u>173,213</u>
UNSETTLED DEPOSITS AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$689,139</u></u>	<u><u>\$30,359,756</u></u>	<u><u>\$31,048,895</u></u>

**REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
PART IV**

**Independent Auditor's Report Required
by *Government Auditing Standards***

The following independent auditor's report on compliance and internal control over financial reporting is presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

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

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I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court, a component unit of the Red River Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2017 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Red River Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated December 2, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exist 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.

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.
June 30, 2017

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Red River Parish Clerk of Court's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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



West Monroe, Louisiana
December 2, 2017

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court.
2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Red River Parish Clerk of Court were disclosed during the audit.
3. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2017

There were no findings reported in the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2016.