

**TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND
NATCHITOCHEs, LOUISIANA
FINANCIAL REPORT
JUNE 30, 2019**

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender
 Financial Report
 June 30, 2019

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TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT PUBLIC DEFENDER FUND

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

This section of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's (hereafter referred to as the Public Defender Fund) annual financial report presents an overview and analysis of the Public Defender Fund's financial activities for the year ended June 30, 2019. The intent of the MD&A is to look at the Public Defender Fund's financial performance as a whole. It should, therefore be read in conjunction with this report. Certain comparative information is presented to provide an overview of the Public Defender Fund's operations.

Financial Highlights

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Public Defender Fund as a whole and presents a longer-term view of the Public Defender Fund's finances. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

- The Statement of Net Position presents all of the Public Defender Fund's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net position". Over time, increases or decreases in the Public Defender Fund's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Public Defender Fund is improving or deteriorating.
- The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Public Defender Fund's net position changed during the current year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years.

Fund Financial Statements

The services provided by the Public Defender Fund are financed through a governmental fund. 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 Public Defender Fund uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The Public Defender Fund conducts its day-to-day operations through a governmental fund, the General Fund. These statements provide a short-term view of the Public Defender Fund's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Public Defender Fund.

A summary of the basic government-wide financial statements is as follows:

Summary of Statement of Net Position

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
ASSETS:		
Assets	<u>\$329,338</u>	<u>\$173,773</u>
LIABILITIES:		
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 4,188	\$ 6,685
Accounts Payable	<u>1,205</u>	<u>958</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,393</u>	<u>\$ 7,643</u>
NET POSITION:		
Unrestricted	<u>\$323,945</u>	<u>\$166,130</u>

Summary of Statement of Activities

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
REVENUES:		
Intergovernmental-		
State of LA-		
Appropriation - General	\$260,934	\$218,530
Local-		
Statutory Fines, Forfeitures, Fees, Court Costs & Other	349,846	270,430
Miscellaneous - Interest	<u>406</u>	<u>323</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$611,186</u>	<u>\$489,283</u>
EXPENSES:		
Judicial	<u>\$453,371</u>	<u>\$468,021</u>
Change in Net Position	<u>\$157,815</u>	<u>\$ 21,262</u>

- The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$323,945 (net position) for the year ended June 30, 2019. For the prior year, this amount was \$166,130
- Unrestricted net position of \$323,945 represents the portion available to maintain the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's obligation to both citizens and creditors.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Revenues continue to be sufficient to enable the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund to provide legal counsel to defendants in Natchitoches Parish.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender considered many factors when setting the budget for the next fiscal year. Anticipated revenues should increase slightly and a small increase in expenditures is expected. However, the budget for FY 2019/2020 should not increase significantly from prior year.

Contacting the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens and creditors with a general overview of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's finances and to show the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or requests for additional information may be directed to the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender at P. O. Box 604, Natchitoches, LA 71458-0604.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Tenth Judicial Public Defender
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We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major funds of the Tenth Public Defender as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Public Defender'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

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Those standards require that we 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 entity'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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we 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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and major fund information of the Public Defender as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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 1 through 4 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Public Defender's basic financial statements. The budgetary comparison schedule and the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer, listed as other required supplementary information in the table of contents, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The budgetary comparison schedule and schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the budgetary comparison schedule, and schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head or chief executive officer are fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 10, 2019, on our consideration of the Public Defender's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting 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 Public Defender's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated October 10, 2019 on the results of our state wide agreed-upon procedures performed 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*. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's state wide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.



Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPA's
Natchitoches, Louisiana

October 10, 2019

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019

ASSETS:

Current Assets-

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$305,777
Revenue Receivable	<u>23,561</u>

Total Assets	<u>\$329,338</u>
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LIABILITIES:

Payroll Liabilities	\$ 4,188
Accounts Payable	<u>1,205</u>

Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,393</u>
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NET POSITION:

Unrestricted	<u>\$323,945</u>
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See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Judicial	<u>\$453,371</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$610,780</u>	\$157,409
				General Revenue:
				Interest <u>406</u>
				Change in Net Position \$157,815
				Net Position June 30, 2018 <u>166,130</u>
				Net Position June 30, 2019 <u>\$323,945</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund
June 30, 2019

Assets:

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$305,777
Revenue Receivable	<u>23,561</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$329,338</u>

Liabilities:

Payroll Liabilities	\$ 4,188
Accounts Payable	<u>1,205</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 5,393</u>

Fund Balance:

Unassigned	<u>323,945</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$329,338</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019

Total Fund Balance for the Governmental Fund at June 30, 2019	\$323,945
Total Net Position reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:	
Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Fund Financial Statements. Those assets consist of:	
Furniture and Computers	6,690
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(6,690)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities at June 30, 2019	<u>\$323,945</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Governmental Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

REVENUES:

Intergovernmental-	
State of LA-	
Appropriation - General	\$260,934
Local-	
Statutory Fines, Forfeitures, Fees, Court Costs & Other	349,846
Miscellaneous - Interest	<u>406</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$611,186</u>

EXPENDITURES:

Current-	
Judicial-	
Personnel Services & Benefits-	
Salaries	\$135,167
Payroll Tax	10,340
Professional Development-	
Dues, Licenses & Registration	1,650
Operating Costs-	
Accounting	6,666
Contract Services - Legal & Professional	231,500
Contract Services - Other	41,450
Lease - Office	12,000
Lease - Other	717
Supplies	756
Travel	107
Utilities & Telephone	4,634
Insurance	7,413
Other	<u>971</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$453,371</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	\$157,815
Fund Balance - Beginning of Period	<u>166,130</u>
Fund Balance - End of Period	<u>\$323,945</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Total Net Change in Fund Balance at June 30, 2019, per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance	\$157,815
Reconciling Items	<u>0</u>
Total Change in Net Position at June 30, 2019, per Statement of Activities	<u>\$157,815</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

Introduction:

The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund was established August 15, 2007, in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 15:168 to provide and compensate counsel appointed to represent indigents in criminal and quasi-criminal cases on the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund level. The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund is regulated by the Louisiana Public Defender Board established by Louisiana Revised Statute 15:141-184 to provide effective legal representation to criminal defendants who are unable to afford an attorney, consistent with the right to counsel in our criminal courts, mindful of the need for law and order and an appreciation of victim's rights. The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund is administered by the district public defender who is contracted with the Louisiana Public Defender Board to provide for the delivery and management of public defender services within the judicial district. The Tenth Judicial District encompasses the Parish of Natchitoches, Louisiana.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

A. Reporting Entity-

For financial reporting purposes, in conformity with the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14, the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund is a part of the operations of the Public Defender Fund system. However, the state statutes that created the indigent defender funds also gave the funds control over its operations including the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of monies. The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund is financially independent and operates autonomously from the State of Louisiana and independently from the Public Defender Fund system. Therefore, the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund reports as an independent reporting entity and the financial statements include only the transactions of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund.

B. Basis of Presentation-

The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental entities. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations).

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting government. Governmental activities generally are financed through taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and other non-exchange revenues.

The Statement of Net Position presents the governmental type activities on a consolidated basis, and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipient for goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

C. Fund Accounting-

The accounts of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund are organized on the basis of funds. A fund is an independent fiscal and accounting entity with a separate set of self-balancing accounts. Fund accounting segregates funds according to their intended purpose and is used to aid management in demonstrating compliance with finance-related legal and contractual provisions. The minimum number of funds maintained is consistent with legal and managerial requirements.

The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund maintains only one fund. It is categorized as a governmental fund. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the entity.

The major fund of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund is described below:

Governmental Fund-

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting-

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

Accrual Basis - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

Modified Accrual Basis - Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are 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 current period. The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund considers all revenues "available" if collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity-

Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits-

For purposes of the Statement of Net Position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposit of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund.

Capital Assets-

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of that asset or materially extend the life of that asset are not capitalized.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Furniture, computers	5 years
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Compensated Absences-

Employees of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund do not accrue or "carry forward" vacation or sick leave from year to year. Therefore, no entry is made to record compensated absences.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

Equity Classifications-

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net resources with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net resources that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies unrestricted resources first, unless a determination is made to use restricted resources. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expenses.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed in five components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- d. Assigned fund balance - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$323,945. If applicable, the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

F. Budget-

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

G. Estimates-

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

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The cash and cash equivalents of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. 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 Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's name.

Bank account and CD balances at June 30, 2019, totaled \$323,388, and were fully secured by FDIC Insurance.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Notes to Financial Statements
June 30, 2019

3. Receivables:

The following is a summary of receivables at June 30, 2019:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Sheriff Fees (NPSO)	\$17,351
City of Natchitoches – Marshal	<u>6,210</u>
Total Receivables	<u>\$23,561</u>

Substantially, all receivables are considered to be fully collectible, and no allowance for uncollectable is used.

4. Capital Assets:

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended June 30, 2019, is as follows:

<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Balance 07-01-18</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance 06-30-19</u>
Capital Assets Depreciated:				
Furniture, computers	\$6,689	\$0	\$0	\$6,689
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture, computers	<u>6,689</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>6,689</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>

5. Pension Plan:

All of the Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund's employees participate in the Federal Social Security program; therefore, GASB 68 is not applicable.

6. Subsequent Events:

Management has evaluated events through October 10, 2019, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

OTHER REQUIRED
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
General Fund
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Budget</u> <u>Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES:			
Intergovernmental-			
State of LA-			
Appropriations - General	\$256,195	\$260,934	\$ 4,739
Local-			
Statutory Fines, Forfeitures, Fees, Court Costs & Other	243,170	349,846	106,676
Miscellaneous - Interest	<u>0</u>	<u>406</u>	<u>406</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$499,365</u>	<u>\$611,186</u>	<u>\$111,821</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Current-			
Judicial-			
Personnel Services & Benefits-			
Salaries	\$130,785	\$135,167	\$ (4,382)
Payroll Taxes	12,000	10,340	1,660
Professional Development-			
Dues, Licenses, & Registration	4,200	1,650	2,550
Operating Costs-			
Accounting	6,000	6,666	(666)
Library & Research	1,000	558	442
Contract Services - Attorney/Legal	240,000	231,500	8,500
Contract Services - Other	57,200	41,450	15,750
Lease - Office	12,000	12,000	0
Lease - Other	900	717	183
Travel	0	107	(107)
Insurance	7,413	7,413	0
Supplies	300	756	(456)
Utilities & Telephone	4,800	4,634	166
Other	<u>0</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>(413)</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$476,598</u>	<u>\$453,371</u>	<u>\$ 23,227</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 22,767	\$ 157,815	\$135,048
Fund Balance - Beginning of Year	<u>166,130</u>	<u>166,130</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance - End of Year	<u>\$188,897</u>	<u>\$323,945</u>	<u>\$135,048</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender Fund
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

Agency Head Name: Brett Brunson, Chief Public Defender

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$100,380
Benefits-Insurance	0
Benefits-Retirement	0
Deferred Compensation	0
Benefits-Other	7,679
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Cell phone	0
Dues	75
Vehicle rental	0
Per Diem	0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses	0
Special meals	0
Other	<u>0</u>
Total	<u>\$108,134</u>

See accompanying notes and independent auditor's report.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE
WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major funds as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tenth Judicial Public Defender's (Public Defender) basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 10, 2019

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 25:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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October 10, 2019

Tenth Judicial District Public Defender
Schedule of Audit Results
Year Ended June 30, 2019

I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

The following summarize the audit results:

1. An unmodified opinion was issued on the financial statements of the Tenth Public Defender as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019.
2. The audit disclosed no material weaknesses in internal control.
3. The audit disclosed one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

II. Findings in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

None identified.

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

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We have performed the procedures enumerated below, The Tenth Judicial District Public Defender and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Tenth Judicial District Public Defender is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of this report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Our procedures and associated findings are enumerated below.

Written Policies and Procedures

1. We obtained and inspected the entity's written policies and procedures and observed whether those written policies and procedures address each of the following categories and subcategories (or noted that the entity does not have any written policies and procedures), as applicable:
 - ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation.)

- **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
 - **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
 - **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
 - **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
 - **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
 - **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
 - **Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

2. We obtained and inspected the board/finance minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent documents in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- Observed that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - Observed that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund, as well as monthly financial statements.
 - For governmental entities, obtained the prior year audit report and observed the unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund. If the General Fund had a negative ending unrestricted fund balance in the prior year audit report, observed that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unrestricted fund balance in the General Fund.
- a) Procedure Results – Not applicable. There are no board members, and no known outside business or employees.

Bank Reconciliations

3. We obtained a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. We identified the entity's main operating account. We selected the entity's main operating account and randomly selected four additional accounts (or all if less than five). We randomly selected one month from the fiscal period, and obtained and inspected the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for the selected accounts, and observed that:
 - Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within two months of the related statement closing date (e.g. initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g. initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

a) Procedure Results - No Exceptions Noted.

Collections

4. We obtained a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/check/money order (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected the required amount of deposit sites (up to five).
5. We obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one collection location for each deposit site selected. We obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties at each collection location, and observed that job duties were properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. We inquired of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

7. We randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under “Bank Reconciliations” above. We obtained supporting documentation for each of the deposits selected and:
- We observed that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - We traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - We traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - We observed that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
 - We traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.
- a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

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

8. We obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected the required amount of disbursement locations (up to five).
9. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions and the written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and we observed that job duties are properly segregated such that:
- At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained the entity’s non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtained management’s representation that the population is complete. We randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, and obtained supporting documentation for each transaction and:
- We observed that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
 - We observed that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.
- a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards

11. We obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
12. Using the listing prepared by management, we randomly selected the required amount of cards (up to five) that were used during the fiscal period. We randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), and obtained supporting documentation, and:
 - We observed that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - We observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, we randomly selected the required amount transactions (up to ten) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions. For each transaction, we observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identified precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals.
 - a) Procedure Results – No procedures performed as the Public Defender does not have any credit cards or fuel cards.

Travel and Expense Reimbursement

14. We obtained from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. We randomly selected five reimbursements, and obtained the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the five reimbursements selected:
 - If reimbursed using a per diem, we agreed the reimbursement rate to those rates established by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - If reimbursed using actual costs, we observed that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - We observed that each reimbursement was supported by documentation of the business/public purpose and other documentation required by written policy.
 - We observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.
 - a) Procedure Results – No procedures performed as there was no travel reimbursements during this fiscal period.

Contracts

15. We obtained from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials, and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected the required amount of contracts (up to five) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and:
- We observed that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - We observed that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), we observed that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
 - We randomly selected one payment from the fiscal period for each of the selected contracts, obtained the supporting invoice, agreed the invoice to the contract terms, and observed that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.
- a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

Payroll and Personnel

16. We obtained a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected five employees/officials, obtained related paid salaries and personnel files, and agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
17. We randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the five employees/officials selected under #16 above, we obtained attendance and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- We observed that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - We observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - We observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.
18. We obtained a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. If applicable, we selected the two employees/officials, and obtained related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations. If applicable, we agreed the hours to the employees/officials' cumulative leave records and the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.

19. We obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid, and associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

Ethics

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

- We observed that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
- We observed that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

Debt Service (excluding nonprofits)

21. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We selected all bonds/notes on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

22. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one bond/note, inspected debt covenants, obtained supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agreed actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants.

a) Procedure Results - No procedures were performed as there was no outstanding debt or debt issued during this fiscal period.

Other

23. We obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We selected all misappropriations on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that the entity reported the misappropriation to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.

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

a) Procedure Results – No Exceptions Noted.

We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

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