

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE
SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT
For the Year Ended
December 31, 2024**

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DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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As financial management, we offer readers of this financial report an overview of the financial activities of our office for the fiscal year. The narrative is designed to assist the reader in focusing on significant financial issues, identify changes in our financial position, identify any material deviations from the approved budget documents, and identify individual fund issues or concerns.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Net Position of our governmental activities increased slightly by \$1,893 to \$1,598,820. Of the total ending Net Position \$52 is restricted for the IV-D program, the rest is considered unrestricted and available for use.
- Program revenue for fees and charges for services was \$531,076 and operating grants and contributions was \$4,174,533– but included \$2,853,470 of on-behalf payments made by the Parish and State for salaries and benefits. Program expenses totaled \$3,643,457 – also including the on behalf salaries and benefits.
- The governmental funds reported total ending fund balance of \$1,713,221, a decrease of \$5,031 from the prior year - \$1,718,252. Of the ending fund balance, all but \$52 which is restricted for the IV-D, is considered unassigned.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The GWFS are designed to be like those of private sector businesses in that all governmental activities are consolidated into columns that add to a total for the primary government. The statements combine all governmental funds current financial resources with capital assets and long-term obligations. The Statement of Net Position presents information on all assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources with the difference between the reported as net position. Over time, changes in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information on how the net position changed during the 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. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will result in cash flows only in future fiscal period. For example, earned but unused vacation leave results in cash flows for future periods. The focus of the Statement of Activities is on both the gross and net cost of various activities that are funded by general tax and other revenues. This is intended to summarize information and simplify the analysis of the cost of various governmental services.

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The governmental activities reflect the judicial services that the District Attorney's office provides. These services are financed primarily with fines and fees collected and grants from other governments.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

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. Traditional users of governmental financial statements will find the fund financial statements presentation more familiar. The focus is now on major funds, rather than generic fund types.

All of the services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. These funds are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash. Unlike the GWFS, governmental FFS focus on near-term outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's current financing requirements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Statements of Net Position includes all the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources and provides information about the nature and amount of investments in resources and the obligations to creditors. This statement provides the basis for evaluating the capital structure and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility.

To begin our analysis, a condensed summary of the Statement of Net Position is presented in the following table:

| Condensed Statement of Net Position | 2023 | 2024 | Dollar Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Current and Other Assets | \$1,824,455 | \$1,856,711 | \$ 32,256 |
| Capital Assets | - | - | - |
| Total Assets | 1,824,455 | 1,856,711 | 32,256 |
| Deferred outflows of resources | 92,595 | 38,789 | (53,806) |
| Current Liabilities | 106,203 | 143,490 | 37,287 |
| Long Term Liabilities | 196,296 | 96,790 | (99,506) |
| Total Liabilities | 302,499 | 240,280 | (62,219) |
| Deferred inflows of resources | 17,624 | 56,400 | 38,776 |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | - | - | - |
| Restricted | 102 | 52 | (50) |
| Unrestricted | 1,596,825 | 1,598,768 | 1,943 |
| Total Net Position | \$1,596,927 | \$1,598,820 | \$ 1,893 |

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Net position increased by 1,893 or less than a % as a result of this year of operations. The changes in deferred outflows and inflows of resources and long term liabilities is due to the decrease in the pension liability and its components. The balance in net position represents the accumulated results of all past years' operations. The amount in net investment in capital assets is zero because all of the assets that were capitalized are fully depreciated.

Our analysis below focuses on the changes in net assets of the governmental-type activities:

| Condensed Statement of Activities | 2023 | 2024 | Dollar Change |
|--|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| Charges for Services | \$ 522,422 | \$ 531,076 | 8,654 |
| Operating Grants and Contributions | 3,398,635 | 3,643,457 | 244,822 |
| Program Expenses: | | | |
| Current | 3,934,399 | 4,223,922 | 289,523 |
| Depreciation - unallocated | 1,055 | - | (1,055) |
| Total program expenses | <u>3,935,454</u> | <u>4,223,922</u> | <u>288,468</u> |
| Net program income | (14,397) | (49,389) | (34,992) |
| General revenues | <u>47,184</u> | <u>51,282</u> | <u>4,098</u> |
| Change in Net Position | 32,787 | 1,893 | (30,894) |
| Net Position: | | | |
| Beginning of the year | <u>1,564,140</u> | <u>1,596,927</u> | <u>32,787</u> |
| End of the year | <u>\$1,596,927</u> | <u>\$1,598,820</u> | <u>\$ 1,893</u> |

The total revenues for the year in governmental activities \$4,225,815 (\$4,174,533 in program revenues and \$51,282 in general revenues) increased from the prior year by \$257,574 or 6%. Most of the increase was due to an increase in salaries and benefits recorded on behalf of the District Attorney's office. The total cost of all programs and services was \$4,223,922, an increase of \$288,000 or about 7% from the prior year, also the largest increase was in on behalf payments.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The focus of the governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirement. *Unassigned fund balance* may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending.

The General Fund, the main operating fund, ended the year with an unassigned fund balance of \$1,713,169. Revenues increased from the prior year to \$3,579,869 or about 6% - also due to an increase in fines and fees collected. Current expenditures also increased by 6%.

The Worthless Check Collection Fund collected fees of \$5,116 in accordance with La Revised Statute 16:15 that provides for a specific fee for the collection and processing of a worthless check. Current expenditures were \$5,166 for office operations and equipment

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repair and maintenance expenditures. This added to the beginning fund balance of \$50 resulted in an ending fund balance of \$0.

The IV-D Program Fund receives funds as a sub-grantee from the State of Louisiana, Department of Social Services; Office of Family Support. Revenues received from the State were \$640,830 and include a receivable due at the end of the year of \$59,800. Expenditures for the program totaled \$640,830, resulted in an ending fund balance of \$52 – all considered restricted for the IV-D program.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The original budget for the General Fund was revised on November 30, 2024. Authorized budget amendments were approved as follows:

| | |
|--|-----------------|
| Original Budgeted Revenues | \$ 724,850 |
| Amendments were made for: | |
| Decreased for Fines and Fees | (9,600) |
| Increased for Intergovernmental | 7,007 |
| Increased Interest and Miscellaneous | 4,651 |
| Total revenue amendments | 2,058 |
| Amended Budgeted Revenues | \$726,908 |
| Original Budgeted Expenditures | \$806,753 |
| Amendments were made for: | |
| Decreased current – General Government | (63,103) |
| Decreased capital outlay | (10,000) |
| Total expenditure amendments | (73,103) |
| Amended Budgeted Expenditures | \$733,650 |

All variances were in compliance with the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15) R.S. 39:33, or R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable. More information on the current year budget can be found in the General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule.

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CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of capital assets for the current year and prior year is as follows:

| | 2024 | 2023 |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|
| Depreciable: | | |
| Equipment | \$69,161 | \$ 69,161 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 35,533 | 35,533 |
| Leasehold Improvements | 202,726 | 202,726 |
| Total Cost | 307,420 | 307,420 |
| Accumulated Depreciation | 307,420 | 307,420 |
| Net Capital Assets | \$ - | \$ - |
| | | |
| Depreciation Expense | \$ - | \$ 1,055 |

More detailed information about the capital assets is presented in Note 4 to the financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

Among the factors considered in compiling the 2025 budget were:

1. any changes in rates and fees for the next fiscal year
2. any new laws and regulations enacted that would apply to the upcoming year
3. any new revenue sources or expenditures not previously encountered.

Highlights of next year's adopted budget for the general fund approved on November 30, 2024 include:

| | |
|------------------------|--------------|
| Beginning Fund Balance | \$1,711,408 |
| Projected Revenue | 656,150 |
| Projected Expenditures | (679,167) |
| Ending Fund Balance | \$ 1,688,391 |

CONTACTING FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of finances and to show accountability for the money received. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact:

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Kristine Russell
District Attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial District
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District Attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial District, Lafourche Parish, Louisiana, (the District Attorney), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District Attorney as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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

Responsibilities of Management's 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 statement that are free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor’s Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor’s report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management’s Discussion and Analysis and the Required Supplementary Information as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.



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

Other Supplemental Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statement that collectively comprise the basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payment to the Agency Head and the Justice System Funding Schedules are presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. These schedules are the responsibility of management and is derived from and relates 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 statement themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule is 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 May 31, 2025, on our consideration of the 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 testing, and not to provide an opinion on the 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 internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Stagni & Company

May 31, 2025
Thibodaux, Louisiana



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Statement of Net Position - Governmental Activities
December 31, 2024

ASSETS

| | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------|
| Cash | \$ 1,745,460 |
| Prepaid expenses | 7,753 |
| Interest receivable | 13,423 |
| Due from other governments | 90,075 |
| Capital assets, net of depreciation | - |
| TOTAL ASSETS | <u>1,856,711</u> |

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

| | |
|--|---------------|
| Deferred outflows of resources - other | <u>38,789</u> |
| Total Deferred outflows of resources | <u>38,789</u> |

LIABILITIES

Current:

| | |
|---------------------------------------|---------------|
| Accounts payable and accrued expenses | 87,562 |
| Due to other governments | <u>55,928</u> |
| Total current liabilities | 143,490 |

Long Term:

| | |
|-----------------------|----------------|
| Net Pension Liability | <u>96,790</u> |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | <u>240,280</u> |

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

56,400

NET POSITION

| | |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|
| Net Investment in capital assets | - |
| Restricted | 52 |
| Unrestricted | <u>1,598,768</u> |
| TOTAL NET POSITION | <u>\$ 1,598,820</u> |

See notes to financial statements.

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Statement of Activities - Governmental Activities
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| | <u>Expenses</u> | <u>Charges for services</u> | <u>Program Revenue</u> <u>Operating Grants</u> | <u>Net (Expense) Revenue</u> |
|-------------------------------|------------------|-----------------------------|---|--------------------------------------|
| FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS | | | | |
| Judicial activities: | 4,223,922 | \$ 531,076 | \$ 3,643,457 | \$ (49,389) |
| Total governmental activities | <u>4,223,922</u> | <u>531,076</u> | <u>3,643,457</u> | <u>(49,389)</u> |
| GENERAL REVENUES | | | | |
| Interest earned | | | | <u>51,282</u> |
| TOTAL GENERAL REVENUES | | | | <u>51,282</u> |
| CHANGE IN NET POSITION | | | | 1,893 |
| NET POSITION: | | | | |
| Beginning of year | | | | <u>1,596,927</u> |
| End of year | | | | <u>\$ 1,598,820</u> |

See notes to financial statements.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
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| | General | Worthless Check Collection | IV-D Office | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|--------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| ASSETS | | | | |
| Cash | \$ 1,745,408 | \$ - | \$ 52 | \$ 1,745,460 |
| Prepaid expenses | 7,753 | - | - | 7,753 |
| Interest receivable | 13,423 | - | - | 13,423 |
| Due from other governments | 30,275 | - | 59,800 | 90,075 |
| Due to/from other funds | 13,681 | - | (13,681) | - |
| TOTAL ASSETS | \$ 1,810,540 | \$ - | \$ 46,171 | \$ 1,856,711 |
| LIABILITIES | | | | |
| Accounts payable and accrued liabilities | \$ 87,562 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 87,562 |
| Due to other governments | 9,809 | - | 46,119 | 55,928 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES | 97,371 | - | 46,119 | 143,490 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Restricted for: | | | | |
| IV-D | - | - | 52 | 52 |
| Unassigned | 1,713,169 | - | - | 1,713,169 |
| TOTAL FUND BALANCES | 1,713,169 | - | 52 | 1,713,221 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | \$ 1,810,540 | \$ - | \$ 46,171 | |

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Net capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|---|
| Cost of Depreciable Assets | 307,420 | |
| Accumulated Depreciation | (307,420) | - |

Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore, are not report in the funds.

| | | |
|-----------------------|--|----------|
| Net pension liability | | (96,790) |
|-----------------------|--|----------|

Deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are applicable to future periods and therefore, are not reported in the funds:

| | | |
|-------------------|----------|----------|
| Deferred outflows | 38,789 | |
| Deferred inflows | (56,400) | (17,611) |

Net assets of governmental activities \$ 1,598,820

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Governmental Funds
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| | General | Worthless Check Collection | IV-D Office | Total Governmental Funds |
|--|---------------------|----------------------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Fines and fees | \$ 525,960 | \$ 5,116 | \$ - | \$ 531,076 |
| Intergovernmental: | | | | |
| Federal Pass through | | | | |
| VOCA | 32,269 | - | - | 32,269 |
| State of LA | | | 640,830 | 640,830 |
| Victims Assistance | 30,000 | - | - | 30,000 |
| SGF Technology | 74,738 | - | - | 74,738 |
| Supreme Court | - | - | - | - |
| Local - LPSB | 12,150 | - | - | 12,150 |
| On-behalf payments received | 2,853,470 | - | - | 2,853,470 |
| Interest and miscellaneous | 51,282 | - | - | 51,282 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>3,579,869</u> | <u>5,116</u> | <u>640,830</u> | <u>4,225,815</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current: General government - Judicial | | | | |
| Personnel services | 433,224 | - | 57,911 | 491,135 |
| On-behalf payments | 2,853,470 | - | - | 2,853,470 |
| Insurance | 24,424 | - | - | 24,424 |
| Office operations | 52,174 | - | 1,600 | 53,774 |
| Court costs | 16,137 | - | - | 16,137 |
| Travel and conventions | 38,742 | - | - | 38,742 |
| Dues and subscriptions | 29,377 | - | - | 29,377 |
| Professional services | 10,700 | - | - | 10,700 |
| Automobile expenses | 7,735 | - | - | 7,735 |
| Automobile leases | 6,737 | - | - | 6,737 |
| Telephone | 783 | - | - | 783 |
| Uniforms | 1,148 | - | - | 1,148 |
| Rent | 2,346 | - | - | 2,346 |
| Miscellaneous | 500 | - | - | 500 |
| Repair & maintenance | 45,123 | 5,166 | - | 50,289 |
| Reimburse Lafourche Parish Council | 62,230 | - | 581,319 | 643,549 |
| Total current expenditures | <u>3,584,850</u> | <u>5,166</u> | <u>640,830</u> | <u>4,230,846</u> |
| Capital outlay | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>3,584,850</u> | <u>5,166</u> | <u>640,830</u> | <u>4,230,846</u> |
| Net Changes in Fund Balance | (4,981) | (50) | - | (5,031) |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Beginning | 1,718,150 | 50 | 52 | 1,718,252 |
| Ending | <u>\$ 1,713,169</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 1,713,221</u> |

See notes to financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
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Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds (fund financial statements) \$ (5,031)

Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities
(government-wide financial statements) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures in the individual fund.
Governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate the cost of those
capital assets over the estimated useful lives of the asset.

| | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Capital asset purchases | \$ - | |
| Depreciation expense | - <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | - |

Governmental funds report district pension contributions as expenditures. However,
in the Statement of Activities, the cost of pension benefits earned net of employee
contributions are reported as pension expense

| | | |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------|
| Employer Pension Expense | 26,146 | |
| Cost of benefits earned net of employee contributions | (43,149) | |
| Revenue from non-employer contributing entities | 23,927 <hr style="width: 100%;"/> | 6,924 |

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 1,893

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Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

B. Basic Financial Statements - Basis of Presentation

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

The basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as governmental or business-type. All of the judicial and administrative services are classified as governmental activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activities are reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations. The net assets are reported in three parts— net investment in capital assets; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of each of the functions and activities (judicial.). These functions are also supported by general government revenues (interest earned). The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses (including depreciation) by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function (judicial). Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (interest earned). This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the District Attorney as an entity and the change in the District Attorney's net assets resulting from the current year's activities.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures/expenses. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

B. Basic Financial Statements - Basis of Presentation (continued)

The District Attorney utilizes the governmental fund type. The focus of measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income.

Major and Non-major Funds:

All the funds are further classified as major based on the total amount of revenue or assets per fund.

The following is a description of the governmental funds:

Governmental funds – All considered Major Funds:

- *General Fund* - The General Fund was established in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statute 15:571.11, which provides that 12 percent of the fines collected and bonds forfeited be used to defray the necessary expenses of the office. This fund also accounts for pre-trial intervention fees in connection with the Pre-Trial Intervention Program where the District Attorney can offer the offenders to serve a probation period rather than entering the court system possibly resulting with a criminal conviction.
- *Special Revenue Funds* – are used to account for fees, fines, and costs collected for a specified purpose or grants to be used for specific purposes that deal with judicial prosecution.
 - *Worthless Check Collection Fund* – accounts for fees collected in accordance with LRS 16:15 that provides for a specific fee for the collection and processing of a worthless check. Expenditures from this fund are at the sole discretion of the DA and may be used to defray the salaries and office operations, but may not be used to supplement the salary of the DA.
 - *IV-D Office Fund* – accounts for funds received as a sub-grantee from the State of LA; Department of Social Services; Office of Family Support. The DA's office receives complete referrals or applications by either the custodial parent, non-custodial parent, alleged father and/or witness for the purpose of establishing a legally enforceable order of child and/or medical support using child support award guidelines whenever appropriate, by creating a new order or amending an existing civil order, and establishing paternity when contracted to do so.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Accrual Basis of Accounting

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

Governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions."

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities derive directly from the program itself and reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the general revenues.

Modified Accrual Basis of Accounting

The fund financial statements are presented on 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 be used to pay liabilities of the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recorded when the related fund liability is incurred.

With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e. revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets. Fines, fees, and other revenues are recorded when collected and are considered susceptible to accrual.

D. Cash

Cash includes demand deposits. Under state law the entities may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

H. Fund Balance

Fund balance for governmental funds is reported in classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which the government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

I. Use of Estimates

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

J. Non-Current Liabilities

In the GWFS non-current obligations to be repaid from governmental resources are reported as liabilities. Long-term obligations for governmental funds are not reported as liabilities in the FFS.

K. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the District Attorney's Retirement System of Louisiana (DARS) - the Plan, and additions to/deductions from 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 are reported at fair value.

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Note 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, (Continued)

L. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The statement of financial position will often report a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) deferred inflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

Note 2 DEPOSITS

Demand (deposits, interest bearing demand deposits and certificates of deposit) are recorded at cost, which approximates fair value. The carrying amount of deposits was \$1,745,460 and the bank balance was \$1,753,802. The difference between the bank balance and the carrying amount represents outstanding checks and deposits in transit.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in an event of a bank failure, the district's deposits may not be returned to it. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposits insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. At year end \$1,253,802 of the bank balance is considered exposed to custodial credit risk.

The market values of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance (FDIC) must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. FDIC insurance and the market value of pledged securities adequately secure these deposits from risk. The collateral must be held at the pledging bank's trust department or other bank, acting as the pledging bank's agent, in the District Attorney's name.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the entity that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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Note 3 DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS

The amounts due are for fines and fees collected by other governments, state and local grants receivable and reimbursable costs to be remitted to the District Attorney's Office. A reserve for uncollectible amounts is not considered necessary for these receivables.

| FUND | FOR | FROM | AMOUNT |
|--------------|-----------------|--|----------|
| General Fund | Reimbursement | Lafourche Parish Sheriff | \$21,604 |
| General Fund | Reimbursement | Lafourche Parish School Board | 5,633 |
| General Fund | Fees Receivable | Lafourche Parish Government | 3,038 |
| IV-D | Grant | State of LA, Office of Statewide Reporting | 59,800 |
| | | | \$90,075 |

Note 4 CAPITAL ASSETS

A schedule of changes in capital assets follows:

| Governmental Activities | Balance 12/31/23 | Additions | Disposals/ Adjustments | Balance 12/31/24 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------|------------------------|------------------|
| Depreciable: | | | | |
| Automobiles | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Equipment | 69,161 | - | - | 69,161 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 35,533 | - | - | 35,533 |
| Leasehold Improvements | 202,726 | - | - | 202,726 |
| Totals | \$ 307,420 | - | \$ - | \$307,420 |

Less accumulated depreciation:

| | | | | |
|------------------------|------------------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| Automobiles | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Equipment | 69,161 | - | - | 69,161 |
| Furniture & Fixtures | 35,533 | - | - | 35,533 |
| Leasehold Improvements | 202,726 | - | - | 202,726 |
| Totals | \$307,420 | \$ - | \$ - | \$307,420 |

Note 4 CAPITAL ASSETS (continued)

Depreciation expense charged to governmental activities was \$0.

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Note 5 BUDGETS

Budgets are adopted on a modified accrual basis, which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Annual appropriated budgets are adopted for the general fund and special revenue funds. All annual appropriations lapse at fiscal year-end. Formal budgetary integration is employed as part of the accounting system, and the budget is amended by supplemental appropriations as needed to comply with state law.

The on-behalf payments received and paid by the State of Louisiana and Lafourche Parish Council are not budgeted or reflected in the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual –General Fund in this report. The net effect of reflecting the receipt and payment of salaries and benefits on-behalf is zero.

A reconciliation of total revenues and expenditures for the General Fund follows:

| | Total Revenue | Total Expenditures |
|--------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Actual – Page 12 | \$3,579,869 | \$3,584,850 |
| On-Behalf Payments | 2,853,470 | 2,853,470 |
| Budget – Page 34 | \$726,399 | \$731,380 |

The State of Louisiana and the Lafourche Parish Council pay a portion of the salaries of the District Attorney and the assistant District Attorneys. The Lafourche Parish Council pays the salaries of the office staff with a supplemental payroll check and the Lafourche Parish Council also pays a portion of the Investigator's salary that is paid by the Lafourche Parish Sheriff. The State of Louisiana provides direct payments of salaries to the district attorney and the assistant district attorneys, as designated by the District Attorney's Office. These payments, referred to as "on-behalf payments received", provide the district attorney and assistant district attorneys with a base salary.

Note 6 ON BEHALF PAYMENTS & EXPENDITURES

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain expenditures of the District Attorney paid out of the funds from the Lafourche Parish Criminal Court Fund and the Lafourche Parish Council. Examples of these operating expenditures include portions of rent, health insurance, and IV-D program expenditures that are paid or absorbed by the Lafourche Parish Council.

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Note 7 PENSION PLANS

The District Attorney and Assistant District Attorneys are members of the Louisiana District Attorney's Retirement System (DARS), a cost sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

Assistant District Attorneys who earn, as a minimum, the amounts paid by the state and are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and all District Attorneys are required to participate in the system.

GASB requires certain disclosures for employers who maintain retirement plans for their employees. District Attorney and Assistant District attorneys employed by the District Attorney's office are compensated by warrants from the State of Louisiana and from supplemental pay from the Lafourche Parish Council and the District Attorney's office. The District Attorney determines the sources and amounts of income for the District Attorney and the Assistant District attorneys. There were no payments required or made on behalf of the District Attorney employees for pension benefits to DARS by the Lafourche Parish Council for the year.

The District Attorney will be recognizing the long-term obligations for the pension benefits as a liability for the proportionate share of the contributions made for payroll generated by the District Attorney's office and the Lafourche Parish Council.

Plan Description – The District Attorney and the Lafourche Parish Council on-behalf of the District Attorney contributes to the Louisiana District Attorney's Retirement System (DARS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 56 of the 1956 session of the Louisiana Legislature, for the purpose of providing allowances and other benefits for district attorneys and their assistants in each parish, which is administered by a Board of Trustees. DARS provides normal retirement, early retirement, disability benefits, death benefits, Back-Drop and Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) benefits to plan members and beneficiaries.

DARS is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes 11, Chapter 3 specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana. The System issued a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.ladars.org.

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Note 7 **PENSION PLANS (continued)**

Benefits Provided – All persons who are district attorneys of the State of Louisiana, assistant district attorneys in any parish of the State of Louisiana, or employed by this retirement system and the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association except for elected or appointed officials who have retired from service under any publicly funded retirement system within the state and who are currently receiving benefits, shall become members as a condition of their employment; provided, however, that in the case of district attorneys, they must be paid an amount not less than the minimum salary specified by the board for assistant district attorneys.

The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by state statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date. Members who joined before July 1, 1990, are eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit if:

- 10 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 62, or
- 18 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 60, or
- 23 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 55, or
- 30 years of creditable service at any age

The normal retirement benefit for members is equal to 3% of the member's average final compensation for each year of creditable service. Members are eligible for early retirement at age 60 if they have at least 10 years of creditable service or at age 55 with at least 18 years of creditable service. Members who retire prior to age 60 with less than 23 year of creditable service credit, receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% of each year of age below 60. Members who retire prior to age 62 who have less than 18 years of service receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 62. Retirement benefits may not exceed 100% of final average compensation.

Members who joined after July 1, 1990, or who elected to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit if:

- 10 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 60, or
- 24 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 55, or
- 30 years of creditable service at any age

The normal retirement benefit for members is equal to 3.5% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by the years of membership service. Members are eligible for early retirement at age 55 if they have at least 18 years of creditable service.

The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced by 3% of each year the member retires in advance of the normal retirement age. Benefits may not exceed 100% of average final compensation.

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NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Disability Benefits - All members with ten or more years of credited service who are found to be totally disabled as a result of injuries incurred while in active service are awarded disability benefits. The member receives a benefit equal to 3% (3.5% covered under the new provisions) of his average final compensation multiplied by the lesser of his actual service (not to be less than 15 years) or projected continued service to age sixty.

Survivor (Death) Benefits – Upon the death of a member with less than 5 years of creditable service, his accumulated contributions and interest thereon are paid to his surviving spouse, if he is married, or to his designed beneficiary, if he is not married. Upon death of any active, contributing member with 5 or more year of service or any member with 23 years of service who has not retired, automatic option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with the option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children are paid 80% of the member's accrued retirement benefit divided into equal shares.

If a member has no surviving spouse or children, his accumulated contributions and interest are paid to his designated beneficiary. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions with interest.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost of Living Adjustments – The Board of Trustees is authorized to grant retired members and widows of members who have retired an annual cost of living increase of 3% of their original benefit, (not to exceed \$60 per month) and all retired members and widows who are 65 year of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit. The board can grant other increases, if the system and member meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings.

Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program (Back-DROP) – In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance, any member who has more years of service than are required for a normal retirement may elect to receive a Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program (Back-DROP) benefit. The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected on the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of three years or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement.

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NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS (Continued)

At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation, and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to the monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In lieu of receiving the lump-sum payment, the member may leave the funds on deposit with the system in an interest bearing account.

Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) – Prior to January 1, 2009, eligible members could elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for up to three years in lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service benefit. During participation in the DROP, employer contributions were payable and employee contributions were reduced to ½ of one percent. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable to the member were paid into a DROP account, which did not earn interest while the member was participating in the DROP. Upon termination of participation, the participant in the plan received, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account or systematic disbursement from his account in any manner approved by the board of trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the DROP would then be paid to the retiree.

All amounts which remain credited to the individual's sub-account after termination of participation in the plan were invested in liquid money market funds. Interest was credited thereon as actually earned.

Contributions – The employer contribution rate is established annually under state statute by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's Actuary. In addition, DARS receives revenue sharing funds as appropriated by the legislature and ad valorem taxes as determined by the PRSAC up to a maximum of .2% of the ad valorem taxes shown to be collected; these contributions are considered support from non-employer contributing entities.

According to state statute, in the event the contributions from the ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds are insufficient to provide for the gross employer actuarially required contribution, the employer is required to make direct contributions as determined by PRSAC. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8% of their annual covered salary and the District Attorney is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate.

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NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The current employer match was 12% from January to June 2024 and was 12.25% from July to December 2024. Employer contributions to the pension plan totaled \$58,825 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Pension liabilities, pension expense and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources:

As of June 30, 2024 (the measurement date) the District Attorney reported a total of \$96,790 for its proportionate shares of the net pension liability of the DARS Plan as governmental activities. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2024, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The employers proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the long-term contributions to the plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. The employers proportions of the plan was as follows:

| <u>Plan</u> | <u>Proportionate share</u> | |
|-------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| | <u>6/30/24</u> | <u>6/30/23</u> |
| DARS | .201390% | .228903% |

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the District Attorney recognized \$26,146 as its proportionate share of pension expense for the DARS plan. In addition, the District Attorney reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

| | <u>Deferred Outflows</u> | <u>Deferred Inflows</u> |
|---|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| Experience | \$ 6,217 | \$ (5,846) |
| Investment earnings | - | (30,552) |
| Assumptions | 13,227 | - |
| Change in Prop. | - | (20,002) |
| | 19,444 | (56,400) |
| Employer Contributions after Measurement Date | 19,345 | - |
| | \$ 38,789 | \$ (56,400) |

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NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date (June 30, 2024) will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2024. 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: | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 2025 | \$(6,362) |
| 2026 | 8,255 |
| 2027 | (27,042) |
| 2028 and thereafter | (11,807) |
| Total | \$(36,956) |

Actuarial assumptions:

The total pension liabilities in the June 30, 2023 actuarial valuations were determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurements:

| Plan | DARS |
|---|-----------------------------------|
| Inflation | 2.50% |
| Discount rate used to measure pension liability | 6.10% |
| Salary increases | 5.0% (2.2% inflation, 2.8% Merit) |
| Investment rate of return | 6.10%, net of investment expense |
| Actuarial cost method | Entry age normal |
| Expected remaining service lives | 4 years |
| Cost of Living Adjustment | Only those previously granted |

Mortality rates for DARS were based on the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Above-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and females for current employees, each with full generational projection using the MP2019 scale.

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NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS (Continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on the pension plan investments was determined using a building block method in which best estimates ranges of expected future real rates of returns (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The resulting forecasted long-term rate of return is 7.80% for the years ending June 30, 2024.

The best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plans' target asset allocation, as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

| Asset Class | Target Allocation | Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--|
| EQUITIES: | | |
| Domestic | 45.00% | 7.50% |
| International | 5.00% | 8.50% |
| FIXED INCOME: | | |
| Domestic | 32.50% | 2.50% |
| International | 10.00% | 3.50% |
| Alternatives | 7.50% | 4.50% |
| System Totals | 100.00% | 5.30% |
| Inflation | | 2.50% |
| Expected Nominal Return | | 7.80% |

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.10%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Sensitivity of the of the District Attorney’s proportionate share of the net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the District Attorney’s proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using the discount rates as shown above, as well as what the proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate of 6.10%:

| | 1% Decrease | Current Discount Rate | 1% Increase |
|------|------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| DARS | \$251,581 | \$96,790 | \$(33,078) |

Pension plan fiduciary net position:

Detailed information about the Plans’ fiduciary net position is available in the separate issued financial statements of the Plans. The system issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana District Attorneys Retirement System, 1645 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, or by calling (225) 267-4824.

Note 8 DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

All current full-time employees are eligible to participate in a deferred compensation plan. Employees can make pre-tax contributions to this 457 plan from eligible pay through payroll deductions - whether the employee is paid by the Parish or the District Attorney’s office. The amount allowed to contribute to the plan is based on taxable compensation as defined by the Internal Revenue Code (IRC). Existing deferred compensation plans with a prior employer may be transferred at any time. The District Attorney’s office matches employee’s contributions up to 8% dollar for dollar after a year of employment for employees other than those eligible for state retirement programs. The total employer contributions made were \$48,012 - \$3,481 paid by the District Attorney payroll and \$44,531 paid by the Parish.

The Security Benefit Group serves as administrator for the District Attorney’s office and Nationwide is the administrator for the Parish. Each administrator has the responsibility for maintaining a deferred account with respect to each participant’s account in accordance with the participant’s investment specification.

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Note 9 RISK MANAGEMENT

LIABILITY INSURANCE

The District Attorney is exposed to various risks of loss related to tort, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omission; injuring to employees; and natural disasters. The following commercial insurance policies were purchased for any and all claims relating to the above types of risks:

| TYPE OF INSURANCE | LIMITS | DEDUCTIBLE |
|--------------------------|---|------------------|
| Professional Liability | \$ 100,000/claim \$ 300,000 aggregate | \$ 5,000 / claim |
| Personal Injury | \$ 100,000/claim \$ 300,000 aggregate | \$ 5,000 / claim |
| Criminal Proceedings | \$ 75,000/claim | \$ 500 / claim |
| Disciplinary Proceedings | \$ 10,000/claim | \$ 500 / claim |
| Auto Liability | \$2,000,000/claim \$5,000 each person – Medical Comprehensive & Collision | |
| Worker’s Compensation | \$1,000,000 each accident \$1,000,000 each employee \$1,000,000 limit | |

The payment of the deductible is the only liability associated with the professional liability insurance. The Lafourche Parish Council is responsible for obtaining general liability and worker’s compensation insurance for the District Attorney’s office and employees on the Parish Payroll.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Lafourche Parish Council provides health and life insurance for the employee’s portion of medical and life insurance premiums paid on behalf of the clerical staff. The District Attorney’s office also reimburses the Parish for a portion of the District Attorney, Assistant District Attorney, and senior staff’s medical and life insurance premiums and family coverage, if applicable. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the three proceeding years.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT

LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA

Budget Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Original | Final (Amended) | | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Fines and fees | \$ 534,400 | \$ 524,800 | \$ 525,960 | \$ 1,160 |
| Intergovernmental | | | | |
| Federal Pass through | | | | |
| VOCA | 25,000 | 32,269 | 32,269 | - |
| State of Louisiana: | | | | |
| Victims Assistance | 30,000 | 30,000 | 30,000 | - |
| SGF Technology | 75,000 | 74,738 | 74,738 | - |
| Supreme Court | - | - | - | - |
| Local | 12,150 | 12,150 | 12,150 | - |
| Interest and Miscellaneous | 48,300 | 52,951 | 51,282 | (1,669) |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 724,850 | 726,908 | 726,399 | (509) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current - General government - Judicial: | | | | |
| Personnel Services | 448,834 | 433,358 | 433,224 | 134 |
| Insurance | 26,684 | 24,424 | 24,424 | - |
| Office operations | 70,500 | 54,447 | 52,174 | 2,273 |
| Court Costs-Crime Lab Scientist | 30,000 | 16,500 | 16,137 | 363 |
| Travel and conventions | 40,000 | 38,572 | 38,742 | (170) |
| Dues and subscriptions | 30,000 | 29,380 | 29,377 | 3 |
| Professional Services | 10,700 | 10,100 | 10,700 | (600) |
| Automobile expenses | 11,600 | 7,800 | 7,735 | 65 |
| Automobile leases | 6,737 | 6,737 | 6,737 | - |
| Telephone | 770 | 784 | 783 | 1 |
| Uniforms | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,148 | 52 |
| Rent | 2,346 | 2,346 | 2,346 | - |
| Miscellaneous | 500 | 500 | 500 | - |
| Donated Supplies and Equipment | 4,982 | - | - | - |
| LPG Reimbursements | 82,100 | 62,230 | 62,230 | - |
| Repair & maintenance | 30,000 | 45,272 | 45,123 | 149 |
| | 796,753 | 733,650 | 731,380 | 2,270 |
| Capital outlay | 10,000 | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 806,753 | 733,650 | 731,380 | 2,270 |
| Net Changes in Fund Balances | (81,903) | (6,742) | (4,981) | 1,761 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Beginning | 1,714,748 | 1,718,150 | 1,718,150 | - |
| Ending | \$ 1,632,845 | \$ 1,711,408 | \$ 1,713,169 | \$ 1,761 |

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Budget Comparison Schedule - Worthless Check Collection Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Original | Final (Amended) | | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Fines and fees | \$ 4,000 | \$ 5,000 | \$ 5,116 | \$ 116 |
| Interest | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>4,000</u> | <u>5,000</u> | <u>5,116</u> | <u>116</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current - General government - Judicial: | | | | |
| Personnel Services | - | - | - | - |
| Office Operations | - | - | - | - |
| Repairs & maintenance | 4,000 | 5,050 | 5,166 | (116.00) |
| | <u>4,000</u> | <u>5,050</u> | <u>5,166</u> | <u>0</u> |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>4,000</u> | <u>5,050</u> | <u>5,166</u> | <u>(116)</u> |
| Net changes in fund balances | <u>-</u> | <u>(50)</u> | <u>(50)</u> | <u>-</u> |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Beginning | 50 | 50 | 50 | - |
| Ending | <u>\$ 50</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ -</u> |

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Budget Comparison Schedule - IV-D Office Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

| | Budgeted Amounts | | Actual Amounts | Variance with Final Budget |
|--|------------------|--------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| | Original | Final (Amended) | | |
| REVENUES | | | | |
| Intergovernmental - State | \$ 574,000 | \$ 640,500 | \$ 640,830 | \$ 330 |
| Interest | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL REVENUES | <u>574,000</u> | <u>640,500</u> | <u>640,830</u> | <u>330</u> |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | |
| Current - General government - Judicial: | | | | |
| IV-D program: | | | | |
| Personnel services | 72,000 | 57,900 | 57,911 | (11) |
| Office Operations | 2,000 | 1,600 | 1,600 | - |
| Reimburse Lafourche Parish Council | 500,000 | 581,000 | 581,319 | (319) |
| | <u>574,000</u> | <u>640,500</u> | <u>640,830</u> | <u>(330)</u> |
| Capital outlay | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | <u>574,000</u> | <u>640,500</u> | <u>640,830</u> | <u>(330)</u> |
| Net Change in Fund Balance | - | - | - | 660 |
| FUND BALANCES | | | | |
| Beginning | 52 | 52 | 52 | - |
| Ending | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 52</u> | <u>\$ 660</u> |

DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
District Attorney's Retirement System (DARS)
Last Ten Fiscal Years **

| For Fiscal Year Ended | 31-Dec-15 | 31-Dec-16 | 31-Dec-17 | 31-Dec-18 | 31-Dec-19 | 31-Dec-20 | 31-Dec-21 | 31-Dec-22 | 31-Dec-23 | 31-Dec-24 |
|---|------------|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Measurement Date of Plan | 30-Jun-15 | 30-Jun-16 | 30-Jun-17 | 30-Jun-18 | 30-Jun-19 | 30-Jun-20 | 30-Jun-21 | 30-Jun-22 | 30-Jun-23 | 30-Jun-24 |
| SCHEDULE OF THE PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY | | | | | | | | | | |
| Proportion of the net pension liability | 0.29822% | 0.30642% | 0.38782% | 0.26522% | 0.28491% | 0.26259% | 0.26021% | 0.24447% | 0.22890% | 0.20139% |
| Proportionate share of the net pension liability | \$ 67,102 | \$ 240,976 | \$ 104,603 | \$ 85,346 | \$ 91,657 | \$ 28,045 | \$ 46,326 | \$ 263,341 | \$ 196,296 | \$ 96,790 |
| Covered employee payroll | \$ 745,417 | \$ 776,296 | \$ 814,508 | \$ 611,517 | \$ 625,768 | \$ 641,020 | \$ 595,144 | \$ 566,654 | \$ 567,644 | \$ 483,578 |
| Proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of its covered employee payroll | 9.00% | 31.04% | 12.84% | 13.96% | 14.65% | 4.38% | 7.78% | 46.47% | 34.58% | 20.02% |
| Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension | 98.56% | 95.09% | 93.57% | 92.92% | 93.13% | 84.86% | 96.79% | 81.65% | 85.85% | 92.33% |
| SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS | | | | | | | | | | |
| Contractually required contribution | \$ 52,179 | \$ 12,611 | \$ 59,647 | \$ 49,561 | \$ 2,094 | \$ 6,516 | \$ 6,424 | \$ 15,028 | \$ 14,484 | \$ 16,911 |
| Contributions made | (51,139) | (12,611) | (59,647) | (49,561) | (67,443) | (65,608) | (65,241) | (55,754) | (54,826) | (58,029) |
| Contribution deficiency (excess) | \$ 1,040 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (65,349) | \$ (59,092) | \$ (58,817) | \$ (40,726) | \$ (40,342) | \$ (41,118) |
| Covered employee payroll | \$ 745,417 | \$ 733,812 | \$ 724,592 | \$ 611,517 | \$ 625,768 | \$ 641,020 | \$ 595,144 | \$ 566,654 | \$ 567,644 | \$ 483,578 |
| Contribution as a percentage of covered employee payroll | 6.86% | 1.72% | 8.23% | 8.10% | 0.33% | 1.02% | 1.08% | 2.65% | 2.55% | 3.50% |
| ** Note: Initial Year of GASB 68 Implementation was 2015, Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional Years will be displayed as they become available. | | | | | | | | | | |
| Notes to Retirement System Schedules: | | | | | | | | | | |
| <i>Changes of Benefit Terms</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| | No Changes | No Changes | No Changes | No Changes | No Changes | No Changes |
| <i>Changes of Assumptions</i> | | | | | | | | | | |
| Investment rate of return, net of investment expense | 7.00% | 7.00% | 6.75% | 6.50% | 6.50% | 6.25% | 6.10% | 6.10% | 6.10% | 6.10% |
| Inflation rate | 2.50% | 2.50% | 2.50% | 2.40% | 2.40% | 2.30% | 2.20% | 2.20% | 2.68% | 2.50% |
| Discount rate | 7.00% | 7.00% | 6.75% | 6.50% | 6.50% | 6.25% | 6.10% | 6.10% | 6.10% | 6.10% |
| Salary increases | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% | 5.00% |

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY OF THE SEVENTEENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
LAFOURCHE PARISH, LOUISIANA**

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Agency Head Name: Kristine Russell - District Attorney

| Purpose | Amount |
|--|-------------------|
| Salary (state, parish & local) | \$ 197,308 |
| Benefits - insurance | 32,458 |
| Benefits - retirement | 23,926 |
| Benefits - life insurance | 58 |
| Benefits - Medicare tax | 2,861 |
| Car Allowance | 0 |
| Vehicle provided by government | 0 |
| Per Diem | 347 |
| Reimbursements | 0 |
| Travel - LDAA Elected DA Meetings | 1,296 |
| Registration fees | 0 |
| Conference travel | 1,519 |
| Continuing professional education fees | 325 |
| Housing | 0 |
| Unvouchered expenses | 0 |
| Meals - meetings | 0 |
| Special meals | 0 |
| Fuel | 0 |
| Dues | 535 |
| Cell Phone | 0 |
| | \$ 260,633 |

District Attorney for the 17th Judicial District
Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Schedule

Cash Basis Presentation
As Required by La. R.S. 24:515.2

| | Amount for 01/01/2024 - 06/30/2024 | Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 |
|--|--|--|
| 1. Beginning Cash Balance | - | - |
| 2. Collections | | |
| a. Civil Fees | - | - |
| b. Bond Fees | - | - |
| c. Cash Bonds | - | - |
| d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale | 5,304 | 4,596 |
| e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees | 96,783 | 91,409 |
| f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees | - | - |
| g. Criminal Fines – Contempt | - | - |
| h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt | - | - |
| i. Restitution | 570 | 4,546 |
| j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees | 20,378 | 13,621 |
| k. Service Fees | - | - |
| l. Collection Fees | - | - |
| m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances | - | - |
| n. Other | 1,050 | 700 |
| Total Collected | 124,085 | 114,872 |
| 3. Deductions: Collections Retained by the District Attorney for the 17th Judicial District | | |
| I. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection | - | - |
| II. Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount | - | - |
| III. Other Amounts "Self-Disbursed" [Enter amounts on appropriate collection type lines] | | |
| a. Civil Fees | - | - |
| b. Bond Fees | - | - |
| c. Cash Bonds | - | - |
| d. Asset Forfeiture/Sale | 5,304 | 4,596 |
| e. Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees | 96,783 | 91,409 |
| f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees | - | - |
| g. Criminal Fines – Contempt | - | - |
| h. Criminal Fines – Other/Non-Contempt | - | - |
| i. Restitution | 570 | 4,546 |
| j. Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees | 20,378 | 13,621 |
| k. Service Fees | - | - |
| l. Collection Fees [excluding amounts reported in bullets I and II above] | - | - |
| m. Interest Earnings on Collected Balances | - | - |
| n. Other | 1,050 | 700 |
| Total Collections Retained by the District Attorney for the 17th Judicial District | 124,085 | 114,872 |
| 4. Deductions: Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits | | |
| a. Collection/Processing Fees Paid to Third Party Entities | - | - |
| b. Civil Fee Refunds | - | - |
| c. Bond Refunds | - | - |
| d. Restitution Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit | - | - |
| e. Other Disbursements to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments or a Nonprofit | - | - |
| Total Amounts Disbursed to Individuals and Entities, Excluding Governments and Nonprofits | - | - |
| 5. Deductions: Total Disbursements to Other Governments & Nonprofits | - | - |
| 6. Total Amounts Disbursed/Retained | 124,085 | 114,872 |
| 7. Ending Cash Balance | - | - |
| 8. Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed | - | - |
| 9. Other Information: | | |
| I. Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Yet Collected [i.e. total ending receivable balances] | - | - |
| II. Total Waivers During the Fiscal Period [i.e. non-cash reduction of receivable balances, such as time served or community service] | - | - |

District Attorney for the 17th Judicial District
Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Schedule

Cash Basis Presentation
 As Required by La. R.S. 24:515.2

| | | Amount for 01/01/2024 - 06/30/2024 | Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 |
|---|------------------------------|--|--|
| 1. Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received: | | - | - |
| 2. Details of Receipts from Collecting/Disbursing Agency | | | |
| Agency Remitting Money | Remittance Type | Amount for 01/01/2024 - 06/30/2024 | Amount for 07/01/2024 - 12/31/2024 |
| Lafourche Parish Sheriff | f. Criminal Court Costs/Fees | 78,378 | 88,661 |
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| Lafourche Parish Sheriff | b. Bond Fees | 52,254 | 53,570 |



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Independent Auditor's Report and 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*

Honorable Kristine Russell
District Attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial District
Lafourche Parish, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District Attorney of the Seventeenth Judicial District, Lafourche Parish Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated May 31, 2025.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the 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 internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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. 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 financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants 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 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 or the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Thibodaux, Louisiana
May 31, 2025



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