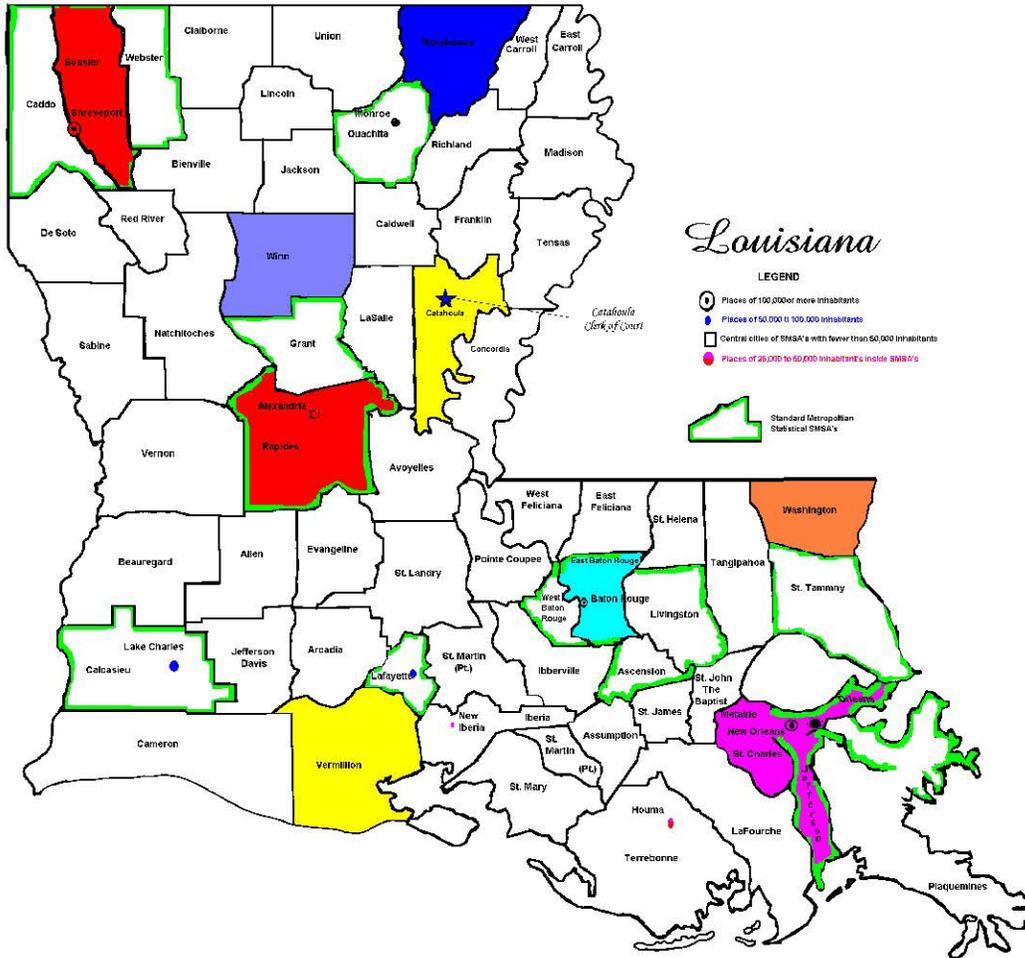


CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT

Component Unit Financial Statements

JUNE 30, 2019

CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA



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**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Harrisonburg, Louisiana
Component Unit Financial Statements
as of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Larisa Field
Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court
Harrisonburg, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court'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 opinions 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. 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 the aggregate remaining fund information of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As disclosed in the notes to the employer schedules and statements, the total net pension liability for the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund was \$406,845 and the other post-employment benefits (OPEB) liability was \$752,695 as of June 30, 2019. The actuarial valuation was based on various assumptions made by the actuaries. Because actual experience may differ from the assumptions used in the actuarial valuations, there is a risk that the net pension liability and OPEB liability at June 30, 2019, could be under or overstated.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Compensation of Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer is the responsibility of management and was 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 Schedule of Compensation Benefits and

Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer 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 September 19, 2019, on our consideration of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court'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 Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

The Vercher Group

September 19, 2019

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MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

As management of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, we offer readers of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’s financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Clerk of Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Clerk of Court’s financial statements.

The Management’s Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) is an element of the new reporting model adopted by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) in their Statement No. 34 Basic Financial Statements – and Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments issued June 1999. Certain comparative information between the current year and the prior year is required to be presented in the MD&A.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The liabilities of the Clerk exceeded its assets at the close of the most recent fiscal year by \$(1,006,869) (*net position*).
- The Clerk had total revenue of \$439,638, which is a \$20,073 increase from last year’s revenues.
- The Clerk had total expenditures of \$419,167, which is a \$6,849 decrease from last year’s expenditures.
- At the end of the current fiscal year, the Clerk had a net change in fund balance of \$20,471, resulting in an ending fund balance of \$87,494.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’s basic financial statements. The Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’s basic financial statements consists of two components: 1) fund financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves. The Clerk of Court is a special-purpose entity engaged only in governmental activities. Accordingly, only fund financial statements are presented as the basic financial statements.

Effective, January 1, 2004, the Clerk adopted Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements – Management’s Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Reporting the Clerk's Department's Most Significant Funds

The Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court's financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds. The Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court may establish other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using grants and other money.

The basic financial statements include one kind of statement listed below.

- **General Fund**

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 13:781, is the principal fund of the clerk of court and accounts for the operations of the clerk's office. The various fees and charges due to the clerk's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

- **Agency Fund**

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

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court's annual report consists of financial statements that show information about the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court's funds, the governmental fund.

Our auditor has provided assurance in his independent auditor's report, located immediately preceding this Management's Discussion and Analysis, that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. Varying degrees of assurance are being provided by the auditor regarding the other information included in this report. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts of this report.

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

Statement of Net Position

The following table represents a condensed Comparative Statement of Net Position as of June 30, 2019:

Assets	2018	2019	% Difference
Current Assets	\$ 70,970	\$ 90,871	28.1
Capital Assets, Net	6,590	3,145	-52.3
Total Assets	<u>77,560</u>	<u>94,016</u>	21.2
 DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES			
Pension Fund Related	76,964	118,246	53.6
OPEB Related	-0-	18,167	100.0
 Liabilities and Net Assets			
Current Liabilities	3,947	3,377	-14.5
Non-Current Liabilities	1,074,921	1,159,540	7.9
Total Liabilities	<u>1,078,868</u>	<u>1,162,917</u>	7.8
 DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES			
Pension Fund Related	103,926	74,381	-28.4
OPEB Related	6,857	-0-	-100.0
 Net Position			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	6,590	3,145	-52.3
Unrestricted	(1,041,717)	(1,010,014)	-3.1
Total Net Position	<u>\$ (1,035,127)</u>	<u>\$ (1,006,869)</u>	-2.7

Changes in Fund Balances

The following table reflects the condensed Comparative Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended June 30, 2019:

Revenue	2018	2019	% Difference
Fees & Charges	\$ 413,098	\$ 429,227	3.9
Interest Income	2,077	2,568	23.6
Other	4,390	7,843	78.7
Total Revenue	<u>419,565</u>	<u>439,638</u>	4.8
 Expenditures			
Personnel & Related Benefits	308,159	296,760	-3.7
Operating Services	113,613	117,217	3.2
Travel & Professional Development	500	500	0.0
Intergovernmental	3,744	4,690	25.3
Total Expenditures	<u>426,016</u>	<u>419,167</u>	-1.6
Increase (Decrease) in Fund Balances	(6,451)	20,471	417.3
 Beginning Fund Balances	 <u>73,474</u>	 <u>67,023</u>	 -8.8
Ending Fund Balances	<u>\$ 67,023</u>	<u>\$ 87,494</u>	30.6

MANAGEMENT’S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS - CONTINUED

CAPITAL ASSETS:

At June 30, 2019, the Catahoula Clerk of Court had \$3,145 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, comprised of furniture and equipment.

Capital Assets at Year-End

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 123,902	\$ 123,902	0.0
Accumulated Depreciation	(117,312)	(120,757)	2.9
Total	<u>\$ 6,590</u>	<u>\$ 3,145</u>	-52.3

CONTACTING THE CLERK’S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT:

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens with a general overview of the Clerk’s finances and to demonstrate the Clerk’s accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Larisa Field, Clerk of the Catahoula Clerk of Court, PO Box 654, Harrisonburg, Louisiana, 71340, at (318) 744-5497.

Basic Financial Statements

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019**

	Governmental Activities
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 71,371
Investments	15,000
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectable)	4,500
Total Current Assets	90,871
Non Current Assets	
Capital Assets (Net of Accumulated Depreciation)	3,145
Total Non Current Assets	3,145
Total Assets	94,016
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Pension Fund Related	118,246
OPEB Related	18,167
	136,413
Current Liabilities	
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables	3,377
Total Current Liabilities	3,377
Non Current Liabilities	
OPEB Obligation	752,695
Net Pension Liability	406,845
Total Non Current Liabilities	1,159,540
Total Liabilities	1,162,917
DEFERRED INFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Pension Fund Related	74,381
	74,381
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,145
Unrestricted	(1,010,014)
Total Net Position	\$ (1,006,869)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	PROGRAM REVENUES				NET (EXPENSES) REVENUES & CHANGES OF PRIMARY GOVERNMENT
Governmental Activities	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants & Contributions	Capital Grants	Governmental Activities
General Government	\$ (411,380)	\$ 429,227	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 17,847
Total Governmental Activities	\$ (411,380)	\$ 429,227	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 17,847
				General Revenues	
				Interest Income	2,568
				Other Income	7,843
				Total General Revenues	10,411
				Change in Net Position	28,258
				Net Position - Beginning	(1,035,127)
				Net Position - Ending	\$ (1,006,869)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Balance Sheet, Governmental Funds
June 30, 2019**

		<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Assets		
Cash	\$	71,371
Investments		15,000
Receivables (Net of Allowances for Uncollectable)		<u>4,500</u>
Total Assets		<u><u>90,871</u></u>
Liabilities		
Accounts, Salaries, & Other Payables		<u>3,377</u>
Total Liabilities		<u>3,377</u>
Fund Balance		
Unassigned		<u>87,494</u>
Total Fund Balance		<u>87,494</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balances	\$	<u><u>90,871</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Reconciliation of the Government Funds Balance Sheet
to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2019**

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

Fund Balance, Total Governmental Funds (Statement C)		\$ 87,494
Capital assets used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		3,145
Deferred inflows and outflows of resources not recognized in the fund balance of Governmental Fund Statement.		
Pension Related Inflows	(74,381)	
Pension Related Outflows	118,246	
OPEB Related Outflows	<u>18,167</u>	
		62,032
Long-term liabilities including bonds payable are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
OPEB Obligation	(752,695)	
Net Pension Liability	<u>(406,845)</u>	
		<u>(1,159,540)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)		<u>\$ (1,006,869)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures &
Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Governmental Activities
Revenues	
Fees & Charges	\$ 429,227
Interest Income	2,568
Other	7,843
Total Revenues	439,638
 Expenditures	
Personnel & Related Benefits	296,760
Operating Services	117,217
Travel & Professional Development	500
Intergovernmental	4,690
Total Expenditures	419,167
 Net Change in Fund Balance	20,471
 Fund Balances-Beginning	67,023
Fund Balances-Ending	\$ 87,494

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
& Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
To the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:

Net Change in Fund Balances, Total Governmental Funds, Statement E		\$ 20,471
<p>Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the current period.</p>		
Capital Outlays	-0-	
Depreciation	(3,445)	
	(3,445)	(3,445)
<p>Governmental funds report pension outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost is based on various assumptions made by the pension fund's actuary. Governmental funds do not recognize employee contributions to the pension fund as revenue.</p>		
Difference in pension expenditures and pension expense	(12,387)	
Pension related revenue	26,831	
	14,444	14,444
<p>The issuance of long-term debt (bonds, leases, etc.) provides current financial resources to governmental funds, while the repayment of the principal of long-term debt consumes the current financial resources of governmental funds. Neither transaction, however, has any effect on net position. Also, governmental funds report the effect of issuance costs premiums, discounts, and similar items when debt is issued, whereas these amounts are deferred and amortized in the Statement of Activities. This amount is the net effect of these differences in the treatment of long-term debt and related items.</p>		
	-0-	
<p>Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.</p>		
Payroll Related Benefits (OPEB)		(3,212)
Changes in Net Position of Governmental Activities, Statement B		\$ 28,258

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2019**

	<u>Advance Deposit Fund</u>	<u>Registry of Court Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 276,254	\$ 882,865	\$ 1,159,119
Investments	363,000	-0-	363,000
Accounts Receivable	16,072	-0-	16,072
Total Assets	<u>655,326</u>	<u>882,865</u>	<u>1,538,191</u>
Liabilities			
Held For Others Pending Court Action	<u>655,326</u>	<u>882,865</u>	<u>1,538,191</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>655,326</u>	<u>882,865</u>	<u>1,538,191</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Notes to the Basic
Financial Statements**

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTRODUCTION

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

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

The clerk of court is an independently elected official; however, the clerk of court is fiscally dependent on the Catahoula Parish Police Jury. The police jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the clerk of court's office is located and provides funds for equipment and furniture of the clerk of court's office. Because the clerk of court is fiscally dependent on the police jury, the clerk of court was determined to be a component unit of the Catahoula Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the clerk of court and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The clerk of court uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the clerk's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Clerk of Court. The following are the clerk's governmental funds:

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 13:781, is the principal fund of the clerk of court and accounts for the operations of the clerk's office. The various fees and charges due to the clerk's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Fiduciary Fund

Fiduciary funds reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category by the clerk are the agency funds. The agency funds account for assets held by the clerk as an agent for litigants held pending court action. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, the agency funds have no measurement focus.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenue and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of clerk operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenue are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The clerk considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on the general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Marriage licenses, fees, charges, and commissions for services are recorded in the year they are earned.

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

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

Expenditures

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

Other Financing Sources and Expenditures

Proceeds from and expenditures for the capital leases are recognized when received or due as another financing source and expenditure.

Agency Fund

The Agency Fund statements and schedules have been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, with collections recognized in the year they are earned and distributions reflected when liability is incurred.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

These statements include all the financial activities of the clerk. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement NO. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues

Program revenues are derived directly from clerk users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the clerk's general revenues.

Reconciliation

The reconciliation of the items reflected in the funds columns to the Statement of Activities (Statement B) and Statement of Net Assets (Statement A) are as follows:

- Capital Assets, Net
- OPEB Obligation
- Pension Plan

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

E. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is classified as Net Position and displayed in three components as applicable. The components are as follows:

Net Investment in Capital Assets - Capital assets including restricted capital assets, when applicable, net of accumulated depreciation.

Restricted Net Position - Net position 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 provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted Net Position - All other net position that does 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 is available, management applies restricted resources first. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. The decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

In the Fund Financial Statements, governmental fund equity is classified as a fund balance. The District has implemented GASB Statement 54 “Fund Balance Reporting and Governmental Fund Type Definitions.” This Statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the 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.

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F. CASH & INVESTMENTS

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government 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 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 Entity that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposit 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 Entity’s name.

All cash and investments (CD’s over 90 days) are reported at cost and are on deposit at federally insured banks.

It is the entity’s policy for deposits to be 100% secured by collateral at market or par, whichever is lower, less the amount of the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation insurance. The entity’s deposits are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the entity at fiscal year-end. All deposits were secured at the year-end. The categories are described as follows:

- *Category 1* – Insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity’s name.
- *Category 2* – Collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution’s trust department or agent in the entity’s name.
- *Category 3* – Uncollateralized.

	Bank Balance 6/30/2019
Southern Heritage Bank	\$ 647,022
Catahoula/LaSalle Bank	1,000,984
Sicily Island Bank	3,000
Total	1,651,006
 <i>Secured as Follows:</i>	
FDIC (<i>Category – 1</i>)	843,000
Securities held by Bank in Clerk’s name (<i>Category – 2</i>)	1,819,304
Uncollateralized (<i>Category – 3</i>)	-0-
Total	\$ 2,662,304

All deposits were fully secured at year end.

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G. INVESTMENTS

Investments are limited by R.S. 33:2955 and the clerk of court's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents.

H. SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as due from other funds or due to other funds on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables.

I. ADVANCES TO OTHER FUNDS

Noncurrent portions of long-term interfund loan receivables are reported as advances and are offset equally by a fund balance reserve account, which indicates that they do not constitute expendable available financial resources and, therefore, are not available for appropriation.

J. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. The clerk maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and building improvements	10 - 20 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 7 years

K. VACATION & SICK LEAVE

Employees of the Clerk's office earn two weeks of vacation leave and five days of sick leave every two years. The leave must be used in the two years earned. There are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to vacation and sick leave that require accrual or disclosure to conform to generally accepted accounting principles.

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L. AMOUNTS DUE PARISH TREASURY

R.S. 13:785 requires that every four years (at the close of the term of office) the clerk of court must pay the parish treasurer the portion of the General Fund's fund balance that exceeds one-half of the revenues of the clerk's last year of his/her term of office. At June 30, 2019, no determination of the amount that will be due, if any, can be made at this time.

M. 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. RECEIVABLES

The receivables at June 30, 2019, are as follows:

Class of Receivable	General Fund	Advance Deposit Fund
Civil Suits	\$ -0-	\$ 16,072
Other	4,500	-0-
Total	\$ 4,500	\$ 16,072

Allowances for doubtful accounts are considered immaterial and therefore, are not presented.

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3. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, is as follows:

	Balance 6-30-18	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6-30-19
Governmental Activities				
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 123,902	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 123,902
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(117,312)	(3,445)	-0-	(120,757)
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 6,590	\$ (3,445)	\$ -0-	\$ 3,145

4. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES, & OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$3,377 at June 30, 2019, are as follows:

Description	General Fund
Accounts Payable	\$ 3,377

5. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

Total OPEB Liability

The Clerk’s total OPEB liability of \$752,695 was measured as of June 30, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2019 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.5%
Salary Increases	3.0%, including inflation
Discount Rate	3.5%, net of OPEB plan investment expense, including inflation
Healthcare Cost Trend Rates	Flat 5.5% annually

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index over the 52 weeks immediately preceding the applicable measurement dates.

Mortality rates were based on the SOA RP-2000 Combined Mortality Table.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2019 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2019.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2018		\$	724,460
Changes for the year:			
Service cost			9,031
Interest			25,514
Differences between expected and actual experience			21,800
Benefit payments and net transfers			(28,110)
Net changes			28,235
Balance at June 30, 2019		\$	752,695

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk, as well as what the Clerk’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.5%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.5%)	Current Discount Rate (3.5%)	1.0% Increase (4.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 890,203	\$ 752,695	\$ 643,691

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk, as well as what the Clerk’s total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Trend (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 677,373	\$ 752,695	\$ 846,527

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OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Clerk recognized OPEB expense of \$37,199. At June 30, 2019, the Clerk reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 18,167	\$ -0-
Total	\$ 18,167	\$ -0-

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30:	
2019	3,633
2020	3,633
2021	3,633
2022	3,633
2023	3,633
Thereafter	-

6. PENSION PLAN

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

All regular employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after the age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of credited service, not to exceed 100 percent of their final-average salary.

Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produces the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established and amended by state statute.

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

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Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund, 11745 Bricksome Avenue, Suite B1, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816, or by calling (504)293-1162.

Funding Policy. Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 19.00 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (one-half of one percent for Orleans Parish) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court's contributions to the System for the year ending June 30, 2019, was \$42,329, equal to the required contributions for the year.

7. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (PENSIONS)

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

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

Basis of Accounting:

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund's employer schedules are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Members' earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the periods in which the employee is compensated for services performed. The member's earnable compensation is attributed to the employer for which the member is employed as of June 30, 2018.

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Plan Fiduciary Net Position:

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

Pension Amount Netting:

The deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources attributable to differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments recorded in different years are netted to report only a deferred outflow or a deferred inflow on the schedule of pension amounts. The remaining categories of deferred outflows and deferred inflows are not presented on a net basis.

A. PLAN DESCRIPTION:

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

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement Benefits:

A member or former member shall be eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining twelve or more years of credited service, attaining the age of fifty-five years (age sixty-five if hired on or after January 1, 2011), and terminating employment. Regular retirement benefits, payable monthly for life, is equal to 3% of the member's monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed one hundred percent of the monthly average final compensation. The retirement benefit accrual rate is increased to 3 1/3% for all service credit accrued after June 30, 1999 (for members hired prior to January 1, 2011). For members hired before July 1, 2006 and who retire prior to January 1, 2011, monthly average final compensation is based on the highest 36 consecutive months, with a limit increase of 10% in each of the last three years of measurement. For members hired after July 1,

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2006, monthly average final compensation is based on the highest compensated sixty consecutive months, or successive joined months if service was interrupted, with a limit increase of 10% in each of the last five years of measurement. For members who were employed prior to July 1, 2006 and who retire after December 31, 2010, the period of final average compensation is 36 months plus the number of whole months elapsed since January 1, 2011, not to exceed 60 months.

Disability Benefits:

Disability benefits are awarded to active members who are totally and permanently disabled as a result of injuries sustained in the line of duty or to active members with 10 or more year of credible service who are totally disabled due to any cause. A member who is officially certified as totally or permanently disabled by the State Medical Disability Board will be paid monthly disability retirement benefits equal to the greater of 40% of their monthly average final compensation or 75% of their monthly regular retirement benefit computed as per R.S 11:1521 ©.

Survivor Benefits:

Upon the death of any active contributing member with less than five years of credited service dies, his/her accumulated contributions are paid to his/her designated beneficiary. Upon the death of any active contributing member with five or more years of credited service, 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 option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. Benefit payments are to commence on the date a member would have first become eligible for normal retirement assuming continued service until that time. In lieu of a deferred survivor benefit, the surviving spouse may elect benefits payable immediately with benefits reduced $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% for each month by which payments commence in advance of member's earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid $\frac{1}{2}$ of the member's accrued retirement benefit in equal shares. Upon the death of any former member with less than 12 years of service, the designated beneficiary may receive his/her accumulated contributions. Upon the death of any former member with 12 or more years of service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse with payments to commence on the member's retirement eligibility date. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP):

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of the fund who is eligible for a service retirement allowance may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to thirty-six months and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, active membership in the Fund terminates and the participant's contributions cease; however, employer contributions continue. Compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the plan. The monthly retirement

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benefits that would have been payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan account. Upon termination of employment at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the program may receive, at his option, a lump sum payment from the DROP account equal to the payments to the account or a true annuity based upon his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). In addition, the member receives the monthly benefits that were paid into the DROP Fund during his period of participation.

If employment is not terminated at the end of the participation period, payments into the account cease and the member resumes active contributing membership in the Fund. Interest is paid on DROP account balances for members who complete their DROP participation but do not terminate employment. The interest earnings are based on the actual rate of return on funds in such accounts. These interest accruals cease upon termination of employment.

Upon termination, the member receives a lump sum payment from the DROP fund equal to the payments made to the fund on his behalf, or a true annuity based on his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). The monthly benefit payments that were being paid into the DROP fund are paid to the retiree and an additional benefit based on his additional service rendered since termination of DROP participation is calculated using the normal method of benefit computation. Prior to January 1, 2011, the average compensation used to calculate the additional benefit is that used to calculate the original benefit unless his period of additional service is at least 36 months. Effective January 1, 2011, the average compensation for members whose additional service is less than 36 months is equal to the lesser amount used to calculate his original benefit or the compensation earned in the period of additional service divided by the number of months of additional service. For former DROP participants who retire after December 30, 2010, the period used to determine final average compensation for post-DROP service is 36 months plus the number of whole months elapsed from January 1, 2011 to the date of DROP entry. In no event can the entire monthly benefit amount paid to the retiree exceed 100% of the average compensation used to compute the additional benefit. If a participant dies during the period of participation in the program, a lump sum payment equal to his account balance is paid to his named beneficiary or, if non, to his estate.

Cost of Living Adjustments (COLAs):

The Board of Trustees is authorized to grant retired member and widows who have been retired for at least one full calendar year an annual cost of 2.5% to their benefit (not to exceed \$40 per month), and all retired member and widows who are 65 years of age or older a 2% increase in their original benefit (or their benefit as of October 1, 1977, if retired prior to that time). In order to grant the 205% COLA, the increase in the consumer price index must have exceeded 3% since the last COLA granted. In order for the Board to grant either of these increases, the Fund must meet certain other criteria as detailed in the Louisiana statute relating to funding status.

In lieu of granting the above cost of living increases, Louisiana statutes allow the Board to grant a cost of living increase where the benefits shall be calculated using the number of years of service at retirement or at death plus the number of years since retirement or death multiplied by the cost of living amount which cannot exceed \$1.

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B. EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS:

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2018, the actual employer contribution rate was 19%.

In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue during the year and excluded from pension expense. Non-employer contribution revenue for the System for the year ended June 30, 2018, was \$10,969,148.

C. SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS:

The schedule of employer allocations reports the required historical employer contributions in addition to the employer allocation percentages for each participating employer. The historical employer contributions are used to determine the proportionate relationship of each employer to all employers of Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund. The employer's proportion was determined on a basis that is consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension plan are determined. The resulting allocation percentages were used in calculating each employer's proportionate share of the pension amounts.

The allocation method used in determining each employer's proportion was based on each employer's contributions to the Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018 as compared to the total of all employers' contributions received by the Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2018.

D. SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER:

The schedule of pension amounts by employer displays each employer's allocation of the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and pension expense. The schedule of pension amounts by employer was prepared using the allocations included in the schedule of employer allocation.

E. ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS:

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

The components of the net pension liability of the Fund's participating employers as of June 30, 2018, are as follows:

	<u>2018</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$ 794,767,702
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(628,437,651)</u>
Total Net Position Liability	<u>\$ 166,330,051</u>

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Valuation Date	June 30, 2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	5.00%
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Mortality Rates	RP-2000 Employee Table (set back 4 years for males and 3 years for females)/ RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table (set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females)/ RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table (set forward 1 year for males) and projected to 2030 using scale AA for males and females
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2018 – 5 years 2017 – 5 years 2016 – 5 years 2015 – 5 years 2014 – 5 years
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The actuarial assumptions used are based on the assumptions used in the 2018 actuarial funding calculation which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009- June 30, 2014 unless otherwise specified.

The mortality rate assumption used was verified by combining data from this plan with three other statewide plans which have similar workforce composition in order to produce a credible experience. The aggregated data was collected over the period July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2014. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the Fund's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that these tables would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables used.

The long-term expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation. The long-term expected rate of return was 7.10%, for the year ended June 30, 2018.

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The best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund’s target asset allocation as of June 30, 2018 is summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Asset Allocation</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return</u>
Fixed Income:		
Core fixed income	5.00%	1.75%
Core plus fixed income	15.00%	2.00%
Domestic Equity:		
Large cap domestic equity	21.00%	4.50%
Non-large cap domestic equity	7.00%	4.75%
International Equity:		
Large cap international equity	14.00%	4.75%
Small cap international equity	6.50%	4.50%
Emerging markets	6.50%	6.25%
Real Estate	10.00%	4.00%
Master Limited Partnerships	5.00%	6.00%
Hedge Funds	10.00%	3.50%
	<u>100.00%</u>	

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rate approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement System’s Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund’s actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund’s fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

F. SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN DISCOUNT RATE:

The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.75% as well as what the employers’ net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, 5.75%, or one percentage point higher, 7.75%, than the current rate as of June 30, 2018:

	<u>Changes in Discount Rate:</u>		
	<u>1% Decrease 5.75%</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate 6.75%</u>	<u>1% Increase 7.75%</u>
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$254,281,665</u>	<u>\$166,330,051</u>	<u>\$93,425,904</u>

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G. CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY:

The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2018, were recognized in the current reporting period as pension expense except as follows:

Differences between Expected and Actual Experience:

The differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized as pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The difference between expected and actual experience resulted in a deferred inflow of resources and pension benefit as of June 30, 2018 as follows:

			June 30, 2018		
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Pension Expense (Benefit)	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
2018	\$ 1,369,822	\$ -	\$ 273,964	\$ 1,095,858	\$ -
2017	3,165,856	-	791,464	2,374,392	-
2016	1,415,947	-	471,982	943,965	-
2015	-	3,286,276	(1,643,138)	-	1,643,138
2014	-	683,729	(683,731)	-	-
			Totals	\$ 4,414,215	\$ 1,643,138

Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings:

The differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings resulted in a net deferred inflow of resources and pension benefit as of June 30, 2018 as follows:

			June 30, 2018			
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Pension Expense (Benefit)	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Net Deferred Inflows Balance
2018	\$ 226,356	\$ -	\$ 45,271	\$ 181,085	\$ -	\$ 181,085
2017	-	24,614,459	(6,153,615)	-	18,460,844	(18,460,844)
2016	25,114,862	-	8,371,621	16,743,241	-	16,743,241
2015	9,422,935	-	4,711,467	4,711,468	-	4,711,468
2014	-	7,851,358	(7,851,360)	-	-	-
			Totals	\$ 21,635,794	\$ 18,460,844	\$ 3,174,950

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HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

Changes of Assumption:

The changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The changes of assumptions or other inputs resulted in deferred outflows of resources and pension expense as of June 30, 2018 as follows:

			June 30, 2018		
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Pension Expense (Benefit)	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
2018	\$ 19,347,376	\$ -	\$ 3,869,475	\$ 15,477,901	\$ -
2017	-	-	-	-	-
2016	-	-	-	-	-
2015	3,606,496	-	1,803,247	1,803,249	-
2014	2,991,922	-	2,991,922	-	-
			Totals	\$ 17,281,150	\$ -

Change in Proportion:

Changes in the employer’s proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer’s pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

H. CONTRIBUTIONS-PROPORTIONATE SHARE:

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer’s proportionate share are recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the Fund and contributions reported by the participating employer.

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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

I. DISAGGREGATED PENSION AMOUNTS:

	<u>Amounts from the 2017 Employer Pension Report</u>	<u>2018 Employer Specific Amounts</u>	<u>2018 Total Pension Amounts</u>
Net Pension Liability	\$ 406,845	\$ -	\$ 406,845
<i>Deferred Outflows of Resources Related to Pensions:</i>			
Deferred Outflows - Differences b/w Expected & Actual Experience	\$ 10,613	-	\$ 10,613
Deferred Outflows - Difference b/w Projected & Actual Investment Earnings	4,800	-	4,800
Deferred Outflows - Changes of Assumptions	15,285	-	15,285
Deferred Outflows - Changes in Proportion & Diff. b/w Actual & Proportionate Contr.'s	2,605	511	3,116
Deferred Outflows - Contributions Subsequent to Measurement Date	-	42,329	42,329
<i>Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions:</i>			
Deferred Inflows - Differences b/w Expected & Actual Experience	\$ 9,196	-	\$ 9,196
Deferred Inflows - Difference b/w Projected & Actual Investment Earnings	-	-	-
Deferred Inflows - Changes of Assumptions	-	-	-
Deferred Inflows - Changes in Proportion & Diff. b/w Actual & Proportionate Contr.'s	94,730	-	94,730
Pension Expense	\$ 54,491	\$ (511)	\$ 53,980
Revenue	\$ 26,831	-	\$ 26,831

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
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**NOTES TO THE BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
CONTINUED**

J. RETIREMENT FUND AUDIT REPORT:

The Louisiana Clerks’ of Court Retirement and Relief Fund has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2018. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor’s website, www.lia.la.gov.

K. ESTIMATES:

The process of preparing the schedule of employer allocations and schedule of pension amounts in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

8. EXPENDITURES OF THE CLERK OF COURT PAID BY THE PARISH POLICE JURY

The Clerk of Court’s Office is located in the parish courthouse. Expenditures for maintenance and operation of the parish courthouse are, as required by Louisiana law, paid by the Catahoula Parish Police Jury. These expenditures are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

9. CHANGES IN AGENCY ASSETS

A summary of changes in agency assets due to taxing bodies and others follows:

	Balance 6-30-18	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6-30-19
Advance Deposit Fund	\$ 643,157	\$ 292,834	\$ (280,665)	\$ 655,326
Registry of Court Fund	1,147,950	2,565	(267,650)	882,865
Total	\$ 1,791,107	\$ 295,399	\$ (548,315)	\$ 1,538,191

10. DEFICIT IN NET POSITION

The Office has a deficit in net position of \$(1,006,869) in the general fund caused by the OPEB obligation of \$752,695 and net pension liability of \$406,845.

Required Supplemental Information

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, & Changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual
General Fund
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	Budget Amounts		Actual Amounts Budgetary Basis	Budget Variances Favorable (Unfavorable)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Fees & Charges	\$ 435,000	\$ 381,800	\$ 429,227	\$ 47,427
Interest Income	-0-	-0-	2,568	2,568
Other	-0-	-0-	7,843	7,843
Total Revenues	435,000	381,800	439,638	57,838
Expenditures				
Personnel & Related Benefits	275,000	238,000	296,760	(58,760)
Operating Services	141,500	164,200	117,217	46,983
Travel & Professional Development	1,000	500	500	-0-
Intergovernmental	12,500	8,600	4,690	3,910
Capital Outlay	-0-	-0-	-0-	-0-
Miscellaneous	5,000	12,000	-0-	12,000
Total Expenditures	\$ 435,000	\$ 423,300	419,167	\$ 4,133
Net Change in Fund Balance			20,471	
Fund Balances-Beginning			67,023	
Fund Balances-Ending			\$ 87,494	

See independent auditor's report.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

	<u>6-30-19</u>	<u>6-30-18</u>
Total OPEB Liability		
Service Cost	\$ 9,031	\$ 8,687
Interest	25,514	25,632
Changes in Benefit Terms	-0-	-0-
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	21,800	(6,857)
Changes in Assumptions	-0-	-0-
Benefit Payments	<u>(28,110)</u>	<u>(26,646)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>28,235</u>	<u>816</u>
Total OPEB Liability – Beginning	<u>724,460</u>	<u>723,644</u>
Total OPEB Liability – Ending	<u>\$ 752,695</u>	<u>\$ 724,460</u>
Covered – Employee Payroll	\$ 197,975	\$ 263,683
Net OPEB Liability as a Percentage of Covered – Employee Payroll	380.20%	274.75%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes. There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Changes of Assumptions. There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2019.

Discount Rate (3.50%). This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

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**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Ten Year Schedule of the Employer's
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Year	Employer's Proportion of the NPL (Percentage)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the NPL (Amount)	Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the NPL as a Percentage of Its Covered- Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.31%	\$424,485	\$284,958	67.13%	25.99%
2016	0.314975%	\$472,472	\$280,175	59.30%	27.90%
2017	0.31%	\$565,454	\$208,974	36.96%	78.36%
2018	0.23%	\$350,461	\$227,104	64.80%	79.69%
2019	0.24%	\$406,845	\$241,366	59.33%	79.07%

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

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**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Ten Year Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Statutorily Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contributions in Relation to Statutorily Required Contributions</u>	<u>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</u>	<u>Employer's Covered Payroll</u>	<u>Contribution as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll</u>
2015	\$52,518	\$54,142	\$(1,624)	\$284,958	19%
2016	\$76,501	\$76,501	\$-0-	\$280,175	19%
2017	\$53,007	\$53,007	\$-0-	\$208,974	19%
2018	\$43,150	\$43,150	\$-0-	\$227,104	19%
2019	\$45,860	\$45,860	\$-0-	\$241,366	19%

*Note: covered payroll used is during the measurement period.

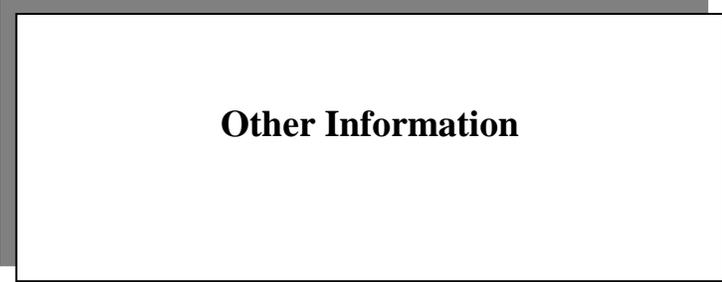
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**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Note to Changes to Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Changes in Valuation	
Methods and Assumptions	None

See independent auditor's report.



Other Information

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
Schedule of Compensation Benefits and Other Payments
to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Catahoula Clerk of Court, Honorable Larisa Field

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 148,229
Benefits-Insurance	8,064
Benefits-Retirement	28,164
Benefits (Expense Allowance)	900
Car Allowance	7,418
Vehicle Provided by Government	-0-
Per Diem	-0-
Reimbursements	-0-
Travel	-0-
Registration Fees	500
Conference Travel	-0-
Continuing Professional Education Fees	-0-
Housing	-0-
Un-vouchered Expenses*	-0-
Special Meals	\$ -0-

*An example of an un-vouchered expense would be a travel advance.

See independent auditors report.



Other Reports

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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*

Honorable Larisa Field
Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court

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 the aggregate remaining fund information of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’s basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2019.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’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 Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court’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. 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 Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court'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.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, federal awarding agencies and Legislative Auditor's Office and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a public document and its distribution is not limited.

The Vercher Group

Jena, Louisiana

September 19, 2019

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

We were engaged to audit the financial statements of the Catahoula Clerk of Court, Harrisonburg, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated September 19, 2019. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Section I Summary of Auditor's Results

Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2019, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No Significant Deficiencies Yes No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements Yes No

b. Federal Awards (Not Applicable)

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses Yes No Other Conditions Yes No

Type of Opinion on Compliance Unmodified Qualified
For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse

Are the finding required to be reported in accordance with Uniform Guidance?

Yes No

c. Identification of Major Programs:

CFDA Number (s)	Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$

Is the auditee a 'low-risk' auditee, as defined by OMB Uniform Guidance? Yes No

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA**

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COST – (CONT.)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Section II Financial Statement Findings

No items to report.

Section III Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

Not applicable.

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MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

During the course of our audit, we observed conditions and circumstances that may be improved. Below are findings noted for improvement, our recommendation for improvement and the Catahoula Clerk of Court's plan for corrective action.

CURRENT YEAR MANAGEMENT LETTER COMMENTS

2019-1-Old Outstanding Checks in Advance Deposit Account

Condition: The advance deposit account has \$14,093 in outstanding checks that are more than 6 months old.

Criteria: Unclaimed moneys should be sent to the State Unclaimed Property.

Cause of Condition: Not sending the funds to the State Unclaimed Property.

Potential Effect of Condition: Funds not being remitted to the rightful owner.

Recommendation: Old outstanding checks should be researched and the amounts paid to the rightful owners or the amounts should be sent to the State Unclaimed Property.

Client Response: Old outstanding checks will be researched and the amounts paid to the rightful owners or the amounts will be sent to the State Unclaimed Property.

**CATAHOULA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
HARRISONBURG, LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 2019**

**MANAGEMENT'S SUMMARY
OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS**

Legislative Auditor
State of Louisiana
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9397

The management of the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, Harrisonburg, Louisiana has provided the following action summaries relating to audit findings brought to their attention as a result of their financial audit for the year ended June 30, 2018.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

No findings to report.

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AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT

Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court, Louisiana

Independent Accountant's Report

On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures

For the Period of July 1, 2018- June 30, 2019

Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court
Harrisonburg, Louisiana

To the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Catahoula Parish Clerk of Court 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. The Entity's management 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 described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
 - b) ***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.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving
 - d) ***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).
 - e) ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
 - f) ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
 - g) ***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)
 - h) ***Travel and expense reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
 - i) ***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.
 - j) ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
 - k) ***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.

Observations: We obtained a copy of the written policies and procedures manual and read it for the above items. The document addressed all of the above items.

Board or Finance Committee

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

- a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
- b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds.
- c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Observations: Not applicable; the entity does not keep minutes and does not have a board. The entity did not have a negative fund balance in the prior year audit report.

Bank Reconciliations

- 3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) 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
 - c) 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.

Observation:

A) Bank reconciliations do not include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).

Exception: Bank reconciliations do not include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged).

Management's Response: Bank reconciliations will be dated when prepared.

B) Bank reconciliations do not include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation.

Exception: Bank reconciliations do not include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation.

Management's Response: Management will have an employee that does not prepare the bank reconciliation and does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks review, initial and date the reconciliation.

- C) **Management does not have documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.**

Exception: Management does not have documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

Management's Response: Management will research reconciling items outstanding for more than 12 months.

Collections (excluding EFTs)

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

Observation: The entity has one collection site (the court house).

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) 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.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.

Observation:

A) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do share cash drawers/registers.

Exception: Employees that are responsible for cash collections do share cash drawers/registers.

Management's Response: Management does not have the facilities or personnel to implement this procedure.

B) Each employee responsible for collecting cash can be responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.

Exception: Each employee responsible for collecting cash can be responsible for preparing/making bank deposits.

Management's Response: Management does not have enough personnel to implement this procedure.

C) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers.

D) 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.

6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

Observation: All employees who have access to cash are not covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

Exception: All employees who have access to cash are not covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

Management's Response: The clerks are covered by errors and omissions policy.

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
- d) Observe 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).
- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

Observation: We selected January 7, 2019 and February 6, 2019 on five bank accounts.

A) Receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

B) We traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

C) We traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

D) We observed that the deposit was made within one week since the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location.

E) We traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

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

Observation: All payments are processed at the Clerk's office in the court house.

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) 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.
 - d) 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.

Observation:

- A) At least two employees are not involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.**

Exception: At least two employees are not involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

Management's Response: In the future, at least two employees will be involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

- B) At least two employees are not involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.**

Exception: At least two employees are not involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

Management's Response: In the future, at least two employees will be involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

- C) 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.**

- D) The official responsible for signing checks is responsible for processing payments.**

Exception: The official responsible for signing checks is responsible for processing payments.

Management's Response: The official responsible for signing and processing checks will have another employee review checks or payments.

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:

- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

Observation:

- A) We randomly selected 5 disbursements and observed that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.**
- B) The disbursements did not include evidence of segregation of duties tested under #9.**

Exception: The disbursements did not include evidence of segregation of duties tested under #9.

Management's Response: Management will have at least one other employee review and initial/date expenditures before payment is made.

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

- 11. Obtain 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. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Observation: 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. The office has one credit card (Visa).

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

- a) Observe 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 (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

Observation:

- A) We selected January 2019 and observed that the monthly statement and supporting documentation was not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.**

Exception: The monthly statement and supporting documentation was not reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

Management's response: Monthly statements and supporting documentation will be reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the authorized card holder.

- B) There were no finance charges on the statement.**

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

Observation: There were only 2 transactions, which both were for office products.

Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

14. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management’s representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements, obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
- a) If reimbursed using a per diem, agree the reimbursement rate to those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1h).
 - d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

Contracts

15. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. Obtain management’s representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner’s contract, and:
- a) Observe that the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law.
 - b) Observe that the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter).
 - c) If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment.
 - d) Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

Payroll and Personnel

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

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

17. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #16 above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) Observe that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

18. Obtain a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees/officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations, agree the hours to the employee/officials' cumulative leave records, and agree the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee/officials' personnel files.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

19. Obtain 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.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

Ethics

20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
- a) Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

- b) Observe 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.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

Debt Service

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

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

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

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

Other

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

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

24. Observe that 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.

Observation: These procedures were applied in the previous years and no exceptions were noted. These procedures will be rotated to the next fiscal year.

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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