

**EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
Lake Providence, Louisiana**

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With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 2017
With Supplemental Information Schedules**

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Independent Auditor's Report

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
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Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the East Carroll Parish Assessor, a component unit of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2017, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

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

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

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

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Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position and major fund of the East Carroll Parish Assessor as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

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

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

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Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated April 17, 2018, on my consideration of the East Carroll Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the East Carroll Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



West Monroe, Louisiana
April 17, 2018

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I**

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
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Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2017

As management of the East Carroll Parish Assessor, I offer readers of the East Carroll Parish Assessor's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the East Carroll Parish Assessor for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned, but unused, sick leave).

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The East Carroll Parish Assessor, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The East Carroll Parish Assessor uses only governmental funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The East Carroll Parish Assessor adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

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

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the East Carroll Parish Assessor's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, assets of the East Carroll Parish Assessor exceeded liabilities by \$541,997. Approximately 2% of the East Carroll Parish Assessor's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment). These assets are not available for future spending.

The balance in unrestricted net position is affected by two factors: 1) resources expended, over time, by the East Carroll Parish Assessor to acquire capital assets from sources other than internally generated funds (i.e., debt), and 2) required depreciation on assets being included in the statement of net position.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$260,299	\$187,097
Receivables	380,577	367,168
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>13,054</u>	<u>14,428</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>653,930</u>	<u>568,693</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related	<u>60,837</u>	<u>115,723</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u><u>\$714,767</u></u>	<u><u>\$684,416</u></u>
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$517	\$530
Net pension liability	<u>81,528</u>	<u>217,982</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>82,045</u>	<u>218,512</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Pension related	90,725	25,202
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,054	14,428
Unrestricted	<u>528,943</u>	<u>426,274</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>541,997</u>	<u>440,702</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$714,767</u></u>	<u><u>\$684,416</u></u>

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Taxation:		
Personal services	\$291,417	\$467,679
Operating services	32,343	32,363
Materials and supplies	8,328	9,396
Travel	15,528	17,138
Depreciation expense	<u>7,711</u>	<u>8,119</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>355,327</u>	<u>534,695</u>
Program revenues - Fees, charges, and commissions for services	<u>14,081</u>	<u>22,995</u>
Net Program Expenses	<u>(341,246)</u>	<u>(511,700)</u>
General revenues:		
Taxes - ad valorem	372,187	361,882
Intergovernmental:		
State revenue sharing	8,490	8,057
Interest earned	718	685
Other revenues	61,482	112,879
Special items - gain/loss on disposal of assets	<u>(336)</u>	<u></u>
Total General Revenues	<u>442,541</u>	<u>483,503</u>
Change in Net Position	101,295	(28,197)
Net Position - Beginning of year	<u>440,702</u>	<u>468,899</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u><u>\$541,997</u></u>	<u><u>\$440,702</u></u>

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

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

As of December 31, 2017, the General Fund unreserved, undesignated fund balance of \$640,359 showed an increase of \$86,624 over December 31, 2016.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The major difference between revenues in the original budget and the final amended budget was due to an increase in fees, charges and commissions. The major differences between expenditures in the original budget and the final budget was due to an increase in personal services, operating services, materials and supplies, travel and other charges and capital outlay.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The East Carroll Parish Assessor's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2017, amounts to \$13,054 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes furniture and equipment. There were increases of \$6,673 in capital assets for the year. There were decreases of \$6,428 for the year.

Long-term debt. At the end of the fiscal year, East Carroll Parish Assessor had outstanding long term debt of net pension liability of \$81,528.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the East Carroll Parish Assessor's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the East Carroll Parish Assessor, 400 First Street, Room 10, Lake Providence, LA 71254.

April 17, 2018

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
Lake Providence, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2017

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$260,299
Receivables	380,577
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>13,054</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>653,930</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	<u>60,837</u>
TOTAL ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOW OF RESOURCES	<u><u>\$714,767</u></u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$517
Net pension liability	<u>81,528</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	82,045
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Pension related	90,725
NET POSITION	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	13,054
Unrestricted	<u>528,943</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>541,997</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET POSITION	<u><u>\$714,767</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
December 31, 2017

Taxation:	
Personal services	\$291,417
Operating services	32,343
Materials and supplies	8,328
Travel	15,528
Depreciation expense	7,711
Total Program Expenses	<u>355,327</u>
Program revenues - Fees, charges, and commissions for services	<u>14,081</u>
Net Program Expenses	(341,246)
General revenues:	
Taxes - ad valorem	372,187
Intergovernmental - state funds - state revenue sharing	8,490
Interest earned	718
Other revenues	61,482
Special items - gain/loss on disposal of assets	(336)
Total General Revenues	<u>442,541</u>
Change in Net Position	101,295
Net Position - Beginning of year	<u>440,702</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u><u>\$541,997</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Balance Sheet, December 31, 2017

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$260,299
Receivables	<u>380,577</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$640,876</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities - Accounts payable	\$517
Fund Equity - fund balances - unassigned	<u>640,359</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>\$640,876</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Total Fund Balances at December 31, 2017 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)		<u>\$640,359</u>
Deferred outflows of resources		60,837
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2017	\$59,050	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2017	<u>(45,996)</u>	13,054
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability		(81,528)
Deferred inflows of resources		<u>(90,725)</u>
Net Position at December 31, 2017 (Statement A)		<u><u>\$541,997</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

REVENUES

Taxes - ad valorem	\$372,187
Intergovernmental revenues:	
State revenue sharing	8,490
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	14,081
Use of money and property - interest earnings	<u>718</u>
Total revenues	<u>395,476</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current:

General government - taxation:

Personal services	245,980
Operating services	32,343
Materials and supplies	8,328
Travel and other charges	15,528
Capital outlay	<u>6,673</u>
Total expenditures	<u>308,852</u>

**EXCESS OF REVENUES
OVER EXPENDITURES**

86,624

FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

553,735

FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR

\$640,359

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement D)	\$86,624
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation for the period.	(1,038)
Governmental funds do not report gain or loss on disposition of assets. In the Statement of Activities, gain on disposition of assets increased when the asset is disposed.	(336)
Non-employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan	61,482
Pension expense	<u>(45,437)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$101,295</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a term of four years, beginning January 1 following the year in which elected. The assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to ad valorem taxation, prepares tax rolls, and submits the rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission and other governmental bodies as prescribed by law. The assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as necessary for the efficient operation of her office and to provide assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the assessor is officially and pecuniarily responsible for the actions of the deputies.

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

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the East Carroll Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for East Carroll Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

- a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the assessor's office is located and provides partial funding for equipment, furniture and supplies of the assessor's office, the assessor was determined to be a component unit of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the assessor 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 East Carroll Parish financial reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

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

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Assessor.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net position are reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses,

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

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

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The assessor reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the assessor. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type.

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

Governmental Fund Type

General Fund - The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:781, is the principal fund of the assessor and is used to account for the operations of the

Assessor's office. The various fees and charges due to the Assessor's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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

1. Accrual:

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

2. Modified Accrual:

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

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are budgeted in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, attach as an enforceable lien, and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Fees for preparing tax rolls are recorded in the year prepared.
Interest income on demand deposits is recorded monthly when the interest is earned and credited to the account.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and fees for preparing tax rolls have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

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

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the assessor may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2017, the assessor has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$260,299.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These deposits are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash (bank balances) at December 31, 2017, total \$264,019 and are fully secured by federal deposit insurance and pledged securities.

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F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The assessor maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the assessor, 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>
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

G. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

All employees are granted two weeks of non-cumulative vacation leave each year. Sick leave is granted at the discretion of the assessor. At December 31, 2017, there are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to vacation leave which require accrual or disclosure.

The cost of leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current-year expenditure in the General Fund when leave is actually taken.

H. RISK MANAGEMENT

The assessor is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions. To handle such risk of loss, the assessor maintains commercial insurance policies covering her automobile, and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended December 31, 2017.

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
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I. PENSION PLANS

The East Carroll Parish Tax Assessors’s Office is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 5. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to/deductions for the plan’s fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

2. PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and their 2017 assessed valuation:

	2017 Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation
Trunkline Gas Company	\$5,212,050	10.75%
Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company	2,342,200	4.83%
Columbia Gulf Transmission Co.	2,340,730	4.83%
Southern Natural Gas Company	1,800,460	3.71%
Agspring Mississippi Region LLC	1,755,095	3.62%
Crop Production Services, Inc.	1,381,826	2.85%
Entergy Louisiana, Inc.	1,268,230	2.62%
Terral Riverservice, Inc.	1,164,670	2.40%
CHS Inc.	846,156	1.74%
Myriant Lake Providence, Inc.	822,745	1.70%
Total	<u>\$18,934,162</u>	<u>39.04%</u>

3. RECEIVABLES

The General Fund receivables of \$380,577 at December 31, 2017, are as follows:

<u>Class of receivables:</u>	
Taxes - Ad valorem	\$372,087
Intergovernmental revenue - state revenue sharing (net)	<u>8,490</u>
Total	<u>\$380,577</u>

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4. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in office furnishings and equipment follows:

Balance, December 31, 2016	\$58,805
Additions	6,673
Deletions	<u>(6,428)</u>
Balance, December 31, 2017	59,050
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(45,996)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u><u>\$13,054</u></u>

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

The Louisiana Assessor’s Retirement System (system) was created by Act 91 Section 1 of the 1950 regular Legislature Session. The Fund is a cost-sharing multiple-employer qualified governmental defined benefit pension plan covering assessors and their deputies employed by any parish in the state of Louisiana, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 11:1401 through 1494. The plan is a qualified plan as defined by the Internal Revenue code Section 401(a), effective January 1, 1998. Membership in the Louisiana Assessors’ Retirement Fund is a condition of employment for Assessors and their full time employees.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

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

The Fund’s employer schedules were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Members’ earnable compensation, for which the employer allocations are based, is recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed.

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

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

Plan Description.

The Louisiana Assessors' Retirement and Relief Fund was established for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of R.S. Title 11:1401 for eligible employees of the assessors' office. 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 Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.lla.la.gov, or by contacting the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement fund, Post Office Box 14699, baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.

Plan Benefits

Pension benefits

Employees who were hired before October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they have either reached the age of fifty-five and have at least twelve years of service or have at least thirty years of service, regardless of age. Employees who were hired on or after October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they have either reached the age of sixty and have at least twelve years of service or have reached the age of fifty-five and have at least thirty years of service.

Employees who became members prior to October 1, 2006, are entitled to pension benefits equal to three and one-third percent of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay, multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100% of final compensation. Employees who become members on or after October 1, 2006 will have their benefit based on the highest 60 months of consecutive service. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint and survivor annuity.

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If employees terminate before rendering 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the employer's contributions. Benefits are payable over the employees' lives in the form of a monthly annuity. Employees may elect a reduced benefit or any of four options at retirement.

Death benefits

As set forth in R.S. 11:1441, benefits for members who die in service are as follows:

1. If a member of the Fund dies in service with less than 12 years of credible service and leaves a surviving spouse, their accumulated contributions shall be paid to the surviving spouse.
2. If a member dies and has 12 or more years of credible service and is not eligible for retirement, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic optional benefit which is equal to the joint and survivorship amounts provided in Option 2 as provided for in R.S. 11:1423, which shall cease upon a subsequent remarriage, or a refund of the member's accumulated contributions, whichever the spouse elects to receive.
3. If a member dies and is eligible for retirement, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic optional benefit which is equal to the Option 2 benefits provided for in R.S. 11:1423, which shall not terminate upon a subsequent remarriage.
4. Benefits set forth in item number 2 above, shall cease upon remarriage and shall resume upon a subsequent divorce or death of a new spouse. The spouse shall be entitled to receive a monthly benefit equal to the amount being received prior to marriage.

Disability Benefits

The Board of Trustees shall award disability benefits to eligible members who have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The disability benefits shall be the lesser of 1) a sum equal to the greatest of 45% of final average compensation or the members' accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability or 2) the retirement benefit which would be payable assuming continued service to the earliest normal retirement age based on final average compensation at the time of termination of employment due to disability.

Upon approval for disability benefits, the member shall exercise an optional retirement allowance as provided in R.S. 11:1423 and no change in the option selected shall be permitted after it has been filed with the board. The retirement option factors shall be the same as those utilized for regular retirement based on the age of the retiree and that of the spouse, had the retiree continued in active service until earliest normal retirement date.

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Back-Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Back-DROP)

In lieu of receiving a normal retirement benefit pursuant to R.S. 11:1421 through 1423, an eligible member of the Fund may elect to retire and have their benefits structured, calculated, and paid as provided in this section. An active, contribution member of the Fund shall be eligible for Back-DROP only if all of the following apply:

1. The member has accrued more service credit than the minimum required for eligibility for a normal retirement benefit.
2. The member has attained an age that is greater than the minimum required for eligibility for a normal retirement benefit, if applicable.
3. The member has revoked their participation, if any, in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan pursuant to R.S. 11:14568.2.

At the time of retirement, a member who elects to receive a Back-DROP benefit shall select a Back-DROP period to be specified in whole months. The duration of the Back-DROP period shall not exceed the lesser of thirty-six months or the number of months of creditable service accrued after the member first attained eligibility for normal retirement. The Back-DROP period shall be comprised of the most recent calendar days corresponding to the member's employment for which service credit in the Fund accrued.

In addition to the monthly benefit received, the member shall be paid a lump-sum benefit equal to the Back-DROP maximum monthly retirement benefit multiplied by the number of months selected as the Back-DROP period. Cost-of-living adjustments shall not be payable on the member's Back-DROP lump sum.

Excess Benefit Plan

Under the provisions of this excess benefit plan, a member may receive a benefit equal to the amount by which the member's monthly benefit from the Fund has been reduced because of the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Contributions

Contributions for all members are established by statute at 8.0% of earned compensation. The contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating agency. Administrative costs of the Fund are financed through employer contributions. According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. Employer contributions were 10% of the members' earnings for the year ended September 30, 2017. The fund also received one-fourth of one percent of the property taxes assessed in each parish of the state as well as a state revenue sharing appropriation.

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

At December 31, 2017, the Assessor reported a liability of \$81,528 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2017, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Assessors' proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Assessors' long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating assessors', actuarially determined. At September 30, 2017, the Assessors' proportion was 0.4646 percent, which was a decrease of 0.153 from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2016.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Assessor recognized pension expense of \$16,908 plus difference in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, which was \$62,345. Total pension expense for the Assessor for the year ended December 31, 2017 was \$79,253.

At December 31, 2017, the Assessor reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Beginning balance	\$113,188	\$22,667
Change in system deferred outflows and inflows of resources	(48,857)	34,659
Differences between Assessor contributions and proportionate share of contributions		105
Changes in proportionate share		33,294
Contributions for measurement period	(20,402)	
Assessor contributions subsequent to the measurement date	16,908	
Total	\$60,837	\$90,725

\$16,908 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Assessors' contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

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Year ended December 31:	
2018	\$9,950
2019	14,104
2020	(16,732)
2021	(11,051)
2022	(855)

Actuarial assumptions. The total pension liability in the September 30, 2017 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary increases	5.75% (Including inflation and merit increases)
Investment rate of return	6.75%, net of investment expense

Active member mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 Employee Table set back four years for males and three years for females. Disabled Lives Mortality rates were based on the RP-2000 disabled Lives Mortality Tables set back five years for males and three years for females.

The discounted 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 rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on those assumptions and the other assumptions the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members.

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

Sensitivity of the Assessors' proportionate share of the net pension liability to changes in the discount rate.

The following presents the net pension liability of the fund calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the fund's pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate.

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	1% Decrease (5.75%)	Current Discount Rate (6.75%)	1% Increase (7.75%)
Assessors' proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$276,465	\$81,528	(\$85,584)

6. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The East Carroll Parish Assessor is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2017, nor is she aware of any unasserted claims.

**7. EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSESSOR
 PAID BY THE POLICE JURY**

The East Carroll Parish Assessor's office is located in the parish courthouse. The cost of maintaining and operating the courthouse, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4713, is paid by the East Carroll Parish Police Jury.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
Lake Providence, Louisiana

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Taxes - ad valorem	\$355,000	\$355,000	\$372,187	\$17,187
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State revenue sharing	8,250	8,000	8,490	490
Fees, charges, and commissions for services	7,700	13,700	14,081	381
Use of money and property - interest earnings	800	650	718	68
Total revenues	<u>371,750</u>	<u>377,350</u>	<u>395,476</u>	<u>18,126</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government - taxation:				
Personal services and related benefits	240,796	260,000	245,980	14,020
Operating services	31,790	37,000	32,343	4,657
Materials and supplies	7,000	9,000	8,328	672
Travel and other charges	15,180	18,000	15,628	2,372
Capital outlay	3,500	8,000	6,673	1,327
Total expenditures	<u>298,266</u>	<u>332,000</u>	<u>308,952</u>	<u>23,048</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	73,484	45,350	86,524	41,174
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>500,000</u>	<u>553,735</u>	<u>553,735</u>	NONE
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$573,484</u>	<u>\$599,085</u>	<u>\$640,259</u>	<u>\$41,174</u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

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NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

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

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

East Carroll Parish Assessor
Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
December 31, 2017

Actuarial Valuation Date	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
September 30, 2015	0.548603%	\$287,096	\$232,760	123.34%	85.57%
September 30, 2016	0.617741%	\$217,982	\$281,500	77.44%	90.68%
September 30, 2017	0.464626%	\$81,528	\$177,976	45.81%	95.61%

Note - This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

**East Carroll Parish Assessor
Schedule of Employer Contributions
December 31, 2017**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relations to Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
September 30, 2015	\$31,423	\$31,423	\$0	\$232,760	13.50%
September 30, 2016	\$35,527	\$35,527	\$0	\$281,500	12.62%
September 30, 2017	\$16,908	\$16,908	\$0	\$177,976	9.50%

Note - This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
Lake Providence, LouisianaSchedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

EVELYN ROSS, ASSESSOR

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Salary	\$131,797
Expense allowance	13,180
Benefits-insurance	21,283
Benefits-retirement	25,371
Vehicle Provided by Government (W-2)	7,200
Registration fees	400
Continuing Education fees	525
Housing and lodging	927
Membership dues	220
Meals	435
Association dues	2,622

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

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

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

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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 *Government Auditing Standards***

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
Lake Providence, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the East Carroll Parish Assessor, a component unit of the East Carroll Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the East Carroll Parish Assessor's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated April 17, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.

December 31, 2017

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

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the East Carroll Parish Assessor'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 East Carroll Parish Assessor's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



West Monroe, Louisiana

April 17, 2018

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
Lake Providence, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

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

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

EAST CARROLL PARISH ASSESSOR
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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

There were no findings reported in the audit report for the year ended December 31, 2016.