

**NATCHITOCES PARISH GOVERNMENT
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Natchitoches Parish Government

Natchitoches, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

Our discussion and analysis of the Natchitoches Parish Government's financial performance provides an overview of the Parish Government's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Financial Highlights

- The Parish Government's assets exceeded its liabilities by \$47,388,722 (net position) for the fiscal year reported. This compares to the previous year when assets exceeded liabilities by \$41,159,776.
- Total net position is comprised of the following:
 1. Net investment in capital assets, of \$12,332,043 includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation and right of use assets, net of accumulated amortization.
 2. Unrestricted net position of \$35,056,679 represents the portion available to maintain the Parish Government's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- The Parish Government's governmental funds report a total fund balance of \$42,835,517. This compares to the prior year ending fund balance of \$38,836,610 showing an increase of \$3,998,907 during the current year.

Using This Annual Report

The Parish Government's annual report consists of a series of financial statements that show information for the Parish Government as a whole, and its funds. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the Parish Government as a whole and present a longer-term view of the Parish Government's finances. For our governmental activities, these statements tell how we financed our services in the short-term as well as what remains for future spending. The fund financial statements, the Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, report the Parish Government's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the Parish Government's most financially significant funds.

Reporting the Parish Government as a Whole

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the Parish Government's finances is "Is the Parish Government as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the Parish Government as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all assets and liabilities using the accrual basis of accounting, which is similar to the accounting used by most private-sector companies. Accrual of the current year's revenues and expenses are taken into account regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These two statements report the Parish Government's net position - the difference between assets and liabilities, as reported in the Statement of Net Position - as one way to measure the Parish Government's financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Parish Government's net position - as reported in the Statement of Activities - is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. You must consider other non-financial factors, such as the condition of roads and bridges to assess the overall health of the Parish Government.

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities report the following activity for the Parish Government:

Governmental Activities - All of the Parish Government's services are reported here, including public works and health and welfare services. Property taxes, sales taxes, and state and federal grants finance most of these activities.

Reporting the Parish Government's Most Significant Funds

Fund Financial Statements

The Parish Government's fund financial statements provide detailed information about the most significant funds - not the Parish Government as a whole. Some funds are required to be established by State law and by bond covenants. However, the Parish Government establishes many other funds to help it control and manage money for particular purposes or to show that it is meeting legal responsibilities for using certain taxes, grants, and other monies. The Parish Government's governmental funds use the following accounting approach:

Governmental Funds - All of the Parish Government's services are reported in governmental funds. Governmental fund reporting focuses on showing how money flows into and out of funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. They are reported using an accounting method called modified accrual accounting, which measures cash and all other financial assets that can readily be converted into cash. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Parish Government's operations and the services it provides. Governmental fund information helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Parish Government's programs. We describe the relationship (or differences) between governmental activities (reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) and governmental funds in a reconciliation after the fund financial statements.

The Parish Government as a Whole

Our analysis below focuses on the net position (Table 1) and changes in net position (Table 2) of the Parish Government's governmental activities:

Table 1
Net Position
December 31,

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Assets:		
Cash & Other Assets	\$ 46,263,603	\$ 42,466,139
Noncurrent Assets	<u>13,010,818</u>	<u>11,535,229</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 59,274,421</u>	<u>\$ 54,001,368</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,661,833</u>	<u>\$ 2,983,254</u>
Liabilities:		
Current and Other Liabilities	\$ 3,495,700	\$ 3,697,215
Long-term Liabilities	<u>6,426,591</u>	<u>8,317,298</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,922,291</u>	<u>\$ 12,014,513</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 3,625,241</u>	<u>\$ 3,810,333</u>
Net Position:		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 12,332,043	\$ 10,912,676
Unrestricted	<u>35,056,679</u>	<u>30,247,100</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 47,388,722</u>	<u>\$ 41,159,776</u>

Table 2
Changes in Net Position
December 31,

	Governmental Activities	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 532,642	\$ 523,221
Operating Grants & Contributions	3,077,669	3,354,462
Capital Grants & Contributions	1,807,269	6,422,675
General Revenues:		
Taxes-		
Ad Valorem Taxes	8,560,800	8,819,775
Sales Taxes	3,607,457	4,180,806
Severance	1,568,803	1,792,175
Licenses & Permits	494,343	467,241
NEC Revenue	62,840	58,911
Miscellaneous	551,606	253,394
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 20,263,429</u>	<u>\$ 25,872,660</u>
Functional/Program Expenses:		
Governmental Activities-		
General Government	\$ 1,284,022	\$ 2,518,625
Public Safety	2,196,735	2,157,317
Public Works	7,031,057	11,979,289
Health & Welfare	1,155,248	1,081,098
Recreation & Culture	2,272,099	2,299,045
Economic Development	95,322	104,927
Total Expenses	<u>\$ 14,034,483</u>	<u>\$ 20,140,301</u>
Change in Net Position	<u><u>\$ 6,228,946</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,732,359</u></u>

Capital Assets

The Parish Government's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2024, amounts to \$12,436,630 (capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation) and \$574,188 (right of use assets, net of accumulated amortization). This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, equipment, infrastructure and construction in progress.

Long-Term Liabilities

At the end of the current fiscal year, the Parish Government had total long term liabilities of \$6,426,591. Long-term liabilities of the Parish Government includes recognized net pension liability and other post-employment obligation based on actuarially determined amounts in accordance with GASB.

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
Other Post Employment Benefit Payable	\$5,166,170
Net Pension Liability	486,807
Accrued Compensated Absences	162,453
Capital Lease	<u>611,161</u>
Total	<u>\$6,426,591</u>

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

In 2025, the General Fund is expected to have little or no change.

Contacting the Parish Government

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Parish Government's finances and to show the Parish Government's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Julie Lockhart, Parish Treasurer, at 318-352-2714.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Parish President and Council Members
of the Natchitoches Parish Government

Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Natchitoches Parish Government (Parish Government) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Parish Government's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Adverse Opinion on Aggregate Discretely Presented Component Units - The Reporting Entity

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter described in the Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions section of our report, the financial statements referred to above do not present fairly the financial position of the aggregate discretely presented component units of the Natchitoches Parish Government, the reporting entity, as of December 31, 2024, or the changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Unmodified Opinion on Governmental Activities, Each Major Fund and the Aggregate Remaining Fund Information

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Parish Government as of December 31, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Adverse and Unmodified Opinions

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

Matters Giving Rise to Adverse Opinion on the Aggregately Discretely Presented Component Units

The financial statements do not include financial data for the Parish Government's legally separate component units. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require financial data for those component units to be reported with the financial data of the Parish Government's primary government unless the Parish Government also issues financial statements for the financial reporting entity that include the financial data for its component units. The Parish Government has not issued such reporting entity financial statements. The effects of not including the Parish Government's legally separate component units on the aggregate discretely presented component units have not been determined.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

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

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

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

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

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Employer Contributions, and Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios as listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Parish Government's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer, Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations for Federal Awards*, and Reporting Fraud and Misappropriation are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information is 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 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, Justice System Funding Schedule – Receiving Entity, combining and individual nonmajor fund financial statements, Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, and Reporting Fraud and Misappropriation are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 June 11, 2025, on our consideration of the Parish Government'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Parish Government's 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 Parish Government's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier, CPA's

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Natchitoches, Louisiana

June 11, 2025

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Natchitoches Parish Government
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2024

	Governmental <u>Activities</u>
Assets-	
Current Assets-	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 36,935,630
Revenue Receivables	<u>9,327,973</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>\$ 46,263,603</u>
Noncurrent Assets-	
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	\$ 12,436,630
Right of Use Assets (net of amortization)	<u>574,188</u>
Total Noncurrent Assets	<u>\$ 13,010,818</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 59,274,421</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension	\$ 424,182
OPEB	<u>1,237,651</u>
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	<u>\$ 1,661,833</u>
Liabilities-	
Current Liabilities-	
Cash Overdraft	\$ 46,667
Accounts Payable	1,273,929
Payroll Liabilities	815,902
Advance from Grantors	1,257,365
Due to Other Governments	34,223
Capital Lease - Current Portion	<u>67,614</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>\$ 3,495,700</u>
Long-term Liabilities-	
Accrued Compensated Absences	\$ 162,453
Other Post Employment Benefit Payable (OPEB)	5,166,170
Net Pension Liability	486,807
Capital Lease Payable	<u>611,161</u>
Total Long-term Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,426,591</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 9,922,291</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension	\$ 219,351
OPEB	<u>3,405,890</u>
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>\$ 3,625,241</u>
Net Position-	
Net Investment in Capital and Right of Use Assets	\$ 12,332,043
Unrestricted	<u>35,056,679</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 47,388,722</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Statement of Activities
Year Ended December 31, 2024

<u>Activities</u>	Program Revenues				Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position Governmental Activities
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	
Primary Government:					
Governmental Activities-					
General Government	\$ (1,284,022)	\$ -	\$ 620,694	\$ -	\$ (663,328)
Public Safety	(2,196,735)	423,630	480,505	688,997	(603,603)
Public Works	(7,031,057)	89,930	1,259,930	1,118,272	(4,562,925)
Health & Welfare	(1,155,248)	-	661,963	-	(493,285)
Recreation & Culture	(2,272,099)	19,082	54,577	-	(2,198,440)
Economic Development	(95,322)	-	-	-	(95,322)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ (14,034,483)</u>	<u>\$ 532,642</u>	<u>\$ 3,077,669</u>	<u>\$ 1,807,269</u>	<u>\$ (8,616,903)</u>
General Revenues:					
Taxes-					
Ad Valorem				\$	8,560,800
Sales & Use					3,607,457
Severance					1,568,803
Licenses & Permits					494,343
NEC Revenue					62,840
Miscellaneous					<u>551,606</u>
Total General Revenues				\$	<u>14,845,849</u>
Change in Net Position					\$ 6,228,946
Net Position January 1, 2024					<u>41,159,776</u>
Net Position December 31, 2024					<u>\$ 47,388,722</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Natchitoches Parish Government
Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet
December 31, 2024

	Major Funds							
	Special Revenue Funds					Capital Projects Fund	Nonmajor Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Road Maintenance Fund	Disposal Solid Waste	Sales Tax Fund	Parish Library Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund		
<u>Assets</u>								
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 9,573,541	\$ 1,020,062	\$ 1,612,489	\$ 3,929,967	\$ 8,221,053	\$ 188,960	\$ 12,389,558	\$ 36,935,630
Revenue Receivables	1,226,213	1,364,969	7,962	367,333	3,049,669	-	3,311,827	9,327,973
Total Assets	<u>\$ 10,799,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,385,031</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,451</u>	<u>\$ 4,297,300</u>	<u>\$ 11,270,722</u>	<u>\$ 188,960</u>	<u>\$ 15,701,385</u>	<u>\$ 46,263,603</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>								
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,667	\$ 46,667
Accounts Payable	31,695	63,159	100,910	7,375	28,627	-	1,042,163	1,273,929
Payroll Liabilities	815,902	-	-	-	-	-	-	815,902
Advance from Grantors	-	-	-	-	-	264,277	993,088	1,257,365
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-	-	34,223	34,223
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 847,597</u>	<u>\$ 63,159</u>	<u>\$ 100,910</u>	<u>\$ 7,375</u>	<u>\$ 28,627</u>	<u>\$ 264,277</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,141</u>	<u>\$ 3,428,086</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>								
Restricted	\$ -	\$ 2,321,872	\$ 1,519,541	\$ 4,289,925	\$ 11,242,095	\$ (75,317)	\$ 13,585,244	\$ 32,883,360
Unassigned	9,952,157	-	-	-	-	-	-	9,952,157
Total Fund Balance	<u>\$ 9,952,157</u>	<u>\$ 2,321,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,519,541</u>	<u>\$ 4,289,925</u>	<u>\$ 11,242,095</u>	<u>\$ (75,317)</u>	<u>\$ 13,585,244</u>	<u>\$ 42,835,517</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 10,799,754</u>	<u>\$ 2,385,031</u>	<u>\$ 1,620,451</u>	<u>\$ 4,297,300</u>	<u>\$ 11,270,722</u>	<u>\$ 188,960</u>	<u>\$ 15,701,385</u>	<u>\$ 46,263,603</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Reconciliation of Total Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to Net Position of Governmental Activities
December 31, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$	42,835,517
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Amounts reported for Governmental Activities
in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Non current assets used in Governmental Activities
are not financial resources. Therefore, they are not
reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet -

Capital Assets, net		12,436,630
Right of Use Assets		861,282
Less, Accumulated Amortization		(287,094)
Deferred Outflows of Resources-		
Pension		1,237,651
OPEB		424,182

Long-term Liabilities are not due and payable in the
current period. Therefore they are not reported in the
Governmental Funds Balance Sheet -

Accrued Compensated Absences		(162,453)
Other Post-Employment Benefit Obligation		(5,166,170)
Net Pension Liability		(486,807)
Deferred Inflows of Resources-		
Pension		(219,351)
OPEB		(3,405,890)
Capital Lease		(678,775)

Total Net Position of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2024	\$	<u>47,388,722</u>
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Natchitoches Parish Government
Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Major Funds						Capital Projects Fund		Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Road Maintenance Fund	Disposal Solid Waste	Sales Tax Fund	Parish Library Fund	American Rescue Plan Act Fund	Nonmajor Funds		
Revenues:									
Taxes-									
Ad Valorem	\$ 1,253,217	\$ 1,440,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,309,544	\$ -	\$ 2,557,914	\$ 8,560,800	
Sales & Use	-	-	-	3,607,457	-	-	-	3,607,457	
Severance	1,568,803	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,568,803	
License & Permits	403,512	-	-	-	-	-	90,831	494,343	
Intergovernmental-									
Federal Grants	-	149,658	-	-	-	837,251	698,589	1,685,498	
State Grants	468,524	832,114	-	-	54,577	-	1,334,502	2,689,717	
Local Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	509,724	509,724	
Charges for Services	-	-	89,931	-	19,081	-	423,630	532,642	
Miscellaneous	111,049	20,976	45,036	6,870	74,071	475	235,891	494,368	
Total Revenues	\$ 3,805,105	\$ 2,442,873	\$ 134,967	\$ 3,614,327	\$ 3,457,273	\$ 837,726	\$ 5,851,081	\$ 20,143,352	
Expenditures:									
Current-									
General Government	\$ 1,188,680	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 62,603	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,112,500	\$ 2,363,783	
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,100,124	3,100,124	
Public Works	-	4,463,413	2,216,410	-	-	837,251	637,447	8,154,521	
Health & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,121,606	1,121,606	
Recreation & Culture	-	-	-	-	2,170,092	-	-	2,170,092	
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-	-	95,601	95,601	
Total Expenditures	\$ 1,188,680	\$ 4,463,413	\$ 2,216,410	\$ 62,603	\$ 2,170,092	\$ 837,251	\$ 6,067,278	\$ 17,005,727	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ 2,616,425	\$ (2,020,540)	\$ (2,081,443)	\$ 3,551,724	\$ 1,287,181	\$ 475	\$ (216,197)	\$ 3,137,625	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):									
Operating Transfers In	\$ 482,233	\$ 1,052,910	\$ 2,500,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,077,879	\$ 6,113,022	
Operating Transfers Out	(1,966,030)	(150,000)	-	(3,250,000)	-	-	(746,992)	(6,113,022)	
Capital Lease Proceeds	-	861,282	-	-	-	-	-	861,282	
Total Other Financing	\$ (1,483,797)	\$ 1,764,192	\$ 2,500,000	\$ (3,250,000)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,330,887	\$ 861,282	
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 1,132,628	\$ (256,348)	\$ 418,557	\$ 301,724	\$ 1,287,181	\$ 475	\$ 1,114,690	\$ 3,998,907	
Fund Balances, 12/31/23- (as previously presented)	\$ 8,819,529	\$ 2,578,220	\$ -	\$ 3,988,201	\$ 9,954,914	\$ (75,792)	\$ 13,571,538	\$ 38,836,610	
Change within financial reporting entity- (nonmajor to major fund)	-	-	1,100,984	-	-	-	(1,100,984)	-	
Fund Balances, 12/31/23, (as adjusted)	\$ 8,819,529	\$ 2,578,220	\$ 1,100,984	\$ 3,988,201	\$ 9,954,914	\$ (75,792)	\$ 12,470,554	\$ 38,836,610	
Fund Balances-End of Year	\$ 9,952,157	\$ 2,321,872	\$ 1,519,541	\$ 4,289,925	\$ 11,242,095	\$ (75,317)	\$ 13,585,244	\$ 42,835,517	

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Fund Balances of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
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Net Change in Fund Balances-Total Governmental Funds	\$ 3,998,907
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Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because Governmental Funds report purchases/leases of capital assets as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of these assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation and amortization expense. The current year amounts for these items were-

Capital Expenditures	2,205,968
Right of Use Assets	1,043,789
Depreciation Expense	(739,251)
Amoritzation Expense	(287,093)

Some revenues reported in the Statement of Activities do not provide current financial resources and these are not reported as revenues in the governmental funds. 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. These timing differences are summarized below:

Accrued Compensated Absences	(14,240)
Other Post-Employment Benefits	530,022
Capital Lease Proceeds	(861,282)
Gain on Sale of Assets	57,237
Pension Expense	232,049
Non Employer Pension Revenue	<u>62,840</u>

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 6,228,946</u>
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Introduction

The Natchitoches Parish Government is the governing authority for Natchitoches Parish, and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Parish Government, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:1236-1344, enacts ordinances, sets policy and establishes programs in such fields as criminal and juvenile justice, highways and streets, sanitation, planning and zoning, public health, libraries, recreational facilities and general administrative services. The Parish Government operates as a President-Council form of government, with the president elected parish-wide and the five council members elected from the various districts of Natchitoches Parish.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the Parish, for reporting purposes, the Natchitoches Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for Natchitoches Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Parish Government), (b) organizations for which the 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 Natchitoches Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and
 - a. The ability of the Parish Government 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 Parish Government.
2. Organizations for which the Parish Government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent and
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity's financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

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Based on the previous criteria, the Parish Government has determined that the following component units are part of the reporting entity:

<u>Component Unit</u>	<u>Fiscal Year End</u>	<u>Criteria Used</u>
Fire District No. 1	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 2	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 3	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 4	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 5	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 6	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 7	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 8	12-31	1 and 3
Fire District No. 9	6-30	1 and 3
Fire District No. 10	6-30	1 and 3
Waterworks District No. 2	12-31	1 and 3
Parish Assessor's Office	12-31	2 and 3
Parish Clerk of Court	6-30	2 and 3
District Attorney	12-31	2 and 3
Communications District	12-31	1 and 3
Sheriff	6-30	2 and 3
Hospital Service District	6-30	1 and 3
Northwest LA Fish and Game Preserve	12-31	1 and 3

The Parish Government has chosen to issue financial statements of the primary government (Parish Government), which exclude the above listed component units. For information to obtain financial statements for any of the above component units, contact the Treasurer of the Parish Government at 318-352-2714.

These primary government (Parish Government) financial statements include all funds and organizations for which the Parish Government maintains the accounting records. All the blended component units are included as funds within the reporting entity and include the Parish Library, Tenth Judicial District Criminal Court Fund, Civil Defense Fund, and Natchitoches Parish Office of Community Services.

GASB Statement 14 provides for the issuance of primary government financial statements that are separate from those of the reporting entity. However, the primary government's (Parish Government) financial statements are not a substitute for the reporting entity's financial statements. The accompanying primary government financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units.

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These financial statements are not intended to and do not report on the reporting entity but rather are intended to reflect only the financial statements of the primary government (Parish Government).

B. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The Government-Wide Financial Statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the activities of the primary government. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The Government-Wide Financial Statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

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Property taxes, franchise taxes, intergovernmental revenues, licenses, and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Parish Government reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund-The General Fund is the Parish Government's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Funds-Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

The Parish Government's major funds are-

Special Revenue:

Road Maintenance Fund-Used to account for the Parish Government's road, bridge, and drainage projects.

Sales Tax Fund-Used to account for the collection of sales tax and distribution to other funds as legally required.

Parish Library Fund-Used to account for the operations of the parish library.

Disposal Solid Waste-Used to account for solid waste operations of the parish.

Capital Projects:

American Rescue Plan Act-Used to account for funds received from the federal government to combat COVID-19 costs and loss of revenue. The majority of funds will be used for capital projects including water improvements and road repairs.

D. Deposits and Investments

The Parish Government's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of twelve months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the Parish Government's investment policy allow the Parish Government to invest in collateralized certificates of deposit, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

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E. Interfund Transactions

There are several types of transactions that are reported in the financial statements as interfund items. Interfund transactions, which constitute reimbursements of a fund for expenditures initially made from that fund, which are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund, and as reductions of the expenditure in the fund that is being reimbursed. Nonrecurring or non-routine transfers of equity between funds are treated as residual transfers and are reported as additions to or deductions from fund balance. All other transfers are treated as operating transfers and are included in the results of operations of the funds.

The Criminal Court Fund includes revenues and expenditures of the Tenth Judicial District Court. The monies in the fund are not available for use by the Parish Government. However, state law requires that the Parish Government fund all deficits of the fund and entitles the Parish Government to one-half of any surplus of the fund. These transactions are accounted for as operating transfers of the Criminal Court Fund and the General Fund as applicable.

Transfers are primarily used to move funds:

- From General Fund to Criminal Court and Public Safety Funds as mandated by Louisiana law to fund criminal court cost and prisoner maintenance.
- From Sales Tax Fund to Solid Waste Disposal and Road Funds to fund solid waste operations and road maintenance.
- Other miscellaneous transfers to move operation monies to and from various funds.

F. Capital Assets

Capital Assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the applicable governmental activities columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Parish Government maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

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>
Roads, bridges, & infrastructure	50 years
Buildings & building improvements	40 years
Furniture & fixtures	5-7 years
Vehicles	5-7 years
Equipment	5-7 years

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G. Inventories

Inventories are considered expenditures when purchased; therefore, physical inventories are not taken. Inventories on hand at December 31, 2024, are immaterial and are approximately the same as at December 31, 2023. Inventories consist of gravel, road building and general maintenance materials, and supplies.

H. Compensated Absences

Full-time Parish Government employees may earn from five to twenty days of annual leave and five to twelve days of sick leave per year depending on length of service. Upon resigning, employees may be paid annual leave up to fifty days. Retiring employees are not paid for accrued annual leave in excess of fifty days but are given credit toward retirement length of service. Similarly, employees are not paid for accrued sick leave upon resigning or retiring, but accrued sick leave may be applied against total employment years at retirement.

I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.

J. Pensions

For purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the retirement systems and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the retirement systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. See note 8 for more information on the individual retirement systems.

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) deferred inflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until the applicable period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

L. Fund Balance

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

- a. Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;

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- 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. Only the General Fund would report positive amounts in unassigned fund balance.

The Parish Government has restricted fund balances of \$32,883,360 and unassigned fund balances of \$9,952,157. If applicable, the Parish Government would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

M. Net Position

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

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

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

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N. Estimates

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

O. Advances

Advances arise when potential revenues do not meet both the “measurable” and “available” criteria for recognition in the current period. Advances also arise when the Parish Government receives resources before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received prior to the occurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria have been met or the Parish Government has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for the advance is removed from the balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

2. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Parish Government utilizes the following procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- (1) Prior to December 1, the Treasurer submits to the Parish Government a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- (2) A public hearing is then conducted, after proper official journal notification, to obtain public comments.
- (3) Prior to December 31, the budget is legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
- (4) The budget ordinance is structured such that revenues are budgeted by source and appropriations are budgeted by department and by principal object of expenditure. Revisions to the budget as enacted require Parish Government action. Several such revisions were made during the year ended December 31, 2024.
- (5) The Parish Government utilizes formal budgetary integration as a management control device for the General Fund and Special Revenue Funds.
- (6) The basis of accounting applied to budgetary data presented is substantially consistent with the appropriate basis of accounting for each fund type for which an annual budget is prepared. Appropriations that are not expended lapse at year-end.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

At December 31, 2024, the Parish Government had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$36,888,963.

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The cash and cash equivalents of the Parish Government are subject to the following risks:

Custodial Credit Risk. Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Parish 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 or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal bank. 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 Parish Government that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Parish Government's name.

Interest Rate Risk. This is the risk that changes in market interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Generally, the longer the maturity of an investment, the greater the sensitivity is its fair value to changes in market interest rates. The Parish Government does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, as a means of offsetting exposure to interest rate risk, the Parish Government diversifies its investments by security type and institution.

At December 31, 2024, the Parish Government has \$37,360,822 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$36,860,822 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

4. Receivables

The receivables of \$9,327,973 at December 31, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
Taxes-		
Ad Valorem	\$1,162,218	\$6,735,884
Other	<u>63,995</u>	<u>1,365,876</u>
Totals	<u>\$1,226,213</u>	<u>\$8,101,760</u>

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

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5. Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2024:

	Balance <u>1-1-24</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reduction</u>	Balance <u>12-31-24</u>
Compensated Absences	\$ 148,212	\$ 14,241	\$ 0	\$ 162,453
Capital Leases	622,553	861,282	805,060	678,775
Net Pension Liability	1,817,289	0	1,331,222	486,067
OPEB	<u>5,796,858</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>630,688</u>	<u>5,166,170</u>
Total	<u>\$8,384,912</u>	<u>\$875,523</u>	<u>\$2,766,970</u>	<u>\$6,493,465</u>

The annual debt service requirements to maturity for the capital leases are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2025	\$283,115	\$22,180	\$305,295
2026	294,745	10,548	305,293
2027	<u>100,915</u>	<u>849</u>	<u>101,764</u>
Total	<u>\$678,775</u>	<u>\$33,577</u>	<u>\$712,352</u>

6. Capital Assets

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
General Fund-				
Capital Assets; not depreciated-				
Land	\$ 795,239	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 795,239
Construction in Progress	0	1,308,608	0	1,308,608
Capital Assets; depreciated-				
Buildings	7,918,267	42,605	0	7,960,872
Office Equipment	361,236	0	0	361,236
Other Equipment	2,306,003	693,006	0	2,999,009
Vehicles	1,599,682	47,974	0	1,647,656
Books, Recordings, Etc.	731,283	113,775	91,425	753,633
Bridges	10,589,352	0	0	10,589,352
Roads	<u>12,062,557</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>12,062,557</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$36,633,619</u>	<u>\$2,205,968</u>	<u>\$91,425</u>	<u>\$38,748,162</u>
Accumulated Depreciation-				
Buildings	\$ 5,587,521	\$ 167,189	\$ 0	\$ 5,754,710
Office Equipment	399,094	24,176	0	423,270
Other Equipment	1,446,350	166,953	0	1,613,303
Vehicles	1,501,393	45,404	0	1,546,797
Books, Recordings, Etc.	610,409	158,796	91,425	677,780
Bridges	5,784,889	134,969	0	5,919,858
Roads	<u>10,334,050</u>	<u>41,764</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>10,375,814</u>
Total Accumulated Depr.	<u>\$25,663,682</u>	<u>\$ 739,251</u>	<u>\$91,425</u>	<u>\$26,311,532</u>
Total Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$10,969,936</u>	<u>\$1,466,717</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$12,436,630</u>

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Depreciation expense of \$739,251 for the year ended December 31, 2024, was charged to the following governmental functions:

<u>Functions</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Public Safety	\$ 10,149
General Government	73,069
Government Building	37,918
Health & Welfare	28,283
Recreation & Culture	210,983
Solid Waste	25,788
Public Works	<u>353,061</u>
Totals	<u>\$739,251</u>

7. Right of Use Assets

During the year ending December 31, 2024, the Parish Government entered into a lease agreements for road maintenance equipment. The lease consisted of four graders through Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation for \$861,282 at an implied annual rate of 4.033% for three years.

Right of use assets and amortization activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, is as follows:

	<u>1/1/2024</u>			<u>12/31/2024</u>
	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Right of Use Assets-				
Equipment & Machinery	\$803,703	\$861,282	\$803,703	\$861,282
Less, Accumulated Amortization-				
Equipment & Machinery	<u>238,387</u>	<u>287,093</u>	<u>238,387</u>	<u>287,093</u>
Right of Use Asset, Net	<u>\$565,316</u>	<u>\$574,189</u>	<u>\$565,316</u>	<u>\$574,189</u>

Amortization expense of \$287,093 for the year ended December 31, 2024, was charged to Public Works.

8. Employee Retirement Systems

Substantially all employees of the Parish Government are members of the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS), District Attorneys' Retirement System, State of Louisiana (DARS), or the Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (ROVERS). These systems are cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plans administered by separate boards of trustees. Pertinent information relative to each plan follows:

A. General Information about the Plans

Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (PERS)

Plan Description

The Parish Government contributes to PERS (Plan A) which is a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit pension plan established by Act 205 of the 1952 regular session of the Legislature of

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the State of Louisiana to provide retirement benefits to all employees of any parish in the State of Louisiana or any governing body or a parish which employs and pays persons serving the parish. Act 765 of the year 1979, established by the Legislature of the State of Louisiana, revised the System to create Plan A and Plan B to replace the “regular plan” and the “supplemental plan”. Plan A was designated for employers out of Social Security. Plan B was designated for those employers that remained in Social Security on the revision date.

The System is governed by Louisiana Revised Statutes, Title 11, Section 1901 through 2025, specifically, and other general laws of the State of Louisiana.

PERS issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System, which can be obtained at www.persla.org.

Eligibility Requirements

All permanent parish government employees (except those employed by Orleans, Lafourche and East Baton Rouge Parishes) who work at least 28 hours a week shall become members on the date of employment. New employees meeting the age and Social Security criteria have up to 90 days from the date of hire to elect to participate. As of January 1997, elected officials, except coroners, justices of the peace, and parish presidents may no longer join the System.

Retirement Benefits

Any member of Plan A can retire providing he/she meets one of the following criteria:

For employees hired prior to January 1, 2007:

1. Any age with 30 or more years of creditable service
2. Age 55 with 25 years of creditable service
3. Age 60 with 10 years of creditable service
4. Age 65 with 7 years of creditable service

For employees hired after January 1, 2007:

1. Age 55 with 30 years of creditable service
2. Age 62 with 10 years of creditable service
3. Age 67 with 7 years of creditable service

Generally, the monthly amount of the retirement allowance of any member of Plan A shall consist of an amount equal to 3% of the member’s final average compensation multiplied by his/her years of creditable service. However, under certain conditions, as outlined in the statutes, the benefits are limited to specified amounts.

Survivor Benefits

Upon the death of any member of Plan A with five (5) or more years of creditable service who is not eligible for retirement, the plan provides for benefits for the surviving spouse and minor children, as outlined in the statutes.

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Any member of Plan A, who is eligible for normal retirement at time of death, the surviving spouse shall receive an automatic Option 2 benefit, as outlined in the statutes.

A surviving spouse who is not eligible for Social Security survivorship or retirement benefits and married no less than twelve (12) months immediately preceding death of the member, shall be paid an Option 2 benefit beginning at age 50.

Deferred Retirement Option Plan

Act 338 of 1990 established the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for PERS. DROP is an option for that member who is eligible for normal retirement.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement, any member of Plan A or B who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in DROP in which they enrolled for three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable, but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would be payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP Fund.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the DROP may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund or roll over the fund to an Individual Retirement Account.

Interest is accrued on the DROP benefits for the period between the end of DROP participation and the member's retirement date.

For individuals who become eligible to participate in DROP on or after January 1, 2004, all amounts which remain credited to the individual's subaccount after termination in DROP will be placed in liquid asset money market investments at the discretion of the Board of Trustees. These subaccounts may be credited with interest based on money market rates of return or, at the option of PERS, the funds may be credited to self-directed subaccounts. The participant in the self-directed portion of DROP must agree that the benefits payable to the participant are not the obligations of the state or PERS, and that any returns and other rights of DROP are the sole liability and responsibility of the participant and the designated provider to which contributions have been made.

Disability Benefits

For Plan A, a member shall be eligible to retire and receive a disability benefit if they were hired prior to January 1, 2007, and have at least five years of creditable service or if hired after January 1, 2007, have seven years of creditable service, and are not eligible for normal retirement and have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. Upon retirement caused by disability, a member of Plan A shall be paid a disability benefit equal to the lesser of an amount equal to 3% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by his years of service, not to be less than 15, or 3% multiplied by years of service assuming continued service to age 60 for those members who are enrolled prior to January 1, 2017 and to age 62 for those members who are enrolled January 1, 2007 and later.

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Cost-of-Living Increases

The Board is authorized to provide a cost-of-living allowance for those retirees who retired prior to July 1973. The adjustment cannot exceed 2% of the retiree's original benefit for each full calendar year since retirement and may only be granted if sufficient funds are available from investment income in excess of normal requirements.

In addition, the Board may provide an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries who are over age 65 equal to 2% of the member's benefit paid on October 1, 1977, (or the member's retirement date, if later). Also, the Board may provide a cost of living increase up to 2.5% for retirees 62 and older. (LA R.S. 11:1937). Lastly, Act 270 of 2009 provided for further reduced actuarial payments to provide an annual 2.5% cost of living adjustment commencing at age 55.

Employer Contributions

According to state statute, contributions for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ended December 31, 2023, the actuarially determined contribution rate was 7.49% of member's compensation for Plan A. However, the actual rate for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 was 11.50% for Plan A.

According to state statute, PERS also receives $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% of ad valorem taxes collected within the respective parishes, except for Orleans and East Baton Rouge parishes. PERS also receives revenue sharing funds each year as appropriated by the Legislature. Tax monies and revenue sharing monies are apportioned between Plan A and Plan B in proportion to the member's compensation. These additional sources of income are used as additional employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. The non-employer contribution was \$42,695.

The Parish Government's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 11.50% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability.

Contributions to the pension plan from the Parish Government were \$357,075 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

District Attorneys' Retirement System, State of Louisiana (DARS)

Plan Description

The Parish Government contributes to the District Attorneys' Retirement System, State of Louisiana, which is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. DARS was established on the first day of August, 1956, by Act 56 of the 1956 Legislative Session, and was placed under the management of the Board of Trustees for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of R.S. 11, Chapter 3 for district attorneys, assistant district attorneys in each parish, and employees of this retirement system and the Louisiana District Attorneys' Association.

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

Members who joined DARS before July 1, 1990, and who have elected not to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive a normal retirement benefit if they have 10 or more years of creditable service and are at least age 62, or if they have 18 or more years of service and are at least age 60, or if they have 23 or more years of service and are at least age 55, or if they have 30 years of service regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3% of the member's average final compensation for each year of creditable service. Members are eligible for early retirement at age 60 if they have at least 10 years of creditable service or at age 55 with at least 18 years of creditable service. Members who retire prior to age 60 with less than 23 years of service credit, receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 60. Members who retire prior to age 62 who have less than 18 years of service receive a retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year of age below 62. Retirement benefits may not exceed 100% of final average compensation.

Members who joined DARS after July 1, 1990, or who elected to be covered by the new provisions, are eligible to receive normal retirement benefits if they are age 60 and have 10 years of service credit, are age 55 and have 24 years of service credit or have 30 years of service credit regardless of age. The normal retirement benefit is equal to 3.5% of the member's final average compensation multiplied by years of membership service. A member is eligible for an early retirement benefit if he is age 55 and has 18 years of service credit. The early retirement benefit is equal to the normal retirement benefit reduced 3% for each year the member retires in advance of normal retirement age. Benefits may not exceed 100% of average final compensation.

Disability Benefits

Disability benefits are awarded to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service who are found to be totally disabled as a result of injuries incurred while in active service. The member receives a benefit equal to 3% (3.5% for members covered under the new retirement benefit provisions) of his average final compensation multiplied by the lesser of his actual service (not to be less than 15 years) or projected continued service to age 60.

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Survivor's Benefits

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

Upon withdrawal from service, members not entitled to a retirement allowance are paid a refund of accumulated contributions upon request. Receipt of such a refund cancels all accrued rights in DARS.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

The Board of Trustees is authorized to grant retired members and surviving beneficiaries of members who have retired an annual cost of living increase of 3% of their original benefit, (not to exceed \$60 per month) and all retired members and widows who are 65 years of age and older a 2% increase in their original benefit. In lieu of other cost of living increases the Board may grant an increase to retirees in the form of "Xx(A&B)" where "A" is equal to the number of years of credited service accrued at retirement or death of the member or retiree and "B" is equal to the number of years since death of the member or retiree to June 30 of the initial year of increase and "X" is equal to any amount available for funding such increase up to a maximum of \$1. In order for the Board to grant any of these increases, DARS must meet certain criteria detailed in the statute related to funding status and interest earnings.

Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program

In lieu of receiving an actual service retirement allowance, any member who has more years of service than are required for a normal retirement may elect to receive a Back-Deferred Retirement Option Program (Back-DROP) benefit. The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of 36 months or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation, and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to a reduced monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In lieu of receiving the lump-sum payment, the member may leave the funds on deposit with the system in an interest-bearing account.

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Deferred Retirement Option Program

Prior to January 1, 2009, eligible members could elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) for up to 36 months in lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service benefit. During participation in the DROP, employer contributions were payable and employee contributions were reduced to ½ of 1%. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable to the member were paid into a DROP account, which did not earn interest while the member was participating in the DROP. Upon termination of participation, the participant in the plan received, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account or systematic disbursements from his account in any manner approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the DROP would then be paid to the retiree. All amounts which remain credited to the individual's sub-account after termination of participation in the plan were invested in liquid money market funds. Interest was credited thereon as actually earned.

Employer Contributions

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2024, the actual employer contribution rate was 12.00%.

Non-Employer Contributions

In accordance with state statute, DARS receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions were recognized as revenue during the year ended June 30, 2024, and excluded from pension expense. The non-employer contribution was \$15,078.

The Parish Government's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024 was 12.00% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the Parish Government were \$8,595 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (ROVERS)

Plan Description

The Parish Government contributes to the Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. ROVERS was established in accordance by Act 215 of 1954, under Revised Statute 11:2032 to provide retirement allowances and other benefits for registrars of voters, their deputies and their permanent employees in each parish of the State of Louisiana.

ROVERS was established on January 1, 1955 for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of R.S. Title 11:2032, as amended, for registrars of voters, their deputies and their permanent employees in each parish. 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 ROVERS in accordance with the benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

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The 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.

Any member hired prior to January 1, 2013, is eligible for normal retirement after he has 20 years of creditable service and is age 55 or has 10 years of creditable service and is age 60. Any member with 30 years of creditable service, regardless of age, may retire. Regular retirement benefits for members hired prior to January 1, 2013, are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Any member hired on or after January 1, 2013, is eligible for normal retirement after he has attained 30 years of creditable service and is age 55; has attained 20 years of creditable service and is age 60; or has attained 10 years of creditable service and is age 62. Regular retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013, are calculated at 3.00% of the average annual earned compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation. Retirement benefits for members hired on or after January 1, 2013, that have attained 30 years of creditable service with at least 20 years of creditable service in ROVERS are calculated at 3.33% of the average annual compensation for the highest consecutive 60 months multiplied by the number of years of creditable service, not to exceed 100% of average annual compensation.

Any member whose withdrawal from service occurs prior to attaining the age of 60 years, who shall have completed 10 or more years of creditable service and shall not have received a refund of his accumulated contributions, shall become eligible for a deferred allowance beginning upon his attaining the age of 60 years.

Disability benefits are provided to active contributing members with at least 10 years of service established in ROVERS and who have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The disabled member who has attained the age of 60 years shall be entitled to a regular retirement allowance.

The disabled member who has not yet attained age 60 shall be entitled to a disability benefit equal to the lesser of 3% of his average final compensation multiplied by the number of creditable years of service (not to be less than 15 years) or 3.33% of average final compensation multiplied by the years of service assuming continued service to age 60. Disability benefits may not exceed two-thirds of earnable compensation.

If a member who has less than five years of credited service dies due to any cause other than injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties, his accumulated contributions are paid to his designated beneficiary. If the member has five or more years of credited service and is not eligible to retire, 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 2 factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse and the member has five or more years of creditable service, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid 80% of the accrued retirement benefit in equal shares until the age of majority or for the duration of the handicap for a handicapped child. Upon the death of any former member with 10 or more years of service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

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In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member with 10 or more years of service at age 60, 20 or more years of service at age 55, or 30 or more years of service at any age may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, membership in ROVERS terminates. During participation in the plan, employer contributions are payable, but employee contributions cease. The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the person elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the DROP fund. This fund does not earn interest. In addition, no cost of living increases are payable to participants until employment, which made them eligible to become members of ROVERS, has been terminated for at least one full year.

Upon termination of employment prior to or at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the plan may receive, at his option, a lump sum from the account equal to the payments into the account, a true annuity based upon his account balance in that fund, or any other method of payment if approved by the Board of Trustees. The monthly benefits that were being paid into the DROP fund will begin to be paid to the retiree. If the participant dies during participation in the plan, a lump sum equal to his account balance in the plan fund shall be paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate. If employment is not terminated at the end of the three years, payments into the plan fund cease, and the person resumes active contributing membership in ROVERS.

Cost of living provisions for the System allows the Board of Trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.0% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment once they have reached the age of 60 and have been retired for at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

Employer Contributions

In accordance with state statute, ROVERS also receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions in the amount of \$5,068 are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense for the year ended December 31, 2024.

The Parish Government's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2024, was 18.00% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the Parish Government were \$3,656 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

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

At December 31, 2023 and 2024, the Parish Government reported its proportionate shares of the Net Pension Liabilities of the Plans.

Plan	Measurement Date	
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
PERS	\$1,685,208	\$411,079
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
DARS	106,822	60,995
ROVERS	25,259	14,733
Total	\$1,817,289	\$486,807

The Net Pension Liabilities were measured as of December 31, 2023 for PERS and June 30, 2024 for DARS and ROVERS, and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liabilities were determined by an actuarial valuation as of those dates. The Parish Government's proportion of the Net Pension Liabilities was based on a projection of the Parish Government's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At the measurement dates, the Parish Government's proportions of each were as follows:

Plan	Proportionate Share	
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
PERS	.43785%	.43148%
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
DARS	.12457%	.12691%
ROVERS	.13291%	.13393%
Total	.69533%	.69232%

For the year ended December 31, 2023 and 2024, the Parish Government recognized pension expense including employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions as follows:

Plan	Measurement Date	
	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2023
PERS	\$629,349	\$116,093
	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
DARS	35,283	18,821
ROVERS	4,923	2,435
Total	\$669,555	\$137,349

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At December 31, 2024, the Parish Government reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	PERS		DARS		ROVERS		Total	
	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 194,658	\$ 110,342	\$ 3,918	\$ 3,684	\$ 549	\$ 2,267	\$ 199,125	\$ 116,293
Changes in Assumptions	-	71,618	8,335	-	399	-	8,734	71,618
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings	662,513	-	-	19,253	-	2,515	662,513	21,768
Changes in employer's proportion of beginning NPL	1,270	1,838	2,328	3,536	469	605	4,067	5,979
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions		692	10	2,941	-	60	10	3,693
Subsequent Measurement Contributions	<u>357,075</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>4,298</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,828</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>363,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Total	<u>\$1,215,516</u>	<u>\$ 184,490</u>	<u>\$ 18,889</u>	<u>\$ 29,414</u>	<u>\$ 3,245</u>	<u>\$ 5,447</u>	<u>\$1,237,650</u>	<u>\$ 219,351</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Parish Government contributions subsequent to the measurement date in the amount of \$363,201 will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liabilities in the year December 31, 2024. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended December 31:	
2025	\$ 52,859
2026	340,989
2027	540,258
2028	(279,005)
Total	\$655,101

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Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liabilities for the valuation dates of December 31, 2023 for PERS and June 30, 2024 for DARS and ROVERS are as follows:

<u>Assumptions</u>	<u>PERS</u>	<u>DARS</u>	<u>ROVERS</u>
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal cost	Entry age normal cost	Entry age normal cost
Expected remaining service lives	4 years	5 years	5 years
Investment rate of return	6.400%	6.100%	6.250%
Inflation rate	2.300%	2.200%	2.300%
Salary increases	4.750%	5.000%	5.250%

Mortality rates for PERS were based on Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Health Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for annuitant and beneficiary mortality. For employees, the Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Employees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale. Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 130% for males and 125% for females using MP2018 scale for disabled annuitants. The mortality rate assumption was based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period January 1, 2013 through December 31, 2017. The data was assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality.

Mortality rates for DARS were based on Pub-2010 Public Retirement Mortality Table for General Above-Median Employees multiplied by 115% for males and females for current employees, each with full generational projection using the MP2020 scale, Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Above-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the MP2020 scale, Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for General Disabled Retirees multiplied by 115% for males and females for disabled retirees, each with full generational projection using the MP2020 scale. The mortality rate assumptions were based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

Mortality rates for ROVERS were based on RP-2000 Healthy Table for active members, healthy annuitants and beneficiaries. RP-2000 Disabled Lives Table for disabled annuitants. The mortality assumptions were based upon an experience study performed on plan data for the period of July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019.

The long-term expected rate of return on PERS pension plan investments was determined using a triangulation method which integrated the capital asset pricing model (top-down), a treasury yield curve approach (bottom-up) and an equity building-block model (bottom-up). Risk return and correlations are projected on a forward looking basis in equilibrium, in which best estimates of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class.

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The long-term expected rate of return on DARS and ROVERS pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best estimate 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 rates are 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 and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification.

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in pensions target asset allocation as of December 31, 2023 for PERS and June 30, 2024 for DARS and ROVERS are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	PERS		DARS		ROVERS	
	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return	Target Asset Allocation	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Equity	51.0%	3.20%	50.0%	16.0%	57.50%	4.51%
Fixed Income	33.0%	1.12%	42.5%	6.0%	22.50%	0.56%
Alternative	14.0%	0.67%	7.5%	4.5%	10.00%	0.35%
Other	2.0%	0.11%	0.0%	5.3%	10.00%	0.45%
Totals	100.0%	5.10%	100.0%	31.8%	100.00%	5.87%
Inflation		2.40%		2.50%		2.50%
Expected Nominal Return		7.50%		7.80%		8.37%

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.4% for PERS, 6.1% for DARS, and 6.25% for ROVERS. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers and non-contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined contribution 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, PERS, DARS, and ROVERS 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.

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Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Parish Government's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liabilities using the discount rates as shown above, as well as what the Parish Government's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liabilities 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:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
PERS	\$2,933,121	\$411,079	\$(1,705,925)
DARS	\$ 158,541	\$ 60,995	\$ 28,962
ROVERS	\$ 36,018	\$ 14,733	\$ (3,394)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detailed information about the pension plans' fiduciary net positions are available in the separately issued financial statements of the Plans.

Payables to the Pension Plans

These financial statements include payables to the pension plans of \$155,753, which is the legally required contributions due at December 31, 2024. This amount is recorded in accrued expenses.

9. Risk Management/Contingencies/Pending Litigation

Beginning January 1, 2000, the Parish Government ceased carrying liability insurance except for buildings and vehicles. For suits occurring on liability issues not related to vehicles and buildings, the Parish Government has adopted a policy of not defending or paying such suits. At December 31, 2024, there are no known outstanding judgments or suits against the Parish Government for issues not related to vehicles and buildings.

10. Ad Valorem Taxes

The Parish Government levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the boundaries of Natchitoches Parish. Property taxes are levied by the Parish Government on property values assessed by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

The Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office bills and collects property taxes for the Parish Government. Collections are remitted to the Parish Government monthly.

Property Tax Calendar

Assessment date	January 1
Levy date	June 30
Tax bills mailed	October 15
Total taxes are due	December 31
Penalties & interest added	January 31
Lien date	January 31
Tax sale	May 15

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The Parish Government is permitted to levy taxes up to 10% of the assessed property valuation for each specified purpose, or, in the aggregate for all purposes 25% of the assessed valuation for the payment of principal and interest on long-term debt after the approval by the voters of the Parish. Property taxes are recorded as receivables and revenues in the year assessed.

Assessed values are established by the Natchitoches Parish Tax Assessor each year on a uniform basis at the following ratios to fair market value:

10% land	15% machinery
10% residential improvements	15% commercial improvements
15% industrial improvements	25% public service properties, excluding land

A revaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last revaluation was completed for the roll of January 1, 2024. Total assessed value was \$452,977,100 in 2024. Louisiana state law exempts the first \$7,500 of the assessed value of a taxpayer's primary residence from parish property taxes. This homestead exemption was a total of \$74,202,672 of the assessed value in 2024.

The distribution of the Parish Government's levy (tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value) to its funds was as follows for 2024:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Millage Rate</u>
General Fund	5.20
Road Maintenance	5.00
Public Building Maintenance	3.00
Parish Library	3.00
Health Unit Fund	8.00

Total ad valorem tax revenues recognized by the Parish Government were \$8,560,800 for the year ended December 31, 2024.

11. Dedication of Proceeds and Flow of Funds-Sales & Use Tax

Proceeds of the 1% Sales and Use Tax levied by the Natchitoches Parish Government (2024 collections \$3,607,457) are dedicated to the following purposes:

- A) To pay the normal operating expenses involved in collecting the tax;
- B) To fund the operations for waste disposal;
- C) To fund the operations of the Road Maintenance Fund with any remaining balance.

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12. Schedule of Compensation Paid to Council Members

<u>Member</u>	<u>Council</u>
James Kilcoyne	\$ 113
William Allen	6,000
Marty Cheatwood	6,000
Bobby Braxton	5,886
Mark Kerry	5,886
David Wayne Halm	5,886
Chris Paige	<u>113</u>
Total	<u>\$29,884</u>

13. Post-Employment Benefits

Plan description - The Parish Government provides medical, dental, and vision benefits to eligible retirees and their eligible dependents. The Parish Government's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Parish Government. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Parish Government. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit*.

Benefits Provided - Health insurance benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement. The Parish Government subsidized 100% of the premium for retirees and 50% of the additional cost of any dependent coverage elected. The retiree pays the remaining 50%. The Government also provides a graded death benefit to retirees that is fully paid by the Government. All active employees who retire directly from the Parish Government and meet the eligibility criteria may participate. Eligibility for medical benefits upon retirement for employees hired prior to January 1, 2007 is the earlier of a) age 65 with 7 years of service; b) age 60 with 10 years of service; c) age 55 with 25 years of service or d) 30 years of service without regard to age. Eligibility for medical benefits upon retirement for employees hired on or after January 1, 2007 is the earlier of a) age 67 with 7 years of service; b) age 62 with 10 years of service or c) age 55 with 30 years of service.

Employees covered by benefit terms - At December 31, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	36
Active employees	<u>62</u>
	<u>98</u>

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Total OPEB Liability

The Parish Government's total OPEB liability of \$5,166,170 was measured as of December 31, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs - The total OPEB liability in the December 31, 2024, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	2.50%
Salary scale	3.50%
Discount rate	4.28%
Healthcare cost trend rates	Level 4.50%

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyer 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of December 31, 2024, the end of the applicable measurement period.

Mortality rates were based on the RPH-2014 Total Table projection MP-2024.

The assumptions are based on the 2017 actuarial report for the PERSLA retirement plans; however, the plan has not had a formal actuarial experience study performed.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at January 1, 2024	<u>\$ 5,796,858</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	\$ 201,282
Interest	253,609
Differences between expected and actual experience	(877,878)
Changes in assumptions	20,193
Benefit payments and net transfers	<u>(227,894)</u>
Net changes	<u>\$ (630,688)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2024	<u><u>\$ 5,166,170</u></u>

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Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Parish Government, as well as what the Parish Government's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (3.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.5%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$4,518,770	\$5,166,170	\$5,981,208

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates - The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Parish Government, as well as what the Parish Government's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (3.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (5.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Trend	1.0% Increase
Total OPEB liability	\$4,553,478	\$5,166,170	\$5,914,818

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

For the year ended December 31, 2024, the Government recognized OPEB revenue of \$302,128. At December 31, 2024, the Government reported deferred outflows of resources of \$1,237,651 and deferred inflows of resources of \$3,405,890 related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 0	\$(2,391,159)
Changes in Assumptions	1,237,651	(1,014,731)
Total	\$1,237,651	\$(3,405,890)

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 December 31:

2025	\$(757,019)
2026	(865,268)
2027	(987,325)
2028	(247,514)
2029	(124,620)

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14. Tax Abatement

The Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program (Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 13, Chapter 5) is a state incentive program which abates, up to ten years, local ad valorem taxes on a manufacturer's new investment and annual capitalized additions related to the manufacturing site. Applications to exempt qualified property for five years are approved by the Louisiana Economic Development's Board of Commerce and Industry. The exemption may be renewed for an additional five years. Under agreements entered into by the State of Louisiana, through the Louisiana Industrial Ad Valorem Tax Exemption program, the Parish Government's ad valorem tax revenues were abated by \$325,542 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024.

15. Advance from Grantors

Advance from grantors of \$1,273,929 at December 31, 2024, consists of federal awards received under the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). Of this amount, \$264,277 is for Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF) which was established on March 11, 2024, to provide governments with the resources needed to respond to the pandemic and its economic effects, and to build a stronger, more equitable economy during the recovery. The Parish Government is required to spend these funds in accordance with assistance listing 21.027 guidance. These funds must be obligated by December 31, 2024, and expended by December 31, 2026. The remaining amount of \$993,088 is for Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Funds (LATCF), which was established on March 11, 2023, to provide governments with the resources needed for any governmental purpose other than lobbying.

The Parish Government is required to maintain appropriate documentation for the use of these funds and report expenditures to the Office of Recovery Programs with the U.S. Department of Treasury. Any funds that are misused or are determined by Treasury to be subject to a repayment obligation will have to be repaid to the federal government.

16. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated events through June 11, 2025, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Natchitoches Parish Government
General Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes-				
Ad Valorem	\$ 1,073,696	\$ 1,073,696	\$ 1,253,217	\$ 179,521
Sales & Use	-	-	-	-
Severance	410,000	430,000	1,568,803	1,138,803
Licenses & Permits	267,093	267,093	403,512	136,419
Intergovernmental-				
Federal Grants	-	-	-	-
State Grants	161,324	198,958	468,524	269,566
Interest & Miscellaneous	59,339	59,639	111,049	51,410
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 1,971,452</u>	<u>\$ 2,029,386</u>	<u>\$ 3,805,105</u>	<u>\$ 1,775,719</u>
Expenditures:				
Current-				
General Government	<u>\$ 1,460,010</u>	<u>\$ 1,730,860</u>	<u>\$ 1,188,680</u>	<u>\$ 542,180</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ 511,442</u>	<u>\$ 298,526</u>	<u>\$ 2,616,425</u>	<u>\$ 1,233,539</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	\$ 440,500	\$ 480,500	\$ 482,233	\$ 1,733
Operating Transfers Out	<u>(3,299,714)</u>	<u>(3,299,714)</u>	<u>\$ (1,966,030)</u>	<u>1,333,684</u>
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ (2,859,214)</u>	<u>\$ (2,819,214)</u>	<u>\$ (1,483,797)</u>	<u>\$ 1,335,417</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (2,347,772)</u>	<u>\$ (2,520,688)</u>	<u>\$ 1,132,628</u>	<u>\$ 3,653,316</u>
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>8,819,529</u>	<u>8,819,529</u>	<u>8,819,529</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 6,471,757</u>	<u>\$ 6,298,841</u>	<u>\$ 9,952,157</u>	<u>\$ 3,653,316</u>

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Road Maintenance Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes-				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,297,771	\$ 1,297,771	\$ 1,440,125	\$ 142,354
Intergovernmental-				
Federal Grants	380,000	380,000	149,658	(230,342)
State Grants	479,500	479,500	832,114	352,614
Miscellaneous	1,561	1,561	20,976	19,415
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,158,832</u>	<u>\$ 2,158,832</u>	<u>\$ 2,442,873</u>	<u>\$ 284,041</u>
Expenditures:				
Current-				
Public Works	<u>\$ 4,695,121</u>	<u>\$ 4,695,121</u>	<u>\$ 4,463,413</u>	<u>\$ 231,708</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (2,536,289)</u>	<u>\$ (2,536,289)</u>	<u>\$ (2,020,540)</u>	<u>\$ 515,749</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	\$ 900,000	\$ 900,000	\$ 1,052,910	\$ 152,910
Operating Transfers Out	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-
Capital Lease Proceeds	-	-	861,282	861,282
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	<u>\$ 750,000</u>	<u>\$ 750,000</u>	<u>\$ 1,764,192</u>	<u>\$ 1,014,192</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (1,786,289)</u>	<u>\$ (1,786,289)</u>	<u>\$ (256,348)</u>	<u>\$ 1,529,941</u>
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>2,578,220</u>	<u>2,578,220</u>	<u>2,578,220</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 791,931</u>	<u>\$ 791,931</u>	<u>\$ 2,321,872</u>	<u>\$ 1,529,941</u>

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Disposal Solid Waste Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
Charges for Services	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 89,931	\$ 39,931
Miscellaneous	<u>30,100</u>	<u>30,100</u>	<u>45,036</u>	<u>14,936</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 80,100</u>	<u>\$ 80,100</u>	<u>\$ 134,967</u>	<u>\$ 54,867</u>
Expenditures:				
Current-				
Public Works	<u>\$ 2,280,988</u>	<u>\$ 2,280,988</u>	<u>\$ 2,216,410</u>	<u>\$ 64,578</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (2,200,888)</u>	<u>\$ (2,200,888)</u>	<u>\$ (2,081,443)</u>	<u>\$ 119,445</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,500,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$ 299,112	\$ 299,112	\$ 418,557	\$ 119,445
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	-	-	-	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 299,112</u>	<u>\$ 299,112</u>	<u>\$ 418,557</u>	<u>\$ 119,445</u>

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Sales Tax Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes-				
Sales Tax	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 3,607,457	\$ 1,107,457
Miscellaneous	<u>2,074</u>	<u>2,074</u>	<u>6,870</u>	<u>4,796</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 2,502,074</u>	<u>\$ 2,502,074</u>	<u>\$ 3,614,327</u>	<u>\$ 1,112,253</u>
Expenditures:				
Current-				
General Government	<u>\$ 60,944</u>	<u>\$ 60,944</u>	<u>\$ 62,603</u>	<u>\$ (1,659)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ 2,441,130</u>	<u>\$ 2,441,130</u>	<u>\$ 3,551,724</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,594</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers Out	<u>\$ (2,750,000)</u>	<u>\$ (3,250,000)</u>	<u>\$ (3,250,000)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (308,870)</u>	<u>\$ (808,870)</u>	<u>\$ 301,724</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,594</u>
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>3,988,201</u>	<u>3,988,201</u>	<u>3,988,201</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 3,679,331</u>	<u>\$ 3,179,331</u>	<u>\$ 4,289,925</u>	<u>\$ 1,110,594</u>

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Library Fund
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues:				
Taxes-				
Ad Valorem	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 2,700,000	\$ 3,309,544	\$ 609,544
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-				
State Grants	511,828	511,828	54,577	(457,251)
Charges for Services	11,300	11,300	19,081	7,781
Interest & Miscellaneous	23,100	23,100	74,071	50,971
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 3,246,228</u>	<u>\$ 3,246,228</u>	<u>\$ 3,457,273</u>	<u>\$ 211,045</u>
Expenditures:				
Current-				
Recreation & Culture	<u>\$ 7,623,470</u>	<u>\$ 7,623,470</u>	<u>\$ 2,170,092</u>	<u>\$ 5,453,378</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (4,377,242)	\$ (4,377,242)	\$ 1,287,181	\$ 5,664,423
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>9,954,914</u>	<u>9,954,914</u>	<u>9,954,914</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$ 5,577,672</u>	<u>\$ 5,577,672</u>	<u>\$ 11,242,095</u>	<u>\$ 5,664,423</u>

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
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Fiscal Year*	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportion 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 Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Pension as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
<i>Parochial Employees' Retirement System</i>					
2015	0.72300%	\$ 197,673	\$ 3,967,151	4.98%	99.15%
2016	0.68952%	\$ 1,815,028	\$ 3,951,281	45.94%	92.23%
2017	0.66626%	\$ 1,372,169	\$ 3,957,296	34.67%	94.15%
2018	0.64002%	\$ (475,052)	\$ 4,089,668	-11.62%	101.98%
2019	0.66525%	\$ 2,952,601	\$ 3,464,825	85.22%	88.86%
2020	0.54643%	\$ 25,723	\$ 2,863,992	0.90%	99.89%
2021	0.42880%	\$ (751,867)	\$ 2,907,803	-25.86%	104.00%
2022	0.43340%	\$ (2,041,488)	\$ 2,970,347	-68.73%	110.46%
2023	0.43785%	\$ 1,685,208	\$ 3,127,239	53.89%	91.74%
2024	43.14800%	\$ 411,079	\$ 3,104,996	13.24%	98.03%

District Attorneys' Retirement System

2015	0.25196%	\$ 13,572	\$ 103,650	13.10%	98.56%
2016	0.13366%	\$ 25,584	\$ 85,343	29.98%	95.09%
2017	0.13335%	\$ 35,968	\$ 102,523	35.08%	93.57%
2018	0.15792%	\$ 50,818	\$ 84,433	60.00%	92.92%
2019	0.13375%	\$ 43,027	\$ 78,399	55.00%	93.13%
2020	0.12743%	\$ 100,958	\$ 84,660	119.00%	84.86%
2021	0.14574%	\$ 25,946	\$ 89,316	29.00%	96.79%
2022	0.12799%	\$ 137,873	\$ 81,740	169.00%	81.65%
2023	0.12457%	\$ 106,822	\$ 85,230	125.00%	85.85%
2024	0.12691%	\$ 60,995	\$ 90,477	67.00%	92.33%

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System

2015	0.16741%	\$ 40,999	\$ 24,642	166.38%	76.86%
2016	0.17000%	\$ 48,235	\$ 21,454	224.83%	73.98%
2017	0.16249%	\$ 35,669	\$ 21,638	164.84%	80.51%
2018	0.15818%	\$ 37,338	\$ 22,379	167.00%	80.57%
2019	0.28845%	\$ 53,940	\$ 17,287	312.00%	84.83%
2020	0.13951%	\$ 30,055	\$ 19,166	157.00%	83.32%
2021	0.12931%	\$ 4,102	\$ 19,345	21.00%	97.68%
2022	0.13506%	\$ 33,116	\$ 19,230	172.00%	82.46%
2023	0.13291%	\$ 25,259	\$ 19,722	128.00%	86.73%
2024	0.13393%	\$ 14,733	\$ 20,313	73.00%	92.59%

*Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (previous fiscal year end).

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

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Schedule of Employer's Contributions
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Fiscal Year*	Contractually Required Contributions	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll
<i>Parochial Employees' Retirement System</i>					
2015	\$ 575,442	\$ 575,442	\$ -	\$ 3,967,151	13.53%
2016	\$ 513,666	\$ 513,666	\$ -	\$ 3,951,281	12.99%
2017	\$ 494,662	\$ 494,662	\$ -	\$ 3,957,296	12.50%
2018	\$ 470,312	\$ 470,312	\$ -	\$ 4,089,668	11.50%
2019	\$ 398,455	\$ 398,455	\$ -	\$ 3,464,825	11.50%
2020	\$ 350,839	\$ 350,839	\$ -	\$ 2,863,992	12.25%
2021	\$ 356,206	\$ 356,206	\$ -	\$ 2,907,803	12.25%
2022	\$ 341,590	\$ 341,590	\$ -	\$ 2,970,347	11.50%
2023	\$ 359,632	\$ 359,632	\$ -	\$ 3,127,239	11.50%
2024	\$ 357,075	\$ 357,075	\$ -	\$ 3,104,996	11.50%

District Attorneys' Retirement System

2015	\$ 5,450	\$ 5,450	\$ -	\$ 103,560	5.26%
2016	\$ 613	\$ 613	\$ -	\$ 85,343	0.72%
2017	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,523	0.00%
2018	\$ 493	\$ 493	\$ -	\$ 84,433	0.58%
2019	\$ 980	\$ 980	\$ -	\$ 78,399	1.25%
2020	\$ 3,386	\$ 3,386	\$ -	\$ 84,660	4.00%
2021	\$ 3,573	\$ 3,573	\$ -	\$ 89,316	4.00%
2022	\$ 7,765	\$ 7,765	\$ -	\$ 81,740	9.50%
2023	\$ 8,097	\$ 8,097	\$ -	\$ 85,230	9.50%
2024	\$ 8,595	\$ 8,595	\$ -	\$ 90,477	9.50%

Registrar of Voters Employees' Retirement System

2015	\$ 5,744	\$ 5,744	\$ -	\$ 24,642	23.31%
2016	\$ 4,543	\$ 4,543	\$ -	\$ 21,454	21.18%
2017	\$ 4,005	\$ 4,005	\$ -	\$ 21,638	18.51%
2018	\$ 3,804	\$ 3,804	\$ -	\$ 22,379	17.00%
2019	\$ 2,939	\$ 2,939	\$ -	\$ 17,287	17.00%
2020	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,450	\$ -	\$ 19,166	18.00%
2021	\$ 3,482	\$ 3,482	\$ -	\$ 19,345	18.00%
2022	\$ 3,461	\$ 3,461	\$ -	\$ 19,230	18.00%
2023	\$ 3,550	\$ 3,550	\$ -	\$ 19,722	18.00%
2024	\$ 3,656	\$ 3,656	\$ -	\$ 20,313	18.00%

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018
Total OPEB Liability							
Service Cost	\$ 201,282	\$ 201,282	\$ 329,776	\$ 329,776	\$ 280,793	\$ 280,793	\$ 269,734
Interest	253,609	243,685	223,809	217,461	344,825	321,733	321,228
Differences between expected and actual experience	(877,878)		(3,154,672)	-	(235,063)	-	-
Changes of Assumptions	20,193		(1,990,501)	-	1,738,956	-	-
Benefit Payments	<u>(227,894)</u>	<u>(201,563)</u>	<u>(164,402)</u>	<u>(331,257)</u>	<u>(331,257)</u>	<u>(308,909)</u>	<u>(308,909)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	\$ (630,688)	\$ 243,404	\$ (4,755,990)	\$ 215,980	\$ 1,798,254	\$ 293,617	\$ 282,053
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>5,796,858</u>	<u>5,553,454</u>	<u>10,309,444</u>	<u>10,093,464</u>	<u>8,295,210</u>	<u>8,001,593</u>	<u>7,719,540</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u>\$ 5,166,170</u>	<u>\$ 5,796,858</u>	<u>\$ 5,553,454</u>	<u>\$ 10,309,444</u>	<u>\$ 10,093,464</u>	<u>\$ 8,295,210</u>	<u>\$ 8,001,593</u>
Covered-employee Payroll	<u>\$ 2,637,072</u>	<u>\$ 2,696,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,696,761</u>	<u>\$ 2,566,971</u>	<u>\$ 2,566,971</u>	<u>\$ 2,935,185</u>	<u>\$ 2,935,185</u>
Net OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	195.91%	214.96%	205.93%	401.62%	393.21%	282.61%	272.61%

Notes to Schedule:

Benefit Changes. There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Changes of Assumptions. There were no changes in the assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY SCHEDULES

Natchitoches Parish Government
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Agency Head Name: John Richmond, Parish President

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 1,930
Benefits-Insurance	335
Benefits-Retirement	<u>222</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,487</u>

Agency Head Name: John Salter, Parish President

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 99,024
Benefits-Insurance	96
Benefits-Retirement	<u>11,595</u>
Total	<u>\$ 110,715</u>

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity

As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Identifying Information	
Entity Name	Natchitoches Parish Government
LLA Entity ID # (This is the ID number assigned to the entity by the Legislative Auditor for identification purposes.)	2526
Date that reporting period ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/31/2024

If legally separate court funds are required to be reported, a separate receiving schedule should be prepared for each fund. Examples include Judicial Expense Fund, Drug Court Fund, Veterans Treatment Court Fund, etc.

Cash Basis Presentation

First Six Month Period Ended 6/30/24	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/24
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Receipts From: (Must include one agency name and one collection type - see below - on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency. Additional rows may be added as necessary.)

Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office-Criminal Fines-Other	125,257	144,929
Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office-Court Costs/Fees	65,316	79,525
Natchitoches City Marshal-Criminal Fines-Other	880	590
Subtotal Receipts	191,453	225,044
Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received (only applies to those agencies that assess on behalf of themselves, such as courts)	-	-

Collection Types to be used in the "Receipts From:" section above
Civil Fees
Bond Fees
Asset Forfeiture/Sale
Pre-Trial Diversion Program Fees
Criminal Court Costs/Fees
Criminal Fines - Contempt
Criminal Fines - Other
Restitution
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees
Service/Collection Fees (e.g. credit card fees, report fees, 3rd party service fees)
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances
Other (do not include collections that fit into more specific categories above)

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Combining Balance Sheet
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	Special Revenue Funds			
	Planning	Government Building	Health Unit	Civil Defense
<u>Assets</u>				
Cash	\$ 326,139	\$ 3,161,385	\$ 3,055,695	\$ -
Revenue Receivables	19,771	1,177,861	1,185,585	45,778
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 345,910</u>	<u>\$ 4,339,246</u>	<u>\$ 4,241,280</u>	<u>\$ 45,778</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>				
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 15,856
Accounts Payable	221	17,911	5,799	-
Advance from Grantor	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 221</u>	<u>\$ 17,911</u>	<u>\$ 5,799</u>	<u>\$ 15,856</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>				
Restricted	<u>345,689</u>	<u>4,321,335</u>	<u>4,235,481</u>	<u>29,922</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 345,910</u>	<u>\$ 4,339,246</u>	<u>\$ 4,241,280</u>	<u>\$ 45,778</u>

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Special Revenue Funds

	Public Safety	Criminal Jury Compensation	Criminal Court	Coroner	Law Enforcement Officer Criminal Witness
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$ 761,811	\$ 183,938	\$ 3,083	\$ 207,028	\$ 237,174
Revenue Receivables	1,324	353	71,005	100,000	4,059
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 763,135</u>	<u>\$ 184,291</u>	<u>\$ 74,088</u>	<u>\$ 307,028</u>	<u>\$ 241,233</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Payable	29,337	192	5,424	-	-
Advance from Grantor	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	34,223	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 63,560</u>	<u>\$ 192</u>	<u>\$ 5,424</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>					
Restricted	<u>699,575</u>	<u>184,099</u>	<u>68,664</u>	<u>307,028</u>	<u>241,233</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 763,135</u>	<u>\$ 184,291</u>	<u>\$ 74,088</u>	<u>\$ 307,028</u>	<u>\$ 241,233</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				
	Disaster Recovery	Title III Kisatchie S&R	Kisatchie S&R	LCDBG	LCDBG - Demonstrated Needs
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$ -	\$ 35,005	\$ 21,480	\$ 1	\$ -
Revenue Receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,005</u>	<u>\$ 21,480</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	-
Advance from Grantor	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>					
Restricted	<u>-</u>	<u>35,005</u>	<u>21,480</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,005</u>	<u>\$ 21,480</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				
	Senior Companion	CSBG	Summer Feeding	Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program	Head Start
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 43,729	\$ 10,228	\$ 245,589
Revenue Receivables	-	31,608	-	10,089	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 31,608</u>	<u>\$ 43,729</u>	<u>\$ 20,317</u>	<u>\$ 245,589</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ 30,811	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Payable	6,509	797	-	463	-
Advance from Grantor	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 6,509</u>	<u>\$ 31,608</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 463</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>					
Restricted	<u>(6,509)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>43,729</u>	<u>19,854</u>	<u>245,589</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 31,608</u>	<u>\$ 43,729</u>	<u>\$ 20,317</u>	<u>\$ 245,589</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				Capital Projects Funds
	AmeriCorp's Foster Grandparents	Office of Community Services	Opioid Settlement	Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency (ARPA)	Capital Outlay
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$ -	\$ 66,378	\$ 204,898	\$ 993,193	\$ 552,791
Revenue Receivables	-	-	-	-	-
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,378</u>	<u>\$ 204,898</u>	<u>\$ 993,193</u>	<u>\$ 552,791</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Payable	825	-	-	105	-
Advance from Grantor	-	-	-	993,088	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 825</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 993,193</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>					
Restricted	<u>(825)</u>	<u>66,378</u>	<u>204,898</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>552,791</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 66,378</u>	<u>\$ 204,898</u>	<u>\$ 993,193</u>	<u>\$ 552,791</u>

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Capital Projects Funds

	FEMA	Bermuda Road	Fish Hatchery Road	Blanchard Road	Courthouse Security
<u>Assets</u>					
Cash	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 132,700	\$ 2,147,311
Revenue Receivables	-	-	-	-	172,852
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 132,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,320,163</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>					
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Accounts Payable	-	-	-	-	495,320
Advance from Grantor	-	-	-	-	-
Due to Other Governments	-	-	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 495,320</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>					
Restricted	<u>1</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>132,700</u>	<u>1,824,843</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 132,700</u>	<u>\$ 2,320,163</u>

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	<u>Capital Projects Funds</u>		
	LCDBG- Independence & AmericanWay	LCDBG - Marco Grant	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 12,389,558
Revenue Receivables	491,542	-	3,311,827
Prepaid Expense	-	-	-
Due from Other Funds	-	-	-
Total Assets	<u>\$ 491,542</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 15,701,385</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>			
Cash Overdraft	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 46,667
Accounts Payable	479,260	-	1,042,163
Advance from Grantor	-	-	993,088
Due to Other Governments	-	-	34,223
Total Liabilities	<u>\$ 479,260</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,116,141</u>
<u>Fund Balance</u>			
Restricted	<u>12,282</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>13,585,244</u>
Total Liabilities & Fund Balance	<u>\$ 491,542</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 15,701,385</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

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Nonmajor Governmental Funds
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	Special Revenue Funds			
	Planning	Government Building	Health Unit	Civil Defense
Revenues:				
Taxes-				
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ 1,278,957	\$ 1,278,957	\$ -
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	90,831	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-				
Federal Grants	-	-	-	-
State Grants	-	15,545	46,075	-
Local Grants	-	-	-	62,058
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	-	-
Interest & Miscellaneous	3,154	6,738	5,432	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 93,985</u>	<u>\$ 1,301,240</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,464</u>	<u>\$ 62,058</u>
Expenditures:				
Current-				
General Government	\$ -	\$ 1,046,000	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	-	-	-	62,418
Public Works	-	-	-	-
Health & Welfare	-	-	490,512	-
Economic Development	95,601	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 95,601</u>	<u>\$ 1,046,000</u>	<u>\$ 490,512</u>	<u>\$ 62,418</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,616)</u>	<u>\$ 255,240</u>	<u>\$ 839,952</u>	<u>\$ (360)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	(500,000)	-
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (500,000)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (1,616)</u>	<u>\$ 255,240</u>	<u>\$ 339,952</u>	<u>\$ (360)</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>347,305</u>	<u>4,066,095</u>	<u>3,895,529</u>	<u>30,282</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- End of Year	<u>\$ 345,689</u>	<u>\$ 4,321,335</u>	<u>\$ 4,235,481</u>	<u>\$ 29,922</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				
	Public Safety	Criminal Jury Compensation	Criminal Court	Coroner	Law Enforcement Officer Criminal Witness
Revenues:					
Taxes-					
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-					
Federal Grants	-	-	-	-	-
State Grants	-	-	-	-	70,781
Local Grants	10,408	8,719	328,539	100,000	-
Charges for Services	-	-	416,498	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	7,132	-	-
Interest & Miscellaneous	-	-	91	919	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 10,408</u>	<u>\$ 8,719</u>	<u>\$ 752,260</u>	<u>\$ 100,919</u>	<u>\$ 70,781</u>
Expenditures:					
Current-					
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	1,130,241	7,631	849,415	134,865	1,400
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 1,130,241</u>	<u>\$ 7,631</u>	<u>\$ 849,415</u>	<u>\$ 134,865</u>	<u>\$ 1,400</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (1,119,833)</u>	<u>\$ 1,088</u>	<u>\$ (97,155)</u>	<u>\$ (33,946)</u>	<u>\$ 69,381</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 12,665	\$ 120,000	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	(61,867)	-	(50,000)
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ 1,400,000</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ (49,202)</u>	<u>\$ 120,000</u>	<u>\$ (50,000)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 280,167</u>	<u>\$ 51,088</u>	<u>\$ (146,357)</u>	<u>\$ 86,054</u>	<u>\$ 19,381</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>419,408</u>	<u>133,011</u>	<u>215,021</u>	<u>220,974</u>	<u>221,852</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- End of Year	<u>\$ 699,575</u>	<u>\$ 184,099</u>	<u>\$ 68,664</u>	<u>\$ 307,028</u>	<u>\$ 241,233</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				
	Disaster Recovery	Title III Kisatchie S&R	Kisatchie S&R	LCDBG	LCDBG - Demonstrated Needs
Revenues:					
Taxes-					
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-					
Federal Grants	-	-	-	-	-
State Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Local Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Expenditures:					
Current-					
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	<u>(20,365)</u>	<u>(109,545)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(1)</u>
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ (20,365)</u>	<u>\$ (109,545)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (20,365)</u>	<u>\$ (109,545)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1)</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>20,365</u>	<u>144,550</u>	<u>21,480</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- End of Year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 35,005</u>	<u>\$ 21,480</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				
	Senior Companion	CSBG	Summer Feeding	Low Income Household Energy Assistance Program	Head Start
Revenues:					
Taxes-					
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-					
Federal Grants	260,956	192,203	-	63,007	-
State Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Local Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & Miscellaneous	-	64	-	13,366	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 260,956</u>	<u>\$ 192,267</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 76,373</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Expenditures:					
Current-					
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Welfare	267,471	204,873	-	96,739	15,000
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 267,471</u>	<u>\$ 204,873</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 96,739</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (6,515)</u>	<u>\$ (12,606)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (20,366)</u>	<u>\$ (15,000)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (6,515)</u>	<u>\$ (12,606)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (20,366)</u>	<u>\$ (15,000)</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>6</u>	<u>12,606</u>	<u>43,729</u>	<u>40,220</u>	<u>260,589</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- End of Year	<u>\$ (6,509)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 43,729</u>	<u>\$ 19,854</u>	<u>\$ 245,589</u>

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	Special Revenue Funds				Capital Projects Funds
	AmeriCorp's Foster Grandparents	Office of Community Services	Opioid Settlement	Local Assistance & Tribal Consistency (ARPA)	Capital Outlay
Revenues:					
Taxes-					
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-					
Federal Grants	45,798	-	-	136,625	-
State Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Local Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & Miscellaneous	-	15,250	190,877	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 45,798</u>	<u>\$ 15,250</u>	<u>\$ 190,877</u>	<u>\$ 136,625</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Expenditures:					
Current-					
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 66,500	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-
Public Works	-	-	-	136,625	-
Health & Welfare	46,623	388	-	-	-
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 46,623</u>	<u>\$ 388</u>	<u>\$ 66,500</u>	<u>\$ 136,625</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ (825)</u>	<u>\$ 14,862</u>	<u>\$ 124,377</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 155,214
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 155,214</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ (825)</u>	<u>\$ 14,862</u>	<u>\$ 124,377</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 155,214</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>51,516</u>	<u>80,521</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>397,577</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- End of Year	<u>\$ (825)</u>	<u>\$ 66,378</u>	<u>\$ 204,898</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 552,791</u>

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Capital Projects Funds				
	FEMA	Bermuda Road	Fish Hatchery Road	Blanchard Road	Courthouse Security
Revenues:					
Taxes-					
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Sales Tax	-	-	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	-	-	-	-
Intergovernmental-					
Federal Grants	-	-	-	-	-
State Grants	-	-	-	-	688,997
Local Grants	-	-	-	-	-
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-	-
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	-	-	-
Interest & Miscellaneous	-	-	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 688,997</u>
Expenditures:					
Current-					
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	914,154
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Welfare	-	-	-	-	-
Economic Development	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 914,154</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (225,157)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):					
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 340,000
Operating Transfers Out	-	(1,942)	(3,272)	-	-
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,942)</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 340,000</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,942)</u>	<u>\$ (3,272)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 114,843</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)-					
Beginning of Year	<u>1</u>	<u>1,942</u>	<u>3,272</u>	<u>132,700</u>	<u>1,710,000</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)-					
End of Year	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 132,700</u>	<u>\$ 1,824,843</u>

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Natchitoches Parish Government
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Year Ended December 31, 2024

	Capital Projects Funds		
	LCDBG- Independence & AmericanWay	LCDBG - Marco Grant	Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Taxes-			
Ad Valorem	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,557,914
Sales Tax	-	-	-
Licenses & Permits	-	-	90,831
Intergovernmental-			
Federal Grants	-	-	698,589
State Grants	513,104	-	1,334,502
Local Grants	-	-	509,724
Charges for Services	-	-	416,498
Fines & Forfeits	-	-	7,132
Interest & Miscellaneous	-	-	235,891
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 513,104</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 5,851,081</u>
Expenditures:			
Current-			
General Government	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,112,500
Public Safety	-	-	3,100,124
Public Works	500,822	-	637,447
Health & Welfare	-	-	1,121,606
Economic Development	-	-	95,601
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 500,822</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,067,278</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>\$ 12,282</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (216,197)</u>
Other Financing Sources (Uses):			
Operating Transfers In	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,077,879
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	(746,992)
Total Other Financing	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,330,887</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures and Other Uses	<u>\$ 12,282</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,114,690</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- Beginning of Year	<u>-</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>12,470,554</u>
Fund Balances (Deficit)- End of Year	<u>\$ 12,282</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 13,585,244</u>

See independent auditors' report and notes to financial statements.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the Year Ended December 31, 2024

Federal Grantor/Pass-through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Federal Expenditures
Americorps:		
Corporation for National and Community Services:		
Seniors Foster Grandparent Program	94.011	\$ 45,798
United States Department of the Treasury:		
Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	\$ 837,252
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032	136,625
Total United State Department of the Treasury		\$ 973,877
United States Department of Health and Human Services:		
Passed through Louisiana Department of Social Services-		
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program	93.568	\$ 63,006
Senior Companion Program	94.016	260,956
Total United States Department of Health and Human Services		\$ 323,962
United States Department of the Interior		
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	\$ 281,021
United States Department of Labor:		
Passed through Louisiana Workforce Commission-		
Community Service Block Grant	93.569	\$ 192,203
United States Department of Housing and Urban Development:		
Community Service Block Grant - State's Program	14.228	\$ 513,105
United States Department of Agriculture:		
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education-		
Kistachie National Forest	10.666	\$ 146,658
Total Federal Financial Assistance		\$ 2,476,624

See independent auditors' report and notes to the financial statements.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Note 1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of the Parish Government and is presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the *Uniform Guidance, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the primary government financial statements.

Basis of Accounting

The Parish Government's Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented using the accrual basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the Parish Government's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited to reimbursement.

Indirect Cost Rate

The Parish Government has not elected to use the 15 percent de minimis indirect cost as allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

Subrecipients

There were no awards passed through to subrecipients.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Report Fraud and Misappropriation
Year Ended December 31, 2024

#	ELEMENT OF FINDING	RESPONSE
1	A general statement describing the fraud or misappropriation that occurred.	A former employee of the Parish Government was paid for work not performed due to falsification of working hours on the timesheet.
2	A description of the funds or assets that were the subject of the fraud or misappropriation (ex., utility receipts, petty cash, computer equipment).	Payroll fraud – falsification of worked hours
3	The amount of funds or approximate value of assets involved.	Total value unknown.
4	The department or office in which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	Road Maintenance.
5	The period of time over which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	February – June 2024.
6	The title/agency affiliation of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation.	Road Grader.
7	The name of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation, if formal charges have been brought against the person and/or the matter has been adjudicated.	Jody Cantrell.
8	Is the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud still employed by the agency?	No.
9	If the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud is still employed by the agency, do they have access to assets that may be subject to fraud or misappropriation?	N/A
10	Has the agency notified the appropriate law enforcement body about the fraud or misappropriation?	Yes.
11	What is the status of the investigation at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	Complete.
12	If the investigation is complete and the person believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation has been identified, has the agency filed charges against that person?	N/A
13	What is the status of any related adjudication at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	N/A
14	Has restitution been made or has an insurance claim been filed?	N/A
15	Has the agency notified the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney in writing, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:523 (Applicable to local governments only)	Yes.
16	Did the agency's internal controls allow the detection of the fraud or misappropriation in a timely manner?	No.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Reporting Fraud and Misappropriation (continued)
Year Ended December 31, 2024

#	ELEMENT OF FINDING	RESPONSE
17	If the answer to the last question is “no,” describe the control deficiency/significant deficiency/material weakness that allowed the fraud or misappropriation to occur and not be detected in a timely manner.	Inadequate internal controls over payroll timesheets.
18	Management’s plan to ensure that the fraud or misappropriation does not occur in the future	Policies and procedures have been implemented to ensure that payroll time sheets are properly verified by department heads.

OTHER REPORTS/SCHEDULES

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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*

To the President and Council Members
of the Natchitoches Parish Government

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Natchitoches Parish Government's (Parish Government) basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 11, 2025.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Parish Government's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Parish Government's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish Government'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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 to be a material weakness.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Parish Government'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 financial statements. 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 one instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-002.

Purpose of this Report

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Parish Government's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompany schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Parish Government's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND ON
INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

To the President and Council Members
of the Natchitoches Parish Government

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

We have audited Natchitoches Parish Government's (Parish Government) compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Parish Government's major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2024. The Parish Government's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

In our opinion, the Parish Government complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2024.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of the Parish Government and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements, relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of the Parish Government's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules, and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to the Parish Government's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and to express an opinion on the Parish Government's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect a material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the report on compliance about the Parish Government's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

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

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the Parish Government's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of the Parish Government's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures, that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Parish Government's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

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

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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June 11, 2025

Natchitoches Parish Government
Schedule of Findings & Questioned Costs
Year Ended December 31, 2024

I. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

The following summarizes the audit results in accordance with the *Government Auditing Standards*:

1. As of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, an unmodified opinion was issued for the Parish Government's primary government which consisted of the Governmental Activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information. However, since the Parish Government did not present all of its legally separate component units, an adverse opinion was issued for the Parish Government as a reporting entity.
2. The audit disclosed one material weakness in internal control that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.
3. The audit disclosed one instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.
5. An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance for major programs.
6. The audit did not disclose any findings related to federal awards that are required to be reported under the Uniform Guidance.
7. The following programs were major for the year ended December 31, 2024:
 - United States Department of the Treasury - American Rescue Plan Act – Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds – AL# 21.027
8. \$1,000,000 was the threshold used to distinguish Type A from Type B programs.
9. The Parish Government does not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

II. FINDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

Internal Control-

2024-001 *Payroll Misappropriation*

Criteria - Adequate and effective internal control systems require timely detection of fraud and misappropriation.

Condition - A former employee of the Parish Government was paid for work not performed due to falsification of hours worked on the timesheet. The exact amount of falsified hours worked could not be determined. The information was provided to the Tenth Judicial District Attorney's office.

Cause - Inadequate internal controls over payroll.

Effect - The Parish Government suffered payment of fraudulently reported payroll expenses.

Natchitoches Parish Government
Schedule of Findings & Questioned Costs (continued)
Year Ended December 31, 2024

2024-001 Payroll Misappropriation (continued)

Recommendation - Procedures should be implemented to ensure that payroll time sheets are properly verified by department heads.

Management's Response – Policies and procedures have been implemented to ensure that payroll time sheets are properly verified by department heads.

Compliance-

2024-002 Sexual Harassment Education Requirement Violation

Criteria – Louisiana Revised Statute 42:343 requires each public servant, supervisor, and employee to receive at least one hour of sexual harassment prevention training each year. Additional education and training are required for supervisors.

Condition – At least two public servants, supervisors and/or employees of the Parish Government did not complete the required training for sexual harassment prevention.

Cause – The cause of the violation is unknown.

Effect – Failure to comply with the requirement could result in counseling, reprimand, suspension, reduction in pay, or dismissal.

Recommendation – While the law places the burden on the public servant, supervisor, and/or employee to complete the annual education, we recommend the Parish Government implement procedures for tracking the training and certification for all public servants, supervisors, and employees.

Management's Response – Management will implement more specific procedures to ensure that all public servants, supervisors, and employees receive the required training for prevention of sexual harassment in the workplace.

III. FINDINGS IN ACCORDANCE WITH *UNIFORM GUIDANCE*

There were no current year findings identified.

IV. PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS

There were no prior year findings identified.