

ST. HELENA PARISH CLERK OF COURT
GREENSBURG, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2019



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St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court

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With Supplemental Information Schedules**

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Independent Auditor's Report

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St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
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Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the general fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court, Greensburg, Louisiana, a component unit of the St. Helena Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the general fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court, as of June 30, 2019, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 36, Schedule of Changes in the Clerk's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios on page 37, Schedule of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability on page 38, and the Schedule of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's Contributions on page 39 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required 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 and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Fiduciary Funds – Agency Funds and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Fiduciary Funds – Agency Funds and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements themselves 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 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 Changes in Unsettled Deposits – Fiduciary Funds – Agency Funds and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits, and Other

Payments to Agency Head are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 17, 2019, on our consideration of St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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December 17, 2019

Basic Financial Statements
Government-Wide Financial Statements

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2019**

Statement A

	Governmental Activities
Assets	
Current Assets:	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 33,492
Investments	15,266
Due from Advance Deposit Fund	14,112
Total Current Assets	<u>62,870</u>
Capital Assets:	
Capital Assets, Net	7,655
Total Capital Assets	<u>7,655</u>
Total Assets	<u>70,525</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	
Pension Related	136,275
OPEB Related	20,881
Total Deffered Outflows of Resources	<u>157,156</u>
Total Assets and Deffered outflows of resources	<u>\$ 227,681</u>
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 940
Other Accrued Liabilities	12,052
Total Current Liabilities	<u>12,992</u>
Long Term Liabilities:	
Net Pension liability	537,733
Other Post-Employment Benefits	284,564
Total Long Term Liabilities	<u>822,297</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>835,289</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Pension Related	41,322
OPEB Related	30,532
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	<u>71,854</u>
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,655
Unrestricted	(687,117)
Total Net Position	<u>(679,462)</u>
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u>\$ 227,681</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement B

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
 Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Change in Net Position</u>	
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants & Contri- butions</u>	<u>Capital Grants & Contri- butions</u>	<u>Govern- mental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities					
General Government	\$ 585,394	\$ 449,308	\$ 64,188	\$ -	\$ (71,898)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>585,394</u>	<u>449,308</u>	<u>64,188</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(71,898)</u>
General Revenues:					
Interest Income					<u>153</u>
Total General Revenues					<u>153</u>
Change in Net Position					<u>(71,745)</u>
Net Position, Beginning					<u>(607,717)</u>
Net Position, Ending					<u>\$ (679,462)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Basic Financial Statements
Fund Financial Statements

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Balance Sheet- Governmental Funds
As of June 30, 2019**

Statement C

	<u>General Fund</u>
Assets	
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 33,492
Investments	15,266
Due from Advance Deposit Fund	<u>14,112</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 62,870</u></u>
Liabilities and Fund Balance	
Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 940
Other Accrued Liabilities	<u>12,052</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>12,992</u>
Fund Balance:	
Unassigned Fund Balance	<u>49,878</u>
Total Fund Balance	<u>49,878</u>
 Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	 <u><u>\$ 62,870</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet
to the Government-Wide Statement of Net Position
As of June 30, 2019**

Fund Balances, Total Governmental Funds (Statement C) \$ 49,878

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

Capital assets used in the governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. Those assets consist of:

Capital Assets, Cost	\$ 138,623	
Capital Assets, Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(130,968)</u>	7,655

General long-term debt of governmental activities is not payable from current resources and, therefore, not reported in the funds. This debt is:

Net Pension Liability	\$ (537,733)	
Deferred Outflows of Resources	157,156	
Deferred Inflows of Resources	(71,854)	
Net OPEB Obligation Liability	<u>(284,564)</u>	<u>(736,995)</u>
		<u>(729,340)</u>

Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A) \$ (679,462)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement E

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balance-Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Revenues	<u>General Fund</u>
Fees, Charges & Commission	
Court Costs, Fees and Charges	\$ 210,577
Fees for Recording Legal Documents	165,502
Fees for Certified Copies	51,476
Interest Earnings	153
Licenses and Permits	3,026
Birth Certificates	18,619
Grant Revenues	4,226
Other Revenues	108
Clerk's Supplemental Pay	24,500
Total Revenues	<u>478,187</u>
Expenditures	
General Government	
Accounting Fees	9,038
Birth Certificates	8,102
Conventions	1,817
Dues and Subscriptions	2,239
Election Expense	2,787
Insurance	2,000
Insurance, Health	27,439
Marriage License Fees	107
Miscellaneous	678
Office Supplies	1,895
Payroll Taxes	5,842
Portal Fees	3,603
Postage	3,069
Retirement	82,578
Salaries	343,879
Supplemental Pay	4,357
Telephone	3,562
Total Expenditures	<u>502,992</u>
 Net Change in Fund Balance	 <u>(24,805)</u>
 Fund Balance, Beginning	 <u>74,683</u>
Fund Balance, Ending	<u>\$ 49,878</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year ended June 30, 2019**

Net Change in Fund Balances, Total Government Funds, Statement E \$ (24,805)

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

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,
in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This
is the amount by which capital outlay exceeded depreciation in the
current period:

Capital Outlay which is considered expenditures on the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances	-	
Less:		
Current Year Depreciation	<u>(13,125)</u>	(13,125)

The net change in the liability for OPEB is reported in the government-wide statements, but not in the governmental fund statements	321
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Non-employer contributions to cost-sharing pension plan	35,462
Pension Expense	(69,598)

Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities, Statement B	<u><u>\$ (71,745)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement G

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position-Agency Funds
As of June 30, 2019

	<u>Advance Deposit Fund</u>	<u>Registry of Court Fund</u>	<u>Total Agency Funds</u>
Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 131,028	\$ 395,045	\$ 526,073
Total Assets	<u>131,028</u>	<u>395,045</u>	<u>526,073</u>
Liabilities			
Due to Taxing Bodies and Others	116,916	395,045	511,961
Due to General Fund	<u>14,112</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,112</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>131,028</u>	<u>395,045</u>	<u>526,073</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Basic Financial Statements

Notes to the Financial Statements

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Greensburg, Louisiana**

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Introduction

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

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999, as amended by GASB Statements described in the following paragraphs.

GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, effective for financial statement periods ending after December 15, 2012, provides guidance for reporting deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and net position in a statement of financial position and related disclosures. Concepts Statement No. 4, *Elements of Financial Statements*, introduced and defined *Deferred Outflows of Resources* as a consumption of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, and *Deferred Inflows of Resources* as an acquisition of net position by the government that is applicable to a future reporting period, respectively. Previous financial reporting standards do not include guidance for reporting those financial statement elements, which are distinct from assets and liabilities. GASB Concepts Statement 4 identifies net position as the residual of all other elements presented in a statement of financial position. This Statement amends the net asset reporting requirements in Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments*, and other pronouncements by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. The definition and reporting of net position is further described in *Footnote L – Net Position and Fund Equity*. Management has elected to not present the Management's Discussion and Analysis.

B. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement 14, as amended by GASB 61, establishes criteria for determining the reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. The Clerk of Court is an independently elected official; however, the Clerk of Court is fiscally dependent on the St. Helena Parish Police Jury. The Police Jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the Clerk of Court's office is located and provides funds for equipment and furniture of the Clerk of Court's office. Because the Clerk of Court is fiscally dependent on the Police Jury, the Clerk of Court was determined to be a component unit of the St. Helena Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are to be included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended within those financial statements or separately reported as a discrete component unit.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Clerk of Court and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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C. Fund Accounting

The Clerk of Court uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions relating to certain Clerk functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

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

General Fund – the primary operating fund of the Clerk and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to Clerk's policy.

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

The Advance Deposit Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:842, accounts for advance deposits on suits filed by litigants. The advances are refundable to litigants after all court costs have been paid.

The Registry of Court Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:475, accounts for funds which have been ordered by the court to be held until judgment has been rendered in court litigation. Withdrawals of the funds can be made only upon order of the court.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and fiduciary funds, even though the later are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds are presented as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Governmental fund financial statements, Statement C and E, 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 Clerk considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

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However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

Revenues

Revenues from recordings, copies, and other services are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets (i.e. when the service is performed). Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

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

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (and any other financial source/use) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses).

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The government-wide financial statements, Statements A and B, are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenues are recorded 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. As a general rule, the effect of the interfund activity, if applicable, has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions, and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

E. Budgets

The Clerk of Court uses the following budget practices:

The Clerk of Court prepares a budget prior to the beginning of each fiscal year based upon prior year and anticipated current year expenditures and anticipated revenues for the budget year.

The proposed budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis (GAAP) of accounting and is made available for public inspection at least 15 days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year. The Clerk has the authority to make changes or amendments within various budget classifications.

F. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of three

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months or less from the date of acquisition. Under state law, the Clerk may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments are reported at fair market value. Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and the Clerk's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. At June 30, 2019, the Clerk had a certificate of deposit with an original maturity that exceeded 90 days in the amount of \$15,266. Interest earned on the certificate is paid to the General Fund upon maturity. The certificate of deposit is classified as an investment.

G. Inventories and Prepaid Items

The Clerk uses the purchase method for accounting for expendable supplies whereby expenditures are recognized when the items are purchased. The Clerk did not record any inventory at June 30, 2019. Certain payments for insurance reflect cost applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both the government-wide and fund financial statements. However, the Clerk did not record any prepaid items at June 30, 2019.

H. Receivables and Payables

In the government-wide financial statements, receivables consist of all revenues earned at year-end and not yet received. Allowances for uncollectible accounts receivable are based upon historical trends. In the governmental fund financial statements, receivables are recorded when they are both measurable and available.

I. Capital Assets

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

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

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture and Fixtures	7 Years
Equipment	5 Years
Computers and Software	5 Years

J. Compensated Absences

The Clerk has the following policy related to vacation and sick leave:

All employees with permanent status will be granted ten sick leave days and ten annual leave days. The employee will have until the end of the fiscal year to use their annual and sick leave days. Upon

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voluntary or involuntary termination, the employee may be compensated for unused annual leave, but will not be compensated for unused sick leave. As such, no liability exists at year end related to compensated absences.

K. Net Position and Fund Equity

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements, Management's Discussion and Analysis, for State and Local Governments*, required reclassification of net assets into three separate components. GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position*, revised the terminology by incorporating deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources into the definitions of the required components of the residual measure and by renaming that measure as net position, rather than net assets. GASB Statement No. 63 requires the following components of net position:

- **Net Investment in Capital Assets Component of Net Position**

The *net investment in capital assets* component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets or related debt also should be included in this component of net position. If there are significant unspent related debt proceeds or deferred inflows of resources at the end of the reporting period, the portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources attributable to the unspent amount should not be included in the calculation of net investment in capital assets. Instead, that portion of the debt or deferred inflows of resources should be included in the same net position component (restricted or unrestricted) as the unspent amount.

- **Restricted Component of Net Position**

The *restricted* component of net position consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Generally, a liability relates to restricted assets if the asset results from a resource flow that also results in the recognition of a liability or if the liability will be liquidated with the restricted assets reported.

- **Unrestricted Component of Net Position**

The *unrestricted* component of net position is the net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in the determination of net investment in capital assets or the restricted component of net position.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Clerk's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. The Clerk of Court adopted GASB 54 for the year ended December 31, 2011. This statement provides more clearly defined fund balance categories to make the nature and extent of the constraints placed on a government's fund balance more transparent. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used.

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- **Nonspendable.** These are amounts that cannot be spent either, because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted.** These are amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes, because of constitutional provisions, enabling legislation or constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- **Committed.** These are amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the highest level of decision making authority, which is the Clerk. To be reported as committed amounts, they cannot be used for any other purposes unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint.
- **Assigned.** These are amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed, but are intended to be used for specific purposes based on the discretion of the Clerk.
- **Unassigned.** These are all other spendable amounts that are available for any purpose, based on the discretion of the Clerk. Positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

When restricted, committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Clerk considers amounts to have been spent first out of restricted funds, then committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds as needed, unless it has been provided for otherwise in the restriction, commitment, or assignment action.

L. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the Clerk, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

M. Estimates

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

N. Reconciliations of Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund balance sheet and the government-wide statement of net position is presented in Statement D of the basic financial statements. Explanation of certain differences between the governmental fund statement of revenues, expenses, and changes in fund balances and the government-wide statement of activities is presented in Statement F of the basic financial statements.

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2. Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments

At June 30, 2019, the Clerk has cash, cash equivalents and investments (book balances) as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 383,951
Certificates of Deposits Held as Investments (Note 3)	15,266
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	175,614
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	\$ 574,831

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. 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.

Custodial credit risk as it relates to cash deposits is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned. At June 30, 2019, the Clerk has \$418,732 in deposits other than LAMP (collected bank balances), consisting of \$146,117 in non-interest bearing demand deposits and \$272,615 in interest bearing deposits. The non-interest bearing demand deposits of \$146,117 are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance of \$146,117. The \$272,615 in interest bearing deposits are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance of \$250,000 and the remaining \$22,615 is secured by pledged securities. The \$22,615 in demand deposits are exposed to custodial credit risk because while the amount is secured by pledged securities, such securities are held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3). The Clerk does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

Even if the pledged securities were considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, 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 Clerk that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The Clerk records its LAMP deposits within cash and cash equivalents.

3. Investments

Investments are categorized into these three categories of credit risk:

1. Insured or registered, or securities held by the Clerk or its agent in the Clerk's name
2. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the Clerk's name
3. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent but not in the Clerk's name

At June 30, 2019, the Clerk had only one investment in a certificate of deposit for \$15,266. It is considered a category 1 type investment and is secured from risk by \$15,266 of federal deposit insurance. In accordance with GASB 31, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Investments and for*

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External Investment Pools, all investments are carried at fair market value, with the estimated fair market value based on quoted market prices.

In accordance with GASB Codification Section I50.165, the investment in LAMP at June 30, 2019, is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section I50.164 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form. The investment in LAMP is stated at the value of the pool shares, which is the same as the fair value, and has been categorized as cash equivalents. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a nonprofit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, which was formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer in 1993. The corporation is governed by a board of directors comprised of the State Treasurer, representatives from various organizations of local government, the Government Finance Office Association of Louisiana, and the Society of Louisiana CPAs. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high-quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest.

LAMP is subject to the regulator oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

While LAMP is not required to be a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2a7, which governs registered money market funds. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA-R.S. 33:2955.

GASB 40, Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7-like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7 like investment pools:

1. Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAA by Standard and Poor's
2. Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
3. Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the five percent disclosure requirement.
4. Interest rate risk: 2a7-like investment pools are excluded from this disclosure requirement per paragraph 15 of the GASB 40 statement. However, LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. The WAM for LAMP's total investments, as provided by LAMP, is 33 days as of June 30, 2019.
5. Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is

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determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with SEC as an investment company. LAMP, Inc. issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc. That report may be obtained by calling (800) 249-5267.

The Clerk records its LAMP deposits within cash and cash equivalents.

Interest Rate Risk: The Clerk does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value arising from increasing interest rates.

4. Receivables

The Clerk had no receivables at June 30, 2019.

5. Capital Assets

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

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Governmental Activities Capital Assets:				
Furniture and Fixtures	\$ 1,899	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,899
Computers and Software	136,571	-	-	136,571
Equipment	153	-	-	153
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>138,623</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>138,623</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture and Fixtures	(1,899)	-	-	(1,899)
Computers and Software	(115,791)	(13,125)	-	(128,916)
Equipment	(153)	-	-	(153)
Total Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(117,843)</u>	<u>(13,125)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(130,968)</u>
Governmental Activities Capital, Net	<u>\$ 20,780</u>	<u>\$ (13,125)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 7,655</u>

Depreciation was charged to governmental functions as follows:

General Government	\$ <u>13,125</u>
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6. Pension Plan

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

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Clerk of Court's Retirement and Relief Fund, 11745 Bricksome Avenue, Suite B1, Baton

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Rouge, Louisiana 70816, or by calling (225) 293-1162. The plan can also be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.la.gov.

The Clerk's office implemented Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement 68 on Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Statement 71 on Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date-an Amendment of GASB 68. These standards require the Clerk's office to record its proportional share of each of the pension plans Net Pension Liability and report the following disclosures:

Plan Description

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

Retirement Benefits:

A member or former member shall be eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining twelve or more years of credited service, attaining the age of 55 years or more and terminating employment. Regular retirement benefits, payable monthly for life, equal 3 1/3 percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed one hundred percent of the monthly average final compensation. Monthly average final compensation is based on the highest compensated thirty-six consecutive months, with a limit of increase of 10% in each of the last three years of measurement. For those members hired on or after July 1, 2006, compensation is based on the highest compensated sixty consecutive months with a limit of 10% increase in each of the last six years of measurement. Act 273 of the 2010 regular session applied the sixty consecutive months to all members. This Act has a transition period for those members who retire on or after January 1, 2011 and before December 31, 2012. Additionally, Act 273 of the 2010 regular session increased a member's retirement to age 60 with an accrual rate of 3% for all members hired on or after January 1, 2011. A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age but after completing twelve years' credited service becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

Disability Benefits:

Effective through June 2008, a member who has been officially certified as totally and permanently disabled by the State Medical Disability Board shall be paid disability retirement benefits determined and computed as follows:

- 1) A member who is totally and permanently disabled solely as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties shall be paid monthly benefits equal to the greater of one-half of his monthly average final compensation or, at the option of the disability retiree, two and one-half percent of his monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of his years of credited service; however, such monthly benefit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars for each year of his credited service or two-thirds of his monthly average final compensation, whichever is less.

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- 2) A member who has ten or more years of credited service and who is totally and permanently disabled due to any cause not the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties shall be paid monthly benefits equal to three percent of his monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of his years of credited service; however, such monthly benefit shall not exceed thirty-five dollars for each year of his credited service or eighty percent of his monthly average final compensation whichever is less.

The following is effective for any disability retiree whose application for disability retirement is approved on or after July 1, 2008. The provisions related to the calculation of benefits will apply to any disability retiree whose application for disability retirement was approved before July 1, 2008, for benefits due and payable on or after January 1, 2008.

A member is eligible to receive disability retirement benefits from the Fund if he or she is certified to be totally and permanently disabled pursuant to R.S. 11:218 and one of the following applies:

- 1) The member's disability was caused solely as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of their official duties.
- 2) The member has at least ten years of service credit.

A member who has been certified as totally and permanently disabled will be paid monthly disability retirement benefits equal to the greater of:

- 1) Forty percent of their monthly average final compensation.
- 2) Seventy-five percent of their monthly regular retirement benefit computed pursuant to R.S. 11:1521(c).

A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age but after completing twelve years' credited service becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

Survivor Benefits:

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

Deferred Retirement Option Plan:

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who is eligible for a service retirement allowance may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement

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Option Plan (DROP) for up to thirty-six months and defer the receipt of benefits. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, active membership in the Fund terminates and the participant's contributions cease; however, employer contributions continue. Compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the plan.

The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan account.

Upon termination of employment at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the program may receive, at his option, a lump sum payment from the Fund. If employment is not terminated at the end of the participation period, payments into the account cease and the member resumes active contribution membership in the Fund. Interest is paid on DROP account balances for members who complete their DROP participation but do not terminate employment. Interest accruals cease upon termination of employment. Upon termination, the member receives a lump sum payment from the DROP fund equal to the payments made to that fund on his behalf or a true annuity based on his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). The monthly benefit payments that were being paid into the DROP fund are paid to the retiree and an additional benefit based on his additional service rendered since termination of DROP participation is calculated using the normal method of benefit computation. The average compensation used to calculate the additional benefit is that used to calculate the original benefit unless his period of additional service is at least thirty-six months. In no event can the entire monthly benefit amount paid to the retiree exceed 100% of the average compensation used to compute the additional benefit. If a participant dies during the period participation in the program, a lump sum payment equal to his account balance is paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate.

Cost of Living Adjustments:

The Board of Trustees is authorized to provide a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one full calendar year. The increase cannot exceed the lesser of 2.5% of the retiree's benefit or an increase of forty dollars per month. The Louisiana statutes allow the Board to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries over age 65 equal to 2% of the benefit paid on October 1, 1977 or the member's retirement date if later.

In order to grant any cost of living increases, the Fund must meet criteria as detailed in the Louisiana statutes related to funding status.

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

Employer Contributions

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2019, the actual employer contribution rate was 19%.

In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special fund situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2019.

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Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the Clerk of Court is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate, at June 30, 2019, is 19 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also included one-fourth of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. The contribution requirements of plan members and the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 2019, 2018, and 2017, were \$82,578, \$57,032 and \$80,904 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year. The Clerk has a payable to the Louisiana Clerk of Court's Retirement and Relief Fund at June 30, 2019 for \$6,941 due to legally required contributions.

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

At June 30, 2019, the Clerk reported a liability of \$537,733 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the System. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2018 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Clerk's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Clerk's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contribution of all participating, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2018, the Clerk's proportion was 0.3233%, which was a decrease of 0.0058% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2017.

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Clerk recognized pension expense of \$127,175 representing its proportionate share of the System's net expense, including amortization of deferred amounts.

At June 30, 2019, the Clerk reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 14,271	\$ 5,312
Changes of Assumptions	55,869	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	10,264	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	(1,706)	36,010
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	57,577	-
Total	\$ 136,275	\$ 41,322

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The Clerk reported a total of \$57,577 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2018 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2020.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	
2019	\$ 46,556
2020	22,604
2021	(7,779)
2022	16,783
	\$ 78,164

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2018 is as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2018
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment Rate of Return	6.75%, net of investment expense
Projected Salary Increases	5.00%
Inflation Rate	2.5%
Mortality Rates	RP-2000 Employee Table (set back 4 years for males and 3 years for females) RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Table (set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females) RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table (set forward 1 year for males) and projected to 2030 using scale AA for males and females
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2018 – 5 Years 2017 – 5 Years 2016 – 5 Years 2015 – 5 Years 2014 – 5 Years
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and

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includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The actuarial assumptions used are based on the assumptions used in the 2018 actuarial funding valuation which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2014, unless otherwise specified. In cases where benefit structures were changes after the experience study period, assumptions were based on future experiences.

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

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

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

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

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

The following table presents the Clerk's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each Retirement System as well as what the Clerk's proportionate share of the NPL 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 used by each of the Retirement Systems:

	1% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1% Increase
	<u>5.75%</u>	<u>6.75%</u>	<u>7.75%</u>
LCCRRF			
Rates of St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court Share of NPL	\$ 822,075	\$ 537,733	\$ 302,039

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7. Other Post-Employment Benefits

Plan Description. The Clerk’s defined benefit postemployment health care plan provides OPEB to eligible retired employees and their beneficiaries. The plan provides OPEB for permanent full-time employees of the Clerk. The Clerk’s OPEB plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Clerk. Benefits are provided through the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Trust (“LCCIT”), a multiple-employer healthcare plan administered by the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association. Louisiana Revised Statute 13:783 grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75. The premium rates are established and may be amended by the LCCIT board of trustees, with the Clerk determining the contribution requirements of the retirees.

Benefits provided. The Clerk provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms provide for payment of 50% of retiree and 0% of dependent pre-Medicare health, Medicare Supplement, vision, and dental insurance premiums. The plan also provides for payment of 100% of retiree life insurance premiums.

Employees covered by benefit terms. At January 1, 2018, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefits payments	2
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving receiving benefits payments	0
Active Employees	3
Total	5

The Clerk’s total OPEB liability of \$284,564 was measured as of June 30, 2019 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2018.

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

Inflation:	2.40%	
Salary increases, including inflation:	3.00%	
Discount Rate:	3.13%	
Health Care Cost Trend Rates:		
Medical:		-4.76 % in first year, the 6.75% decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 5.0%.
Medicare Supplement:		Initially 5.5%, decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.0%. Include 2% per year for aging.
Dental:		-0.69% for 2019, 3.25% for 2020, decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.0% for 2021 and later years.

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Vision: -9.98% for 2019, then 3.0% per year

Retirees' Share of Benefit-Related

Costs:

Medical:	50% for retirees and 100% for dependents.
Medicare Supplement:	50% for retirees and 100% for dependents.
Dental:	50% for retirees and 100% for dependents.
Vision:	50% for retirees and 100% for dependents.
Basic Life Insurance	0%

The discount rate was based on the 6/30/2019 Fidelity General Obligation AA 20-Year Yield.

Mortality rates for active employees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Employee mortality table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2018 for males or females, as appropriate.

Mortality rates for retired employees were based on the PubG.H-2010 Healthy Annuitant mortality table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2018 for males or females, as appropriate.

The actuarial assumptions used in the valuation were based on those used in the Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund valuation and actuarial experience.

Changes in Total OPEB Liability

	Total OPEB Liability
Balance at 6/30/2018	<u>\$ 290,976</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service Cost	4,729
Interest	9,067
Differences between expected and actual experience	(33,222)
Changes in Assumptions/Inputs	25,058
Change in Benefit Terms	-
Benefit payments	(12,044)
Administrative Expense	-
Net Changes	<u>(6,412)</u>
Balance at 6/30/2019	<u><u>\$ 284,564</u></u>

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate. The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk, as well as what the Clerk's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.31 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.31 percent) than the current discount rate:

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Greensburg, Louisiana**

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	1% Decrease (2.31%)	Discount Rate (3.31%)	1% Increase (4.31%)
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 326,772	\$ 290,976	\$ 261,110

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

	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$ 257,081	\$ 284,564	\$ 316,741

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

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Clerk recognized an OPEB expense of \$11,723. At June 30, 2019, the Clerk reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources and related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ -	\$ 30,532
Changes of Assumptions or Other Inputs	20,881	-
Total	\$ 20,881	\$ 30,532

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

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Year	
2020	\$ 3,651
2021	3,651
2022	3,651
2023	3,651
2024	3,651
Thereafter	12,088

8. Accounts and Other Payables

	General Fund	Fiduciary Funds	Total
Accounts	\$ 940	\$ -	\$ 940
Other Accrued Liabilities	12,052	-	12,052
Held in Trust for Taxing Bodies and Others	-	526,073	526,073
Total Current Payables	\$ 12,992	\$ 526,073	\$ 539,065

9. Short-Term Debt

The Clerk did not have any short-term debt at June 30, 2019.

10. Leases

The Clerk did not have any leases at June 30, 2019.

11. Long-Term Obligations

The Clerk did not have any long-term obligations at June 30, 2019, except for the unfunded OPEB obligation as described in Note 7 and Net Pension Liability described in Note 6.

12. Risk Management

The Clerk is exposed to various risks of loss related to theft, damage, or destruction of assets, torts, injuries, natural disasters, and many other unforeseeable events. The Clerk purchases commercial insurance policies and bonds for any and all claims related to the aforementioned risks. The Clerk's payment of the insurance policy deductible is the only liability associated with these policies and bonds. There has been no significant decrease in insurance coverage from the prior year, and the amount of settlements has not exceeded the insurance coverage for the past three fiscal years.

13. Contingent Liabilities

At June 30, 2019, the Clerk was not involved in any outstanding litigation or claims requiring accrual or disclosure.

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Greensburg, Louisiana**

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14. On-Behalf Payments

For the year ended June 30, 2019, the Clerk received \$24,500 from the Clerk's Supplemental Compensation Fund. The payments are recorded as Clerk's Supplemental Compensation revenue and as salaries in the General Fund.

15. Interfund Receivables / Payables

	<u>Due From Other Funds</u>	<u>Due To Other Funds</u>
General Fund	\$ 14,112	\$ -
Advanced Deposit Fund	-	14,112
Total Current Payables	<u>\$ 14,112</u>	<u>\$ 14,112</u>

The Advance Deposit Fund owes the General Fund \$14,112 for civil fee charges collected. This amount was paid to the General Fund in July 2019.

16. Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated by management through December 17, 2019 the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events were noted that require recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

Required Supplemental Information (Part II)

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual
General Fund - Detail
For the year ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>GAAP Basis</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
Revenues				
Court Costs,				
Fees and Charges	\$ 204,985	\$ 193,000	\$ 210,577	\$ 17,577
Fees for Recording				
Legal Documents	164,100	150,000	165,502	15,502
Fees for Certified Copies	98,500	54,000	51,476	(2,524)
Interest Earnings	15	28	153	125
Licenses and Permits	4,900	2,800	3,026	226
Birth Certificates	17,700	18,300	18,619	319
Grant Revenues	-	4,226	4,226	-
Other Revenues	-	-	108	108
Clerk's Supplemental Pay	21,700	23,800	24,500	700
Total Revenues	<u>511,900</u>	<u>446,154</u>	<u>478,187</u>	<u>32,033</u>
Expenditures				
Accounting Fees	15,000	11,000	9,038	1,962
Birth Certificates	7,900	7,900	8,102	(202)
Conventions	1,800	1,800	1,817	(17)
Dues and Subscriptions	4,000	5,000	2,239	2,761
Election Expense	3,000	3,000	2,787	213
Insurance	2,500	2,500	2,000	500
Insurance, Health	29,400	28,000	27,439	561
Insurance, Workers Comp.	1,300	1,300	-	1,300
Marriage License Fees	600	600	107	493
Miscellaneous	600	600	678	(78)
Office Supplies	2,500	9,000	1,895	7,105
Payroll Taxes	8,500	6,000	5,842	158
Portal Fee	4,000	4,000	3,603	397
Postage	2,000	2,000	3,069	(1,069)
Retirement	80,500	80,500	82,578	(2,078)
Salaries	338,500	338,500	343,879	(5,379)
Supplemental Pay	6,800	6,800	4,357	2,443
Telephone	3,000	3,000	3,562	(562)
Total Expenditures	<u>511,900</u>	<u>511,500</u>	<u>502,992</u>	<u>8,508</u>
Net Change in Fund Balances	<u>-</u>	<u>(65,346)</u>	<u>(24,805)</u>	<u>40,541</u>
Fund Balances, Beginning	<u>24,727</u>	<u>74,683</u>	<u>74,683</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balances, Ending	<u>\$ 24,727</u>	<u>\$ 9,337</u>	<u>\$ 49,878</u>	<u>\$ 40,541</u>

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Schedule 2

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Schedule of Changes in the Clerk's Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
June 30, 2019**

Total OPEB Liability	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Service Cost	\$ 5,043	\$ 4,729
Interest	10,506	9,067
Changes of benefit terms	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(4,272)	(33,222)
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	-	25,058
Benefit payments	<u>(10,960)</u>	<u>(12,044)</u>
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	317	(6,412)
Total OPEB Liability - Beginning	<u>290,659</u>	<u>290,976</u>
Total OPEB Liability - Ending	<u><u>\$ 290,976</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 284,564</u></u>
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 329,430	\$ 329,576
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	88.33%	86.34%

Notes to Schedule:

Changes of Benefit Terms: None

Changes of Assumptions: Changes of assumption and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount rate each period. The following are the discount rates used in each period:

2018	3.62%
2019	3.13%

Mortality Rates

2018	RPH-2014 Employee and Healthy Annuity, Ge with MP-2018
2019	PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Annuitar Generational with MP-2018.

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St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Schedule of the Clerk's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability
For the year ended June 30, 2019

Actuarial Valuation Date	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
June 30, 2015	0.3380%	\$ 455,886	\$ 324,637	140.4295%	79.3714%
June 30, 2016	0.3616%	\$ 542,425	\$ 327,147	165.8047%	78.1291%
June 30, 2017	0.3627%	\$ 670,902	\$ 331,634	202.3019%	74.1703%
June 30, 2018	0.3291%	\$ 497,910	\$ 332,529	149.7343%	79.6913%
June 30, 2019	0.3233%	\$ 537,733	\$ 303,037	177.4480%	79.0719%

Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years.

Additional years will be displayed as they become available

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Schedule 4

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Schedule of the Clerk's Contributions
June 30, 2019**

Actuarial Valuation Date	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions Relations to Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2015	\$ 69,607	\$ 69,607	\$ -	\$ 327,147	21.2770%
June 30, 2016	\$ 75,724	\$ 75,724	\$ -	\$ 331,634	22.8336%
June 30, 2017	\$ 80,904	\$ 80,904	\$ -	\$ 296,894	27.2501%
June 30, 2018	\$ 57,032	\$ 57,032	\$ -	\$ 299,794	19.0237%
June 30, 2019	\$ 57,577	\$ 57,577	\$ -	\$ 303,037	19.0000%

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Other Supplemental Information

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Combining Schedule of Changes in Unsettled Deposits
Fiduciary Funds - Agency Funds
For the year ended June 30, 2019

	<u>Advance Deposit Fund</u>	<u>Registry of Court Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Unsettled Deposits, Beginning of the Year	\$ 73,462	\$ 211,142	\$ 284,604
Additions			
Suits and Successions	239,245	200,000	439,245
Interest Earned	727	5,268	5,995
Total Additions	<u>239,972</u>	<u>205,268</u>	<u>445,240</u>
Reductions			
Clerk's Costs	-	619	619
Civil Fees	163,259	20,746	184,005
Sheriff's Fees	8,194	-	8,194
Other Reductions	10,953	-	10,953
Total Reductions	<u>182,406</u>	<u>21,365</u>	<u>203,771</u>
Unsettled Deposits, End of the Year	<u>\$ 131,028</u>	<u>\$ 395,045</u>	<u>\$ 526,073</u>

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St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
For the year ended June 30, 2019

Agency Head Name: Mildred Cyprian, Clerk of Court

Purpose	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$ 110,263
Clerk's Supplemental Compensation	24,500
Vehicle Expense Allowance	20,929
Clerk's Expense Allowance	13,465
Custodian of Voting Machines	2,400
Benefits, Insurance	6,934
Benefits, Retirement	40,392
Registration Fees	450
Conference Travel	867
Total	<u><u>\$ 220,200</u></u>

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Other Independent Auditor's Reports and Findings and Recommendations



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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 Honorable Mildred Cyprian
St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Post Office Box 308
Greensburg, Louisiana 70441

We have audited 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, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the general fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court, Greensburg, Louisiana, a component unit of the St. Helena Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2019.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Current year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses as item 2019-01 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's Response to Findings

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses. St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management and the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed to the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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December 17, 2019

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Greensburg, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Current Year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

We have audited the basic financial statements of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court as of and for the year ended June 30, 2019, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2019. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2019 resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I – Summary of Auditor’s Reports

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

Internal Control
Material Weakness, No Significant Deficiencies, Yes

Compliance
Compliance Material to Financial Statements, No

b. Federal Awards

Not Applicable

Was a management letter issued? No

Section II – Financial Statement Findings

Internal Control

2019-01 Accountant Cannot Prepare Financial Statements

Criteria:

The Clerk of Court must prepare the basic financial statements of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units.

Condition:

The Clerk of Court’s accountant cannot draft the Clerk of Court’s financial statements.

Cause:

The St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court’s job description for an accountant does not require the accountant to have the technical skills to prepare the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court.

Effect:

As part of the audit, the auditor assisted with preparation of the financial statements and related notes.

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Greensburg, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Current Year Findings, Recommendations, and Responses
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

Recommendation:

We recommend the Clerk of Court review the cost benefit of hiring an accountant with the technical skills to prepare the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court.

Management's Response:

The Clerk of Court will review the cost benefit of hiring an accountant with the required expertise to prepare the financial statements on an annual basis. Responsible Party, Mildred Cyprian (225) 222-4514

**St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
Greensburg, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2019**

2018-01 Accountant Cannot Prepare Financial Statements

Condition:

The Clerk of Court's accountant cannot draft the Clerk of Court's financial statements.

Recommendation:

We recommend the Clerk of Court review the cost benefit of hiring an accountant with the technical skills to prepare the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court.

Resolved:

See Finding 2019-01

St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court

Independent Accountant's Report on Applying
Agreed Upon Procedures

As of and for the Year Then Ended June 30, 2019



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Mildred Cyprian
St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court
P.O. Box 308
Greensburg, LA 70441

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. The St. Helena Parish Clerk of Court's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

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

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the public bid law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving

- d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).
- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process
- g) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)
- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers
- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

Results:

Management currently does not have any written policies and procedures.

Management's Response:

The Clerk is currently working on establishing written policies and procedures and will be completed by June 30, 2020.

Board or Finance Committee

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund and major special revenue funds, as well as monthly financial statements (or budget-to-actual comparisons, if budgeted) for major proprietary funds. *Alternately, for those entities reporting on the non-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
 - c) For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.

Bank Reconciliations

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for selected each account, and observe that:
 - a) Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);
 - b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - c) Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

Collections (excluding EFTs)

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year or compensating controls have fully mitigated the underlying control risk.)

4. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
 - e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year or compensating controls have fully mitigated the underlying control risk.)

8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:
 - a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

[Note: Exceptions to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); should not be reported.])

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.
 - b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

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

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

11. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:
 - a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder. [Note: Requiring such approval may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality); these instances should not be reported.]
 - b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a “missing receipt statement” that is subject to increased scrutiny.

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

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

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

- d) Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

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

Payroll and Personnel

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

Results:

I randomly selected 5 employees and agreed paid salaries to authorized pay rates in the personnel files. No exceptions noted.

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

Results:

No exceptions noted.

- b) Observe that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.

Results:

No exceptions noted.

- c) Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records.

Results:

No exceptions noted.

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

Results:

No employees were terminated in through July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. No exceptions noted.

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

Results:

All employer and employee portions of payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, and workers' compensation premiums have been paid by required deadlines. No exceptions noted.

Ethics

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

- 20. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above: obtain ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.
 - b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

Debt Service

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

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

Other

(The following procedures were not performed since there were no exceptions in the prior year.)

23. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled.
24. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

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

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

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