

OUACHITA PARISH ASSESSOR

*Component Unit Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017*



**OUACHITA PARISH ASSESSOR
MONROE, LOUISIANA
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Stephanie Smith, CLA
Ouachita Parish Assessor

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ouachita Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Louisiana as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Assessor's component unit financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

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

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ouachita Parish Assessor, as of December 31, 2017, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Others Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 4 through 9, the budgetary comparison information on pages 36 and 37, the schedule of funding progress for the retiree health plan on page 38, the schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability on page 39, and the schedule of the employer's pension contribution on page 40 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Ouachita Parish Assessor's basic financial statements. The accompanying other financial information consisting of the schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head on Page 45 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The other supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statement or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the other supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 12, 2018, on our consideration of the Ouachita Parish Assessor'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 Ouachita Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cameron, Hines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
June 12, 2018

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Management's Discussion And Analysis As Of and For The Year Ended December 31, 2017

As Management of the Ouachita Parish Assessor, I offer readers of the Ouachita Parish Assessor's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Ouachita Parish Assessor as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017. I encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with the Assessor's basic financial statements and supplementary information provided in this report in assessing the efficiency and effectiveness of our stewardship of public resources.

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

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The assets of the Assessor exceeded its liabilities at December 31, 2017, by \$994,545 (net position).
- The Assessor's net position increased by \$203,891 as a result of this year's operations.
- Total net position are comprised of the following:
 - (1) Net investment in capital assets of \$3,362, which includes property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation.
 - (2) Unrestricted net position of \$991,183, represent the portion available to maintain the Assessor's continuing obligations to citizens and creditors.
- At December 31, 2017, the Assessor's governmental funds consist solely of the Assessor's general fund. The Assessor's governmental funds reported a total ending fund balance of \$3,911,690, an increase of \$413,459 over the prior year, including expenditures for capital assets. The entire fund balance of \$3,911,690 is unassigned and available for spending at the Assessor's discretion.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management's Discussion and Analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Ouachita Parish Assessor's basic financial statements. In accordance with GASB No. 34, the Ouachita Parish Assessor's basic financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the basic financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements.

Government-wide Financial Statements. The government-wide financial statements of the Assessor report information about the Assessor using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. They present the financial picture of the Assessor from an economic resources measurement focus using the accrual basis of accounting. These statements include all assets of the Assessor (including capital assets) as well as all liabilities (including long-term obligations).

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

The *Statement of Activities* presents the current year's revenues and expenses and other information showing how the Assessor's net position changed during the year. The change in net position is reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods.

The government-wide financial statements are presented on pages 10 - 11 of this report.

Fund Financial Statements. A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Assessor, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Assessor are categorized as governmental funds.

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

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on pages 10 – 11 of this report.

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

Other Supplemental Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain required supplementary information concerning the Assessor's budget presentation. The general fund's budgetary comparison schedule is included as "required supplementary information." This schedule demonstrates compliance with the Assessor's adopted and final revised budget. Other required supplemental information includes the schedule of funding progress for the retiree health plan, schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability and the schedule of employer's pension contribution. Required supplementary information is information that the accounting rules strongly suggest be presented within the Assessor's financial report. Other supplementary information included is the schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS

The Assessor implemented the new financial reporting model used in this report beginning with the calendar year ended December 31, 2004. Over time, as we accumulate year-to-year financial information on a consistent basis, changes in net position may be observed and used to discuss the changing financial position of the Assessor as a whole.

The Assessor's net position at December 31, 2017 and 2016 are summarized as follows:

Summary of Net Position

	Governmental Activities <u>2017</u>	Governmental Activities <u>2016</u>	Governmental Activities <u>Variance</u>
Assets:			
Current and Other Assets	\$ 3,928,393	\$ 3,516,224	\$ 412,169
Capital Assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>3,362</u>	<u>7,395</u>	<u>(4,033)</u>
Total Assets	<u>3,931,755</u>	<u>3,523,619</u>	<u>408,136</u>
Deferred Outflows of Resources	321,740	436,122	(114,382)
Liabilities:			
Current Liabilities	16,703	23,412	(6,709)
Long-Term Liabilities	<u>2,926,767</u>	<u>3,023,450</u>	<u>(96,683)</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>2,943,470</u>	<u>3,046,862</u>	<u>(103,392)</u>
Deferred Inflows of Resources	315,480	122,225	193,255
Net position:			
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,362	7,395	(4,033)
Unrestricted	<u>991,183</u>	<u>783,259</u>	<u>207,924</u>
Total Net position	<u>\$ 994,545</u>	<u>\$ 790,654</u>	<u>\$ 203,891</u>

The largest components of the Assessors' total assets are: (1) cash of \$1,962,867 or 49.9%; and (2) ad valorem taxes receivable of \$1,965,526 or 49.9%. Of the Assessor's total liabilities, the largest component is post-employment benefit obligations of \$2,926,767 or 99.4%.

As noted earlier, net position (total assets less total liabilities) may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, the Assessor's net position totaled \$994,545. A portion of the Assessor's net position reflects its investments in capital assets (equipment). Capital assets are non-liquid assets and cannot be utilized to satisfy the Assessor's obligations. The unrestricted net position of the Assessor is available for future use to provide program services. The unrestricted net position equals approximately 51% of the total operating expenses (excluding depreciation expense) for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, which is equivalent to about 6 months of these expenses. This measure is an estimate of how long the Assessor might be expected to operate on its current resources.

The Assessor's change in net position for the year ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 is summarized as follows:

Summary Statement of Changes in Net position

	<u>Governmental Activities</u> 2017	<u>Governmental Activities</u> 2016	<u>Governmental Activities</u> Variance
Revenues:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 30,128	\$ 39,331	\$ (9,203)
General Revenues			
Property Taxes	2,001,539	1,920,996	80,543
State Revenue Sharing	83,693	84,193	(500)
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	14,264	13,740	524
Unrestricted Investment Earnings	24,196	8,790	15,406
Other	-	750	(750)
Total Revenues	<u>2,153,820</u>	<u>2,067,800</u>	<u>86,020</u>
Expenses:			
Salaries and Related Benefits	1,702,078	1,676,820	25,258
Operating Expenses	111,759	100,957	10,802
Materials and Supplies	89,491	91,057	(1,566)
Administration and Education	42,568	41,056	1,512
Depreciation	4,033	6,189	(2,156)
Total Expenses	<u>1,949,929</u>	<u>1,916,079</u>	<u>33,850</u>
Change in Net position	203,891	151,721	52,170
Net position – Beginning	790,654	638,933	151,721
Net position - Ending	<u>\$ 994,545</u>	<u>\$ 790,654</u>	<u>\$ 203,891</u>

Governmental activities increased net position by \$203,891 for the year ended December 31, 2017.

Key elements of the analysis of government-wide revenues and expenses reflect the following:

- The Assessor is heavily dependent on property taxes to support its operations. Property taxes provided 93% of the Assessor's total revenues for 2017 and 2016.
- Revenue sharing provided by the State of Louisiana and program revenues totaled approximately 4% of the Assessor's current year resources for 2017 and 2016.
- The Assessor's operations are primarily staff oriented. As a result, employee salaries and benefits make up approximately 87% of the total expenses and increased by \$25,258 from 2016 to 2017.
- Operating expenses increased by \$10,802 from 2016 to 2017 while materials and supplies decreased by \$1,566 from 2016 to 2017.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

The Assessor uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The financial statements of the Assessor present its General Fund. The General Fund is the Assessor's operating fund and the source of day-to-day service delivery. As discussed, the General Fund is useful in assessing the resources available at the end of the year in comparison with upcoming requirements.

At December 31, 2017, the Assessor's General Fund balance (total assets less total liabilities) totaled \$3,911,690. The Assessor's unassigned fund balance increased \$413,459 from 2016 to 2017.

Total revenues reflect 4.16% (\$86,020) increase in 2017 as compared to 2016, due primarily to an increase of \$80,543 in property tax. Such increase in property taxes resulted primarily from new assessments (new residential and commercial real estate construction and business inventory, furniture & fixtures) being added to the tax roll. The Assessor's millage rate for 2017 was 1.83.

Total expenditures, including capital outlay, increased by \$39,233, or 2.31%, from 2016 to 2017. The most significant increase in expenditures occurred in salaries and operating services, which increased by \$29,103 and 10,802, respectively, from 2016 to 2017 but were offset by a decrease in materials and supplies.

GENERAL BUDGETARY ANALYSIS

The Assessor employs formal budgetary integration as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual include the original adopted budget amounts and the final amended budget amounts. Original budgets for each year are adopted on or before December 31 of the year, preceding, the budget year. The original budget is based on estimated revenues, estimated expenses, and other financial information known to the Assessor at the time of the adoption of the budget. Amendments to the original budget are made throughout the year as changes in operations, in expected funding levels, and in estimated expenditures, occur. The final amended budget is prepared at the time the Assessor anticipates no additional significant increases or decreases in revenues and expenses for the year and no expected changes in operations.

The original budgeted revenues and expenses were not amended during 2017. The favorable variance between the budgeted revenues and actual revenues for the year ended December 31, 2017, totaled \$149,345, and was attributable primarily to an increase in ad valorem tax revenues. The actual expenses were less than the budgeted expenses for the year ended December 31, 2017, by \$144,936. This variance was attributed primarily to the decrease in salaries and related benefits.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capital Assets

At the end of December 31, 2017, the Assessor had invested in various capital assets, including equipment and furniture. The notes to the financial statements contain additional information regarding capital assets.

The capital assets are summarized below:

	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities	Governmental Activities
	2017	2016	Variance
Depreciable Assets:			
Furniture and Equipment	\$ 223,567	\$ 223,567	\$ -
Totals	223,567	223,567	-
Less Accumulated Depreciation	220,205	216,172	(4,033)
Book Value - Depreciable Assets	<u>\$ 3,362</u>	<u>\$ 7,395</u>	<u>\$ (4,033)</u>

Long-Term Liabilities and Commitments

The Assessor's long-term liabilities and commitments consisted of accrued compensated absences in the amount of \$4,772, post-employment benefits (insurance and pension) of \$2,921,995 and several operating leases. The notes to the financial statements contain additional information regarding long-term liabilities and operating leases.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND FUTURE OUTLOOK

The Assessor's budgeted revenues and expenditures for 2018 are comparable to 2017's actual revenues and expenditures. Furthermore, the Assessor does not anticipate any changes in its day-to-day operations that will have a material effect on its 2018 budget or operations. However, the Assessor has concerns about having adequate funding in subsequent years to properly perform the functions required of it by state law and oversight body regulations and to continue to provide the same level of service currently provided to meet the needs of the general public. The Assessor currently has in her employment approximately 20 - 24 individuals. However, national assessment standards and an independent study done by an industry expert indicate that approximately 35 - 40 employees (15 - 20 additional) are needed to adequately staff and support an assessment district the size of Ouachita Parish. The Ouachita Parish Assessor's Office is studying funding alternatives available to the assessment district to increase the equity and fairness of property assessments and to enable the office to continue with the level of service currently offered to the public.

CONTACTING THE ASSESSOR'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Assessor's finances and to show its accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Stephanie Smith, at the Ouachita Parish Assessor's Office, 300 St. John Street, Room 103 or Post Office Box 1127, Monroe, Louisiana 71210 or call at (318) 327-1300.

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Governmental Funds Balance Sheet/Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2017

	General Fund	Adjustments Note	Statement of Net Position
ASSETS			
Cash	\$ 1,962,867	\$ -	\$ 1,962,867
Receivables	1,965,526	-	1,965,526
Prepaid expenses	-	-	-
Net investment in capital assets	-	3,362	3,362
Total Assets	\$ 3,928,393	\$ 3,362	\$ 3,931,755
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ -	\$ 321,740	\$ 321,740
LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,971	\$ -	\$ 2,971
Salaries and benefits payable	13,732	-	13,732
Long-term liabilities:			
Due within one year	-	4,772	4,772
Due after one year	-	2,921,995	2,921,995
Total Liabilities	\$ 16,703	\$ 2,926,767	\$ 2,943,470
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	\$ -	\$ 315,480	\$ 315,480
FUND BALANCES/NET POSITION			
Fund balances:			
Nonspendable:			
Prepaid Expenses	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Unassigned	3,911,690	(3,911,690)	-
Total Fund Balances	\$ 3,911,690	\$ (3,911,690)	\$ -
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 3,928,393		
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets		3,362	3,362
Unrestricted		991,183	991,183
Total Net Position		\$ 994,545	\$ 994,545

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues,
Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances/
Statement of Activities
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	General Fund	Adjustments (Note 1)	Statement of Activities
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
General government-taxation:			
Salaries and related benefits	\$ 1,496,543	\$ 205,535	\$ 1,702,078
Operating services	111,759	-	111,759
Materials and supplies	86,218	-	86,218
Administration and education	42,568	-	42,568
Depreciation	-	4,033	4,033
Capital outlay	3,273	-	3,273
Total Expenditures/Expenses	<u>1,740,361</u>	<u>209,568</u>	<u>1,949,929</u>
PROGRAM REVENUES			
Charges for services	30,128	-	30,128
Net Program Expense			<u>(1,919,801)</u>
GENERAL REVENUES			
Ad valorem taxes	2,001,539	-	2,001,539
State revenue sharing	83,693	-	83,693
Payments in lieu of taxes	14,264	-	14,264
Investment earnings	24,196	-	24,196
Miscellaneous Revenue	-	-	-
Total General Revenues	<u>2,123,692</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>2,123,692</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES			
	413,459	(413,459)	-
CHANGES IN NET POSITION			
	-	203,891	203,891
FUND BALANCE/NET POSITION:			
Beginning of the Year	<u>3,498,231</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>790,654</u>
End of the Year	<u>\$ 3,911,690</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 994,545</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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**Notes to the Financial Statements
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INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a four-year term. The Assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to ad valorem taxation. The Assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as necessary for the efficient operation of her office and to provide assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the Assessor is officially responsible for the actions of the deputies.

The Assessor's office is located in the Ouachita Parish Courthouse in Monroe, Louisiana. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Assessor bases real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1 of the tax year. The Assessor completes an assessment listing and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the Assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector who is responsible for collecting and distributing taxes to the various taxing bodies.

At December 31, 2017, there 98,954 real, personal, and public service (including rolling stock) assessment listings totaling \$802,872,809, \$305,550,036, and \$203,402,160, respectively. The total assessed valuation increased by \$47,739,590.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Ouachita Parish Assessor 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.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

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

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

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

Because the police jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the Assessor's office is located, the Assessor was determined to be a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Assessor and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by the police jury, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Assessor uses funds to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprises its assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, deferred inflow of resources, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Assessor'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 Assessor. The following are the Assessor's governmental funds:

General Fund – The primary operating fund of the Assessor, 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 the Assessor's policy.

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D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund of Statements A and B are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Assessor's operations.

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

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis on January 1 of each year, attach as an enforceable lien, and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Fees for preparing tax rolls are recorded in the year prepared. Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured. Interest income on demand deposits is recorded monthly when the interest is earned and credited to the account. Other revenues are recorded in the year the service is provided or the fee is earned.

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

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for compensated absences, which are recognized during the year when leave is actually taken, and retiree post-employment costs which are recognized when paid.

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Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The column labeled Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the column labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the Assessor as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Assessor. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflow of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflow of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from the Ouachita Parish Assessor's users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Assessor's general revenues.

General Revenues - General revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived from ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, and from other sources not considered program revenues. General revenues finance the remaining balance of functions not covered by Program Revenues.

Reconciliation

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

Statement B	
Capitalization of Capital Assets	\$ -
Depreciation Expense	(4,033)
	<u>(4,033)</u>
OPEB Obligation Increase	(312,524)
Net Pension Liability Decrease (Including Deferred Inflows/Outflows)	106,342
Compensated Absences Decrease	647
Net Effect of Changes	<u>\$ (209,568)</u>
Statement A	
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 3,362
Long-term liabilities - OPEB Obligation	(2,513,338)
Long-term liabilities - Net Pension Liability	(408,657)
Long-term Liabilities - Accrued Compensated Absences	(4,772)
Net Effect of Changes	<u>\$ (2,923,405)</u>

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E. 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. Approximately 9% of fixed assets are valued at estimated historical costs based on the actual costs of like items while the remaining 91% are based on actual historical costs. The Assessor maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets and related expenses are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, respectively, but are not reported in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Equipment and Furniture	5 – 10 years

F. GOVERNMENT-WIDE NET POSITION

Government-wide net position is divided into three components:

- **Net investment in capital assets** – consist of the historical cost of capital assets less accumulated depreciation and less any debt that remains outstanding that was used to finance those assets.
- **Restricted net position** – consist of net position that are restricted by the Assessor's creditors, by the state enabling legislation, by grantors, and by other contributors.
- **Unrestricted** – all other net position are reported in this category.

G. GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCES

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- **Nonspendable** – 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** – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.
- **Committed** – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by the Assessor through ordinance or resolution.
- **Assigned** – Amounts that are designated by the Assessor for a particular purpose.
- **Unassigned** – All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

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H. USE OF RESTRICTED RESOURCES

When an expense is incurred that can be paid using either restricted or unrestricted resources (net position), the Assessor's policy is to first apply the expense toward restricted resources and then toward unrestricted resources. In governmental funds, the Assessor's policy is to first apply the expenditure toward restricted fund balance and then to other, less-restrictive classifications—committed and then assigned fund balances before using unassigned fund balances.

I. ESTIMATES

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

J. SICK AND VACATION LEAVE

Permanent full-time employees earn 10 to 30 days of vacation leave, 10 days of sick leave each year, and 2 to 4 personal days, depending on length of service. Accrued vacation leave is payable upon retirement or termination and up to 30 hours may be carried forward from one fiscal year to the next fiscal year. Sick leave is cumulative to a maximum of 270 hours, but all accumulated sick leave is forfeited upon retirement or resignation. Personal leave cannot be carried forward to the next year. At December 31, 2017, employees have accumulated and vested \$4,772 of employee leave benefits, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60.

K. RISK MANAGEMENT

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

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2. PRINCIPAL TAXPAYERS

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

	Taxable Assessed Valuation	
	Amount	Percent of Total
Entergy	\$ 86,716,698	6.61%
Graphic Packaging International, Inc.	48,028,154	3.66%
ETC Tiger Pipeline	20,835,900	1.59%
Angus Chemical Company	18,130,786	1.38%
Kinder Morgan	15,820,340	1.21%
Gulf Crossing Pipeline	13,190,790	1.01%
Gulf South Pipeline	12,556,340	0.96%
CenturyLink	11,163,797	0.85%
Atmos Energy	10,326,780	0.79%
AT&T Corporation	10,233,590	0.78%
Total	<u>\$ 247,003,175</u>	<u>18.84%</u>

3. DEPOSITS AND CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Under state law, the Assessor may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Assessor may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2017, the Assessor has a cash balance (book balance) totaling \$1,962,867, as follows:

Demand deposits	<u>\$1,962,867</u>
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The Assessor's deposits (bank balances) totalled \$1,964,165 at December 31, 2017. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be collateralized by Federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities. 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. Also, 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 Assessor that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. At December 31, 2017, these deposits were collateralized in full.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Assessor's deposits may not be returned to it. The Assessor does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2017, none of the Assessor's deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

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4. RECEIVABLES

The General Fund receivables of \$1,965,526 at December 31, 2017, are as follows:

Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,867,322
In Lieu of Taxes	14,265
State Revenue Sharing	83,693
Intergovernmental Receivable	-
Other Receivables	246
Total	<u>\$ 1,965,526</u>

5. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets follows:

	December 31, 2016	Additions	Retirements/ Adjustments	December 31, 2017
Governmental Activities:				
Equipment and Furniture	\$ 223,567	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 223,567
Less Accumulated Depreciation:				
Equipment and Furniture	216,172	4,033	-	220,205
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 7,395</u>	<u>\$ (4,033)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 3,362</u>

6. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Accounts payable of \$2,971, as reported in the Statement of Net Position at December 31, 2017, consists of operating trade payables.

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7. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations consist of compensated absences in the amount of \$4,772 and other post-employment benefits obligations of \$2,921,995. The following is a summary of the changes in long-term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2017.

	<u>Compensated Absences</u>	<u>Net OPEB Obligation and Net Pension Liability</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 5,419	\$3,023,450	\$3,028,869
Additions and Adjustments	-	-	-
Reductions	<u>(647)</u>	<u>(101,455)</u>	<u>(102,102)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2017	4,772	2,921,995	2,926,767
Less amount due within one year	<u>(4,772)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(4,772)</u>
Amount due after one year	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,921,995</u>	<u>\$2,921,995</u>

8. PENSION PLAN

All full-time employees of the Ouachita Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System (System), a multiple-employer (cost-sharing), defined benefit plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The plan provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to employees of assessor's offices throughout the state of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund's office as provided for in LRS 11:2171

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement System, 3060 Valley Creek Road, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808, or by calling (225) 928-8886.

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The Assessor'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 Assessor's office to record its proportional share of each of the pension plans Net Pension Liability and report the following disclosures:

Plan Description

The following brief description of the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary (collectively referred to as the "Fund") is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the Plan Agreement for more complete information.

Pension Benefits

Employees who were hired before October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits upon attaining 30 years of creditable service at any age, or 12 years of creditable service and 55 years of age. Employees who were hired on or after October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they have either reached the age of sixty and have at least twelve years of service or have reached the age of 55 and have at least thirty years of service.

Employees who became members prior to October 1, 2006, are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to 3.33 percent of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay, multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100% of final compensation. Employees who became members on or after October 1, 2006 will have their benefit based on the highest 60 months of consecutive service.

Employees who became members on or after October 1, 2013 without 30 years of service credit will have their benefit based on 3 percent of their highest monthly average final compensation received during any sixty consecutive months. Those starting on or after October 1, 2013 with 30 years or more of credible service shall be paid based on 3.33% of the highest monthly average final compensation received during any sixty consecutive months while employed in an assessor's office.

If employees terminate before rendering 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the employer's contributions. Employees may elect to receive benefits in a retirement allowance payable throughout life, or he/she may elect at that time to receive the actuarial equivalent of his/her retirement allowance in a reduced retirement payable throughout life with the following options:

1. If the member dies before he/she has received any retirement payments purchased by his contributions the amount he/she had contributed to the fund before his/her retirement, the balance shall be paid to his legal representatives or to such person as he shall nominate by written designation duly acknowledge and filed with the board.
2. Upon a member's death, his/her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to his/her surviving spouse, upon written designation by the member duly acknowledged and filed with the board of trustees at the time of his/her retirement.

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3. Upon the member's death, one-half of his/her reduced retirement allowance shall be continued throughout the life of and paid to his or her surviving spouse, upon written designation by the members duly acknowledged and filed with the board of trustees at the time of his/her retirement.
4. Some other benefit or benefits shall be paid either to the member or to such person or persons as he shall nominate provided, such other benefit or benefits together with the reduced retirement allowance shall be of equivalent actuarial value to his retirement allowance and approved by the board of trustees, at the election of the member, which benefit shall be in lieu of any other option provided herein.

Death Benefits

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

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

Disability Benefits

The Board of Trustees shall award disability benefits to eligible members who have been officially certified as disabled by the State Medical Disability Board. The disability benefit shall be the lesser of (1) or (2) as set forth below:

1. A sum equal to the greater of forty-five percent (45%) of final average compensation, or the member's accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability;
or
2. The retirement benefit which would be payable assuming accrued credible service plus additional accrued service, if any, to the earliest normal retirement age based on final average compensation at the time of termination of employment due to disability.

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

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Back-Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Back-DROP)

In lieu of receiving a normal retirement benefit pursuant to R.S. 11:1421 through 1423, an eligible member of the Fund may elect to retire and have their benefits structured, calculated and paid as provided in this section.

An active, contributing member of the Fund shall be eligible for Back-DROP only if all of the following apply:

1. The member has accrued more service credit than the minimum required for eligibility for a normal retirement benefit.
2. The member has attained an age that is greater than the minimum required for eligibility for normal retirement benefit, if applicable.
3. The member has revoked their participation, if any, in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan pursuant to R.S. 11:1456.2.

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

The Back-DROP benefit shall have two portions: a lump-sum portion and a monthly benefit portion. The member's Back-DROP monthly benefit shall be calculated pursuant to the provisions applicable for service retirement set forth in R.S. 11:1421 through 1423, subject to the following conditions:

1. Credible service shall not include service credit reciprocally recognized pursuant to R.S. 11:142.
2. Accrued service at retirement shall be reduced by the Back-DROP.
3. Final average compensation shall be calculated by excluding all earnings during the Back-DROP period.
4. Contributions received by the Fund during the Back-DROP period and any interest that has accrued on employer and employee contributions received during the period shall remain with the Fund and shall not be refunded to the employee or to the employer.
5. The member's Back-DROP monthly benefit shall be calculated based upon the member's age and service and the Fund provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service before the Back-DROP period.
6. At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit payable as a life annuity shall be equal to the Back-DROP monthly benefit.
7. The member may elect to receive a reduced monthly benefit in accordance with the options provided in R.S. 11:1423 based upon the member's age and the age of the member's beneficiary as of the actual effective date of retirement. No change in the option selected or beneficiary shall be permitted after the option is filed with Board of Trustees.

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

Upon the death of a member who selected the maximum option pursuant to R.S. 11:1423, the member's named beneficiary or, if none, the member's estate shall receive the deceased member's remaining contributions, less the Back-DROP benefit amount. Upon the death of a member who selected Option 1 pursuant to R.S. 11:1423, the member's named beneficiary or, if none, the member's estate, shall receive the member's annuity savings fund balance as of the member's date of retirement reduced by the portion of the Back-DROP account balance and previously paid retirement benefits that are attributable to the member's annuity payments as provided by the annuity savings fund.

Excess Benefit Plan

Under the provisions of this excess benefit plan, a member may receive a monthly benefit equal to the lesser of the member's unrestricted benefit less the maximum benefit or the amount by which the member's monthly benefit from the Fund has been reduced because of the limitations of Section 415 of the Internal Revenue Code and R.S. 11:1458.

Contributions:

Contributions for all members are established by statute at 8.0% of earned compensation. The contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the participating agency.

Administrative costs of the Fund are financed through employer contributions. According to state statute, contributions for all employees are actuarially determined each year. Employer contributions were 10% of members' earnings for the year ended September 30, 2017 but was decreased to 8% starting October 1, 2017.

The fund also receives one-fourth of one percent of the property taxes assessed in each parish of the state as well as a state revenue sharing appropriation. Accordingly to state statute, in the event that contributions for ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds are insufficient to provide for the gross employer actuarially required contribution, the employer is required to make direct contributions as determined by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee. Although the direct employer actuarially required contribution for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 was 4.69%, the actual employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 was 10% but was decreased to 8% starting October 1, 2017. The actual rate differs from the actuarially required rate due to state statutes that require the contribution rate be calculated and set one year prior to the year effective. The minimum direct employer actuarially required contributions will be 5.25% for fiscal year 2018.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the Ouachita Parish Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:104, 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 Ouachita Parish Assessor's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 2017, 2016, and 2015, were \$97,825, \$136,932, and \$136,446 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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

At December 31, 2017, the Assessor reported a liability of \$408,657 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2017 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Assessor's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Assessor's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2017, the Assessor's proportion was 2.3289%, which was a decrease of 0.0024% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2016.

For the year ended December 31, 2017, the Assessor recognized pension expense of \$300,951 plus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$(8,168).

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

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 45,550	\$ (128,302)
Changes of assumptions	255,592	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	(158,137)
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	(29,041)
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	20,598	-
Total	\$ 321,740	\$ (315,480)

The Assessor reported a total of \$20,598 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of December 31, 2017 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2018.

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

Year	LARF
2018	\$ 38,220
2019	59,037
2020	(83,441)
2021	(50,758)
2022-2023	22,604
	\$ (14,338)

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Net Pension Liability

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

Actuarial Assumptions

The current year actuarial assumptions utilized for this report are based on the assumption used in the September 30, 2017 actuarial funding valuation, which (which 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 this report. In cases where benefits structures were changed after the study period, assumptions were based on estimates of future experience. All assumptions selected were determined to be reasonable and represent expectations of future experience for the Fund.

Additional information on the actuarial methods and assumptions used as of September 30, 2017 actuarial valuation follows:

Valuation Date	September 30, 2017
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return	6.75%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Salary increases	5.75%
Annuitant and beneficiary mortality	RP 2000 Healthy Annuitant Table set forward one year and projected to 2030 for males and females.
Active Members Mortality	RP-2000 Employee Table set back four years for males and three years for females.
Disabled Lives Mortality	RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Tables set back five years for males and three years for females.

Discount Rate

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expenses and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target allocation as of September 30, 2017, are summarized in the following table.

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<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Domestic Equity	7.50%
International Equity	8.50%
Domestic Bonds	2.50%
International Bonds	3.50%
Real Estate	4.50%
Alternative Assets	6.24%

The long-term expected rate of return selected for this report by the Fund was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from the participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on these assumptions and the other assumptions and methods as specified in this report, the pension plan'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. Thus, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%.

The effects of certain other changes in the net pension liability are required to be included in pension expense over the current and future periods. The effects on the total pension liability of (1) changes of economic and demographic assumptions or of other inputs and (2) differences between expected and actual experience are required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employee), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The effect on net pension liability of differences between the projected earnings on pension plan investments and actual experience with regard to those earnings is required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period of five years, beginning with the current period. The Expected Remaining Service Lines (ERSL) for 2017 is 6 years.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability (NPL) of the calculated using a discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the Fund's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.75%) or one percentage point higher (7.75%) than the current discount rate (assuming all other assumptions remain unchanged):

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
LARS			
Rates	5.75 %	6.75%	7.75%
OPA Share of NPL	\$ 1,385,768	\$ 408,657	\$ (428,986)

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Change in Net Pension Liability

The changes in the net pension liability for the year end September 30, 2017 were recognized in the current reporting period as pension expense except as follows:

Differences between Expected and Actual Experiences

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings

The difference between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period.

Changes in Assumptions or Other Inputs

Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. There were no changes of assumptions in the current year.

Changes in Proportion

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

Contributions – Proportionate Share

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

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Retirement Fund Audit Report

The Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2017. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.lia.la.gov, or by contacting the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, Post Office Box 14699, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898. Complete details pertaining to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund can be found on the Funds website at www.louisianaassessors.org.

9. OTHER POST EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

Plan Description. The Ouachita Parish Assessor contributes to a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan (the Retiree Health Plan). The plan provides lifetime medical, dental, and life insurance benefits for eligible retirees through the Assessor's group health insurance plan, which covers active and retired members. Substantially all of the Assessor's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement while working for the Assessor. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through the Assessor's Insurance Fund whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and the Assessor.

Effective for the year ended December 31, 2009, the Ouachita Parish Assessor implemented Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Employment Benefits Other than Pensions* (GASB 45). This statement has been implemented prospectively. Accordingly, for financial reporting purposes, the beginning Other Post Employment Benefit (OPEB) liability is set at zero and the actuarially determined OPEB liability relative to past service (prior to January 1, 2009) will be amortized and recognized as an expense over 30 years.

Contribution Rates. The Assessor pays 100% of retirees medical, dental and life insurance premiums. The eligibility requirement is the retiree must have met the requirements of the retirement system. These requirements are discussed below. The plan provisions and contribution rates are contained in the official plan documents.

Funding Policy. Until 2009, the Ouachita Parish Assessor recognized the cost of providing post-employment medical, dental, and life insurance benefits (the Ouachita Parish Assessor's portion of the retiree medical, dental, and life insurance benefit premiums) as an expense when the benefit premiums were due and thus, financed the cost of the post-employment benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. For the year ended December 31, 2016, the total amount of premiums paid for retirees totaled \$94,662. The total number of retired participants eligible to receive benefits at December 31, 2017, was 14 retirees. In 2017, the Ouachita Parish Assessor's portion of health care and life insurance benefit premiums for both active and retired employees totaled \$274,988. The Ouachita Parish Assessor, at this time, does not plan to fund the post employment liability other than the monthly health and life insurance premiums as they become due.

Annual Required Contribution. The Ouachita Parish Assessor's Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB 45. The Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is the sum of the Normal Cost plus the contribution to amortize the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL). A level dollar, closed amortization period of 30 years (the maximum amortization period allowed by GASB 45) has been used for the post-employment benefits. The total ARC for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2017, is \$465,498, as set forth below:

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Normal Cost	\$157,817
Amortization of UAAL	<u>307,681</u>
 Annual required contribution (ARC)	 <u>\$465,498</u>

Net Post-employment Benefit Obligation (Asset). The table below shows the Ouachita Parish Assessor's Net Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) Obligation (Asset) for fiscal year ended December 31, 2017:

Annual Required Contribution	\$ 465,498
Interest on prior year Net OPEB Obligation (Asset)	88,033
Adjustment to ARC	<u>(144,345)</u>
Annual OPEB Cost	409,186
Contribution	<u>(94,662)</u>
Estimated Increase in Net OPEB Obligation	314,524
Net OPEB Obligation (Asset) – beginning of year	<u>2,200,814</u>
 Ending Net OPEB Obligation (Asset) – end of year	 <u>\$ 2,513,338</u>

The following table shows the Ouachita Parish Assessor's annual post employment benefits (PEB) cost, percentage of the cost contributed, and the net unfunded post employment benefits (PEB) liability (asset):

Post Employment Benefit	Fiscal Year Ended	Annual OPEB Cost	Percentage of Annual Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation (Asset)
Medical, Dental & Life Insurance	December 31, 2015	\$345,098	27.16%	\$1,866,109
Medical, Dental & Life Insurance	December 31, 2016	\$421,267	20.52%	\$2,200,814
Medical, Dental & Life Insurance	December 31, 2017	\$409,186	23.13%	\$2,513,338

Funded Status and Funding Progress. For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the Ouachita Parish Assessor made no contributions to its post employment benefits plan. The plan was not funded, has no assets, and hence has a funded ratio of zero. As of January 1, 2015, the most recent actuarial valuation, the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) was \$4,691,198, which is defined as that portion, as determined by a particular actuarial cost method (the Ouachita Parish Assessor uses the Unit Credit Cost Method), of the actuarial present value of post employment plan benefits and expenses which is not provided by normal cost. Since the plan was not funded in fiscal year 2017, the entire actuarial accrued liability of \$4,691,198 was unfunded.

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Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$4,691,198
Actuarial Value of Plan Assets	-
Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	<u>\$4,691,198</u>
Funded Ratio (Act. Val. Assets/AAL)	0%
Covered Payroll (active plan members)	\$1,029,747
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	455.57%

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. The actuarial valuation for post employment benefits includes estimates and assumptions regarding (1) withdrawal rate; (2) retirement rate; (3) health care and dental cost trend rates; (4) mortality rate; (5) discount rate (investment return assumption); (6) disability rate; (7) coverage rate; and (8) the period to which the costs apply (past, current, or future years of service by employees). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The actuarial calculations are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the Ouachita Parish Assessor and its employee plan members) at the time of the valuation and on the pattern of sharing costs between the Ouachita Parish Assessor and its plan members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the Ouachita Parish Assessor and plan members in the future. Consistent with the long-term perspective of actuarial calculations, the actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial liabilities and the actuarial value of assets.

Actuarial Cost Method. The ARC is determined using the Unit Credit Actuarial Cost Method. The employer portion of the cost for retiree medical care in each future year is determined by projecting the current cost levels using the healthcare cost trend rate and discounting this projected amount to the valuation date using the other described pertinent actuarial assumptions, including the investment return assumption (discount rate), mortality, retirement, and turnover rates.

Actuarial Value of Plan Assets. Actuarial value of assets is the value of cash, investments, and other property belonging to the plan, as used by the actuary for the purpose of an actuarial valuation.

Post Employment Benefit Plan Eligibility Requirements. It is assumed that entitlement to benefits will commence at the expected retirement date (that is, the date at which the eligible employee will actually retire). Most employees are covered by the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System, whose retirement eligibility provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age; and age 55 and 12 years of service.

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Retirement Rates. The expected rate of retirement was assumed as follows:

Retirement Rates

Age	Male	Female
46 – 49	22%	22%
50 – 54	44%	44%
55 – 57	4%	4%
58 – 62	18%	18%
63+	28%	28%

Medical and Dental Cost Trend Rates and Life Insurance.

The expected rates of increase in benefit costs were assumed as follows:

Medical		
Year	Pre-65	Post -65
2015	6.10%	6.80%
2016	5.70%	4.10%
2017	5.50%	8.40%
2018	5.20%	5.20%
2019	5.70%	5.10%
2020	5.40%	5.20%
2021-2022	5.50%	5.20%
2023	5.60%	5.20%
2024	6.00%	5.20%
2025	5.90%	5.20%
2026-2027	6.00%	5.20%
2028-2029	5.90%	5.20%
2030-2035	6.10%	5.30%
2036	6.00%	5.30%
2037	5.90%	5.20%
2038-2098	5.80%	5.10%
2099+	4.40%	4.60%

The expected rates of increase for dental coverage was 4.74% until 2099 at which time it decreased to 4.14%

For active employees and retirees, the life insurance premiums were calculated on an individual basis. Life insurance premiums for retiree coverage are \$0.58 per month per unit of coverage. The Assessor covers 100% of the premium amount. It was assumed that 100% of active employees who currently elect life insurance will continue upon retirement.

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Premium Rates

In 2015, the premiums associated with the LAA Plan were as follows:

- a. Pre-65 Medical Coverage for Retirees was \$758.33
- b. Post-65 Medical Coverage for Retirees was \$529.14
- c. Spouse Coverage was \$635.29
- d. Dental Coverage was \$31.63 for Retirees and \$60.16 for Spouse.

Withdrawal Rate. The following annual rates of withdrawal were used:

Years of Service	Male	Female
<1	12.0%	12.0%
1	12.0%	12.0%
2	5.0%	5.0%
3	5.0%	5.0%
4	5.0%	5.0%
5	5.0%	5.0%
6	5.0%	5.0%
7	4.0%	4.0%
8	4.0%	4.0%
9	3.0%	3.0%
10	3.0%	3.0%
11	3.0%	3.0%
12	3.0%	3.0%
13	2.0%	2.0%
14	2.0%	2.0%
15	1.0%	1.0%
>15	1.0%	1.0%

Investment Return Assumption (Discount Rate). GASB Statement 45 states that the investment return assumption should be the estimated long-term investment yield on the investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits (that is, for a plan which is funded). Based on the assumption that the ARC will not be funded, a 4% annual investment return has been used in this valuation. This represents a reasonable estimate of short-term pooled funds.

Mortality Rate. The mortality rate was determined by using the Sex Distinct RP 2000 Combined Healthy Mortality system table with floating Scale AA projections to 2017 for males and females for post and pre-retirement.

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Coverage Rates. 100% of employees who elect coverage while in active employment and who are eligible for retiree medical benefits are assumed to elect continued coverage in retirement. For those who elect coverage, it is assumed that they will continue to be covered by the same plan as retirees that they were while active. 20% of members electing coverage are assumed to also elect coverage for a spouse. For active employees, females are assumed to be three years younger than males.

Disability Rate. The following disability rates were used:

Disability Rates		
Age	Males	Females
18-34	0.006%	0.006%
35	0.007%	0.007%
36-37	0.008%	0.008%
38	0.010%	0.010%
39	0.011%	0.011%
40	0.012%	0.012%
41	0.014%	0.014%
42	0.016%	0.016%
43	0.018%	0.018%
44	0.020%	0.020%
45	0.023%	0.023%
46	0.026%	0.026%
47	0.029%	0.029%
48	0.033%	0.033%
49	0.038%	0.038%
50	0.043%	0.043%
51	0.049%	0.049%
52	0.055%	0.055%
53	0.063%	0.063%
54	0.071%	0.071%
55	0.081%	0.081%
56	0.092%	0.092%
57	0.104%	0.104%
58	0.118%	0.118%
59	0.135%	0.135%
60+	0.195%	0.195%

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Method of Determining Value of Benefits. The "value of benefits" has been assumed to be the portion of the premium after retirement date expected to be paid by the employer for each retiree and has been used as the basis for calculating the actuarial present value of OPEB benefits to be paid.

10. OPERATING LEASES

In December 2015, the Assessor was approved for a lease for of 2016 GMC Acadia and the paperwork was signed in January 2016. The lease calls for an initial payment of \$1,441 and then thirty-five monthly payments of \$716 beginning in February 2016. The Assessor also leases certain office equipment under long-term leases. Two new leases for equipment began in 2016. Total lease expense under operating leases, including month-to-month leases, was \$17,129 for 2017.

The remaining payments under long-term operating leases for the next five years are as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2018	\$ 17,079
2019	\$ 4,140
2020	\$ -
2020	\$ -
2021	\$ -

11. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At December 31, 2017, the Ouachita Parish Assessor is not involved in any litigation nor is she aware of any unasserted claims.

**12. EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSESSOR'S
OFFICE PAID BY THE POLICE JURY**

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

13. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through June 12, 2018, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND - GENERAL FUND

Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances -
Budget (GAAP Basis) and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017

	Original Budget Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts (GAAP Basis)	Variance Over (Under)
REVENUES				
PROGRAM REVENUES				
Charges for services	\$ 21,500	\$ 21,500	\$ 30,128	\$ 8,628
GENERAL REVENUES				
Ad valorem taxes	1,897,175	1,897,175	2,001,539	104,364
Federal payments in lieu of taxes	300	300	-	(300)
State revenue sharing	75,000	75,000	83,693	8,693
Local payments in lieu of taxes	10,000	10,000	14,264	4,264
Investment earnings	500	500	24,196	23,696
Other	-	-	-	-
Total General Revenues	<u>1,982,975</u>	<u>1,982,975</u>	<u>2,123,692</u>	<u>140,717</u>
Total revenues	<u>2,004,475</u>	<u>2,004,475</u>	<u>2,153,820</u>	<u>149,345</u>
EXPENDITURES				
General government-taxation:				
Salaries and related benefits	1,583,647	1,583,647	1,496,543	(87,104)
Operating services	120,150	120,150	111,759	(8,391)
Materials & supplies	116,000	116,000	86,218	(29,782)
Administration and education	55,500	55,500	42,568	(12,932)
Capital outlay	10,000	10,000	3,273	(6,727)
Total expenditures	<u>1,885,297</u>	<u>1,885,297</u>	<u>1,740,361</u>	<u>(144,936)</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	119,178	119,178	413,459	294,281
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>3,498,231</u>	<u>3,498,231</u>	<u>3,498,231</u>	<u>-</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,617,409</u>	<u>\$ 3,617,409</u>	<u>\$ 3,911,690</u>	<u>\$ 294,281</u>

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**Notes to Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and
Changes in Fund Balances – Budget (GAAP)
Basis and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

NOTE A - BUDGETARY POLICIES

The proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is then legally adopted by the assessor and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the assessor at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the assessor.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statement include the original adopted budget amount and all subsequent amendments. Encumbrance accounting is not used by the assessor.

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**Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan
December 31, 2017**

<u>Actual Valuation Date</u>	<u>Actuarial Value of Assets</u>	<u>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)</u>	<u>Unfunded AAL (UAAL)</u>	<u>Funded Ratio</u>	<u>Covered Payroll</u>	<u>UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</u>
01/01/09	\$ -	\$ 3,650,255	\$ 3,650,255	0.00%	\$ 1,048,202	348.24%
01/01/10	\$ -	\$ 3,650,255	\$ 3,650,255	0.00%	\$ 1,065,347	342.64%
01/01/11	\$ -	\$ 3,650,255	\$ 3,650,255	0.00%	\$ 1,011,112	361.01%
01/01/12	\$ -	\$ 3,124,804	\$ 3,124,804	0.00%	\$ 1,002,323	311.76%
01/01/13	\$ -	\$ 3,124,804	\$ 3,124,804	0.00%	\$ 994,125	314.43%
01/01/14	\$ -	\$ 3,124,804	\$ 3,124,804	0.00%	\$ 1,054,010	296.47%
01/01/15	\$ -	\$ 4,691,198	\$ 4,691,198	0.00%	\$ 1,010,708	464.15%
01/01/16	\$ -	\$ 4,691,198	\$ 4,691,198	0.00%	\$ 1,014,303	462.50%
1/1/2017	\$ -	\$ 4,691,198	\$ 4,691,198	0.00%	\$ 1,029,747	455.57%

Note to Schedule of Funding Progress:

Generally accepted governmental accounting principles require that the Schedule of Funding Progress present information from the last three actuarial valuations.

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**Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
Louisiana Assessors' Pension and Relief Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	2.4180%	2.3313%	2.3289%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 137,978	\$ 137,841	\$ 102,875
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 1,010,708	\$ 1,014,303	\$ 1,029,747
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	13.65%	13.59%	9.99%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	85.57%	90.68%	95.61%

This schedule is to be built prospectively. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will show information for those years for which data is available, beginning with YE December 31, 2015.

- * The amounts presented have a measurement date of September 30 of the year noted.

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**Schedule of the Employer's Pension Contribution
Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	2015	2016	2017
Contractually Required Contribution ¹	\$ 136,446	\$ 128,175	\$ 97,825
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution ²	<u>136,446</u>	<u>128,175</u>	<u>97,825</u>
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll ³	\$ 1,010,708	\$ 1,014,303	\$ 1,029,747
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	13.50%	12.64%	9.50%

This schedule is to be build prospectively. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will show information for those years for which data is available, beginning with YE December 31, 2015.

For reference only:

¹ Employer contribution rate multiplied by employer's covered employee payroll

² Actual employer contributions remitted to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund

³ Employer's covered employee payroll amount for the year ended December 31.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable Stephanie Smith, CLA
Ouachita Parish Assessor

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the component unit financial statements of the governmental activities and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ouachita Parish Assessor, a component unit of the Ouachita Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ouachita Parish Assessor's component unit financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 12, 2018.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Honorable Stephanie Smith, CLA
Ouachita Parish Assessor
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Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

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

Cameron, Hines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
June 12, 2018

**OUACHITA PARISH ASSESSOR
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**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of Ouachita Parish Assessor.
2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Ouachita Parish Assessor were disclosed during the audit.
3. No deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' 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*.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

**OUACHITA PARISH ASSESSOR
Monroe, Louisiana**

**Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

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

**OUACHITA PARISH ASSESSOR
Monroe, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits
and Other Payments to Agency Head
December 31, 2017**

Agency Head: Stephanie Smith, Assessor

Compensation from Salary, Expense Allowance and Certification	\$ 158,746
Benefits - Insurance	16,272
Benefits - Retirement	15,345
Vehicle provided by government	1,550
Conference Registration Fees, Membership Dues and Professional Education Fees	1,389
Travel - Lodging and related to Meetings, Conferences and Education	3,171
Travel - Meals and Per Diem related to Meetings, Conferences and Education	2,626
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor (Assessor) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor (Assessor) 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 January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. The Assessor'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 conclusions are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. Obtain the Assessor's written policies and procedures and report whether those written policies and procedures address each of the following financial/business functions (or report that the Assessor does not have any written policies and procedures), as applicable:
 - 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***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits
 - 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, and (5) monitoring card usage
- 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 Assessor's ethics policy. Note: Ethics requirements are not applicable to nonprofits.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

Conclusions: One exception noted where the policies of the Assessor did not meet the requirements set by the procedures listed above.

Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

2. Obtain and review the board/committee minutes for the fiscal period, and:

- a) Report whether the managing board met (with a quorum) at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, or other equivalent document.
- b) Report whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund and any additional funds identified as major funds in the Assessor's prior audit (GAAP-basis).
 - If the budget-to-actual comparisons show that management was deficit spending during the fiscal period, report whether there is a formal/written plan to eliminate the deficit spending for those entities with a fund balance deficit. If there is a formal/written plan, report whether the meeting minutes for at least one board meeting during the fiscal period reflect that the board is monitoring the plan.
- c) Report whether the minutes referenced or included non-budgetary financial information (e.g. approval of contracts and disbursements) for at least one meeting during the fiscal period.

Conclusions: This step is not applicable. The Assessor operates without the assistance of a board; so there are no board meetings. No testing is required.

Bank Reconciliations

3. Obtain a listing of client bank accounts from management and management's representation that the listing is complete.

Conclusions: We obtained the listing and management's representation.

4. Using the listing provided by management, select all of the Assessor's bank accounts (if five accounts or less) or one-third of the bank accounts on a three year rotating basis (if more than 5 accounts). If there is a change in practitioners, the new practitioner is not bound to follow the rotation established by the previous practitioner. *Note: School student activity fund accounts may be excluded from selection if they are otherwise addressed in a separate audit or AUP engagement.* For each of the bank accounts selected, obtain bank statements and reconciliations for all months in the fiscal period and report whether:

- a) Bank reconciliations have been prepared;
- b) Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management or a board member (with no involvement in the transactions associated with the bank account) has reviewed each bank reconciliation; and
- c) If applicable, management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 6 months as of the end of the fiscal period.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

Collections

5. Obtain a listing of cash/check/money order (cash) collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete.

Conclusions: We obtained the listing and management's representation.

6. Using the listing provided by management, select all of the Assessor's cash collection locations (if five locations or less) or one-third of the collection locations on a three year rotating basis (if more than 5 locations). If there is a change in practitioners, the new practitioner is not bound to follow the rotation established by the previous practitioner. *Note: School student activity funds may be excluded from selection if they are otherwise addressed in a separate audit or AUP engagement.* **For each cash collection location selected:**

- a) Obtain existing written documentation (e.g. insurance policy, policy manual, job description) and report whether each person responsible for collecting cash is (1) bonded, (2) not responsible for depositing the cash in the bank, recording the related transaction, or reconciling the related bank account (report if there are compensating controls performed by an outside party), and (3) not required to share the same cash register or drawer with another employee.

- b) Obtain existing written documentation (e.g. sequentially numbered receipts, system report, reconciliation worksheets, policy manual) and report whether the Assessor has a formal process to reconcile cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, by a person who is not responsible for cash collections in the cash collection location selected.
- c) Select the highest (dollar) week of cash collections from the general ledger or other accounting records during the fiscal period and:
 - Using the Assessor's collection documentation, deposit slips, and bank statements, trace daily collections to the deposit date on the corresponding bank statement and report whether the deposits were made within one day of collection. If deposits were not made within one day of collection, report the number of days from receipt to deposit for each day at each collection location.
 - Using sequentially numbered receipts, system reports, or other related collection documentation, verify that daily cash collections are completely supported by documentation and report any exceptions.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

- 7. Obtain existing written documentation (e.g. policy manual, written procedure) and report whether the Assessor has a process specifically defined (identified as such by the Assessor) to determine completeness of all collections, including electronic transfers, for each revenue source and 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) by a person who is not responsible for collections.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

Disbursements – General (excluding credit card/debit card/fuel card/P-Card purchases or payments)

- 8. Obtain a listing of entity disbursements from management or, alternately, obtain the general ledger and sort/filter for entity disbursements. Obtain management's representation that the listing or general ledger population is complete.

Conclusions: We obtained the general ledger and management's representation.

- 9. Using the disbursement population from #8 above, randomly select 25 disbursements (or randomly select disbursements constituting at least one-third of the dollar disbursement population if the Assessor had less than 25 transactions during the fiscal period), excluding credit card/debit card/fuel card/P-card purchases or payments. Obtain supporting documentation (e.g. purchase requisitions, system screens/logs) for each transaction and report whether the supporting documentation for each transaction demonstrated that:

- a) Purchases were initiated using a requisition/purchase order system or an equivalent electronic system that separates initiation from approval functions in the same manner as a requisition/purchase order system.
- b) Purchase orders, or an electronic equivalent, were approved by a person who did not initiate the purchase.
- c) Payments for purchases were not processed without (1) an approved requisition and/or purchase order, or electronic equivalent; a receiving report showing receipt of goods purchased, or electronic equivalent; and an approved invoice.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

10. Using entity documentation (e.g. electronic system control documentation, policy manual, written procedure), report whether the person responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding vendors to the Assessor's purchasing/disbursement system.

Conclusions: Twenty-five exceptions noted where the person who approves purchase orders also adds vendors to the Assessor's purchasing/disbursement system.

11. Using entity documentation (e.g. electronic system control documentation, policy manual, written procedure), report whether the persons with signatory authority or who make the final authorization for disbursements have no responsibility for initiating or recording purchases.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

12. Inquire of management and observe whether the supply of unused checks is maintained in a locked location, with access restricted to those persons that do not have signatory authority, and report any exceptions. Alternately, if the checks are electronically printed on blank check stock, review entity documentation (electronic system control documentation) and report whether the persons with signatory authority have system access to print checks.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

13. If a signature stamp or signature machine is used, inquire of the signer whether his or her signature is maintained under his or her control or is used only with the knowledge and consent of the signer. Inquire of the signer whether signed checks are likewise maintained under the control of the signer or authorized user until mailed. Report any exceptions.

Conclusions: No signature stamp or machine is used. This step is not applicable.

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

14. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and P-cards (cards), 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.

Conclusions: We obtained the listing and management's representation.

15. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 10 cards (or at least one-third of the cards if the Assessor has less than 10 cards) that were used during the fiscal period, rotating cards each year. If there is a change in practitioners, the new practitioner is not bound to follow the rotation established by the previous practitioner.

Obtain the monthly statements, or combined statements if multiple cards are on one statement, for the selected cards. Select the monthly statement or combined statement with the largest dollar activity for each card (for a debit card, select the monthly bank statement with the largest dollar amount of debit card purchases) and:

- a) Report whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, 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) Report whether finance charges and/or late fees were assessed on the selected statements.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

16. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #15 above, obtain supporting documentation for all transactions for each of the 10 cards selected (i.e. each of the 10 cards should have one month of transactions subject to testing).

- a) For each transaction, report whether the transaction is supported by:
 - An original itemized receipt (i.e., identifies precisely what was purchased)
 - Documentation of the business/public purpose. For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating.
 - Other documentation that may be required by written policy (e.g., purchase order, written authorization.)
- b) For each transaction, compare the transaction's detail (nature of purchase, dollar amount of purchase, supporting documentation) to the Assessor's written purchasing/disbursement policies and the Louisiana Public Bid Law (i.e. transaction is a large or recurring purchase requiring the solicitation of bids or quotes) and report any exceptions.
- c) For each transaction, compare the Assessor's documentation of the business/public purpose to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution, which prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value, and report any exceptions (e.g. cash advances or non-business purchases, regardless whether they are reimbursed). If the nature of the transaction precludes or obscures a comparison to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14, the practitioner should report the transaction as an exception.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

Travel and Expense Reimbursement

17. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and related expense reimbursements, by person, during the fiscal period or, alternately, obtain the general ledger and sort/filter for travel reimbursements. Obtain management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete.

Conclusions: We obtained the general ledger and the Assessor's travel and related expense reimbursements. We obtained management's representation.

18. Obtain the Assessor's written policies related to travel and expense reimbursements. Compare the amounts in the policies to the per diem and mileage rates established by the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov) and report any amounts that exceed GSA rates.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

19. Using the listing or general ledger from #17 above, select the three persons who incurred the most travel costs during the fiscal period. Obtain the expense reimbursement reports or prepaid expense documentation of each selected person, including the supporting documentation, and choose the largest travel expense for each person to review in detail. For each of the three travel expenses selected:

- a) Compare expense documentation to written policies and report whether each expense was reimbursed or prepaid in accordance with written policy (e.g., rates established for meals, mileage, lodging). If the Assessor does not have written policies, compare to the GSA rates (#18 above) and report each reimbursement that exceeded those rates.

- b) Report whether each expense is supported by:

- An original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased. [Note: An expense that is reimbursed based on an established per diem amount (e.g., meals) does not require a receipt.]
- Documentation of the business/public purpose (Note: For meal charges, there should also be documentation of the individuals participating).
- Other documentation as may be required by written policy (e.g., authorization for travel, conference brochure, certificate of attendance)

- c) Compare the Assessor's documentation of the business/public purpose to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution, which prohibits the loan, pledge, or donation of funds, credit, property, or things of value, and report any exceptions (e.g. hotel stays that extend beyond conference periods or payment for the travel expenses of a spouse). If the nature of the transaction precludes or obscures a comparison to the requirements of Article 7, Section 14, the practitioner should report the transaction as an exception.

- d) Report whether each expense and related documentation was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

Contracts

20. Obtain a listing of all contracts in effect during the fiscal period or, alternately, obtain the general ledger and sort/filter for contract payments. Obtain management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete.

Conclusions: We obtained the listing and management's representation.

21. Using the listing above, select the five contract "vendors" that were paid the most money during the fiscal period (excluding purchases on state contract and excluding payments to the practitioner). Obtain the related contracts and paid invoices and:

- a) Report whether there is a formal/written contract that supports the services arrangement and the amount paid.
- b) Compare each contract's detail to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code. Report whether each contract is subject to the Louisiana Public Bid Law or Procurement Code and:
 - If yes, obtain/compare supporting contract documentation to legal requirements and report whether the Assessor complied with all legal requirements (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertisement, selected lowest bidder)
 - If no, obtain supporting contract documentation and report whether the Assessor solicited quotes as a best practice.
- c) Report whether the contract was amended. If so, report the scope and dollar amount of the amendment and whether the original contract terms contemplated or provided for such an amendment.
- d) Select the largest payment from each of the five contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, compare the invoice to the contract terms, and report whether the invoice and related payment complied with the terms and conditions of the contract.
- e) Obtain/review contract documentation and board minutes and report whether there is documentation of board approval, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act or Home Rule Charter).

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

Payroll and Personnel

22. Obtain a listing of employees (and elected officials, if applicable) with their related salaries, and obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select five employees/officials, obtain their personnel files, and:
- a) Review compensation paid to each employee during the fiscal period and report whether payments were made in strict accordance with the terms and conditions of the employment contract or pay rate structure.
 - b) Review changes made to hourly pay rates/salaries during the fiscal period and report whether those changes were approved in writing and in accordance with written policy.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

23. Obtain attendance and leave records and randomly select one pay period in which leave has been taken by at least one employee. Within that pay period, randomly select 25 employees/officials (or randomly select one-third of employees/officials if the Assessor had less than 25 employees during the fiscal period), and:
- a) Report whether all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory). (Note: Generally, an elected official is not eligible to earn leave and does not document his/her attendance and leave. However, if the elected official is earning leave according to policy and/or contract, the official should document his/her daily attendance and leave.)
 - b) Report whether there is written documentation that supervisors approved, electronically or in writing, the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) Report whether there is written documentation that the Assessor maintained written leave records (e.g., hours earned, hours used, and balance available) on those selected employees/officials that earn leave.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

24. Obtain from management a list of those employees/officials that terminated during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. If applicable, select the two largest termination payments (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory time) made during the fiscal period and obtain the personnel files for the two employees/officials. Report whether the termination payments were made in strict accordance with policy and/or contract and approved by management.

Conclusions: No terminations during the year. This step is N/A.

25. Obtain supporting documentation (e.g. cancelled checks, EFT documentation) relating to payroll taxes and retirement contributions during the fiscal period. Report whether the employee and employer portions of payroll taxes and retirement contributions, as well as the

required reporting forms, were submitted to the applicable agencies by the required deadlines.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

Ethics (excluding nonprofits)

26. Using the five randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #22 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, obtain ethics compliance documentation from management and report whether the Assessor maintained documentation to demonstrate that required ethics training was completed.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

27. Inquire of management whether any alleged ethics violations were reported to the Assessor during the fiscal period. If applicable, review documentation that demonstrates whether management investigated alleged ethics violations, the corrective actions taken, and whether management's actions complied with the Assessor's ethics policy. Report whether management received allegations, whether management investigated allegations received, and whether the allegations were addressed in accordance with policy.

Conclusions: No ethics violations during the fiscal period. This step is not applicable.

Debt Service (excluding nonprofits)

28. If debt was issued during the fiscal period, obtain supporting documentation from the Assessor, and report whether State Bond Commission approval was obtained.

Conclusions: No debt was issued during the fiscal period. This step is not applicable.

29. If the Assessor had outstanding debt during the fiscal period, obtain supporting documentation from the Assessor and report whether the Assessor made scheduled debt service payments and maintained debt reserves, as required by debt covenants.

Conclusions: The Assessor has no outstanding debt. This step is not applicable.

Other

30. Inquire of management whether the Assessor had any misappropriations of public funds or assets. If so, obtain/review supporting documentation and report whether the Assessor reported the misappropriation to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the Assessor is domiciled.

Conclusions: We noted that there were no misappropriations of public funds or assets reported to the Assessor.

31. Observe and report whether the Assessor has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1. This notice (available for download or print at www.la.gov/hotline) concerns the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Conclusions: No exceptions noted.

32. If the practitioner observes or otherwise identifies any exceptions regarding management's representations in the procedures above, report the nature of each exception.

Conclusions: We did not observe or otherwise identify any exceptions regarding management's representations in the procedures above.

Management's Response

We concur with the results of the procedures and are working diligently to improve controls.

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.

Cameron, Hines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana
May 25, 2018