

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Component Unit Financial Statements
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024



WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge
Winnsboro City Court
Winnsboro, Louisiana

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the fiduciary fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Winnsboro City Court (the Court), a component unit of the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

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 the financial statements that are free from material misstatement whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance *with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

I am required to be independent of the Winnsboro City Court, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my review.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on my review, I am not aware of any modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.



Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge
Winnsboro City Court

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Employer Contributions, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is presented purposes of additional analysis and is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the responsibility of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have not audited the information, and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits, and other payments to the agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

The accompanying justice system funding schedule – collecting/disbursing entity is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with the reporting framework prescribed by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:515.2 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. I have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated December 30, 2024, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Maxwell CPA, LLC

Sterlington, Louisiana
December 30, 2024

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

WARD 7/WINNSBORO CITY COURT

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2024

Our discussion and analysis of the Winnsboro City Court of Winnsboro, Louisiana (the Court) provides an overview of the Court's activities for the year ended June 30, 2024. Please read it in conjunction with the Court's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Court's basic financial statements. The Court's basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. These components are described below:

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the Court – the *Government-wide Financial Statements* and *Fund Financial Statements*. These financial statements also include the *Notes to the Financial Statements* that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide additional detail.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Court's operations in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Court's financial position, which assists users in assessing the Court's economic condition at the end of the year. These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting similar to methods used by most businesses. These statements report all revenues and expenditures connected with the year even if cash has not been received or paid. The Court's financial statements contain only governmental activities. The government-wide financial statements include two statements.

- The **Statement of Net Position** presents all of the Court's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in the Court's net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Court is improving or deteriorating.
- The **Statement of Activities** presents information showing how the Court's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years.

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 Court, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the Court are divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary 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, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Court's near term financing requirements. This approach is known as using the flow of financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Court's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Court.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, users may better understand the long-term impact of the Court's near-term financing decisions. Due to the nature of the operations there were no differences between the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements.

The Court has three governmental funds: General Fund, Civil Fund, and the Marshal's Fund.

- **Fiduciary Funds.** Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside of the Court. Fiduciary funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those funds are not available to support the Court's own programs. The accrual basis of accounting is used for fiduciary funds.

The Court has two fiduciary funds: the Garnishment Fund and the Fines Fund.

The funds financial statements can be found immediately following the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Court's financial position. The Court's net position for the prior year ended June 30, 2023, was \$15,067. The Court's net position for the current year ended June 30, 2024, is \$25,073.

The largest portion of the Court's assets is cash, totaling \$79,498 and the largest portion of the Court's liabilities is its net pension liability, totaling \$69,546.

The following is summary information from the Statement of Net Position:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Current Assets	\$ 81,555	\$ 74,076
Deferred Outflows	13,576	13,772
Capital Assets	-	644
Current Liabilities	(512)	(479)
Net Pension Liability	(69,546)	(67,508)
Deferred Inflows	<u>-</u>	<u>5,438</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 25,073</u>	<u>\$ 15,067</u>

Changes in Net Position

The Court's net position increased by \$10,006 (66%) during the year ended June 30, 2024, compared to a decrease of \$37,606 (71%) during the prior year.

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	
	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>
Revenues:		
Program Revenues:		
Charges for Services	\$ 124,018	\$ 103,186
General Revenues:		
Intergovernmental – City		
Of Winnsboro	<u>154,572</u>	<u>146,044</u>
Total Revenues	278,590	249,230
Total Expenses – Judiciary	<u>268,584</u>	<u>286,836</u>
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	10,006	(37,606)
Net Pos. – Begin. of Year	<u>15,067</u>	<u>52,673</u>
Net Pos. – End of Year	<u>\$ 25,073</u>	<u>\$ 15,067</u>

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The Court is required to recognize its proportionate share of the pension obligation of the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System. The Court recognized deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$13,576 and deferred inflows of resources in the amount of \$0 as of June 30, 2024.

Capital Assets

The Court's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2024, totaled \$0 (net of accumulated depreciation). There were no additions or deletions during the year.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COURT'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Court uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Court's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Court's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Court's net resources available for spending at June 30, 2024.

As of June 30, 2024, the Court's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$81,043, an increase of \$7,446 compared to the prior year.

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Court. The Court's share of court costs assessed by the City Court as authorized by Louisiana Statute R.S. 13:1899C, collections of traffic fines, and collections of court-imposed fines remitted to the City Court are all accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund. Unassigned fund balance was \$4,933 at the end of the current fiscal year, an increase of \$1,577 from the prior year. The increase in unassigned fund balance is mainly due to the Court reducing expenditures during the year.

The ending fund balance of the General Fund is unassigned and available for spending in the coming year.

Civil Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of court costs in connection with civil suits. All revenues and expenditures from the filing of civil suits are recorded in the civil fund. Restricted fund balance was \$54,167 at the end of the current fiscal year, an increase of \$19,223 (55%) from the prior year.

Marshal's Fund – This fund accounts for the City Marshal of Winnsboro share of court costs assessed by the City Court. Expenditures of the Marshal are paid from this fund. Restricted fund balance was \$21,943 at the end of the current fiscal year, a decrease of \$13,354 (38%) from the prior year. The decrease is due to the Marshal receiving less in court costs because the Town is writing less tickets.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. The Budget policy of the Court complies with state law, as amended, and as set forth in Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39, Chapter 9, Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (LSA – R.S. 39:1301 et seq.) for the General Fund and the Civil Fund.

The operations of the Winnsboro City Court are not affected by most economic conditions. The City Court derives its revenues solely from fees levied by the City Court.

CONTACTING THE COURT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Court's finances and to show the Court's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the City Court's offices at 1308 Cornell Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana 71295.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 79,498
Internal Balances (Net)	2,057
Total Current Assets	<u>81,555</u>
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation	<u>-</u>
Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 81,555</u></u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	13,576
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 512
Long Term Liabilities	
Net Pension Liability	<u>69,546</u>
Total Liabilities	70,058
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	-
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	-
Unrestricted	(51,037)
Restricted	<u>76,110</u>
Total Net Position	<u><u>\$ 25,073</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Revenue and</u>
		<u>for</u>	<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Changes in</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Services</u>	<u>Net Position</u>
				<u>Government</u>
				<u>Activities</u>
Governmental Activities				
Judicial:				
Court Administration	\$ 268,584	\$ 124,018	\$ -	\$ (144,566)
General Revenues:				
Intergovernmental - City of Winnsboro				<u>154,572</u>
Change in Net Position				10,006
<u>Net Position - Beginning of Year</u>				<u>15,067</u>
<u>Net Position - End of Year</u>				<u><u>\$ 25,073</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

<u>ASSETS</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Civil Fund</u>	<u>Marshal's Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Cash	\$ 3,187	\$ 54,368	\$ 21,943	\$ 79,498
Due from Other Funds	2,258	-	-	2,258
<u>TOTAL ASSETS</u>	<u>\$ 5,445</u>	<u>\$ 54,368</u>	<u>\$ 21,943</u>	<u>\$ 81,756</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts Payable	\$ 512	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 512
Due to Other Funds	-	201	-	201
Total Liabilities	512	201	-	713
<u>FUND BALANCE</u>				
Restricted	-	54,167	21,943	76,110
Unassigned	4,933	-	-	4,933
Total Fund Balances	<u>4,933</u>	<u>54,167</u>	<u>21,943</u>	<u>81,043</u>
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</u>	<u>\$ 5,445</u>	<u>\$ 54,368</u>	<u>\$ 21,943</u>	<u>\$ 81,756</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL
FUNDS BALANCES TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 81,043
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	-
Pension liability not reported in the fund financial statements	(69,546)
The deferred outflows of expenditures for the Court's pension obligation are not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements	13,576
The deferred inflows of contributions for the Court's pension obligation are not available resources, and therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements	-

Net Position of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 25,073</u>
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See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Civil Fund</u>	<u>Marshal Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues:				
Court Fees, Fines and Costs	\$ 37,986	\$ -	\$ 12,619	\$ 50,605
Advance Deposits	-	73,413	-	73,413
Intergovernmental	150,120	-	4,452	154,572
Total Revenues	188,106	73,413	17,071	278,590
Expenditures:				
Personal Services & Benefits	161,793	-	-	161,793
Operating Services	22,417	54,190	-	76,607
Materials and Supplies	2,319	-	-	2,319
Conferences	-	-	-	-
Marshal Expenses	-	-	30,425	30,425
Total Expenditures	186,529	54,190	30,425	271,144
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures	1,577	19,223	(13,354)	7,446
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating Transfers In	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-	-	-	-
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	1,577	19,223	(13,354)	7,446
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	3,356	34,944	35,297	73,597
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 4,933	\$ 54,167	\$ 21,943	\$ 81,043

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES,
EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds	\$	7,446
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital expenditures	-		
Depreciation expense	(644)		(644)

Differences between the amounts reported as an expense in the statement of activities and those reported as an expense in the fund financial statements

Pension net expenditures - GASB 68		3,204	
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Change in Net Position in Governmental Activities	\$	10,006
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See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 21,052
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TOTAL ASSETS	21,052
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LIABILITIES

Due to General Fund	2,057
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TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,057
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NET POSITION

Restricted For:	
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments	18,995
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TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 18,995
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See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
Additions:	
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	\$ 172,963
Bond Fee	1,110
Total Additions	174,073
Reductions:	
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	175,824
Bond Fees	1,245
Total Reductions	177,069
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position	(2,996)
Net Position - Beginning	21,991
Net Position - Ending	\$ 18,995

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Winnsboro City Court of Winnsboro, Louisiana, (the “City Court”), is a component unit of the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana. The City Court serves Ward 7 of Franklin Parish, which consists of the City of Winnsboro and surrounding areas. The City Judge is elected for six-year terms.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As a governing authority of the City, for reporting purposes, the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana, is the financial reporting entity for the city. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (city), (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.

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

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

Because of item 2 above, the Winnsboro City Court of Winnsboro, Louisiana, was determined to be a component unit of the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court and do not present information on the City, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and the *accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current *financial resources measurement focus* and the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

C. Fund Accounting

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

Funds of the Court are classified into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary (agency) funds. These funds are described as follows:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Court'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 Court. The Court reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Court. The Court's share of court costs assessed by the City Court as authorized by Louisiana Statute R.S. 13:1899C, collections of traffic fines, and collections of court-imposed fines remitted to the City Court are all accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Marshal's Fund – This fund accounts for the City Marshal of Winnsboro share of court costs assessed by the City Court. Expenditures of the Marshal are paid from this fund.

Civil Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of court costs in connection with civil suits. The plaintiff of each civil suit is required to make an advance payment to cover the cost incurred by the court in processing the suit.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Fund Accounting (continued)

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds' reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category by the Court are custodial funds. The Court maintains two custodial funds: the Garnishment Fund and the Fines Fund.

Garnishment Fund - The Marshal's Garnishment Fund accounts for the collection of garnishments and the remittance of these funds to garnishment payees and to the City Court and City Marshal for costs incurred in collecting and distributing the funds.

Fines Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of tickets, fines and restitution and the remittance of these funds to the appropriate payees including to the City Court and City Marshal for court operations.

These funds are custodial in nature, have an economic resources measurement focus, and use the accrual basis of accounting. In addition, the custodial funds are not available to support the Court's operations.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Fund Financial Statements

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds 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 balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Court's operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available).

Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Court considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end.

Revenues

Recordings, cancellations, criminal costs, and other fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded in the year in which they are earned.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when susceptible to accrual.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received by the Court.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Based on the above criteria, court costs, civil fees and other fees, charges, and commissions for service are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

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

Salaries and related payroll taxes and benefits are recorded when employee services are provided to the Court.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) and are recognized when the underlying events occur.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the Court as a whole. These statements include all non-fiduciary activities of the Court. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenditures, 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.

Program Revenues

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

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less when purchased. Under state law, the Court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of the donation. The Court maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Capital Assets (continued)

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

Computer Equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-10 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Renovations	7-20 years

G. Use of Estimates

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

H. Fund Equity

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes standards for five fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in government funds. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Restricted Fund Balance – This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the city aldermen and the Court – the government's highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the city aldermen and the Court remove the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Fund Equity (continued)

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the court’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The court’s management has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance – This fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the court’s policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

Note 2 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City Judge prepares a budget on the modified accrual basis for each year prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. At year end all appropriations lapse.

Note 3 - Cash

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits

The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Court’s deposits may not be returned to it. The Court’s policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require each financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage.

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 Court that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Accordingly, the Court had no custodial risk related to its deposits at June 30, 2024.

At June 30, 2024, the City Court had cash (book balances) totaling \$100,550 as follows.

Bank Balances	<u>\$ 110,380</u>
Federal Deposits Insurance	\$ 110,380
Pledged Securities (Uncollateralized)	<u> -</u>
<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>\$ 110,380</u>

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Note 3 - Cash (continued)

Governmental Funds:	
General Fund	\$ 3,187
Civil	54,368
Marshal	<u>21,943</u>
Total Governmental Funds	79,498
Fiduciary (Agency) Funds:	
Garnishments	3,934
Fines	<u>17,118</u>
Total Fiduciary Funds	<u>21,052</u>
Total – All Funds	<u>\$ 100,550</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the Court in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Note 4 – Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

	June 30, 2023 Balance	Additions	Deletions	June 30, 2024 Balance
Equipment	48,432	-	-	48,432
Furniture & Equipment	53,795	-	-	53,795
Total at Historical Cost	\$ 102,227	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 102,227
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:				
Equipment	(47,788)	(644)	-	(48,432)
Furniture and Equipment	<u>(53,795)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(53,795)</u>
Total Accumulated Depreciation:	<u>(101,583)</u>	<u>(644)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(102,227)</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 644</u>	<u>\$ (644)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

Note 5 - Expenditures of the Court Paid by the City

The Court’s administrative office is located in a building owned by the City of Winnsboro. The City of Winnsboro made on-behalf payments for the Court for salaries and fringe benefits, and they are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund. The costs of maintaining and operating the building, as required by statute, are paid by the City government and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

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Note 6 - On-Behalf Payments

The City of Winnsboro provides a substantial amount of fiscal support to the Court for its operations. The City of Winnsboro made on-behalf payments of \$149,772 for the Court and Marshal for the year ended June 30, 2024, as follows:

Salaries (including sick pay and vacation pay)	\$ 105,512
Fringe Benefits	39,808
Marshal	<u>4,452</u>
Total	<u>\$ 149,772</u>

The City of Winnsboro makes contributions to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana on behalf of the employees of the Winnsboro City Court.

The Franklin Parish Police Jury made on-behalf payments of \$4,800 to the Court for the Judges salary.

Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans

LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The City Judge is eligible to participate in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), a multiple-employer (cost-sharing), public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. LASERS provides benefits for certain elected officials and officials appointed by the governor. Eligibility for full retirement is based on years of credible service and the date of which you were first hired. Upon retirement, the benefit amount is 2-1/2 percent of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest thirty-six to sixty consecutive months of employment based on date of hire.

Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

Funding Policy - State statute requires covered employees to contribute 13.00 percent of their salaries to the system. The City Court is required to contribute 43.80 percent of covered employees' salaries. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The City Court's contribution to the plan for the years ending June 30, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were \$11,673, \$12,361 and \$12,534, respectively, equal to the required contributions for the year.

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 State Employees' Retirement System, 3401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 922-0600.

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Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

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

At June 30, 2024 the City Court reported a liability of \$69,546 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the LASERS plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City Court's long-term share of contributions to the LASERS pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the City Court's proportion was .00104%, which was an increase from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022 by .00089%.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the City Court recognized pension expense of \$10,470 including employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$2,934.

At June 30, 2024, the City Court 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	\$ 1,505	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	398	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	11,673	-
Total	<u>\$ 13,576</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The City Court reported a total of \$11,673 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2023 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024.

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	LASERS
2025	\$ 1,901
2026	(2,512)
2027	3,425
2028	(911)
	<u>\$ 1,903</u>

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Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023, is as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2 years
Investment Rate of Return	7.25%, net of investment expense
Salary Increases	Various between 2.6 and 5.1%
Projected inflation increases	2.3% per annum
Mortality	Non-disabled members – The RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthy Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018. Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement
Termination, Disability and Retirement	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2014-2018) experience study of the System’s members.
Salary Increases	Salary increases were projected based on 2014-2018 experience study of the System’s members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:

Member Type	Lower Range	Upper Range
Regular	3.0	12.8
Judges	2.6	5.1
Corrections	3.6	13.8
Hazardous Duty	3.6	13.8
Wildlife	3.6	13.8

Cost of Living Adjustments The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

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Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

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 expense 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 of 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.34% for 2022. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Cash	0.80%
Domestic Equity	4.45%
International Equity	5.44%
Domestic Fixed Income	2.04%
International Fixed Income	5.33%
Alternative Investments	8.19%
Total Fund	5.75%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, 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.

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

The following table presents the City Court's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each Retirement System as well as what the City Court's proportionate share of the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate used by each of the Retirement Systems:

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Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

	<u>1.0% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1.0% Increase</u>
LASERS			
Rates	6.25%	7.25%	8.25%
Winnsboro City Court Share-NPL	\$ 91,064	\$ 69,546	\$ 51,315

Note 8 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 30, 2024, 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.

OTHER REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Court Fees, Fines and Costs	\$ 33,000	\$ 38,000	\$ 37,986	\$ (14)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Operating Services	23,000	25,000	24,736	264
Salaries & Benefits	10,000	12,000	11,673	327
Total Expenditures	<u>33,000</u>	<u>37,000</u>	<u>36,409</u>	<u>591</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>				
	-	1,000	1,577	577
<u>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>				
	<u>1,200</u>	<u>3,356</u>	<u>3,356</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</u>				
	<u>\$ 1,200</u>	<u>\$ 4,356</u>	<u>\$ 4,933</u>	<u>\$ 577</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

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WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CIVIL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual Amounts</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Court Fees, Fines and Costs	\$ 58,000	\$ 74,000	\$ 73,413	\$ (587)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Operating Services	37,000	55,000	54,190	810
Total Expenditures	<u>37,000</u>	<u>55,000</u>	<u>54,190</u>	<u>810</u>
<u>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	21,000	19,000	19,223	223
<u>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	<u>14,944</u>	<u>34,944</u>	<u>34,944</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 35,944</u>	<u>\$ 53,944</u>	<u>\$ 54,167</u>	<u>\$ 223</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Year Ending June 30,	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered- Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.18800%	117,242	43,364	270.37%	65.00%
2016	0.00000%	-	-	0.00%	0.00%
2017	0.00173%	135,849	37,677	360.56%	57.70%
2018	0.00151%	103,117	29,833	345.65%	62.50%
2019	0.00151%	103,117	34,672	297.41%	62.50%
2020	0.00145%	105,124	37,752	278.46%	62.90%
2021	0.00132%	109,504	34,448	317.88%	58.00%
2022	0.00112%	61,369	33,046	185.71%	72.80%
2023	0.08900%	67,508	36,377	185.58%	63.70%
2024	0.10400%	69,546	25,090	277.19%	68.42%

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 FYE June 30, 2015.

* The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Year Ending June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency(Excess)	Exmployer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as % of Covered Employee Payroll
2015	7,159	7,159	-	43,364	16.51%
2016	9,744	9,744	-	-	0.00%
2017	14,484	14,484	-	37,677	38.44%
2018	11,639	11,639	-	29,833	39.01%
2019	14,601	14,601	-	34,672	42.11%
2020	14,024	14,024	-	37,752	37.15%
2021	13,231	13,231	-	34,448	38.41%
2022	12,534	12,534	-	33,046	37.93%
2023	12,361	12,361	-	36,377	33.98%
2024	11,673	11,673	-	25,090	46.52%

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 FYE June 30, 2015.

For reference only:

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

² *Actual employer contributions remitted to the respective pension funds*

³ *Employer's covered employee payroll amount for the fiscal year ended.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LA
OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS
AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

Agency Head -
Judge Scott Sartin

Section I

Paid by the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana

Salary	\$ 10,200
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Paid by the City Court of Winnsboro

Salary	25,090
Benefits - Retirement	14,935

Section II

Paid by Franklin Parish Police Jury

Salary	<u>4,800</u>
	<u>\$ 55,025</u>

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION
CASH BASIS PRESENTATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2024
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$ 58,991	\$ 56,207
Add: Collections		
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	53,527	58,915
Civil Fees	36,168	37,393
Bond Fee	780	420
Subtotal Collections	90,475	96,728
Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits:		
Franklin Parish Clerk of Court	Civil Fees 210	420
LASERS Retirement	Civil Fees 4,678	6,995
Louisiana Supreme Court	Civil Fees 71	64
Louisiana State Treasurer	Civil Fees 4,019	2,784
Sheriffs	Civil Fees 2,322	3,451
Winnsboro City Marshal	Civil Fees 2,594	3,024
HB 315	Civil Fees 901	1,341
City of Winnsboro	Bond Fees 390	210
Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office	Bond Fees 390	210
City of Winnsboro	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 39,674	34,582
Substance Abuse	Criminal Court Costs/Fees -	200
DHH-THSCI	Criminal Court Costs/Fees -	100
Coroner	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 557	568
Indigent Defender Board	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 6,257	7,479
City of Winnsboro - Breath Test	Criminal Court Costs/Fees -	300
Louisiana Commission of Law Enforcement	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 767	809
Louisiana State Treasurer - CMIS	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 416	512
Louisiana Supreme Court	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 168	336
Winnsboro City Marshal	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 4,330	5,138
North Louisiana Crime Lab	Criminal Court Costs/Fees 4,297	4,648

WINNSBORO CITY COURT
WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION
CASH BASIS PRESENTATION (CONTINUED)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency

Civil Fees	2,865	6,483
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	10,323	11,252
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	1,940	4,698

**Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or
Processing Agencies**

Other Disbursements to Individuals	4,045	3,263
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	2,045	6,128
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	93,259	104,995

**Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/
Retained (i.e. cash on hand)**

\$ 56,207	\$ 47,940
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge
Winnsboro City Court
Winnsboro, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Winnsboro City Court (the Court) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, on the Court's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Court's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Court has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the Court's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

No purchases for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000 were made during the year. No public works expenditures exceeding \$250,000 were made during the year ended June 30, 2023.



Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by RS 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided me with the requested list.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

Management provided me with the requested list.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management in agreed-upon procedure #3 appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure #2 as immediate family members.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the period under examination; and a list of outside business interest of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

6. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided me with a copy of the original and amended budgets.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

N/A

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. The actual revenues and expenditures of the Court were within 5% of the budgeted amounts.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

- a. Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

I examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- b. Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All of the six disbursements were properly coded in the general ledger.

- c. Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

10. Obtain evidence from management to support the agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by RS 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

There is no open meeting law applicable to the Winnsboro City Court.

Debt

11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year, and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission, and report any exceptions.

I looked at bank statements and reviewed all bank deposits for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

I inspected payroll records for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The Court's report was submitted timely in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

N/A

Prior-Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

My prior year report, dated December 29, 2023, did not include any comments or unresolved matters.

I was engaged by the Court to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the United States Comptroller General. I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Court's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the Court and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Court's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Maxwell CPA, LLC

Sterlington, Louisiana
December 30, 2024

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

11/26/24 (Date Transmitted)

Maxwell CPA, LLC _____ (CPA Firm Name)

PO Box 1327 _____ (CPA Firm Address)

Sterlington, LA 71280 _____ (City, State Zip)

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of _____ (date) and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you.

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the state procurement code (R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211-2296), and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes No [] N/A []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes No [] N/A []

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes No [] N/A []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes No [] N/A []

Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes No [] N/A []

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes No [] N/A []

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes No [] N/A []

We did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

We have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose

to you any such communication received between the end of the period under examination and the date of your report.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies all known noncompliance and other events subsequent to the date of this representation and the date of your report that could have a material effect on our compliance with laws and regulations and the internal controls with such laws and regulations, or would require adjustment or modification to the results of the agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

The previous responses have been made to the best of our belief and knowledge.

_____	Secretary	_____	Date
_____	Treasurer	_____	Date
<u>John Scott Pantano</u>	President	<u>11-26-24</u>	Date
	Judge		