

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Opelousas City Marshal, Paul Mouton  
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**Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Opelousas City Marshal, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Opelousas City Marshal's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

**Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

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

**Auditor's Responsibility**

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 policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

**Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Opelousas City Marshal as of December 31, 2019 and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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## **Other Matters**

### **Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require the budgetary comparison information on page 22 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Government Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's response 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

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

### **Other Information**

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Opelousas City Marshal's basic financial statements. The other supplementary information on page 28 is presented for the purpose 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 relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements of 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 as a whole.

### **Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards**

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 24, 2020 on our consideration of the Opelousas City Marshal's internal control over financial reporting and on our test 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 Marshal's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

### **Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

In accordance with the requirements of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, we have issued a report, dated June 24, 2020 on the results of our statewide agreed-upon procedures performed 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. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the

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scope of testing performed on those control and compliance areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's statewide agreed-upon procedures, and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance.

*John S. Dowling & Company*

Opelousas, Louisiana  
June 24, 2020

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 2,421
Certificates of deposit	1,730
Due from Garnishment Account	72,845
Receivables	7,889
Capital assets, net	25,317
<u>Total assets</u>	<u>110,202</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Pension	<u>9,034</u>
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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	3,509
Payroll taxes payable	2,280
Retirement payable	2,045
Credit Card Payable	529
Capital lease payable	
Due within one year	1,768
Due in more than one year	2,504
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u>12,635</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	21,045
Unrestricted	<u>85,556</u>
<u>Total net position</u>	<u>106,601</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.



OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expenses) Revenues and Change in Net Position</u>
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities				
General government	<u>\$ 584,114</u>	<u>\$ 124,589</u>	<u>\$ 500</u>	<u>\$ (459,025)</u>
<u>Total governmental activities</u>	<u>584,114</u>	<u>124,589</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>(459,025)</u>
General revenues				
Intergovernmental				421,159
Interest income				899
Miscellaneous				179
<u>Total governmental revenues</u>				<u>422,237</u>
Change in net position				(36,788)
Net position, January 1, 2019				<u>143,389</u>
Net position, December 31, 2019				<u>106,601</u>

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FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
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BALANCE SHEET  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

GOVERNMENTAL  
FUND TYPE  
GENERAL

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 2,421
Certificates of deposit	1,730
Due from Garnishment Fund	72,845
Receivables	<u>7,889</u>
<u>Total assets</u>	<u><u>84,885</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 3,509
Payroll taxes payable	2,280
Retirement payable	2,045
Credit card payable	<u>529</u>
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u><u>8,363</u></u>

FUND BALANCE

Fund balance - unassigned	<u>76,522</u>
<u>Total fund balance</u>	<u><u>76,522</u></u>
<u>Total liabilities and fund balance</u>	<u><u>84,885</u></u>

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RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND'S BALANCE SHEET  
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

Total fund balance for the governmental fund at December 31, 2019		\$ 76,522
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore are not reported in the fund.		
Cost of capital assets	\$ 111,591	
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(86,274)</u>	25,317
Deferred outflows of resources related to employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date are expenditures in the governmental fund.		9,034
Long-term liabilities:		
Capital lease payable		<u>(4,272)</u>
Total net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2019		<u><u>106,601</u></u>

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OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

REVENUES

Fines and forfeitures	
Fines and subpoenas - City Court	\$ 41,170
Fines - DA	60,589
Garnishment revenue	22,830
Intergovernmental	
Salary reimbursements	15,600
Juvenile mileage	235
Parish government reimbursements	82,371
On behalf payments - State of Louisiana	11,400
On behalf payments - City of Opelousas	311,553
Interest income	899
Other	
Donations	500
Miscellaneous	179
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>547,326</u>

EXPENDITURES

Current operating	
Salaries	148,098
Payroll taxes	7,813
On behalf payments - State of Louisiana	11,400
On behalf payments - City of Opelousas	311,553
Auto repairs and maintenance	20,467
Insurance	751
Office supplies	6,894
Equipment repairs and maintenance	1,737
Uniforms	6,315
Dues and conventions	122
Police supplies	4,118
Basic training	160
Accounting	12,885
Computer expense	1,629
Internet	1,843
Travel and meetings	1,310
Telephone	7,176
Advertising	38
Miscellaneous	325
Interest	67
Lease expense	17,477
Retirement	17,597
Capital outlay	7,776
Debt service	1,768
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>589,319</u>

NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE (41,993)

FUND BALANCE, beginning of year 118,515

FUND BALANCE, end of year 76,522

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OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND  
CHANGES IN THE FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND  
TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Total net change in the fund balance for the year December 31, 2019, per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	\$(41,993)
Capital outlay which is considered an expenditure on Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance	7,776
The governmental fund reports capital outlay as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets are allocated over their estimated useful life and reported as depreciation expense Depreciaiton	(7,326)
Repayment of capital lease is considered an expenditure in the governmental funds, but their repayment reduces liabilities in the Statement of Net Position	1,768
Pension expenditures related to employer contributions subsequent to the measurement are expenditures in the governmental fund	<u>2,987</u>
Total change in net position for the year ended December 31, 2019, per Statement of Activities	<u><u>(36,788)</u></u>

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AGENCY FUND  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES  
DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>FIDUCIARY</u> <u>FUND TYPE</u> <u>GARNISHMENT FUND</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 13,528
Certificate of deposit	<u>59,317</u>
<u>Total assets</u>	<u><u>72,845</u></u>
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Due to General Fund	<u>\$ 72,845</u>
<u>Total liabilities</u>	<u><u>72,845</u></u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices.

A. The Reporting Entity

The Opelousas City Marshal was established under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:1879. The Marshal is charged with the responsibility of conducting, policing, and securing functions for Opelousas City Court. Operations of the Marshal's office are funded by court costs charged by Opelousas City Court.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the primary government 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. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government
2. Organizations for which the primary government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the primary government.
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.

Based on the criteria described above, the Opelousas City Marshal is a primary government due to the following:

1. The Marshal is an independently elected official.
2. The Marshal is fiscally independent of the City of Opelousas.
3. The Marshal is legally separate from the City of Opelousas.

The accompanying basic financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City Marshal.



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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

Government-wide Financial Statements (GWFS).

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of Opelousas City Marshal, as a whole. They include all funds of the reporting entity. The effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Fiduciary funds are not included in the GWFS. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets at the fund financial statement level.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the program, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements.

Financial statements of the reporting entity are organized into funds each of which is considered to be a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts, which constitutes its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures.

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. The Governmental Fund of the City Marshal includes:

The Opelousas City Marshal reports the following major governmental fund.

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Opelousas City Marshal. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Additionally, the Opelousas City Marshal reports the following fund type.

The Agency Fund type is used to account for assets held by a government in a trustee or agent capacity for others. Agency funds generally serve as clearing accounts. The Marshal's Agency Fund is as follows:

The Agency Fund is the Garnishment Fund of the Opelousas City Marshal. It is custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting (Continued)

Measurement Focus

The fund financial statements utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Their operating statements present sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. These funds use fund balance as their measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of the period.

The government-wide financial statements utilize an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objective of this measurement focus is the determination of operating income, changes in net position and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported.

D. Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities, governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Revenues

Fines and reimbursements are recorded when they become susceptible to accrual. Miscellaneous revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are recorded when the related liability is incurred.

Expenditures for insurance and similar services, which extend over more than one accounting period, are accounted for as expenditures in the period of acquisition.

Purchases of operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased and inventories of such supplies (if any) are not recorded as assets at the close of year-end unless significant.

The City Marshal does not employ the encumbrance system of accounting.

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

E. Cash and Investments

Louisiana statutes authorize the City Marshal to invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, time certificates of deposit in state and national banks, or any other federally insured investment.

F. Receivables

The receivables account represents fines receivable, salary reimbursement, juvenile mileage, subpoenas receivable, restitutions receivable, and bond forfeitures receivable, and miscellaneous receivable.

The fines receivable amount represents fines collected by the Opelousas City Court for the current year but not remitted to the City Marshal until the next year.

The salary reimbursement receivable represents the amount the St. Landry Parish District Attorney reimbursed for the current year for salaries but did not remit to the City Marshal until the next year.

The subpoenas receivable represents the amount collected by the Opelousas City Court for the current year but not remitted to the City Marshal until the next year.

The bond forfeitures receivable represents amounts collected by the Opelousas City Court, mainly from bonding agencies, when defendants fail to appear in court for the current year but not remitted to the City Marshal until the next year.

The miscellaneous receivable represents amounts that are not included in any of the above categories.

G. Capital Assets

In the government-wide financial statements, capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical cost if actual is unavailable, except for donated assets, which are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of donation.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the Statement of Activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the Statement of Net Position. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

Equipment	5-20 years
Autos	10-20 years

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

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

H. Deferred Outflow of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources

In some instances, the GASB requires a government to delay recognition of decreases in net position as expenditures until a future period. In other instances, governments are required to delay recognition of increases in net position as revenues until a future period. In these circumstances, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources result from the delayed recognition of expenditures or revenues, respectively.

I. Long-term Debt

All long-term debt to be repaid from governmental resources is reported as liabilities in the government-wide statements. The long-term debt consists of capital lease payable. Long-term debt for governmental funds is not reported as liabilities in the fund financial statements.

J. Budget

The City Marshal adopts a budget before the beginning of each year on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). If necessary, the budget is amended. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

K. Annual Sick Leave

All annual leave accumulated in 2019 was converted to sick leave on December 31, 2019. Sick leave is paid upon retirement or death, up to a maximum of 240 hours at a rate computed by taking the current monthly salary provided by the Opelousas City Marshal and dividing that amount by 160 hours. Accrued compensated absences are inconsequential at December 31, 2019, and thus are not recorded in these financial statements.

L. Equity Classifications

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

1. Net investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
2. Net position – restricted - Consists of net assets with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
3. Net position – unrestricted - All other net assets that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance reports aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources.

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NOTE (1) - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

L. Equity Classifications (Continued)

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.

1. 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 for enabling legislation.
2. Committed fund balance – These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by the Marshal – the government’s highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Marshal removes 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.
3. Assigned fund balance – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the City Marshal’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed. The Marshal 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.
4. 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.

The Marshal considers restricted amounts to be spent first when both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available unless there are legal documents/contracts that prohibit doing this, such as in grant agreements requiring dollar for dollar spending. Additionally, the Marshal would first use committed, then assigned and lastly unassigned amounts of unrestricted fund balance when expenditures are made.

M. ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported 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.

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NOTE (2) - CASH AND CERTIFICATES OF DEPOSIT

Cash consists of demand deposit accounts in the General Fund and one demand deposit account in the Garnishment Agency Fund. At year-end, the carrying amount of the City Marshal's cash accounts was \$15,949. The bank balance of cash was \$35,722 and was covered by federal depository insurance. The carrying amount and the bank balance of certificates of deposit at year-end were \$61,047. The bank balance was covered by federal depository insurance.

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the City Marshal's deposits may not be recovered or will not be able to recover the collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, (or the resulting balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security 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 City Marshal or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

As of December 31, 2019, the City Marshal's total bank balances were fully insured and therefore not exposed to custodial credit risk. The City Marshal does not have a policy for custodial credit risk.

NOTE (3) - RECEIVABLES

Receivables at December 31, 2019 consist of the following:

Fines	\$	1,757
Juvenile mileage		34
Salary reimbursement		5,887
Subpoenas receivable		132
Miscellaneous		79
<u>Total</u>		7,889

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**NOTE (4) - CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS**

A summary of changes in capital assets is as follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>1/1/2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2019</u>
<b>Governmental Activities</b>				
Automobiles	\$ 42,126	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 48,126
Equipment	61,689	1,776	-	63,465
<u>Totals</u>	<u>103,815</u>	<u>7,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>111,591</u>
<b>Less accumulated depreciation</b>				
Automobiles	36,903	1,352	-	38,255
Equipment	42,045	5,974	-	48,019
<u>Total accumulated depreciation</u>	<u>78,948</u>	<u>7,326</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>86,274</u>
<b>Capital assets, net</b>	<u>24,867</u>	<u>450</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25,317</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2019, amounted to \$7,326.

The land and building in which the Opelousas City Marshal operates, are provided by and currently owned by the City of Opelousas, Louisiana.

**NOTE (5) - ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

Employees of the Opelousas City Marshal's office received salaries and fringe benefits from various agencies and are included in the financial statements. The following is a summary of these on-behalf payments:

State of Louisiana	
State supplemental pay	\$ 11,400
City of Opelousas	
Salaries	225,664
Group health	27,826
Medicare	3,052
MERS contributions	55,011

The cost of some expenditures for the operation of the Opelousas City Marshal's office are paid by the City of Opelousas and are not included in the financial statements. They are as follows:

City of Opelousas	
Vehicle and equipment maintenance expenses	17,121
Telephone, postage, office supplies	1,840

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**NOTE (6) - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES**

During the course of operations, transactions occur between funds that may result in amounts owed between funds. Those related goods and services type transactions are classified as "due to and from other funds" in the fund financial statements. In the government-wide financial statements, interfund receivables and payables are eliminated within the governmental activities. All of these accounts are expected to be repaid within one year from the date of the financial statements.

	<u>Interfund Receivables</u>	<u>Interfund Payables</u>
General Fund	\$ 72,845	\$ -
Garnishment Fund	<u>-</u>	<u>72,845</u>
	<u>72,845</u>	<u>72,845</u>

**NOTE (7) - CHANGES IN LONG-TERM DEBT**

Opelousas City Marshal entered into a capital lease agreement with KS State Bank, for five radios on May 25, 2017. The first monthly payment was due on June 25, 2017. The agreement requires monthly payments of \$147.32 for sixty months which are recorded in the General Fund, secured by the radios.

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions of Opelousas City Marshal for the year ended December 31, 2019

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Capital lease payable at 1/01/2019	\$ 6,040
Payments	<u>(1,768)</u>
Capital lease payable at 12/31/2019	<u>4,272</u>
Due within one year	<u>\$ 1,768</u>

Maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$ 1,522	\$ 246	\$ 1,768
2021	1,643	125	1,768
2022	<u>722</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>736</u>
	<u>3,887</u>	<u>385</u>	<u>4,272</u>



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NOTE (8) - LEASE COMMITMENTS

Opelousas City Marshal entered into a monthly operating lease for three 2015 Ford police interceptor SUVs in June 2017. Twelve monthly payments were made for \$1,379.73 and one extra payment was made for \$920. Lease expense at December 31, 2019 totaled \$17,477.

Maturities of lease payments are as follows:

<u>Year Ending December 31,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2020	\$ 15,407	\$ 1,150	\$ 16,557
2021	<u>6,770</u>	<u>128</u>	<u>6,898</u>
	<u>22,177</u>	<u>1,278</u>	<u>23,455</u>

NOTE (9) - AGENCY FUND

Changes in Assets and Liabilities

ASSETS

Cash, as of January 1, 2019	\$ 79,414
Additions	411,475
Reductions	<u>418,044</u>
Cash, as of December 31, 2019	<u>72,845</u>

LIABILITIES

Due to General Fund and litigants, as of January 1, 2019	\$ 79,414
Additions	411,475
Reduction	<u>418,044</u>
Due to General Fund and litigants, as of December 31, 2019	<u>72,845</u>

NOTE (10) - RETIREMENT PLAN

General: The Opelousas City Marshal participates in funding a retirement plan under the City of Opelousas because the majority of salaries and benefits are paid by the City of Opelousas:

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NOTE (10) - RETIREMENT PLAN (continued)

Municipal Employees' Retirement System

Plan Description: Substantially all of the Opelousas City Marshal's full-time employees are provided pension benefits, under the City of Opelousas, through the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, Plan A. This plan is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, statewide funded plan. In addition to employee payroll deductions, The Marshal funds are remitted to the retirement system and are recorded expenditures. The retirement system is administered and controlled by a separate board of trustees. Contributions of participating agencies are pooled within the system to fund accrued benefits, with contribution rates approved by the Louisiana Legislature. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and Required Supplementary Information. The report may be obtained at [www.mersla.com](http://www.mersla.com).

Funding Policy: Plan A members of the Municipal Employees' Retirement System are required by state statute to contribute 9.5% of their annual covered salary and the Marshal (as the employer) is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate for the plan year ended June 30, 2019 was 26% of annual covered payroll.

The contribution requirements of plan members and the employer are established by and may be amended by state law. As required by state law, 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 employer contribution is additionally funded by the State of Louisiana through the annual Legislative appropriation. The Opelousas City Marshal's employer contributions to Municipal Employees' Retirement System for the year ended December 31, 2019 was \$17,597 and was equal to the required contribution for the year.

At December 31, 2019 the City Marshal reported deferred outflows of resources related to pensions from employer contributions subsequent to the June 30, 2019 measurement date of \$9,034. Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the City Marshal's contributions subsequent to the measurement date of the plan year will be recognized as pension expense in the year ending December 31, 2019.

Payables to the Pension Plan: At December 31, 2019, Opelousas City Marshal reported a payable to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana of \$2,045.

NOTE (11) - OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (OPEB)

The Opelousas City Marshal does not provide any post-employment benefits to retirees and therefore is not required to report under GASB Statement No. 45, Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post-employment Benefits Other Than Pensions.

NOTE (12) - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were evaluated through June 24, 2020, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued. As of June 24, 2020, there were no subsequent events noted.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
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BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE  
GENERAL FUND - BUDGET AND ACTUAL  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>AMENDED BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
<b><u>REVENUES</u></b>				
Fines and forfeitures				
Fines and subpoenas - City Court	\$ 48,000	\$ 32,000	\$ 41,170	\$ 9,170
Fines - DA	60,000	60,000	60,589	589
Bond forfeitures income	1,000	500	-	(500)
Garnishment revenue	30,000	35,000	22,830	(12,170)
Intergovernmental				
Salary reimbursements	14,000	14,000	15,600	1,600
Juvenile and citation mileage	100	150	235	85
Parish government reimbursements	70,000	72,000	82,371	10,371
On behalf payments	400,000	400,000	322,953	(77,047)
Interest income	100	100	899	799
Insurance reimbursement	1,000	500	-	(500)
Other				
Donations	1,000	500	500	-
Miscellaneous	500	500	179	(321)
<u>Total revenues</u>	<u>625,700</u>	<u>615,250</u>	<u>547,326</u>	<u>(67,924)</u>
<b><u>EXPENDITURES</u></b>				
Current operating				
Salaries	135,000	135,000	148,098	(13,098)
Payroll taxes	10,800	10,800	7,813	2,987
Auto repairs and maintenance	13,000	20,000	20,467	(467)
Fuel	500	500	-	500
Insurance	300	300	751	(451)
Internet	3,000	3,000	1,843	1,157
Office supplies	7,000	7,000	6,894	106
Uniforms	6,000	6,000	6,315	(315)
Dues and conventions	3,000	500	122	378
Equipment repairs and maintenance	1,000	750	1,737	(987)
Police supplies	10,000	15,000	4,118	10,882
Basic training	1,000	3,000	160	2,840
Accounting	13,000	13,000	12,885	115
Computer costs	1,000	1,000	1,629	(629)
Travel and meetings	750	1,500	1,310	190
Telephone	10,000	8,000	7,176	824
Interest	300	150	67	83
Advertising	-	-	38	(38)
Miscellaneous	750	750	325	425
Lease	16,500	16,500	17,477	(977)
Retirement	13,000	20,000	17,597	2,403
On behalf payments	400,000	400,000	322,953	77,047
Capital outlay	2,000	2,000	7,776	(5,776)
Debt service	1,800	1,800	1,768	32
<u>Total expenditures</u>	<u>649,700</u>	<u>666,550</u>	<u>589,319</u>	<u>77,231</u>
<b><u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u></b>				
Proceeds from disposal of asset	500	-	-	-
<u>Total other financing sources</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<b><u>NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE</u></b>	<b><u>(23,500)</u></b>	<b><u>(51,300)</u></b>	<b><u>(41,993)</u></b>	<b><u>9,307</u></b>
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b> , beginning of year			<u>118,515</u>	
<b><u>FUND BALANCE</u></b> , end of year			<u>76,522</u>	

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

Opelousas City Marshal Paul Mouton  
 Opelousas, Louisiana

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 financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Opelousas City Marshal as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Opelousas City Marshal's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 24, 2020.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2019-1 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Opelousas City Marshal's 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

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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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2019-2 and 2019-3.

#### Opelousas City Marshal's Responses to Findings

The Opelousas City Marshal's responses to these findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Opelousas City Marshal's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

#### Purpose of this Report

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

*John S. Dowling & Company*

Opelousas, Louisiana  
June 24, 2020

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Section I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Opelousas City Marshal.
2. One significant deficiency and no material weakness relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and on Other Matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
3. Two instances of noncompliance relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards.
4. No management letter was issued for the Opelousas City Marshal as of and for the year ended December 31, 2019.
5. There was no single audit required under 2CFR 200.516(a) (Uniform Guidance).

Section II - 2019 FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

INTERNAL CONTROL

2019-1 Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Condition: Due to the small number of employees, the Opelousas City Marshal did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Criteria: *Accounting duties should be segregated among employees.*

Cause: There are a small number of employees at the Opelousas City Marshal performing the daily operating activities.

Effect: The accounting functions are not segregated, and it is important that you are aware of this condition because errors or fraud could occur and not be detected.

Recommendation: A system of internal control should be established in order to mitigate the problem of having such a small number of employees performing the daily accounting functions.

Response: There are simply not enough employees at the Marshal's Office to properly segregate the accounting duties.

Contact Person: Marshal Paul Mouton

COMPLIANCE

2019-2 Budget Amendment

Condition: The budget was not properly amended.



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SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES (CONTINUED)  
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Section II - 2019 FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (Continued)

Criteria: Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (RS 39:1311(a)(2)) states that the budget be amended when actual revenues are less than budgeted revenues by five percent or more.

Cause: The budget was not properly amended.

Effect: Actual revenues were less than budgeted revenues by \$67,924 which is a variance of eleven percent.

Recommendation: The Opelousas City Marshal's office should consult and follow the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

Response: We will ensure that the budget is properly amended in the future.

Contact Person: Marshal Paul Mouton

2019-3 Sexual Harassment Training

Condition: Sexual harassment training was not completed by all employees.

Criteria: The Louisiana Revised Statute (RS 42:341-344) states that each agency head must adopt a sexual harassment policy, containing certain required language, complete a minimum of one hour of education and training on preventing sexual harassment and compile an annual report containing information regarding the agency's compliance.

Cause: Sexual harassment training was not completed by all employees.

Effect: The training required by the Louisiana Revised Statute was not completed by all employees

Recommendation: Sexual harassment training should be completed by all employees of the Opelousas City Marshal's office.

Response: Road Deputies are required to take the sexual harassment course at the time of their ethics training, but the clerical workers are not. The Marshal's office has gotten together with The City of Opelousas for our office workers to take the sexual harassment course in 2020.

Contact Person: Marshal Paul Mouton

Section III - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAM AUDIT

N/A

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SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS  
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SECTION I – INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

INTERNAL CONTROL

2018-1 - Inadequate Segregation of Duties

Repeat comment.

SECTION II – INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

N/A

SECTION III – MANAGEMENT LETTER

No findings

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER  
PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Agency Head Name: Paul Mouton, City Marshal

Purpose	Amount
Salary - City	\$ 37,897
Salary - Parish Government	9,600
Benefits - insurance	5,508
Benefits - retirement	10,187
Civil suits - City Court	12,692
Car allowance	0
Vehicle provided by government	0
Per diem	0
Reimbursements	0
Travel	0
Registration fees	0
Conference travel	0
Continuing professional education fees	0
Housing	0
Unvouchered expenses*	0
Special meals	0

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT**  
**ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To Opelousas City Marshal, Paul Mouton  
 and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Opelousas City Marshal (Entity) 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, 2019 through December 31, 2019. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

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

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

**Written Policies and Procedures**

1. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe that they address each of the following categories and subcategories (if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations):

- a) **Budgeting**, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing budgeting.*

- 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.

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing purchasing.*

- c) **Disbursements**, including processing, reviewing, and approving

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing disbursements.*

- d) **Receipts/Collections**, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing receipts and collections.*

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked.

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*There are no written policies and procedures addressing payroll and personnel.*

- 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

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing contracting.*

- g) **Credit Cards** (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable), including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases)

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing credit cards.*

- h) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing travel and expense reimbursement.*

- i) **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that all employees, including elected officials, annually attest through signature verification that they have read the entity's ethics policy.

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing ethics.*

- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing debt service.*

- k) **Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.

*There are no written policies and procedures addressing disaster recovery.*

### **Collections (excluding EFTs)**

3. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

*There is only one deposit site and obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.*

5. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no

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written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

- a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.

*No cash payments are accepted, and employees do not have a cash register or drawer.*

- b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.

*The Marshal's employee responsible for collecting checks also prepares and makes deposits.*

- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

*The Marshal's employee responsible for collecting checks is also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger.*

- d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

*The Marshal's employee responsible for collecting checks is also responsible for reconciling the bank statement, but the Marshal verifies the reconciliation.*

6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.

*The Marshal and only one other employee are bonded.*

7. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- a) Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

*No exceptions noted.*

- b) Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

*No exceptions noted.*

- c) Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

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*No exceptions noted.*

- d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).

*None of the deposits were made within one day of receipt at the collection location. Deposits are made once per week, not daily.*

- e) Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

*No exceptions noted.*

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

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8. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

*Only one location processes payments, Opelousas City Marshal's office. Obtained representation from management that listing is complete.*

9. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- a) At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase.

*No exceptions noted.*

- b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.

*No exceptions noted.*

- c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.

*The Marshal's employee responsible for processing payments is not prohibited from adding or modifying vendor files.*

- d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.

*No exceptions noted.*

10. For each location selected under #8 above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction and:



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- a) Observe that the disbursement matched the related original invoice/billing statement.

*No exceptions noted.*

- b) Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### **Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards**

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

*Obtained from management, a listing of all active credit cards including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintain possession of the cards.*

12. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- a) Observe that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing, 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.]

*The combined monthly statement was reviewed and approved by the Marshal, who is also a card holder.*

- b) Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

*No finance charges or late fees were assessed.*

13. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only).

*No exceptions noted.*

#### **Ethics**

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14. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #16 under "Payroll and Personnel" above obtain ethics documentation from management, and:

- a. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the fiscal period.

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*No exceptions noted.*

- b. Observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official attested through signature verification that he or she has read the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period.

*The entity does not have an ethics policy.*

### ***Debt Service***

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15. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all bonds/notes on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each bond/note issued.

*No debt or notes were issued during the fiscal period.*

16. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

*No debt or notes were outstanding at the end of the fiscal period.*

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.

*John S. Dowling & Company*

Opelousas, Louisiana  
June 24, 2020

OPELOUSAS CITY MARSHAL  
OPELOUSAS, LOUISIANA  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2019

Management's responses to the following agreed-upon procedure sections:

**Written Policies and Procedures:**

1. a) Budgeting
- b) Purchasing
- c) Disbursements
- d) Receipts/Collections
- e) Payroll/Personnel
- f) Contracting
- g) Credit cards
- h) Travel and expense reimbursement
- i) Ethics
- j) Debt Service
- k) Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity
  - The Marshal's Office is a very small operation. The Marshal approves all spending and once the bill comes in, the Marshal signs showing he approved it and it is paid by the Chief Deputy Marshal who is in charge of bill-paying. We really don't feel that we have a need for policies and procedures.

**Collections:**

5. b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
- c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
6. Inquire of management that all employees who have access to cash are covered by a bond or insurance policy for theft.
7. d) Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100).
  - The Marshal's Office does not collect cash. Annette Breaux is bonded to sign for traffic citations. Also, in reference to checks not being deposited daily, a lot of paperwork is required before the checks can be processed and deposited. A weekly deposit is performed once paperwork is finished.

**Non-Payroll Disbursements:**

9. c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
  - Since we are such a small department, we are unable to fully segregate duties.