

MINDEN CITY MARSHAL
Minden, Louisiana

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2016

MINDEN CITY MARSHAL
Minden, Louisiana
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To the City Marshal Daniel Weaver
City of Minden, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Minden City Marshal, a component unit of the City of Minden, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Marshal'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, we do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

Our 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 AICPA, and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are 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. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our conclusion.

Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material 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.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedule on page 20 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements.

Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Such information is the responsibility of management. We have reviewed that information and, based on our review, we are 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. We have not audited the information and accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

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

Supplementary Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, 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. We have reviewed the information and, based on our review, we are 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. We 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, we have issued a report dated February 21, 2020, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Wise, Martin & Cole, LLC

Minden, LA
February 21, 2020

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT A

MINDEN CITY MARSHAL
Minden, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,421
Receivables	719
Due from agency fund	84
TOTAL ASSETS	5,224
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	5,735
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,735
 NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	(511)
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ (511)

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

STATEMENT B

MINDEN CITY MARSHAL
Minden, Louisiana

Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

<u>FUNCTION/PROGRAMS</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges for</u>	<u>Operating</u>	<u>Revenue and</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Grants and</u>	<u>Changes in</u>
			<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Net Position</u>
Governmental activities:				
Judicial activities	\$ 109,119	\$ 22,033	\$ 80,630	\$ (6,456)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 109,119</u>	<u>\$ 22,033</u>	<u>\$ 80,630</u>	<u>(6,456)</u>
Change in net position				(6,456)
Net position - beginning				<u>5,945</u>
Net position - ending				<u>\$ (511)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund
December 31, 2016

	General Fund
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,421
Receivables	719
Due from agency fund	84
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 5,224
 LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 5,735
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,735
 FUND BALANCE	
Unassigned	(511)
TOTAL FUND BALANCES	(511)
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 5,224

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2016

There are no differences in the amounts reported in the Statement of Net Position and the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet.

Fund Balance, Total Governmental Fund (Statement C)	<u>\$ (511)</u>
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)	<u>\$ (511)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Governmental Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance

For the year ended December 31, 2016

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Charges for services:	
Civil fees	\$ 11,048
Dismissal fees & service sales	4,083
Criminal court costs	6,902
Operating grants and contributions:	
Intergovernmental - on-behalf receipts	<u>80,630</u>
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>102,663</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Judicial activities:	
Salaries, fees paid and benefits	103,848
Office supplies	683
Mortgage costs & fees	50
Advertising	255
Insurance	131
Accounting	4,000
Service charges	141
Other expenditures	<u>11</u>
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>109,119</u>
Net change in fund balance	(6,456)
Fund balance - beginning	<u>5,945</u>
Fund balance - ending	<u>\$ (511)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

There are no differences between the amounts reported for the governmental activities in the Statement of Activities and the governmental fund Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance.

Net change in fund balance, governmental fund (Statement E)	<u>\$ (6,456)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$ (6,456)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Agency Funds
December 31, 2016

	<u>Garnishment Fund</u>	<u>Seizure, Sale & Disbursement Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 184	\$ 1	\$ 185
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 184</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 185</u>
LIABILITIES			
Due to general fund	\$ 83	\$ 1	\$ 84
Due to others	101	-	101
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ 184</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 185</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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INTRODUCTION

The Minden City Marshal (Marshal) was created under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes (RS) 13:1879. The purpose of the Marshal is to execute the orders and mandates of the Court, to include making arrests, preserving the peace, processing judgements and garnishments, and similar functions. The Marshal has jurisdiction within Ward 1 of Webster Parish.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Marshal have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

The Marshal is an independently elected official. However, the Marshal, is fiscally dependent on the City of Minden. The City maintains and operates the building in which the Marshal is located and provides funds for salaries, equipment, and expenditures of the Marshal. Because the Marshal is fiscally dependent on the City, the Marshal was determined to be a component unit of the City of Minden, the financial reporting entity.

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

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Government-wide statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Marshal.

Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Fiduciary funds are reported separately in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position.

The Statement of Activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are

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restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

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 Marshal's general revenues.

Allocation of indirect expense - The Marshal reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities. Indirect expenses not allocated to functions are reported separately in the Statement of Activities.

Elimination of internal activity – Transactions between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as either "due to/from other funds." While these balances are reported in fund financial statements, certain eliminations are made in the preparation of the government-wide financial statements. Balances between the funds included in governmental activities are eliminated so that only the net amount is included in the governmental activities column.

Fund financial statements

The Marshal uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transaction related to certain court functions and activities.

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Marshal'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 deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources 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 Marshal. The following is the Marshal's governmental fund:

1. General fund – the primary operating fund of the Marshal and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

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

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1. Garnishment fund – used to account for fines and court costs of all garnishment cases. Fines collected by various individuals/organizations are remitted monthly to the Marshal, City Court of Minden, the Plaintiff/Attorney and the General Fund.
2. Seizure, Sale and Disbursement fund – used to account for all costs and sales in relation to seized properties filed with the Marshal. Disbursements are made primarily to the City Court of Minden, the Plaintiff, and the General Fund.

The Marshal considers the following funds to be major:

Governmental funds –

General fund – The General fund is the primary operating fund of the Marshal.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

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 a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, liabilities, deferred outflows and inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

Fund financial statements are reported using a 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 30 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Although most expenditures are recorded when a liability is incurred as under accrual accounting, the measurement focus of a governmental fund significantly affects what items are to be considered expenditures in the governmental fund. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt which is recognized when due. Compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded in governmental funds if claims are due and payable.

Fines collected by the City Court of Minden and remitted to the Marshal the succeeding month are recognized as revenue when the fines are received.

E. BUDGETS

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Marshal adopts an operating budget for its General fund. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

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Excess of expenditures over appropriations in individual funds

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance</u>
General	\$ <u>27,235</u>	\$ <u>28,489</u>	\$ <u>1,254</u>

F. CASH

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. Under state law, the Marshal may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

G. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets, which include property, plant and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their acquisition value at the date of donation. The Marshal maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets. The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of fixed assets or materially extend useful lives are not capitalized. 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 using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 to 10 years
Office improvements	20 years

H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The payments for the Marshal and his deputies are administered as employees of the City of Minden and Webster Parish Police Jury for their on-behalf salary. The Marshal makes no salary payments to his deputies as employees. The Marshal reports the amounts paid to deputies for use of personal vehicle for Marshal business.

The Marshal does not have a formal vacation or sick leave policy; therefore, the Marshal has no accrued compensated absences.

I. 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

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contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

J. RESTRICTED NET POSTION

For the government-wide Statement of Net Position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use are either:

- Externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments;
- Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

It is the Marshal's policy to first apply restricted resources when an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available.

K. FUND EQUITY OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Fund balance is reported in the following categories:

Nonspendable: Fund balance that is not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. This category includes items that are not easily converted to cash such as inventories and prepaid items.

Restricted: Fund balance that can be spent only for specific purposes stipulated by constitution, external resource providers, or through enabling legislation.

Committed: Fund balance that can only be used for specific purposes determine by the Marshal's highest level of decision-making authority. The Marshal is the highest level of decision-making authority, and by the Marshal's order, can commit fund balance. Committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Marshal removes or changes the specified use by taking the same actions employed when the funds were initially committed. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned: Fund balance that is constrained by the Marshal's intent to be used for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed. This intent is expressed by the Marshal.

Unassigned: Fund balance that is the residual classification for the General fund.

The Marshal reduces committed amounts, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of those unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used. The Marshal considers restricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure has been incurred for purposes which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available.

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2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2016, the Marshal had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$4,421 (book balances). Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are to be held in the name of the pledging bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Custodial Credit Risk – Deposits: At year end, the Marshal had bank balances of \$4,416. These deposits were fully secured by federal depository insurance.

The Marshal has not formally adopted a deposit or investment policy that limits the government’s allowable deposits or investments and addresses custodial credit or interest rate risks.

3. RECEIVABLES

The Marshal recognized accounts receivable at December 31, 2016 of \$719, representing an amount due from another government, the City Court of Minden. The balance of accounts receivable for governmental funds is expected to be collected in full so no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established.

4. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

Interfund receivables and payables at December 31, 2016 were as follows:

<u>Receivable</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Payable</u>	
General fund	<u>\$ 84</u>	<u>Garnishment fund</u>	<u>Seizure, Sale & Disbursement fund</u>
		<u>\$ 83</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>

Both the Garnishment and Seizure, Sale & Disbursement funds report a payable to the General fund for costs collected and not paid until after year end.

5. PAYABLES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses at December 31, 2016 consisted of the following:

<u>Class of payable</u>	<u>General fund</u>
Accounts payable	\$ 4,155
Due to City Marshal	550
Due to Others	<u>1,030</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,735</u>

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6. ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR BENEFITS

In accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 24, the Marshal reports on-behalf salary and fringe benefit payments made by the City of Minden and the Webster Parish Police Jury to the Marshal's employees. The City and the Police Jury each pay a portion of salaries for the Marshal and his employees, as well as health insurance and retirement for the Marshal.

The Marshal is not legally responsible for retirement benefits. The City of Minden makes pension contributions for the qualified employees to the Municipal Employee Retirement System of Louisiana, a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. Total payments are recorded as intergovernmental revenue and expenditures in the GAAP basis government-wide and General fund financial statements. \$9,553 was made by the City of Minden to the Municipal Employees Retirement System for the Marshal.

The City of Minden, Louisiana and the Webster Parish Police Jury made on-behalf payments of \$80,630 for the Marshal for the year ended December 31, 2016, as follows:

City of Minden, Louisiana	\$ 45,245
Webster Parish Police Jury	<u>35,385</u>
	<u>\$ 80,630</u>

7. DEFICIT FUND BALANCE

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, the General fund had a fund balance deficit of \$511.

8. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

	<u>Garnishment Fund</u>	<u>Seizure Fund</u>
Balance at December 31, 2015	\$257	1
Additions	137,893	35,000
Reductions	<u>(137,966)</u>	<u>(35,000)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 184</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>

9. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Marshal was not involved in any litigation as of December 31, 2016, nor was it aware of any unasserted claims. The Marshal is not a defendant in any litigation seeking damages from the Marshal. The Marshal estimates that any potential claims against the Marshal would not materially affect the financial statements.

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10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through February 21, 2020. This date represents the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	Variance with Final Budget Favorable (Unfavorable)
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
REVENUES				
Charges for services:				
Civil fees	\$ 11,300	\$ 11,300	\$ 11,048	\$ (252)
Dismissal fees & service sales	1,400	1,400	4,083	2,683
Criminal court costs	10,150	10,150	6,902	(3,248)
TOTAL REVENUES	<u>22,850</u>	<u>22,850</u>	<u>22,033</u>	<u>(817)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Judicial activities:				
Marshal's fees of office	10,600	10,600	12,418	(1,818)
Deputies & clerical	10,800	10,800	10,800	-
Office expense	700	700	683	17
Mortgage costs & fees	10	10	50	(40)
Advertising	-	-	255	(255)
Insurance - vehicle	450	450	-	450
Insurance - dishonesty bond	150	150	131	19
Accounting	4,125	4,125	4,000	125
Subscriptions	150	150	-	150
Service charges	-	-	141	(141)
Miscellaneous	250	250	11	239
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	<u>27,235</u>	<u>27,235</u>	<u>28,489</u>	<u>(1,254)</u>
Net change in fund balance	(4,385)	(4,385)	(6,456)	(2,071)
Fund balance - beginning of year	<u>5,945</u>	<u>5,945</u>	<u>5,945</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance - end of year	<u>\$ 1,560</u>	<u>\$ 1,560</u>	<u>\$ (511)</u>	<u>\$ (2,071)</u>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to the Agency Head
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Agency Head Name: Jack R. Shelley, Marshal

Paid by City Marshal – Commissions and seizures	\$ 20,222
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Paid by Webster Parish Police Jury:

Salary	12,000
Benefits – health insurance	3,594
Benefits – retirement	4,776

Paid by City of Minden

Salary	15,217
Benefits – health insurance	3,594
Benefits – retirement	<u>4,776</u>

Total	<u>\$ 64,179</u>
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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

To the City Marshal Daniel Weaver
City of Minden, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Minden City Marshal and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Marshal's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2016, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. Management of the Minden City Marshal is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed 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 the 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.

Public Bid Law

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$152,400, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law) or R.S. 39:1551-39:1775 (the state procurement code), whichever is applicable.

There were no expenditures exceeding \$30,000.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the requested information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with the requested information.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list provided by management for procedures 3 appeared on the list provided by management for procedure 2.

Budgeting

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. Management represented that there were no amendments to the budget during the year.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

Not applicable - No open meeting is required for an elected official to adopt the budget.

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

Exception: We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures for the year were more than budgeted expenditures by 5%.

Management's Response: See attached response on page 33.

Accounting and Reporting

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

(a) trace disbursements to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

Exception: We agreed disbursements to supporting documentation for four of the six selected disbursements. Supporting documentation was not provided for two disbursements.

Management's Response: See attached response on page 33.

- (b) determine if disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All six disbursements were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Inspection of the images of the cancelled checks indicated approval from the Marshal for all invoices paid. We considered the signature of the Marshal on the cancelled check as approval of invoices paid.

Meetings

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law).

Not applicable - No open meeting is required for an elected official.

Debt

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We examined all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees, which may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

We noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances or gifts.

State Audit Law

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

Exception: The Minden City Marshal report was due June 30, 2017. The former Marshal did not provide for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Management's Response: See attached response on page 33.

13. 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).

The former Minden City Marshal did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds and were subject to the public bid law.

Prior-Year Comments

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

Our prior year report, dated June 14, 2016, did not include any suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments.

The agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted 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. 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 the Minden City Marshal's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures; other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Minden City Marshal'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.

Wise, Marten & Cole, LLC

Minden, Louisiana
February 21, 2020

**LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE
(For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)**

February 21, 2020

**Wise Martin & Cole, LLC
601 Main Street
Minden, LA 71055**

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2016 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 public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [] No []

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 []

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 []

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 []

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 []

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

Yes [] No []

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

Yes [] No []

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 []

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 []

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.
Yes [] No []

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 []

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 []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes [] No []

General

We are responsible for our compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [] No []

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

Yes [] No []

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 []

We have made available to you all records that we believe are relevant to the foregoing agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [] No []

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of your report.

Yes [] No []

We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance that may occur up to the date of your report.

Yes [] No []

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

James Heaney Marshal City Marshal 20 Feb. 2020 Date

OTHER INFORMATION

MINDEN CITY MARSHAL

City of Minden
Minden, Louisiana

Prior Year Findings

As of and for the year ended December 31, 2016

There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 2015.

MINDEN CITY MARSHAL
City of Minden
Minden, Louisiana

Current Year Findings
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2016

2016-01 Late filing

Criteria: Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 requires the review/attestation of the Minden City Marshal to be submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA) no later than six months after the Marshal's year end. The due date for the report with a December 31, 2016 year end was June 30, 2017.

Condition: The Marshal did not file its annual report for the year ended December 31, 2016 by the due date.

Cause: Unknown.

Effect: Noncompliance with the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Minden City Marshal ensure that records are maintained to allowance timely performance of annual reporting.

View of Responsible Official and Corrective Action Plan: *See attached response on page 33.*



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20 Feb. 2020

In reference to Financial Questions
pertaining to 2016 Report.

Page 25 #7 I Daniel Weaver was sworn in as the Minden City Marshal on 11 February 2019. At that time I was advised by the Louisiana State Auditor Office that there had not been an Audit or Review turned in to the State since 2016. At this time I attempted to make sure that they receive a copy of such Audit's and Review's but learned that there had not been an Audit or Review conducted since 2015. At this time I also learned that I had to do such Audits and Reviews prior to doing my Audits at the end of 2019. I then learned that there were not enough funding to pay for such Audits.

My goal for 2019 is to increase our fees pertaining to services into our office which should help in getting these Audit's and Review's conducted and paid for in a timely manner. Pertaining to the budget expenditures I expect to monitor closely monies coming in and out of our office to keep our office running efficiently.

Page 25 #8 I have implemented a filing procedure monthly that where bills are kept in order and a reference to where we can help in producing



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documents that will support disbursements out of our office. We also have made corrections of check writing procedures and managing of our accounts.

Page 26 #12 Please reference above but to the answer to why the former Marshal did not conduct an Audit or Review is unknown. He was the Marshal for 24 years and had conducted such Audits and Reviews in the past so he was aware that he had to do so. We are at current on the Non-Compliance List for the Marshal's Office for the State of Louisiana, which is an Embarrassment to me and the City of Minden. My Goal is to have 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 Audits and Reviews done and turned into the State Auditors Office by March 2020.

Page 33 2016-01 Please reference above.

Daniel Weaver

Minden City Marshal's Office