

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF

Opelousas, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff (hereinafter "Sheriff") as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 Sheriff as of June 30, 2023 and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Sheriff, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. We obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed. We evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements. We conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison schedule, schedule of changes in total OPEB liability and related ratios, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability, and employer pension contributions on pages 42 through 45 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management, and, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements. The accompanying comparative statements on pages 48 and 49 and the justice system funding schedule on pages 52 through 54 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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. This 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 or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the comparative statements and the justice system funding schedules are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The prior year comparative information on the comparative statements has been derived from the Sheriff's 2022 financial statements, which were 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 or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and, in our opinion were fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the annual report. The other information comprises the comparative detailed budget comparison schedules on page 50 and 51 and the affidavit on page 55 but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated November 15, 2023 on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's 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 Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
November 15, 2023

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF
Opelousas, Louisiana
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Current assets:	
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 10,666,989
Due from other governmental units	255,190
Other	615
Total current assets	10,922,794
Noncurrent assets:	
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,093,274
Land and construction in progress	585,699
Right-of-use asset, net	118,635
Total noncurrent assets	8,797,608
Total assets	19,720,402
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to OPEB	3,213,685
Deferred outflows related to pension	7,329,024
Total deferred outflows of resources	10,542,709
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities:	
Accounts, salaries, and other payables	679,031
Right-of-use lease liability	98,176
Total current liabilities	777,207
Noncurrent liabilities:	
Long-term liabilities	210,461
Right-of-use lease liability	27,029
Net OPEB obligation	10,440,362
Net pension liability	9,564,406
Total noncurrent liabilities	20,242,258
Total liabilities	21,019,465
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to OPEB	2,953,979
Deferred inflows related to pension	671,965
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,625,944
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets	8,672,403
Restricted for drug enforcement	127,734
Restricted for opioid prevention	126,674
Unrestricted (deficit)	(3,309,109)
Total net position	\$ 5,617,702

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

FUND DESCRIPTIONS

General Fund

The General Fund is used to account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund

Contraband Fund -

The Contraband Fund is used to account for receipt and disbursement of contraband received.

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Balance Sheet - Governmental Funds
June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Non-major Fund	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 10,539,255	\$ 127,734	\$ 10,666,989
Receivables -			
Due from other governmental units	255,190	-	255,190
Other	615	-	615
Total assets	\$ 10,795,060	\$ 127,734	\$ 10,922,794
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 169,212	\$ -	\$ 169,212
Accrued liabilities	509,819	-	509,819
Total liabilities	679,031	-	679,031
Fund balances:			
Restricted for operations of Contraband Fund	-	127,734	127,734
Restricted for opioid prevention	126,674	-	126,674
Assigned for construction	1,000,000	-	1,000,000
Unassigned	8,989,355	-	8,989,355
Total fund balances	10,116,029	127,734	10,243,763
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 10,795,060	\$ 127,734	\$ 10,922,794

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet
to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023

Total fund balance for the governmental funds at June 30, 2023		\$ 10,243,763
Total net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position is different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Capital assets, net		8,678,973
Intangible right-of-use assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources, and therefore, are not reported in the funds.		
Right-of-use assets, net		118,635
The deferred outflows of resources are not a use of current resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. The deferred outflows of resources are related to the following:		
Net OPEB obligation	\$ 3,213,685	
Net pension Liability	<u>7,329,024</u>	10,542,709
Long term liabilities are not payable from current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.		
Compensated absences payable	(210,461)	
Right-of-use lease liability	(125,205)	
Net OPEB obligation	(10,440,362)	
Net pension liability	<u>(9,564,406)</u>	(20,340,434)
The deferred inflows of contributions are not available resources, and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. The deferred outflows of resources are related to the following:		
Net OPEB obligation	(2,953,979)	
Net pension liability	<u>(671,965)</u>	<u>(3,625,944)</u>
Net position at June 30, 2023		<u>\$ 5,617,702</u>

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances -
Governmental Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund	Non-major Fund	Total
Revenues:			
Taxes -			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 3,200,156	\$ -	\$ 3,200,156
Sales taxes	11,460,212	-	11,460,212
Intergovernmental revenues -			
Federal grants	85,575	-	85,575
State grants	19,367	-	19,367
State grants - state revenue sharing (net)	266,834	-	266,834
State supplemental pay	715,762	-	715,762
Video poker commissions	844,759	-	844,759
Fees charges and commissions for services -			
Civil and criminal fees	1,231,395	-	1,231,395
Special duty detail	418,058	-	418,058
Feeding, keeping, and transporting prisoners	846,255	-	846,255
Interest income	55,359	787	56,146
Contraband	-	44,901	44,901
Sale of Assets	32,027	8,000	40,027
Miscellaneous	314,691	-	314,691
Total revenues	19,490,450	53,688	19,544,138
Expenditures:			
Current -			
Public safety:			
Personal services and related benefits	10,632,150	-	10,632,150
Operating services	3,214,609	-	3,214,609
Operations and maintenance	2,968,856	27,249	2,996,105
Travel and other charges	27,022	-	27,022
Capital outlay	1,010,695	38,793	1,049,488
Total expenditures	17,853,332	66,042	17,919,374
Net change in fund balances	1,637,118	(12,354)	1,624,764
Fund balances, beginning	8,478,911	140,088	8,618,999
Fund balances, ending	\$10,116,029	\$ 127,734	\$10,243,763

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balances of the Governmental Funds
to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total net changes in fund balance for the year ended June 30, 2023 per statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance		\$ 1,624,764
The change in net position reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.		
Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance	\$ 1,022,317	
Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2023	<u>(669,123)</u>	353,194
Governmental funds report intangible right-of-use assets as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of these assets are allocated over the lease term and reported as amortization expense.		
Right-of-use assets, which is considered expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balance	27,171	
Loss on disposal of right-of-use assets	(9,770)	
Amortization expense for the year ended June 30, 2023	<u>(105,323)</u>	(87,922)
Principal payments are reported on the governmental funds as expenditures. In the statement of net position, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, the retirement of principal is recorded as an expenditure in the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances whereas the payment reduces the balance of the liabilities in the statement of net position.		
Proceeds from right-of-use assets	(27,171)	
Principal payments - right-of-use assets	<u>118,046</u>	90,875
Differences between the amounts reported as expenses in the statement of activities and those reported as expenditures in the fund financial statements:		
Compensated absences	6,252	
Other claims payable	100,000	
Postemployment benefits	(345,185)	
Pension expense	<u>(995,907)</u>	(1,234,840)
Non-employer pension contributions to the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund		<u>544,094</u>
Total changes in net position for the year ended June 30, 2023 per statement of activities		<u>\$ 1,290,165</u>

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Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
Custodial Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 151,982
Interest-bearing deposits	<u>2,266,197</u>
Total assets	<u>\$2,418,179</u>
LIABILITIES	
Due to taxing bodies and others	\$1,737,950
Due to inmates	<u>60,847</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,798,797</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted for individuals and other governments	<u>\$ 619,382</u>

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Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
Fiduciary Funds
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Custodial Funds
ADDITIONS	
Sheriff sales and fees	\$ 1,884,872
Bonds	593,753
Fines and court costs	1,763,602
Work release housing & transportation	48,038
Garnishments	296,296
Licenses and fees	701,606
Taxes and fees paid to tax collector	44,039,618
Inmates	131,867
Interest	<u>22,555</u>
Total additions	<u>49,482,207</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
Taxes and fees distributed to taxing bodies and others	46,702,284
Settled deposits	<u>2,682,820</u>
Total deductions	<u>49,385,104</u>
Net increase in fiduciary net position	97,103
Net position - beginning	<u>522,279</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 619,382</u></u>

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Sheriff serves a four-year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The Sheriff administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, and serving subpoenas.

As the chief law enforcement officer of the parish, the Sheriff has the responsibility for enforcing state and local laws and ordinances within the territorial boundaries of the parish. The Sheriff provides protection to the residents of the parish through on-site patrols and investigations and serves the residents of the parish through the establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, et cetera. In addition, when requested, the Sheriff provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within the parish.

As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the Sheriff is responsible for collecting and distributing ad valorem property taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, and fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

The accounts of the tax collector are established to reflect the collections imposed by law, distributions pursuant to such law, and unsettled balances due various taxing bodies and others.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Sheriff conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of the industry audit guide, *Audits of State and Local Governmental Units*.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

For financial reporting purposes, the Sheriff includes all funds, account groups, activities, et cetera, that are controlled by the Sheriff as an independently elected parish official. As an independently elected parish official, the Sheriff is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which include the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. Other than certain operating expenditures of the Sheriff's office that are paid or provided by the parish council (government) as required by Louisiana law, the Sheriff is financially independent.

Accordingly, the Sheriff is a separate governmental reporting entity. Certain units of local government, over which the Sheriff exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish council, parish school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the Sheriff.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the Sheriff as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Sheriff. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with professional standards.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the Sheriff's governmental activities. 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 services offered by the Sheriff, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The Sheriff uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain Sheriff functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the Sheriff are classified into two categories: governmental and fiduciary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the Sheriff or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. The General Fund of the Sheriff is considered to be a major fund.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

The funds of the Sheriff are described below:

Governmental Funds –

General Fund – This fund is the primary operating fund of the Sheriff and it accounts for the operations of the Sheriff's office. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to sheriff policy.

Special Revenue Fund – Contraband Fund – This fund is used to account for the receipt and disbursement of contraband received.

Fiduciary (Custodial) Funds –

Fiduciary Funds are used to report assets held in a trustee or custodial capacity for others and therefore are not available to support the Sheriff's programs. The Sheriff has adopted GASBS No. 84 for the reporting and classification of its fiduciary activities. Fiduciary reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and are reported using the accrual basis of accounting.

The Sheriffs' fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statement by type. Since by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the Sheriff, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide financial statements. The individual custodial funds used by the Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Sheriff's Fund – To account for funds held in connection with civil suits, sheriff's sales, and garnishments and payment of these collections to the Sheriff's General Fund and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

Bond Fund – To account for the collection of cash bonds and payment of these collections to the eligible recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

Tax Collector Fund – Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, provides that the Sheriff will serve as the tax collector of state and parish taxes, fees, and licenses. The Tax Collector Fund is used to collect and distribute these taxes, fees, and licenses to the appropriate taxing bodies.

Prisoners' Money Fund – To account for the receipts and disbursements made to the individual prison inmate accounts.

Drug Seizure Fund – To account for monies seized during drug policing activities.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

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

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

The governmental fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, generally become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year.

Sales taxes are considered as “measurable” when in the hands of the sales tax collector and are recognized as revenue at that time.

Intergovernmental revenues and fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded when the Sheriff is entitled to the funds.

Interest on interest-bearing deposits is recorded or accrued as revenues when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

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Notes to Basic Financial Statements (Continued)

Expenditures

The Sheriff's primary expenditures include salaries and insurance, which are recorded when the liability is incurred. Capital expenditures and purchases of various operating supplies are regarded as expenditures at the time purchased.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted for as other financing sources (uses) when the transfer is authorized by the Sheriff.

Unearned Revenues

Unearned revenues arise when resources are received by the Sheriff before it has a legal claim to them, as when grant monies are received before the incurrence of qualifying expenditures. In subsequent periods, when the Sheriff has a legal claim to the resources, the liability for unearned income is removed from the combined balance sheet and the revenue is recognized.

D. Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Cash and interest-bearing deposits include amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. They are stated at cost, which approximates market.

E. Internal Balances

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as due from other funds or due to other funds on the balance sheet. Short-term interfund loans are classified as interfund receivables/payables.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost (the extent to which fixed asset costs have been estimated and the methods of estimation should be disclosed) if historical cost is not available (or describe other method of valuation). Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The Sheriff maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position. 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.

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

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives
Buildings	40 years
Improvements other than buildings	10-15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Office furniture	5-10 years
Equipment	5-10 years

G. Compensated Absences

Employees of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff earn from 12 to 15 days of annual leave each year, depending on their length of service. Sick leave is earned at the rate of 1 day for each month worked. Accrued sick leave is not limited and not payable upon termination. Only 48 hours of annual leave can be carried forward from one year to the next, and it is not payable upon retirement or termination. Compensatory time is not limited and is paid upon retirement or termination. At June 30, 2023, employees of the Sheriff have accumulated and vested \$210,461 of compensated absence benefits. This amount is included in noncurrent liabilities in the statement of net position.

H. Deferred Outflows 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. Equity Classifications

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

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increased by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position 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.

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- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “net investment in capital assets” or “restricted.”

In the fund financial statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. As such, fund balance of the governmental fund is classified as follows:

- a. Nonspendable – amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- b. Restricted – amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- c. Committed – amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Sheriff, which is the highest level of decision-making authority.
- d. Assigned – amounts that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed but that are intended to be used for specific purposes. Under the Sheriff’s adopted policy, only he may assign amounts for specified purposes.
- e. Unassigned – all other spendable amounts.

When an expenditure is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Sheriff considers restricted funds to have been spent first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Sheriff considers amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Sheriff has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

J. Interfund Transactions

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

K. 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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(2) Ad Valorem Taxes

The Sheriff is the ex-officio tax collector of the parish and is responsible for the collection and distribution of ad valorem property taxes. Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the parish government in June and are actually billed to taxpayers by the Sheriff in October or November. Billed taxes are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of St. Landry Parish and are collected by the Sheriff. The taxes are remitted to the appropriate taxing bodies net of deductions for assessor's compensation and pension fund contributions.

Ad valorem taxes are budgeted and recorded in the year levied and billed. For the year ended June 30, 2023, law enforcement taxes applicable to the Sheriff's General Fund were levied at the rate of 4.12 mills on property with approximate net assessed valuations (after homestead exemption) totaling \$749,398,962.

Total law enforcement taxes levied during 2023 were \$3,087,525.

(3) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the Sheriff may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The Sheriff may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff has cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$13,085,168, as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Fiduciary Funds	Total
Noninterest-bearing deposits	\$ 296,395	\$ 151,982	\$ 448,377
Interest-bearing deposits	10,370,594	2,266,197	12,636,791
Total	\$10,666,989	\$2,418,179	\$13,085,168

The deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Sheriff will not be able to recover deposits. The Sheriff does not have a policy for custodial credit risk; however, under state law these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

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Deposit balances (bank balances) at June 30, 2023, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$ 13,287,246</u>
Federal deposit insurance	1,000,000
Pledged securities	<u>12,287,246</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,287,246</u>

Deposits in the amount of \$12,287,246 were exposed to custodial credit risk. The securities pledged for these deposits are held by the bank, or its trust department or agent, but not in the Sheriff's name. Even though the pledged securities are not held in the name of the Sheriff, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Sheriff that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

(4) Due from Other Governmental Units

Amounts due from other governmental units at June 30, 2023 consist of the following:

St. Landry Parish and others for prisoner maintenance, fees, and other charges	\$ 144,019
State of Louisiana - video poker commissions	<u>111,171</u>
Total due from other governmental units	<u>\$ 255,190</u>

(5) Accounts, Salaries, and Other Payables

The accounts, salaries, and other payables consisted of the following at June 30, 2023:

Accounts	\$ 169,212
Salaries	393,826
Payroll withholdings	<u>115,993</u>
Total	<u>\$ 679,031</u>

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(6) Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023 was as follows:

	Balance 7/1/2022	Additions	Deletions	Balance 6/30/2023
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 585,699	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 585,699
Construction in progress	1,907,247	558,241	2,465,488	-
Other capital assets:				
Buildings	5,977,185	2,465,488	3,500	8,439,173
Vehicles	3,197,207	347,946	203,773	3,341,380
Equipment	2,527,200	116,130	-	2,643,330
Total	14,194,538	3,487,805	2,672,761	15,009,582
Less: accumulated depreciation				
Buildings	1,315,369	184,567	3,500	1,496,436
Vehicles	2,433,876	298,195	203,773	2,528,298
Equipment	2,119,514	186,361	-	2,305,875
Total	5,868,759	669,123	207,273	6,330,609
Net capital assets	\$ 8,325,779	\$ 2,818,682	\$ 2,465,488	\$ 8,678,973

Depreciation expense in the amount of \$669,123 was charged to public safety.

(7) Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2023, the following changes occurred in long-term liabilities transactions and balances:

	Balance 7/1/2022	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2023
Compensated absences	\$ 216,713	\$ 213,907	\$ 220,159	\$ 210,461
Other claims	100,000	-	100,000	-
	\$ 316,713	\$ 213,907	\$ 320,159	\$ 210,461

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(8) Leases

The Sheriff recognizes a lease liability and an intangible right-of-use lease asset (lease asset) in the government wide financial statements. The leased assets activity for the year follows:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>
Intangible right-of-use assets	\$ 718,216	\$ 27,171	\$ 249,588	\$ 495,799
Less: accumulated amortization	<u>511,659</u>	<u>9,770</u>	<u>144,265</u>	<u>377,164</u>
Intangible right-of-use assets, net	<u>\$ 206,557</u>	<u>\$ 17,401</u>	<u>\$ 105,323</u>	<u>\$ 118,635</u>

The leased assets will be amortized over the lease terms. Unamortized lease assets to be amortized in future periods is as follows:

Years Ended June 30,		
2024		\$ 94,054
2025		9,320
2026		5,634
2027		5,434
2028		<u>4,193</u>
Total		<u>\$ 118,635</u>

The following is a summary of changes in the lease liability for the year ended June 30, 2023:

	<u>Balance</u> <u>7/1/2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>6/30/2023</u>	<u>Due Within</u> <u>One Year</u>
Right-of-use lease liability	<u>\$ 216,080</u>	<u>\$ 27,171</u>	<u>\$ 118,046</u>	<u>\$ 125,205</u>	<u>\$ 98,176</u>

At the commencement of a lease, the Sheriff initially measures the lease liability at the present value of payments expected to be made during the lease terms. For purposes of discounting future payments on the lease, the Sheriff used the interest rate of 3.75% to 6.58%. Subsequently, the lease liability is reduced by the principal portion of lease payments made. The lease asset is initially measured as the initial amount of the lease liability, adjusted for lease payments made at or before the lease commencement date, plus certain initial direct costs. Subsequently, the lease asset is amortized on a straight line basis over the shorter of its useful life or the lease term.

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Minimum lease payments through the lease term are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 98,176	\$ 5,739	\$ 103,915
2025	10,223	598	10,821
2026	6,420	375	6,795
2027	6,231	364	6,595
2028	4,154	243	4,397
Total	<u>\$ 125,205</u>	<u>\$ 7,319</u>	<u>\$ 132,524</u>

(9) Postemployment Healthcare and Life Insurance Benefits

Plan Description: The St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office (the Sheriff) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The St. Landry Parish Sheriff's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is an agent multiple employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana Sheriff's Association Office of Group Benefits. The plan does not issue a publicly available financial report. LRS 42:8201-883 assigns the authority to establish and amend benefit provisions of the plan. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 75 to pay the related benefits.

Benefits Provided: Medical and life insurance benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement. The employer pays 100% of the medical coverage for the retiree (not dependents). Employees are covered by a retirement system whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age or, age 55 and 12 years of service; or age 55 and 30 years of service, or age 60 and 20 years of service, or age 62 and 12 years of service, for employees hired on or after January 1, 2012 and prior to July 1, 2019; or age 55 and 30 years of service, or age 65 and 15 years of service, for employees hired on and after July 1, 2019. Retirees must have at least 15 years of service to be eligible for retiree medical benefits. The monthly premiums of these benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are paid by the Sheriff. The Sheriff recognizes the cost of providing these benefits as an expenditure when the monthly premiums are due. The benefits are financed on a pay-as-you go basis.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees for the amount \$10,000 and 100% of the blended rate active/retired is paid by the employer. The amount is reduced to 75% of the original amount at age 65, then to 50% of the original amount at age 70, though not below amount \$10,000. Since GASB 74/75 requires the use of "unblended" rates, we have used the Pub-2010 mortality table to "unblend" the rates to reproduce the composite blended rate overall as the rate structure to calculate the actuarial valuation results for life insurance. All the assumptions used for the valuation of the medical benefits have been used except for the trend assumption; zero trend was used for life insurance.

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Employees covered by benefit terms: At July 1, 2022, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	39
Active employees	<u>211</u>
Total	<u>250</u>

In accordance with GASB Statement No. 75, the Sheriff recognizes the cost of postemployment healthcare and life insurance benefits in the year when the employee services are received and records the liability for OPEB obligations, known as the net OPEB liability, on the statement of net position. Changes in the net OPEB liability will be immediately recognized as OPEB expense on the statement of activities or reported as deferred inflows/outflows of resources depending on the nature of the change.

Total OPEB Liability

The Sheriff's total OPEB liability of \$10,440,362 was measured as of June 30, 2023, and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs: The total OPEB liability in the July 1, 2022 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified.

Inflation	3.0% annually
Salary increases	3.0% annually
Prior discount rate	3.54% annually
Discount rate	3.65% annually
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually for 5 years, decreasing to 4.14% after 52 years

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index over the 52 weeks immediately preceding the applicable measurement dates.

Pub-2010/2021 mortality table has been used.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2022.

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Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2022	<u>\$ 10,570,839</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	233,581
Interest	378,342
Changes in assumptions/inputs	(232,691)
Difference between expected and actual experience	(242,525)
Benefit payments and net transfers	<u>(267,184)</u>
Net changes	<u>(130,477)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 10,440,362</u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate: The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using discount rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (2.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.65%)	Current Discount Rate (3.65%)	1.0 % Increase (4.65%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 12,242,698</u>	<u>\$ 10,440,362</u>	<u>\$ 8,998,154</u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates: The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rate:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Trend Rate (5.5%)	1.0 % Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 9,034,800</u>	<u>\$ 10,440,362</u>	<u>\$ 12,182,535</u>

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

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Sheriff recognized OPEB expense of \$612,368. At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following resources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,205,935	\$ (513,520)
Changes in assumptions	2,007,750	(2,440,459)
Total	\$ 3,213,685	\$ (2,953,979)

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

Years Ended June 30,	
2024	\$ 445
2025	445
2026	445
2027	445
2028	445
Thereafter	257,481
Total	\$ 259,706

Actuarial Value of Plan Assets: There are not any plan assets. It is anticipated that in future valuations, should funding take place, a smoothed market value consistent with Actuarial Standards Board ASOP 6, as provided in paragraph number 125 of GASB Codification Section P50.

Turnover Rate: An age-related turnover scale based on actual experience has been used. The rates, when applied to the active employee census, produce a composite average annual turnover of approximately 17%.

Investment Return Assumption (Discount Rate): GASB Codification Section P50 states that the investment return assumption should be the estimated long-term investment yield on the investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits (that is, for a plan which is funded). Based on the assumption that the ARC will not be funded, a 3.54% annual investment return has been used in this valuation.

Health Care Cost Trend Rate: The expected rate of increase in medical cost is based on a graded schedule beginning with 5.5% annually for five years, decreasing to 4.14% after 52 years.

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Mortality Rate: Pub-2010/2021 is used. This is a recently published mortality table which has been used in determining the value of accrued benefits in defined benefit pension plans. Projected future mortality improvement has not been used since it is our opinion that this table contains sufficiently conservative margin for the population involved in this valuation.

Inflation Rate: Included in both the Investment Return Assumption and the Healthcare Cost Trend rates above is an implicit inflation assumption of 3.00% annually.

Projected Salary Increases: For purposes of determining the actuarial OPEB costs and liabilities in this valuation, an annual salary increase of 3.00% has been used.

Post-retirement Benefit Increases: The plan benefit provisions in effect for retirees as of the valuation date have been used and it has been assumed for valuation purposes that there will not be any changes in the future.

At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff did not owe any amounts to the OPEB plan.

(10) Pension Plan

Employees of the Sheriff are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 11:2171 to provide retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to employees of sheriff's offices throughout the State of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund's office. The Fund issues a publicly available financial report that may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, 1225 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, or by calling (225) 219-0500.

For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund (Fund) and additions to/deductions from the Fund's fiduciary net position have been determined on the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed. Investments are reported at fair value.

Plan Description:

Benefits Provided: The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement Benefits: For members who become eligible for membership on or before December 31, 2011, members with twelve years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five; members with thirty years of service may retire regardless of age. The retirement allowance is equal to three and one-third percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Active, contributing members with at least ten years of creditable service may retire at age sixty. The accrued normal retirement benefit is reduced actuarially for each month or fraction thereof that retirement begins prior to the member's earliest normal retirement date assuming continuous service.

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For members, whose first employment making them eligible for membership in the system began on or after January 1, 2012, members with twelve years of creditable service may retire at age sixty-two; members with twenty years of service may retire at age sixty; members with thirty years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five. The benefit accrual rate for such members with less than thirty years of service is three percent; for members with thirty or more years of service; the accrual rate is three and one-third percent.

The retirement allowance is equal to the benefit accrual rate times the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Members with twenty or more years of service may retire with a reduced retirement at age fifty.

For a member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the system began on or before June 30, 2006, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest thirty-six consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the thirty-six month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

For a member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the system began after June 30, 2006 and before July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

For a member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the system began on or after July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty-month period shall not exceed 115% of the preceding twelve-month period.

Disability Benefits: A member is eligible to receive disability benefits if he has at least ten years of creditable service when a non-service-related disability is incurred; there are no service requirements for a non-service related disability. Disability benefits shall be the lesser of 1) a sum equal to the greatest of 45% of final average compensation or the members' accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability, or 2) the retirement benefit which would be payable assuming continued service to the earliest normal retirement age. Members who become partially disabled receive 75% of the amount payable for total disability.

Survivor's Benefit: Survivor benefits for death solely as a result of injuries received in the line of duty are based on the following. For a spouse alone, a sum equal to 50% of the member's final average compensation with a minimum of \$150 per month. If a spouse is entitled to benefits and has a child or children under eighteen years of age (or over said age if physically or mentally incapacitated and dependent upon the member at the time of his death), an additional sum of 15% of the member's final average compensation is paid to each child with total benefits paid to spouse and children not to exceed 100%.

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If a member dies with no surviving spouse, surviving children under age eighteen will receive monthly benefits of 15% of the member's final average compensation up to a maximum of 60% of final average compensation if there are more than four children. If a member is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death, the surviving spouse receives an automatic option 2 benefit. The additional benefit payable to children shall be the same as those available for members who die in the line of duty. In lieu of receiving option 2 benefit, the surviving spouse may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions. All benefits payable to surviving children shall be extended through age twenty-three, if the child is a full-time student in good standing enrolled at a board approved or accredited school, college, or university.

Deferred Retirement Benefits: The Fund does provide for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Benefits become payable once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement.

Back Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Back-DROP): In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who has more than sufficient service for a regular service retirement may elect to receive a "Back-DROP" benefit. The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of three years or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. For those individuals with thirty or more years, the Back-DROP period is the lesser of four years or service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement.

At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to the monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In addition, the member's Back-DROP account will be credited with employee contributions received by the retirement fund during the Back-DROP period. Participants have the option to opt out of this program and take a distribution, if eligible, or to rollover the assets to another qualified plan.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments: Cost of living provisions for the Fund allows the board of trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.5% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost of living adjustment once they have attained the age of sixty and have been retired at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

Employer Contributions: According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2023, the actual employer contribution rate was 11.50%. Employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$1,027,598.

In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes, insurance premium taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue in the amount of \$544,094 and included in pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2023.

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Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions: At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff reported a liability of \$9,564,406 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Sheriff's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Sheriff's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Sheriff's proportion was 1.176743% which was a decrease of 0.028884% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Sheriff recognized pension expense of \$2,026,161 less the employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of \$2,654.

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

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

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A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2022
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	5 years
Investment Rate of Return	7.00%, net of investment expense
Discount Rate	6.85%
Projected Salary Increases	5.00% (2.50% inflation, 2.50% merit)
Mortality	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for active members, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The mortality rate assumptions were set after reviewing an experience study performed over the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the Fund's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that these tables would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables used.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rate of return by the target asset allocation percentage and adding expected inflation.

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Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class based on the Fund's target allocation as of June 30, 2022 were as follows:

Asset Class	Expected Rate of Return		
	Target Allocation	Real Return Arithmetic Basis	Long-term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity Securities	62%	6.61%	4.10%
Fixed Income	25%	4.92%	1.23%
Alternative Investments	13%	6.54%	0.85%
Totals	100%		6.18%
Inflation			2.25%
Expected Nominal Return			8.43%

Discount Rate: The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate: The following presents the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (5.85%) or one percentage-point higher (7.85%) than the current rate.

	1% Decrease 5.85%	Current Discount Rate 6.85%	1% Increase 7.85%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$16,936,447	\$9,564,406	\$ 3,417,412

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At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 439,973	\$ 475,218
Change of assumptions	1,428,627	-
Change in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	292,041	196,747
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	4,140,785	-
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,027,598	-
Total	\$7,329,024	\$ 671,965

Deferred outflows of resources of \$1,027,598 related to pensions resulting from the Sheriff's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year Ended June 30,	
2024	\$ 1,457,045
2025	1,282,286
2026	670,772
2027	2,219,358
Total	\$ 5,629,461

At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff did not owe any amounts to the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund.

(11) Taxes Paid Under Protest

The unsettled balances due to taxing bodies and others in the agency funds at June 30, 2023, include \$1,322,990 of taxes paid under protest plus interest earned to date on the investment of these funds. These funds are held pending resolution of the protest and are accounted for in the Tax Collector Custodial Fund.

(12) Expenditures of the Sheriff's Office Paid by the Parish Council

The Sheriff's offices are located in the parish courthouse and/or other buildings owned by the St. Landry Parish Government. The cost of maintaining the parish courthouse and jail, as required by statute, is paid by the St. Landry Parish Government. These expenditures are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

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(13) Litigation and Claims

At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff is involved in several lawsuits claiming damages. The Sheriff's legal counsel has reviewed the Sheriff's claims and lawsuits, which are primarily personal injury claims and automobile accident claims, in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the Sheriff and to arrive at an estimate, if any, of the amount or range of potential loss to the Sheriff. As a result of the review, the various claims and lawsuits have been categorized into "probable", "reasonably possible", or "remote", as defined by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Sheriff is involved in lawsuits that are classified as "remote". It is estimated that any unfavorable outcome to the Sheriff is not considered probable. It is the opinion of legal counsel that all lawsuits would not create a material liability to the Sheriff in excess of insurance coverage.

(14) Risk Management

The Sheriff is exposed to risks of loss in the areas of auto liability, professional law enforcement liability, and workers' compensation. All of these risks are handled by purchasing commercial insurance coverage. There have been no significant reductions in the insurance coverage during the year, nor have settlements exceeded coverage for the past three years.

(15) Compensation, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

The schedule of compensation and benefits paid to Bobby Guidroz, Sheriff, for the year ended June 30, 2023 follows:

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 189,811
Benefits-insurance	10,096
Benefits-retirement	21,832
Reimbursements	2,165
Registration fees	50
Conference travel	616
Total	\$ 224,570

(16) Ex-officio Tax Collector

The amount of cash on hand at year end was \$1,573,238. The unsettled balances of the Tax Collector Fund at June 30, 2023 consist of the following:

Collection of current and prior year taxes, not settled	\$ 226,463
Refunds and redemptions	23,785
Protest taxes	1,322,990
Total	\$ 1,573,238

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The amount of taxes collected for the current year by taxing authority was as follows:

Bobby Guidroz, Sheriff	\$ 3,034,631
St. Landry Parish School Board	15,113,433
St. Landry Parish Government	5,795,719
St. Landry Parish Assessor	1,495,140
Gravity Drainage Districts	2,527,353
Public Works Commission	3,917,020
Fire Districts	8,155,889
Forestry Tax	13,497
Louisiana Tax Commission	56,560
Acadia-St. Landry Hospital	127,028
Consolidated District 1, Ward 3	805,700
Red River Levee	382,503
Town of Washington	29,730
Total	<u>\$ 41,454,202</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the taxes assessed and uncollected are as follows:

	Louisiana Tax Commission Decreases	Unpaid
Bobby Guidroz, Sheriff	\$ 12,487	\$ 26,860
St. Landry Parish School Board	62,193	133,777
St. Landry Parish Government	26,119	55,174
St. Landry Parish Assessor	6,153	13,234
Gravity Drainage Districts	14,379	27,240
Public Works Commission	8,183	25,467
Fire Districts	28,488	63,240
Acadia-St.Landry Hospital	1,968	4,136
Consolidated District 1, Ward 3	3,143	4,131
Red River Levee	855	844
Town of Washington	20	394
Total	<u>\$ 163,988</u>	<u>\$ 354,497</u>

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(17) Sheriff Collections on Behalf of Other Taxing Authorities

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, the collection and distribution of on-behalf payments were as follows:

	Total Collections	St. Landry Parish Government	St. Landry Parish Sheriff
Occupational Licenses	\$ 701,916	\$ 596,629	\$ 105,287

(18) Tax Abatement

Louisiana’s State Constitution Chapter VII Section 21 authorizes the State Board of Commerce and Industry to create a ten (10) year ad valorem tax abatement program for new manufacturing establishments in the State. Under the terms of this program, qualified businesses may apply for an exemption of local ad valorem taxes on capital improvements and equipment related to manufacturing for the first ten years of its operation; after which the property will be added to the local tax roll and taxed at the value and millage in force at that time. The future value to this exempt property could be subject to significant fluctuations from today’s value; however, the Sheriff could receive a substantial increase in ad valorem tax revenues once the exemption on this property expires. Because these taxes are not assessed, no adjustments have been made to the Sheriff’s financial statements to record the exempt amounts. At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff’s ad valorem revenues were reduced by \$24,079 for industrial exemptions issued related to these abatements.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	Budget		Actual	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		(Negative)
Revenues:				
Taxes and licenses -				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 3,105,000	\$ 3,200,156	\$ 95,156
Sales taxes	11,000,000	11,400,000	11,460,212	60,212
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal grants	60,000	78,000	85,575	7,575
State grants	15,000	52,000	19,367	(32,633)
State grants - state revenue sharing (net)	265,000	265,000	266,834	1,834
State supplemental pay	630,000	715,000	715,762	762
Video poker commissions	812,000	806,500	844,759	38,259
Fees charges and commissions for services -				
Civil and criminal fees	1,054,250	1,231,265	1,231,395	130
Special duty detail	160,000	145,000	418,058	273,058
Feeding, keeping, and transporting prisoners	735,000	845,000	846,255	1,255
Interest income	65,000	40,000	55,359	15,359
Sale of equipment	-	25,000	32,027	7,027
Miscellaneous	376,500	405,500	314,691	(90,809)
Total revenues	<u>17,972,750</u>	<u>19,113,265</u>	<u>19,490,450</u>	<u>377,185</u>
Expenditures:				
Current -				
Public safety:				
Personal services and related benefits	10,805,900	10,906,700	10,632,150	274,550
Operating services	3,031,500	3,240,800	3,214,609	26,191
Operations and maintenance	3,187,800	3,184,900	2,968,856	216,044
Travel and other charges	35,000	30,000	27,022	2,978
Capital outlay	665,000	1,040,000	1,010,695	29,305
Total expenditures	<u>17,725,200</u>	<u>18,402,400</u>	<u>17,853,332</u>	<u>549,068</u>
Net change in fund balance	247,550	710,865	1,637,118	926,253
Fund balance, beginning	<u>8,478,911</u>	<u>8,478,911</u>	<u>8,478,911</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 8,726,461</u>	<u>\$ 9,189,776</u>	<u>\$ 10,116,029</u>	<u>\$ 926,253</u>

See notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Total OPEB Liability	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Service cost	\$ 233,581	\$ 379,722	\$ 405,190	\$ 285,721	\$ 186,252	\$ 204,524
Interest	378,342	283,713	273,814	301,904	273,127	255,018
Differences between expected and actual experience	(242,525)	(108,518)	(342,801)	1,266,151	447,002	66,004
Changes of assumptions	(232,691)	(2,695,859)	642,663	2,088,451	91,665	-
Benefit payments and net transfers	<u>(267,184)</u>	<u>(233,219)</u>	<u>(221,062)</u>	<u>(237,996)</u>	<u>(225,589)</u>	<u>(202,515)</u>
Net changes	(130,477)	(2,374,161)	757,804	3,704,231	772,457	323,031
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>10,570,839</u>	<u>12,945,000</u>	<u>12,187,196</u>	<u>8,482,965</u>	<u>7,710,508</u>	<u>7,387,477</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u>\$ 10,440,362</u>	<u>\$ 10,570,839</u>	<u>\$ 12,945,000</u>	<u>\$ 12,187,196</u>	<u>\$ 8,482,965</u>	<u>\$ 7,710,508</u>
Covered employee payroll	\$ 8,857,199	\$ 9,286,912	\$ 9,016,419	\$ 8,413,406	\$ 8,168,355	\$ 7,622,252
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	117.87%	113.83%	143.57%	144.85%	103.85%	101.16%

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

See notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023*

Year ended June 30,	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2023	1.176743%	\$ 9,564,406	\$ 8,935,637	107.0%	83.90%
2022	1.205627%	(597,449)	8,729,358	(6.8%)	101.04%
2021	1.106571%	7,658,747	8,783,557	87.2%	84.73%
2020	1.139453%	5,389,874	8,176,077	65.9%	88.91%
2019	1.127899%	4,325,096	7,967,181	54.3%	90.41%
2018	1.104272%	4,781,800	7,764,682	61.6%	88.49%
2017	1.187031%	7,533,961	7,648,730	98.5%	82.10%
2016	1.098046%	4,894,559	8,110,274	60.4%	86.61%
2015	1.184180%	4,689,359	7,567,230	62.0%	87.34%

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

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See notes to the required supplementary information.

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Schedule of Employer Pension Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Year ended June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
2023	\$ 1,027,598	\$ 1,027,598	\$ -	\$ 8,935,637	11.50%
2022	1,069,346	1,069,346	-	8,729,358	12.25%
2021	1,075,986	1,075,986	-	8,783,557	12.25%
2020	1,001,569	1,001,569	-	8,176,077	12.25%
2019	975,980	975,980	-	7,967,181	12.25%
2018	989,997	989,997	-	7,764,682	12.75%
2017	1,013,457	1,013,457	-	7,648,730	13.25%
2016	1,115,163	1,115,163	-	8,110,274	13.75%
2015	1,078,330	1,078,330	-	7,567,230	14.25%

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See notes to the required supplementary information.

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information

(1) Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Sheriff follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- a. The chief administrative deputy prepares a proposed budget for the General and special revenue funds and submits it to the Sheriff for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- b. A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.
- c. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- d. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- e. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- f. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted and as finally amended by the Sheriff.

(2) Pension Plans

Changes of Assumptions – Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. These assumptions include the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rate of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors that have an impact on the cost of the plan.

(3) Other Postemployment Benefits

- a. Benefit Changes – There were no changes of benefit terms.
- b. Changes of Assumptions – The discount rate increased from 3.54% to 3.65% for the year ended June 30, 2023.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY
INFORMATION**

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Opelousas, Louisiana

Comparative Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2023 and 2022

	Governmental Activities	
	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 10,666,989	\$ 9,070,565
Due from other governmental units	255,190	248,622
Other	615	615
Total current assets	10,922,794	9,319,802
Noncurrent assets:		
Capital assets, net	8,093,274	5,832,833
Land and construction in progress	585,699	2,492,946
Right-of-use asset, net	118,635	206,557
Net pension asset	-	597,449
Total noncurrent assets	8,797,608	9,129,785
Total assets	19,720,402	18,449,587
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred outflows of resources related to OPEB	3,213,685	3,596,109
Deferred outflows of resources related to pension	7,329,024	3,378,231
Total deferred outflows of resources	10,542,709	6,974,340
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts, salaries, and other payables	679,031	700,803
Right-of-use lease liability	98,176	119,087
Total current liabilities	777,207	819,890
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term liabilities	210,461	316,713
Right-of-use lease liability	27,029	96,993
Net OPEB obligation	10,440,362	10,570,839
Net pension liability	9,564,406	-
Total noncurrent liabilities	20,242,258	10,984,545
Total liabilities	21,019,465	11,804,435
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB	2,953,979	2,860,741
Deferred inflows of resources related to pension	671,965	6,431,214
Total deferred inflows of resources	3,625,944	9,291,955
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	8,672,403	8,316,256
Restricted for drug enforcement	127,734	140,088
Restricted for opioid prevention	126,674	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	(3,309,109)	(4,128,807)
Total net position	\$ 5,617,702	\$ 4,327,537

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General Fund

Comparative Balance Sheet
June 30, 2023 and 2022

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 10,539,255	\$ 8,930,477
Receivables -		
Due from other governmental units	255,190	248,622
Other	615	615
Total assets	\$ 10,795,060	\$ 9,179,714
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 169,212	\$ 138,929
Accrued liabilities	509,819	475,509
Retainage payable	-	86,365
Total liabilities	679,031	700,803
Fund balance:		
Restricted for opioid prevention	126,674	-
Assigned for construction	1,000,000	1,000,000
Unassigned	8,989,355	7,478,911
Total fund balance	10,116,029	8,478,911
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$ 10,795,060	\$ 9,179,714

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General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule -
Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 2022

	2023			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	2022
	Budget		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Revenues:					
Taxes -					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 2,800,000	\$ 3,105,000	\$ 3,200,156	\$ 95,156	\$ 2,999,269
Sales taxes	11,000,000	11,400,000	11,460,212	60,212	11,073,964
Intergovernmental revenues -					
Federal grants	60,000	78,000	85,575	7,575	46,944
State grants	15,000	52,000	19,367	(32,633)	37,238
State grants - state revenue sharing (net)	265,000	265,000	266,834	1,834	266,428
State supplemental pay	630,000	715,000	715,762	762	628,113
Video poker commissions	812,000	806,500	844,759	38,259	897,873
Fees, charges and commissions for services -					
Civil and criminal fees	1,054,250	1,231,265	1,231,395	130	1,111,775
Special duty detail	160,000	145,000	418,058	273,058	377,994
Feeding, keeping, and transporting prisoners	735,000	845,000	846,255	1,255	773,830
Interest income	65,000	40,000	55,359	15,359	69,343
Sale of equipment	-	25,000	32,027	7,027	-
Miscellaneous	376,500	405,500	314,691	(90,809)	229,473
Total revenues	<u>17,972,750</u>	<u>19,113,265</u>	<u>19,490,450</u>	<u>377,185</u>	<u>18,512,244</u>
Expenditures:					
Current -					
Public safety:					
Personal services and related benefits	10,805,900	10,906,700	10,632,150	274,550	10,476,261
Operating services	3,031,500	3,240,800	3,214,609	26,191	2,968,149
Operations and maintenance	3,187,800	3,184,900	2,968,856	216,044	2,779,232
Travel and other charges	35,000	30,000	27,022	2,978	20,574
Capital outlay	<u>665,000</u>	<u>1,040,000</u>	<u>1,010,695</u>	<u>29,305</u>	<u>2,198,234</u>
Total expenditures	<u>17,725,200</u>	<u>18,402,400</u>	<u>17,853,332</u>	<u>549,068</u>	<u>18,442,450</u>
Net change in fund balance	247,550	710,865	1,637,118	926,253	69,794
Fund balance, beginning	<u>8,478,911</u>	<u>8,478,911</u>	<u>8,478,911</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>8,409,117</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 8,726,461</u>	<u>\$ 9,189,776</u>	<u>\$ 10,116,029</u>	<u>\$ 926,253</u>	<u>\$ 8,478,911</u>

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF
Opelousas, Louisiana
General Fund

Budgetary Comparison Schedule - Expenditures
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023
With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 2022

	2023			Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	2022
	Budget		Actual		
	Original	Final			
Current:					
Public safety -					
Personal services and related benefits:					
Sheriff's salary	\$ 169,000	\$ 170,000	\$ 172,556	\$ (2,556)	\$ 165,977
Deputies salaries	9,320,000	9,525,000	9,275,333	249,667	9,089,845
Pension and payroll taxes	1,300,000	1,195,000	1,167,006	27,994	1,203,841
Sheriff's expense allowance	<u>16,900</u>	<u>16,700</u>	<u>17,255</u>	<u>(555)</u>	<u>16,598</u>
Total personal services and related benefits	<u>10,805,900</u>	<u>10,906,700</u>	<u>10,632,150</u>	<u>274,550</u>	<u>10,476,261</u>
Operating services:					
Deputy group insurance	2,340,000	2,400,000	2,264,028	135,972	2,228,928
Auto insurance	380,000	570,000	567,370	2,630	377,899
Deputy liability insurance	275,000	255,000	254,074	926	269,806
Other	<u>36,500</u>	<u>15,800</u>	<u>129,137</u>	<u>(113,337)</u>	<u>91,516</u>
Total operating services	<u>3,031,500</u>	<u>3,240,800</u>	<u>3,214,609</u>	<u>26,191</u>	<u>2,968,149</u>
Operations and maintenance:					
Auto fuel and oil	875,000	530,000	526,562	3,438	561,490
Auto maintenance	250,000	470,000	410,430	59,570	327,205
Computer and copier expenditures	520,000	373,500	425,862	(52,362)	364,356
Deputy uniforms, supplies, etc.	275,000	420,000	323,050	96,950	183,875
Office supplies and expenditures	121,500	166,000	186,957	(20,957)	165,885
Telephone and utilities	335,000	345,000	315,310	29,690	300,952
Liability claims	135,000	150,000	115,717	34,283	179,422
Lease expense	175,000	155,000	140,941	14,059	173,435
Maintenance of equipment and buildings	174,600	186,000	167,625	18,375	136,117
Postage	75,000	100,000	97,423	2,577	87,698
Prisoner feeding and maintenance	65,000	76,500	62,920	13,580	63,748
Professional fees	130,000	175,500	160,597	14,903	150,190
Criminal investigation expenditures	-	1,900	8,016	(6,116)	5,244
Other	<u>56,700</u>	<u>35,500</u>	<u>27,446</u>	<u>8,054</u>	<u>79,615</u>
Total operations and maintenance	<u>3,187,800</u>	<u>3,184,900</u>	<u>2,968,856</u>	<u>216,044</u>	<u>2,779,232</u>
Travel and other charges	<u>35,000</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>27,022</u>	<u>2,978</u>	<u>20,574</u>
Capital outlay:					
Vehicles	220,000	350,000	375,116	(25,116)	302,637
Equipment	285,000	130,000	77,338	52,662	95,976
Construction in progress	<u>160,000</u>	<u>560,000</u>	<u>558,241</u>	<u>1,759</u>	<u>1,799,621</u>
Total capital outlay	<u>665,000</u>	<u>1,040,000</u>	<u>1,010,695</u>	<u>29,305</u>	<u>2,198,234</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 17,725,200</u>	<u>\$ 18,402,400</u>	<u>\$ 17,853,332</u>	<u>\$ 549,068</u>	<u>\$ 18,442,450</u>

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF
Opelousas, Louisiana

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity
Year Ended June 30, 2023

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2022	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2023
Receipts from:		
Asset Forfeiture/Sale		
27th Judicial District Attorney	<u>\$ 41,985</u>	<u>\$ 2,917</u>
 Total Receipts	 <u>\$ 41,985</u>	 <u>\$ 2,917</u>

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF
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Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2022	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2023
Cash Basis Presentation		
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ 743,472	\$ 771,820
Add: Collections		
Criminal Fines	318,092	220,679
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	670,548	549,750
Bond Fees	144,500	165,354
Civil Fees	866,172	1,550,801
Asset Forfeiture	72,409	8,271
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	2,365	3,139
Subtotal Collections	<u>2,074,086</u>	<u>2,497,994</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments and Nonprofits		
Asset Forfeiture/Sale -		
St. Landry Parish District Attorney's Office	42,515	6,252
Civil Fees -		
St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court	28,767	35,791
Lafayette Parish Sheriff	23	128
East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff	81	39
Acadia Parish Sheriff	39	202
Avoyelles Parish Sheriff	-	70
St. Martin Parish Sheriff	114	16
Lafourche Parish Sheriff	29	-
Tangipahoa Parish Sheriff	77	-
Orleans Parish Sheriff	120	-
Washington Parish Sheriff	31	-
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff	-	38
Pointe Coupee Parish Sheriff	-	55
City of Opelousas	423	-
City of Eunice	-	91
Bond Fees -		
27th District Public Defender	33,130	39,536
St. Landry Parish District Attorney	36,485	43,031
27th District Criminal Court Fund	31,788	38,138
St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court	1,342	1,398
Acadiana Crime Lab	1,342	1,398

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Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity (Continued)
Year Ended June 30, 2023

	First Six Month Period Ended <u>12/31/2022</u>	Second Six Month Period Ended <u>6/30/2023</u>
Criminal Fines (Other) -		
St. Landry Parish Government	46,294	51,864
St. Landry Parish District Attorney	36,752	24,648
Criminal Court Costs/Fees -		
Judicial Expense Fund	20,227	15,148
St. Landry Judges Judicial Expense	20,227	15,148
St. Landry Parish Government	63,545	51,663
St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court	93,910	72,995
Indigent Defender Board	174,984	131,323
St. Landry Parish District Attorney	93,311	77,011
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	14,202	15,284
Acadiana Crime Lab	74,217	77,167
Treasurer, State of LA CMIS	12,134	9,061
Louisiana Supreme Court	1,971	1,494
Louisiana Rehabilitation Services	7,685	10,307
Crime Stoppers Organization	8,082	6,042
Coroner's Operational Fund	740	1,135
La Dept of Wildlife and Fisheries	-	10
Department of Public Safety	1,525	3,200
Opelousas Police Department	150	-
Port Barre Police Dept	399	279
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency -		
Bond Fees	41,370	44,693
Criminal Fines (Other)	273,697	182,818
Civil Fees	182,582	251,175
Criminal Court Costs	83,240	62,483
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection		
Other Disbursements to Individuals	<u>618,188</u>	<u>1,227,277</u>
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>2,045,738</u>	<u>2,498,408</u>
Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	<u>\$ 771,820</u>	<u>\$ 771,406</u>

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF ST. LANDRY

AFFIDAVIT

Bobby Guidroz, Sheriff of St. Landry Parish

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, Bobby Guidroz, the sheriff of St. Landry Parish, State of Louisiana, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

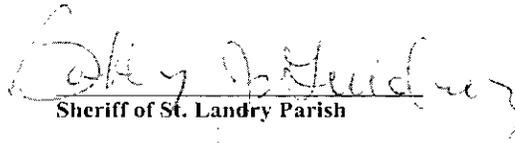
The following information is true and correct:

\$1,573,238 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector account on June 30, 2023;

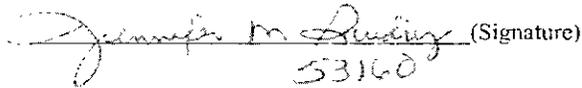
He further deposed and said:

All itemized statements of the amount of taxes collected for tax year 2022, by taxing authority, are true and correct.

All itemized statements of all taxes assessed and uncollected, which indicate the reasons for the failure to collect, by taxing authority, are true and correct.


Sheriff of St. Landry Parish

SWORN to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 4 day of September 2023, in my office in Opelousas, Louisiana.

 (Signature)
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**INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE,
AND OTHER MATTERS**

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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*

The Honorable Bobby Guidroz
St. Landry Parish Sheriff
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, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated November 15, 2023.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001 and 2023-002 that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff'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 determination of the financial statement. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

The St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Response to Findings

Governmental Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year findings and management's corrective action plan. The Sheriff's response was not subject to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

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. Although the intended use of this report may be limited under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 44:6.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC

Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
November 15, 2023

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF
Opelousas, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
And Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

Part I. Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Plan

A. Internal Control Finding –

2023-001 Misappropriations of Public Funds

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2022

CRITERIA: The Sheriff should have an effective control policy in place for the Chief Civil Deputy to appropriately monitor and oversee all department supervisors.

CONDITION: The Sheriff had a misappropriation of resources in its Fleet Department by the Fleet Supervisor. The Supervisor accepted funds in the amount of \$1,020 from a citizen for non-emergency recovery work performed on behalf of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office. Additionally, the Supervisor sold assets of the Sheriff and used the Sheriff's purchase order system to obtain personal items, however, the full amount stolen has not yet been determined. The Supervisor was questioned by the Sheriff's Department after an internal investigation on October 6, 2022 and was subsequently arrested. The person that committed the misappropriation is no longer employed by the Sheriff. As of the date of this report, an arrest was made, charges have been filed, and the case is pending. Due to the early stage of the investigation, restitution has not been made nor has an insurance claim been filed. The Sheriff has notified the District Attorney and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:553.

CAUSE: The government did not have proper monitoring and supervision procedures in place.

EFFECT: The government had a misappropriation of cash collections within its Fleet Department with an approximate value of \$1,020. The Sheriff also had various assets and items purchased through the Sheriff's purchase order system, however, the full amount of these items has not yet been determined. It is estimated that the full amount is in excess of \$25,000.

RECOMMENDATION: Management of the Sheriff should review policies and procedures relative to oversight over department supervisors. Procedures should be established for the increased monitoring and supervision of department supervisors.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Sheriff will implement additional control measures, including additional monitoring and oversight by the Chief Civil Deputy of individual department supervisors.

2023-002 Related Party Transactions

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2023

CRITERIA: The Sheriff should have an effective control policy in place to appropriately monitor and prevent transactions with related parties.

CONDITION: The Sheriff expended \$864,439 for payment of premium costs to an insurance agency owned by an immediate family member in violation of La. R.S. 42:1117.

CAUSE: The Sheriff did not have the proper monitoring and supervision procedures in place to prevent transactions with related parties.

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Opelousas, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Current and Prior Year Findings
And Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued)
For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

EFFECT: In addition to expending \$864,439 for payment of premium costs to an insurance agency owned by an immediate family member, the Sheriff has been formally charged by the Louisiana Ethics Commission for violation of La. R.S. 42:1117. However, the case is still ongoing as of the date of this report.

RECOMMENDATION: Management of the Sheriff should review policies and procedures relative to related parties. Procedures should be established to prevent expenditures to related parties.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: As of July 1, 2023, the Sheriff has severed all business relationships with the insurance agency. Additionally, the Sheriff has enhanced his policies and procedures to appropriately prevent related party expenditures.

B. Compliance Findings –

There are no findings to report under this section.

Part II. Prior Year Findings

A. Internal Control Findings –

2022-001 Misappropriations of Public Funds

Fiscal year finding initially occurred: 2022

CONDITION: The Sheriff had a misappropriation of resources in its Fleet Department by the Fleet Supervisor. The Supervisor accepted funds in the amount of \$1,020 from a citizen for non-emergency recovery work performed on behalf of the St. Landry Parish Sheriff's Office. Additionally, the Supervisor sold assets of the Sheriff and used the Sheriff's purchase order system to obtain personal items. however, the full amount stolen has not yet been determined. The Supervisor was questioned by the Sheriff's Department after an internal investigation on October 6, 2022 and was subsequently arrested. The person that committed the misappropriation is no longer employed by the Sheriff. As of the date of this report, an arrest was made, charges have been filed, and the case is pending. Due to the early stage of the investigation, restitution has not been made nor has an insurance claim been filed. The Sheriff has notified the District Attorney and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's office in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:553.

RECOMMENDATION: Management of the Sheriff should review policies and procedures relative to oversight over department supervisors. Procedures should be established for the increased monitoring and supervision of department supervisors.

Current Status: Unresolved.

B. Compliance Findings –

There are no findings to report under this section.

ST. LANDRY PARISH SHERIFF

Opelousas, Louisiana

Agreed-Upon Procedures Report

Year Ended June 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

St. Landry Parish Sheriff
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. St. Landry Parish Sheriff's (The Sheriff) management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Sheriff has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Written Policies and Procedures

1. We obtained and inspected the Sheriff's written policies and procedures and observed whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the Sheriff's operations:
 - a) ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - b) ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - c) ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - d) ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- e) **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- f) **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- g) **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- h) **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase 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).
- 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) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- j) **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- k) **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in 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.
- l) **Prevention of Sexual Harrassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

Board or Finance Committee

(The Sheriff does not have a Board or Finance Committee; therefore, this procedure is not applicable.)

- 2. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
 - a) Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - b) Observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the General Fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
 - c) Obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the General Fund. If the General Fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the General Fund.
 - d) Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Bank Reconciliations

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

Collections (excluding electronic fund transfers)

4. We obtained 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. We randomly selected 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
5. For each deposit site selected, we obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtained and inspected written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquired of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observed that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:
 - a) Employees that are responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers.
 - b) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit.
 - c) Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.
 - d) The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions are not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.
6. We obtained from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. We observed the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

7. We randomly selected two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for procedure #3 under "Bank Reconciliations" above (selected the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly selected 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.* We obtained supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
 - a) Observed that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - b) Traced sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - c) Traced the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - d) Observed 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 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - e) Traced the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

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

8. We obtained a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. We randomly selected 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
9. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. We obtained 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 we observed 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 or making the purchase.
 - b) At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors.
 - c) The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files.
 - d) Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments.
 - e) Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
10. For each location selected under #8 above, we obtained the Sheriff's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and we obtained management's representation that the population is complete. We randomly selected 5 disbursements for each location, we obtained supporting documentation for each transaction and:
 - a) We observed whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity.
 - b) We observed that the disbursement documentation includes evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under #9, as applicable.

11. Using the entity's main operating account and month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3, we randomly selected 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observed that each electronic disbursement was:
 - a) Approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and
 - b) Approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy.

Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

12. We obtained from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. We obtained management's representation that the listing is complete.
13. Using the listing prepared by management, we randomly selected 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. We randomly selected one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, we randomly selected one monthly bank statement), we obtained supporting documentation, and:
 - a) We observed that there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) was reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder.
 - b) We observed that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
14. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under #12 above, excluding fuel cards, we randomly selected 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtained supporting documentation for the transactions (i.e. each card should have 10 transactions subject to testing). For each transaction, we observed that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, we described the nature of the transaction and noted whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

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

15. We obtained from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. We randomly selected 5 reimbursements, we obtained the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected:
 - a) If reimbursed using a per diem, we observed the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov).
 - b) If reimbursed using actual costs, we observed that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased.
 - c) We observed that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, we observed that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by written policy (procedure #1g).
 - d) We observed that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

Contracts

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

Payroll and Personnel

17. We obtained a listing of employees/elected officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 employees/officials, we obtained related paid salaries and personnel files, and we agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
18. We randomly selected one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees/officials selected under #17 above, we obtained attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and:
- a) We observed that all selected employees/officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory).
 - b) We observed that supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees/officials.
 - c) We observed that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the Sheriff's cumulative leave records.
 - d) We observed the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
19. We obtained a listing of those employees/officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. We randomly selected two employees/officials, we obtained related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the Sheriff's policy on termination payments. We agreed the hours to the employee or officials' cumulate leave records, agreed the pay rates to the employee/officials' authorized pay rates in the employee or officials' personnel files, and agreed the termination payment to entity policy.
20. We obtained management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Ethics

21. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained ethics documentation from management, and:
 - a) We observed that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170.
 - b) We observed whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
22. We inquired and/or observed whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

Debt Service

23. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We selected all debt instruments on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
24. We obtained a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected one bond/note, inspected debt covenants, obtained supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agreed 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).

Fraud Notice

25. We obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing was complete. We selected all misappropriations on the listing, obtained supporting documentation, and observed that the Sheriff reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the Sheriff is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
26. We observed that the Sheriff has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

27. We performed the following procedures, **verbally discussed the results with management, and reported "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - a) We obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquired of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observed evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.
 - b) We obtained and inspected the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observed evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

- c) We obtained a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. We randomly selected 5 computers and observed while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

28. We randomly selected 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #19 above. We observed evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

29. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from procedure #17 under "Payroll and Personnel" above, we obtained sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observed the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.

30. We observed the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

31. We obtained the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observed that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observed it includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

1. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
2. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
3. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
4. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
5. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exceptions:

No exceptions were found as a result of applying the procedures listed above except:

Bank Reconciliations

1. Of the 5 corresponding bank statements and reconciliations selected, 3 accounts did not have documentation to research reconciling items outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date.

Management's Response:

Management concurs with the exceptions noted and is working to address the deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the Sheriff to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on 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.

We are required to be independent of the Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

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

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