

**Pineville City Court
Pineville, Louisiana**

Audited Financial Statements

For the Year Ended December 31, 2020

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Honorable Judge Gary Hays
Pineville City Court Judge
Pineville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Pineville City Court, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Pineville City Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control.

Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, and each major fund of the Pineville City Court as of December 31, 2020, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the pension information and budgetary comparison information included on pages 30 and 31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Pineville City Court's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer included on page 33 and The Justice System Funding Schedule – Collecting/Disbursing Entity on page 34 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 7, 2021, on our consideration of the Pineville City Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Pineville City Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Certified Public Accountants
Alexandria, Louisiana

June 7, 2021

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Pineville City Court
Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2020**

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 363,424
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	<u>77,954</u>
Total assets	<u>441,378</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	119,740
 <u>Liabilities</u>	
Current liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>4,928</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>4,928</u>
 Long term liabilities	
Pension liability	<u>354,233</u>
Total liabilities	<u>359,161</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	<u>18,151</u>
 <u>Net Position</u>	
Net investment in capital assets	77,954
Restricted for building maintenance/improvements	60,262
Unrestricted net position	<u>45,590</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 183,806</u></u>

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

**Pineville City Court
Statement of Activities
For The Year Ended December 31, 2020**

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets
	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Fees, Fines and Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants and Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES					
Primary Government					
Governmental activities	\$ 404,859	\$ 259,166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (145,693)
Total governmental activities	404,859	259,166	-	-	(145,693)
Total primary government	\$ 404,859	\$ 259,166	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (145,693)
General revenues:					
					\$ -
					7,272
				Total general revenues and transfers	7,272
				Change in net position	(138,421)
				Net position-beginning of year	322,227
				Net position-ending of year	\$ 183,806

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Pineville City Court
Balance Sheet
Governmental Funds
December 31, 2020**

	General Fund	Judicial Building Fund	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Assets</u>			
Cash	\$ 300,997	\$ 62,427	\$ 363,424
Total assets	\$ 300,997	\$ 62,427	\$ 363,424
<u>Liabilities and fund balance</u>			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 2,763	\$ 2,165	\$ 4,928
Total liabilities	2,763	2,165	4,928
Fund balance:			
Restricted	-	60,262	60,262
Unassigned	298,234	-	298,234
Total fund balances	298,234	60,262	358,496
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 300,997	\$ 62,427	\$ 363,424

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

**Pineville City Court
 Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet
 of Governmental Funds
 to the Statement of Net Position
 December 31, 2020**

Total fund balance-total governmental funds	\$ 358,496
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of net position (government-wide financial statements) are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in governmental funds.

Cost of assets	375,453	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>(297,499)</u>	
		77,954

Pension liabilities and related deferred inflows and outflow of resources are not reported in the governmental funds but are reported in the government-wide financial statements

Pension liability	(354,233)	
Deferred inflows of resources	(18,151)	
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>119,740</u>	
		<u>(252,644)</u>

Total net position of governmental activities (government-wide financial statements)	<u>\$ 183,806</u>
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Pineville City Court
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances-Governmental Funds
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	General Fund	Judicial Building Fund	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:			
Court costs	\$ 113,413	\$ 35,305	\$ 148,718
Probation fees	110,448	-	110,448
Miscellaneous	7,272	-	7,272
Total revenues	<u>231,133</u>	<u>35,305</u>	<u>266,438</u>
Expenditures:			
Current:			
General Fund	324,168	-	324,168
Building Fund	-	33,519	33,519
Capital outlay	-	7,154	7,154
Total expenditures	<u>324,168</u>	<u>40,673</u>	<u>364,841</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(93,035)	(5,368)	(98,403)
Fund balances, beginning	391,269	65,630	456,899
Fund balances, ended	<u>\$ 298,234</u>	<u>\$ 60,262</u>	<u>\$ 358,496</u>

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

**Pineville City Court
Reconciliation of the Statement of
Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance
to the Statement of Activities
For the year ended December 31, 2020**

Net changes in fund balances-total governmental funds (fund financial statements)	\$ (98,403)
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Amounts reported for *governmental activities* in the statement of activities (government-wide financial statements) are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures in the individual fund. Government activities report depreciation expense to allocate the cost of those capital assets over the estimated useful life.

Capital expenditures	7,154
Depreciation expense	(14,132)

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

Pension expense	(33,040)
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Change in net position of governmental activities (government-wide financial statements)	<hr style="border: 1px solid black;"/> <u>\$ (138,421)</u>
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The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

Pineville City Court
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2020

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash	\$ 633,024
Total assets	<u><u>\$ 633,024</u></u>
<u>Net Position</u>	
Restricted for:	
Individuals, organizations, and other governments	<u>\$ 633,024</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 633,024</u></u>

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

Pineville City Court
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds
December 31, 2020

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
<u>Additions</u>	
Civil fees collected	\$ 199,512
Total additions	<u>199,512</u>
<u>Deductions</u>	
Civil fee refunds	<u>181,182</u>
Total deductions	<u>181,182</u>
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position	18,330
Net position - beginning	<u>614,694</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 633,024</u></u>

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**Pineville City Court
Notes to Financial Statements**

For Year Ended December 31, 2020

Introduction

The financial statements of the Pineville City Court have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the Court's accounting policies are described below.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

A. Reporting Entity

Pineville City Court (the Court) was established under the authority of Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:1871-2512. Its territorial jurisdiction extends throughout Wards 9, 10, and 11 of Rapides Parish in which the City of Pineville is located. The Court is composed of a City Judge (elected) and a clerk of court (appointed by the City Judge).

Funds flowing through the Court consist mainly of court costs and penalties in criminal cases, probation fees, and deposits in civil cases. In all criminal matters, the Judge assesses court costs in accordance with state statutes. The Judge uses these revenues to defray the operating expenses of the Court or for the payment of clerical fees and similar expenditures as approved by the Judge.

The financial statements of the Court have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The GASB periodically updates its codification of the existing Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, which along with subsequent GASB pronouncements (Statements and interpretations), constitutes GAAP for governmental units.

In evaluating how to define the government for financial reporting purposes, management has considered all potential component units. The decision to include a potential component unit in the reporting entity is made by applying the criteria set forth in GAAP. Generally, component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials or appointed board members of the primary government are financially accountable.

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Some of the criteria considered under “legally separate organization” are: (1) the capacity for the organization to have its own name; (2) the right for the organization to sue and be sued in its own name without recourse to the primary government; and (3) the right to buy, sell, lease, and mortgage property in its own name. Some of the criteria used to be considered “financially accountable” include: (1) appointment of a voting majority impose its will on the organization; (3) potential to provide specific financial benefits to or improve specific financial burdens on the primary government; and (4) fiscal dependence of the organization.

The Pineville City Court is a potential component unit of the City of Pineville, Louisiana. However, the Pineville City Court is a separate reportable entity from the City of Pineville because it is an autonomous unit and is a separate political division of the Judicial Division of the State of Louisiana. The City Judge, an elected official, has the ability to exercise accountability for fiscal matters. The Pineville City Court is financially independent from the City of Pineville, Louisiana.

Governmental Funds –

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of Pineville City Court. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Building Fund – Fees are collected from each suit that comes through the Court. These fees are used at the Judge’s discretion to pay for building and equipment upkeep. The net position of the Building Fund is restricted.

Fiduciary Funds –

Custodial funds - Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by Pineville City Court as an agent for other governmental departments, other organizations, and other funds. The Pineville City Court implemented GASB 84 - Fiduciary Activities in the current year and now presents a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position on page 13.

Civil Fees Fund - Advance court costs are deposits made by plaintiffs who file civil suits. These deposits are recorded as a liability. The Court acts only as a collection agent for fees in civil matters. As the suits are processed, the various fees earned are paid out on a monthly basis. Thus, the activity in this account is not reflected in the statement of revenues collected and expenditures paid. After a case is dismissed, any excess deposit is refunded.

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Criminal Bonds Fund – The fund is used to account for the collection and ultimate disposition of bonds posted by citizens who have been issued citations for traffic violations or arrested for criminal offenses. Bonds posted by violators are held until their cases are heard in Pineville City Court. At that time, the bonds for persons convicted of violations are distributed to various agencies.

Appeals Bonds Fund – This fund is used to account for cash bonds posted by defendants that have appealed the outcome of their case.

B. Basis of Presentation

The Court’s basic financial statements consist of Government-Wide Financial Statements which include a Statement of Net Position and a Statement of Activities, and Fund Financial Statements, which provide a more detailed level of financial information.

Government-wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements include the statement of net position and the statement of activities. These statements report financial information for Pineville City Court as a whole, excluding fiduciary activities. Individual funds are not displayed but the statements distinguish governmental activities from business-type activities.

The statement of activities reports the expenses of a given function offset by program revenues directly connected with the functional program. A function is an assembly of similar activities and may include portions of a fund or summarize more than one fund to capture the expenses and program revenues associated with a distinct functional activity.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements are provided for governmental and fiduciary funds. Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns.

C. Fund Financial Statements

The Court uses the funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities. A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

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Notes to Financial Statements**

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Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Court's activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources that may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Court. The fund balances are classified into five possible categories which focus on the constraints of spending. The categories are non-spendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. The following are the Court's governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by state law, is the principal fund of the Court and accounts for the operations for the Court's office. The various fees and charges due to the Court's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Building Fund

The Judicial Building Fund accounts for court fees assessed under Revised Statute 13:1910. All monies collected under this statute are dedicated exclusively to the acquisition, leasing, construction, equipping, and maintenance of new and existing city courts and for the maintenance and payment of any bond indebtedness on any such existing facilities. Management plans to use these fees for acquisition of equipment and building renovations and improvements.

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Notes to Financial Statements**

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Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, and focuses on net position and changes in net position.

The fiduciary fund includes the following:

Custodial

Custodial funds are used to account for assets held by Pineville City Court as an agent for other governmental departments, other organizations, and other funds. The Pineville City Court implemented GASB 84 - Fiduciary Activities in the current year and now presents a Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position on page 13.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

The government-wide statements report using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting generally including the reclassification or elimination of internal activity (between or within funds). Fiduciary fund financial statements report using the same focus and basis of accounting.

Governmental fund financial statements are accounted for using 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 be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Fiduciary fund revenues and expenses or expenditures (as appropriate) should be recognized on the basis consistent with the fund's accounting measurement objective. The Pineville City Court has three fiduciary funds, all of which are agency funds and are purely custodial and thus do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Fund Balances – Fund Financial Statements

Pineville City Court adopted the provisions of GASB 54 related to the classification of the governmental fund balances. The governmental fund balances are classified as follows:

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Restricted – Restricted fund balances are amounts that are constrained for a specific purpose through restrictions of external parties or by constitutional provision or enabling legislation.

Unassigned - Unassigned fund balances are the residual classifications and include all amounts that are not restricted or constrained in any other classification of fund balance.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Under state law, the Court should deposit funds with 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. Cash consisted of amounts in demand deposit accounts.

In the governmental fund and agency funds, cash and cash equivalents include amounts in all demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

F. Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

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/to other funds in the fund financial statements. These interfund receivables/payables are eliminated for reporting in the Statement of Net Position.

G. Capital Assets

In the Government-Wide Financial Statements, capital assets are capitalized and depreciated on a straight-line method over their estimated useful lives. The Court has adopted a capitalization threshold of \$1,000 for reporting purposes. All purchased capital assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated capital assets, if any, are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received. Expenditures that extend the useful lives of capital assets beyond their initial estimated useful lives or improve their efficiency or capacity are capitalized, whereas expenditures for repairs and maintenance are expensed.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture & Equipment	7-10 years
Office Equipment	3-7 years
Records Storage Building	15 years
Leasehold Improvements	39 years

In the Fund Financial Statements, capital assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds. No provision is made for depreciation on capital assets in the Fund Financial Statements since the full cost is recorded as expenditures at the time of purchase.

H. Interfund Transactions

In the government funds, 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.

I. Use of Estimates

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

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2. CASH

At December 31, 2020, the Court has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$996,448 as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities Fund</u>	<u>Agency Funds</u>
Demand deposits including		
interest bearing demand deposits	<u>\$ 363,424</u>	<u>\$ 633,024</u>
Total	<u>\$ 363,424</u>	<u>\$ 633,024</u>

These deposits are stated at cost. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by the 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.

As of December 31, 2020, cash deposits totaled \$1,001,212, of which \$633,024 is restricted and accounted for in fiduciary funds. These deposits are secured from risk by \$250,000 of federal deposit insurance pledged securities held by the 3rd party custodial bank in the name of the Court in the amount of \$1,111,653. Pineville City Court had no cash balances that were not adequately secured.

**Pineville City Court
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3. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of property and equipment and accumulated depreciation at December 31, 2020 follows:

Property and Equipment

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2020</u>
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 323,999	\$ 7,154	\$ -	\$ 331,153
Leasehold Improvements	44,300	-	-	44,300
Total	<u>\$ 368,299</u>	<u>\$ 7,154</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 375,453</u>

Accumulated Depreciation

	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2019</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>12/31/2020</u>
Furniture & Equipment	\$ 273,417	\$ 12,996	\$ -	\$ 286,413
Leasehold Improvements	9,950	1,136	-	11,086
Total	<u>\$ 283,367</u>	<u>\$ 14,132</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 297,499</u>

4. COMPENSATED ABSENCES:

The Pineville City Court's obligation for employees' rights to receive compensation for future absences (such as vacation) was not material as of December 31, 2020, and thus, is not recognized in the accompanying financial statements.

5. ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY:

All revenues of the Pineville City Court are derived from criminal and civil cases filed in the court system. Decrease in activity of the City Court could result from declining population or a change in state law that could affect the ability of a municipal court to oversee civil and criminal cases.

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6. PENSION PLAN

The retirement contributions were filed and paid by the Pineville City Court to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), a cost sharing multiple-employer, public employee retirement system, controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. All state employees, except certain classes excluded by statute, become members of LASERS as a condition of employment unless they elect to continue as a contributing member in any other retirement system for which they are eligible for membership. Elected officials and officials appointed by the Governor may, at their option, become members of LASERS.

LASERS provides retirement, death, and disability benefits to Plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by state statute. The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, P.O. Box 44213, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4213, by calling (800)256-3000, or by visiting www.laseronline.org.

Covered employees are required by state statute to contribute 13.0% of their salary to the Plan. The Court contributes an actuarially determined rate, which at year end was set at 42.0% of the member's annual salary through June 30, 2020 and 43.6% from July 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020. Contributions to LASERS for the 2020 were \$35,577.

General Information about the Plan

All state employees, except those specifically excluded by statute, become members of the System's Defined Benefit Plan (DBP) as a condition of employment, unless they elect to continue as a contributing member in any other retirement system for which they remain eligible for membership. Certain elected officials, including the Judge of the Pineville City Court, and officials appointed by the Governor may, at their option, become members of LASERS. Members of the Plan who were hired prior to July 1, 2006 may retire and receive benefits in accordance with the following:

- Any age with 30 or more years of creditable service
- Age 55 with a minimum of 25 years creditable service
- Age 60 with a minimum of 10 years creditable service

Members of the Plan who were hired between July 1, 2006 and June 30, 2015 may retire and receive benefits in accordance with the following:

- Age 60 with a minimum of 5 years creditable service

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Members of the Plan who were hired on or after July 1, 2015 may retire and receive benefits in accordance with the following:

- Age 62 with a minimum of 5 years creditable service

The basic annual retirement benefit is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Average compensation is the member's average annual compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired after July 1, 2006, average compensation is based on the average annual compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of service. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity.

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member who is eligible to retire may elect to participate in the deferred retirement option plan (DROP) for up to three years and defer the receipt of benefits. During such period, employer contributions continue but employee contributions cease. Monthly benefits that the member would have received during the DROP period are paid into the DROP fund. Interest is earned when the member has completed DROP participation, based on the actual rate of return on the investments identified as DROP funds for the period. No cost-of-living increases are payable to participants until employment has been terminated for at least one full year.

Pension liabilities, pension expense and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources:

As of December 31, 2020, the Court reported a total of \$354,233 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the Plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Court's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Court's long-term contributions to the Plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the Court's proportionate share of the Plan was 0.004280%.

The Court recognized pension expense in the statement of activities in the amount of \$68,614 for the year ended December 31, 2020.

**Pineville City Court
Notes to Financial Statements**

For Year Ended December 31, 2020

The Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension plan as follows:

	<u>Deferred outflows of resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows of resources</u>
Changes in proportion	\$ 31,248	\$ -0-
Changes in proportionate contributions	-0-	14,749
Differences between expected and actual experience		3,402
Changes in assumptions	1,133	-0-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	51,782	-0-
Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>35,577</u>	<u>-0-</u>
 Total	 <u>\$ 119,740</u>	 <u>\$ 18,151</u>

The deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from Court contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2020 in the amount of \$35,577. 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 December 31

2021	\$ 23,093
2022	14,933
2023	16,002
2024	11,984

Actuarial Assumptions

Inflation	2.30%
Salary increases	2.60% to 5.10%
Investment rate of return	7.55%
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Expected remaining service lives	2 years

**Pineville City Court
Notes to Financial Statements**

For Year Ended December 31, 2020

Mortality rates for LASERS were based on the RP-2014 Healthy Mortality Table for non-disabled members and the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Tables for disabled annuitants. Rate assumptions for termination, disability, and retirement were based on experience studies performed on plan data based on a five year (2014-2018) experience study of the System's members for 2020.

The investment rates of return were determined based on expected cash flows which assume that contributions from Plan members will be made at current contribution rates and that contributions from the Court will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by the Louisiana Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee, taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on these assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current Plan members. Therefore, the investment rate of return on Plan's investments was applied as the discount rate to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity of the of the Court's proportionate share of the net pension liabilities to changes in the discount rate:

The following presents the Court's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities of the plans, calculated using the discount rates as shown above, as well as what the Court's proportionate shares of the net pension liabilities would be if they were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher than the current rate:

<u>1%</u> <u>Decrease</u>	<u>Current</u> <u>Discount Rate</u>	<u>1%</u> <u>Increase</u>
\$ 435,297	\$354,233	\$ 285,441

Pension plan fiduciary net position:

Detailed information about the Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separate issued LASERS 2020 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at www.lasersonline.org.

**Pineville City Court
Notes to Financial Statements**

For Year Ended December 31, 2020

7. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Court is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; damage to, theft of or destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and the public; and natural disasters. The City of Pineville carries commercial insurance including workers' compensation and employee health and accident insurance. In addition, the Court carries fidelity bonds on the clerks. No claims from these risks have exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

Required Supplementary Information

Pineville City Court
Schedules of Required Supplementary Information - Pension
For the year ended December 31, 2020

Schedule of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability **Schedule 1**

Fiscal Year*	Agency's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Agency's covered-employee payroll	Agency's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered-employee payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System					
2020	0.00428%	\$ 354,233	\$ 83,122	426%	58.0%
2019	0.00450%	\$ 325,949	\$ 83,831	389%	64.3%
2018	0.00449%	\$ 306,351	\$ 82,872	370%	64.3%
2017	0.00408%	\$ 287,114	\$ 81,887	351%	62.5%
2016	0.00352%	\$ 276,331	\$ 68,853	401%	62.7%

*Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (previous fiscal year end).

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

Schedule of Employer Contributions **Schedule 2**

Fiscal Year*	(a) Statutorily Required Contribution	(b) Contributions in relation to the statutorily required contribution	(a-b) Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Agency's covered-employee payroll	Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System					
2020	\$ 35,577	\$ 35,577	\$ -	\$ 83,122	42.8%
2019	\$ 33,971	\$ 33,971	\$ -	\$ 83,831	40.5%
2018	\$ 32,569	\$ 32,569	\$ -	\$ 82,872	39.3%
2017	\$ 31,256	\$ 31,256	\$ -	\$ 81,887	38.2%
2016	\$ 26,216	\$ 26,216	\$ -	\$ 68,853	38.1%

*Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year.

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

Notes to Required Supplementary Information

Changes of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes of benefit assumptions for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule
All Governmental Fund Types
Pineville City Court
For the year ended December 31, 2020

	GENERAL FUND				SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS			
	Original	Final	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)	Original	Final	Actual Amounts (Budgetary Basis)	Variance with Final Budget Positive (Negative)
Revenues:								
Court costs	\$ 315,000	\$ 315,000	\$ 223,861	\$ (91,139)	\$ 50,000	\$ 50,000	\$ 35,305	\$ (14,695)
Other revenue	-	-	7,272	7,272	-	-	-	-
Total revenues	<u>315,000</u>	<u>315,000</u>	<u>231,133</u>	<u>(83,867)</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>50,000</u>	<u>35,305</u>	<u>(14,695)</u>
Expenditures:								
Supplemental Salaries	17,000	17,000	99,922	(82,922)	-	-	-	-
Payroll taxes	20,000	20,000	2,334	17,666	-	-	-	-
Lunch meetings	2,000	2,000	1,663	337	-	-	-	-
Office supplies	12,000	12,000	16,060	(4,060)	7,000	7,000	1,912	5,088
Computer expenses	-	-	-	-	21,000	21,000	20,145	855
Repairs and maintenance	500	500	591	(91)	10,000	10,000	696	9,304
Professional fees	25,000	25,000	26,948	(1,948)	1,500	1,500	430	1,070
Postage	7,000	7,000	6,083	917	-	-	-	-
Dues, subscriptions, and books	1,500	1,500	815	685	-	-	-	-
Document shredding	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	105	(105)
Security	-	-	-	-	500	500	435	65
Cleaning Services	-	-	-	-	2,000	2,000	7,688	(5,688)
Seminars	1,000	1,000	635	365	-	-	-	-
Expungements	500	500	-	500	-	-	-	-
Bank charges	200	200	-	200	-	-	-	-
Per diem	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
LASERS retirement	45,000	45,000	35,577	9,423	-	-	-	-
Reimbursement	750	750	-	750	-	-	-	-
Salary reimbursement	130,000	130,000	129,971	29	-	-	-	-
Travel and lodging	1,000	1,000	2,833	(1,833)	-	-	-	-
Judge's Benefits	52,000	52,000	-	52,000	-	-	-	-
Mileage	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	4,550	4,550	736	3,814	-	-	2,108	(2,108)
Capital expenditures	-	-	-	-	-	-	7,154	(7,154)
Total expenditures	<u>323,000</u>	<u>323,000</u>	<u>324,168</u>	<u>(1,168)</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>42,000</u>	<u>40,673</u>	<u>1,327</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(8,000)	(8,000)	(93,035)	(85,035)	8,000	8,000	(5,368)	(13,368)
Other financing sources (uses)								
Transfers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fund balances, beginning	391,269	391,269	391,269	-	65,630	65,630	65,630	-
Fund balances, ended	<u>\$ 383,269</u>	<u>\$ 383,269</u>	<u>\$ 298,234</u>	<u>\$ (85,035)</u>	<u>\$ 73,630</u>	<u>\$ 73,630</u>	<u>\$ 60,262</u>	<u>\$ (13,368)</u>

Supplementary Information

Pineville City Court
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments
To Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer
For the year ended December 31, 2020

Agency Head Name: Gary Hays
Position: Pineville City Judge

Salary	City of Pineville	\$ 18,211
Salary	Pineville City Court	83,122
Salary	Supreme Court	41,604
Benefits	Insurance – Supreme Court	19,032
Benefits	Retirement – Pineville City Court	35,577
Travel		592
Conference Lodging		<u>396</u>
Total		<u>\$ 198,534</u>

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity

As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Identifying Information		
Entity Name	Pineville City Court	
LLA Entity ID # (This is the ID number assigned to the entity by the Legislative Auditor for identification purposes.)	2136	
Date that reporting period ended (mm/dd/yyyy)	12/31/2020	
	First Six Month Period Ended 06/30/2020	Second Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2020
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	595,563	605,916
Add: Collections		
Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits)	96,904	102,608
Subtotal Collections	96,904	102,608
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits: (Must include one agency name and one collection type on each line and may require multiple lines for the same agency if more than one collection type is applicable. Additional rows may be added as necessary.)		
<i>Multiple Agencies - Sheriff Service</i>	6,227	5,487
<i>Rapides Parish Clerk of Court - Fees</i>	735	525
<i>State of Louisiana - Unclaimed Property</i>	-	220
<i>Secretary of State - Fees</i>	1,950	1,550
<i>Multiple Agencies - Sheriff Fees</i>	206	221
<i>Pineville City Marshall - Marshal Fees</i>	16,704	19,544
<i>Acadiana Legal Service Corp. - Fees</i>	374	383
<i>Louisiana Supreme Court - Article 405</i>	130	131
<i>Central Louisiana Pro Bono Project - Pro Bono Fees</i>	374	381
<i>Louisiana State Treasurer - Judge's Supplemental Fees</i>	6,681	6,836
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Percentage of Collection	-	-
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on Fixed Amount	-	-
Amounts "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency (must include a separate line for each collection type, as applicable) - Example: Criminal Fines - Other (Additional rows may be added as necessary)	37,054	35,610
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Civil Fee Refunds	22,088	19,664
Bond Fee Refunds	-	-
Restitution Payments to Individuals	-	-
Other Disbursements to Individuals	15	400
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing Agencies	-	-
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	92,538	90,952
Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed (only applies if collecting agency does not disburse partial payments until fully collected) - This balance is included in the Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained above.	5,987	(3,679)
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	605,916	613,893



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**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***

To the Honorable Gary Hays
Pineville City Court
Pineville, Louisiana

We were engaged to audit, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Pineville City Court, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Pineville City Court's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 7, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Pineville City Court's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pineville City Court's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Pineville City Court's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year findings, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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. We consider the finding described in the accompanying schedule of year findings and questioned costs as items 2020-001 and 2020-002 to be material weaknesses.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Pineville City Court'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 financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported on under *Government Auditing Standards* and are listed as items numbers 2020-003.

Pineville City Court's Response to Findings

Pineville City Court's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Corrective Action Plan. We did not audit Pineville City Court's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information of management and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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Certified Public Accountants
Alexandria, Louisiana

June 7, 2021

Pineville City Court
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended December 31, 2020

Section I-Summary of Auditor's Reports

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the Statement of Net Assets and the Balance Sheets-Governmental Funds. The auditor's report disclaims an opinion on the Statement of Activities, Statement of Governmental Fund Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance, and the Notes to the Financial Statements.
2. Two material weaknesses disclosed during the audit of the basic financial statements are reported in the 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*.
3. One instances of non-compliance was reported.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

Finding 2020-001

Statement of Condition – Pineville City Court does not have adequate segregation of duties within the administrative office.

Criteria – A system of internal control procedures requires a segregation of duties so that no individual handles a transaction from start to finish.

Effect of condition – Lack of oversight that could lead to improperly recorded transactions.

Cause of condition –There is a small number of personnel employed by Pineville City Court.

Recommendation – Pineville City Court should monitor the assignment of duties to insure as much segregation of duties as possible.

Questioned costs – None

Finding 2020-002

Statement of Condition – Pineville City Court does not have a person on staff who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording financial transactions or preparing the financial statements.

Criteria – A reporting entity should be able to prepare the financial statements in accordance with GAAP without any outside assistance.

Effect of condition – Pineville City Court needed assistance in preparing the annual financial statements.

Cause of condition – There was no written job description available to ensure hiring of staff that have appropriate training in applying generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation – Pineville City Court should consider the cost/benefit of hiring additional personnel with sufficient knowledge and training.

Questioned costs – None

Finding 2020-003

Statement of Condition – The General Fund and Judicial Building Fund budgets showed a greater than 5% overage variance in revenues.

Criteria – Budgeted revenues exceeded the amounts received by more than 5%.

Effect of condition – Pineville City Court was not in compliance with Louisiana budget law.

Cause of condition – Budgeted revenue exceeded amounts received by greater than 5%, and the budget was not amended to reflect a decrease in expected revenue.

Recommendation – Pineville City Court should implement written policies to ensure that Louisiana budget law is followed.

Questioned costs – None

Section III – Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no federal awards.

**Pineville City Court
Pineville, Louisiana**

Year Ended December 31, 2020

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Pineville City Court respectfully submits the following corrective action plan for the year ended December 31, 2020.

Name and address of contact person: Judge Gary Hays, Pineville City Judge, 904 Main Street, Pineville, LA 71360

Name and address of independent public accounting firm: Oestriecher & Company, CPAs, 4641 Windermere Place, Alexandria, LA 71303

Audit period: January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

The findings from the Schedule of Findings and Questions Costs are discussed below. The finding is numbered consistently with the number assigned in the schedule. The Summary of Audit Results does not include findings and is not addressed.

FINDINGS-FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

FINDING 2020-001

Condition: Pineville City Court does not have adequate segregation of duties.

Recommendation: Consider the cost/benefit of hiring additional personnel.

Response: Pineville City Court does not consider the cost of hiring additional personnel as exceeding any benefit. Duties will be segregated as much as possible, with oversight from the Judge.

FINDING 2020-002

Condition: Pineville City Court does not have a person on staff who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording financial transactions or preparing the financial statements.

Recommendation: Pineville City Court should consider the cost/benefit of hiring additional personnel with sufficient knowledge and training.

Response: While management understands the nature of the finding and the necessity of personnel with qualifications that are higher than our current job descriptions, the benefits of hiring personnel with increased qualifications do not outweigh the costs.

FINDING 2020-003

Condition: The Judicial Building Fund and General Fund budget showed a greater than 5% overage variance in revenues.

Recommendation: Pineville City Court should follow written policies to ensure that budget law is followed. Revenues should be monitored and compared to budget throughout the year, and an amended budget adopted when necessary.

Response: Pineville City Court will monitor the actual revenues to budget and amend the budget when necessary.

**Pineville City Court
Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the year ended December 31, 2019**

Section I - Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Finding No 2019-001

Pineville City Court does not have adequate segregation of duties within the administrative office.

Corrective action taken – Condition is not resolved. See Finding 2020-001.

Finding No 2019-002

Pineville City Court does not have a person on staff who has the qualifications and training to apply generally accepted accounting principles in recording financial transactions or preparing the financial statements.

Corrective action taken – Condition is not resolved. See Finding 2020-002.

Finding No 2019-003

Judicial Building Fund expenditures exceeded the amounts budgeted by more than 5%.

Corrective action taken – Condition is resolved; however, for the current year, budgeted revenues were more than 5% of actual revenues for both the Judicial Building Fund and the General Fund. See Finding 2020-003.

Section II - Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

There were no federal awards in the year ended December 31, 2019.

Section III – Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

There were no federal awards in the year ended December 31, 2019.