ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR

GRETNA, LOUISIANA

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

DECEMBER 31, 2016

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Honorable Thomas J. Capella
Jefferson Parish Assessor
Gretna, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and each major fund of the Jefferson Parish Assessor (the Assessor) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Assessor'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.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of 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.

Honorable Thomas J. Capella
Jefferson Parish Assessor
June 4, 2017

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

Opinions

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 Jefferson Parish Assessor as of December 31, 2016, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison information, schedule of funding progress of OPEB plan, schedule of proportionate share of net pension liability, and schedule of contributions – retirement plan on pages 4 through 7 and 39 through 42 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 Assessor's basic financial statements. The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Act 706 of the 2016 Louisiana Legislative Session and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Honorable Thomas J. Capella
Jefferson Parish Assessor
June 4, 2017

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements 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 schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 4, 2016, on our consideration of the Jefferson Parish Assessor'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 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 Jefferson Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

June 4, 2017
New Orleans, Louisiana

Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte

Certified Public Accountants

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (PART 1)

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

This section of the Jefferson Parish Assessor's (the Assessor) annual financial report presents management's analysis of the Assessor's financial performance for the year ended December 31, 2016. This analysis should be read in conjunction with the audited financial statements which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Assessor's net position increased by $576,090.
- The revenues of the Assessor were $5,084,933.
- The total expenditures/expenses of the Assessor were $4,508,843.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This report consists of three sections: Management's Discussion and Analysis, audited financial statements and supplementary information. The financial statements also include notes that provide additional detail of the information included in the financial statements.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial statements of the Assessor report information about the Assessor using accounting methods similar to those used by private companies. These financial statements provide financial information about the activities of the Assessor.

The government-wide financial statements (see Exhibits A and B) are designed to present the financial operations of the Assessor as a whole. The Statement of Net Position presents information that includes all of the Assessor's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Over time, increases and decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Assessor as a whole is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Assessor's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenditures are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods, e.g., uncollected taxes and earned, but unused vacation leave.

The following presents condensed financial information of the Assessor:

SUMMARY OF NET POSITION
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
Current assets	$ 11,478,036	$ 10,751,902
Capital assets, net	77,199	71,708
Total assets	11,555,235	10,823,610
Total deferred outflows of resources	782,517	1,110,056
Current liabilities	4,385,903	4,393,117
Non-current liabilities	6,012,422	6,112,963
Total liabilities	10,398,325	10,506,080
Total deferred inflows of resources	220,915	285,164
Net investment in capital assets	77,199	71,708
Unrestricted	1,641,313	1,070,714
Total net position	$ 1,718,512	$ 1,142,422

Total assets increased by $731,625 (7%) and total liabilities decreased by $107,755 (1%). The increase in total assets is due to a revenue increase approved by the State Legislature in 2012 which created a surplus for the years following in effort to withstand future increase expenditures. A reduction in other post-employment benefits and net pension liability resulted in a decrease of liabilities. Net position increased by $576,090 (50%) as a result of operations. The decrease in deferred outflows of resources is mainly from the netting of deferred inflows in the current year as well as current amortization expense for pension liability and the decrease in deferred inflows of resources is from the current year amortization expense for pension liability.

SUMMARY OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES
AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
Program revenues	$ 750,819	$ 512,366
General revenues	4,334,114	4,333,724
Expenditures/expenses	(4,508,843)	(4,246,806)
Changes in net position	$ 576,090	$ 599,284
Ending net position	$ 1,718,512	$ 1,142,422

The change in net position decreased by $23,194 due to an increase in general operating expenses, personnel and employment benefit expenses.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Capital Assets

Following is a schedule of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Office equipment	$ 133,664	$ 112,480
Less accumulated depreciation	(56,465)	(40,772)
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation	$ 77,199	$ 71,708

The additions to capital assets during the year consisted of computer equipment.

Pensions

As of July 1, 2014, the Assessor has implemented GASB Statement No. 68, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions; an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27." GASB Statement No. 68 improves accounting and financial reporting for pensions for the Assessor's proportionate share of the net pension liability. The Assessor is required to recognize pension expense and report deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions for its proportionate shares of collective pension expense and collective outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions. At December 31, 2016, the Assessor reported $1,449,921 for its proportionate share of net pension liability, $782,517 for deferred outflow of resources and $220,915 for deferred inflows of resources. See Note 4 to the basic financial statements for further discussion of the pension liabilities, pension expense, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions.

Other Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions

As of July 1, 2009, the Assessor has implemented GASB Statement No. 45, "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other than Pensions," GASB Statement No. 45 establishes uniform standards of financial reporting for other postemployment benefits and increases the usefulness and improves the faithfulness of representations in the financial reports. The adoption of this standard requires the prospective recognition of Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) in the basic financial statements (net of contributions to any irrevocable trust). Prior to July 1, 2009, the Assessor did not recognize any OPEB liability in the basic financial statements. See Note 6 to the basic financial statements for further discussion of the Other Postemployment Benefits.

BUDGET ANALYSIS

A comparison of budget to actual operations is required information and is presented in the accompanying financial statements.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Jefferson Parish Assessor's Office revenue is mandated by the State Legislature resulting in a fixed revenue amount therefore there will be no change in revenue from 2016 – 2017. Expenditures will increase over the next year due to increased personnel and healthcare costs.

CONTACTING THE ASSESSOR'S MANAGEMENT

This report is designed to provide a general overview of the Assessor and to demonstrate the Assessor's accountability for its finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, please contact Thomas J. Capella, Assessor, Jefferson Parish, 200 Derbigny Street, Suite 1100, Gretna, LA 70053.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

ASSETS:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	7,154,939
Appropriation receivable		4,320,085
Interest receivable		3,012
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation		77,199
Total assets		11,555,235
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
Pensions (note 4)		782,517
Total deferred outflows of resources		782,517
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable		20,089
Advances payable		4,320,085
Accrued payroll		44,975
Accrued annual leave		48,860
Net pension liability		1,449,921
Other post-employment benefits		4,514,395
Total liabilities		10,398,325
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:		
Pensions (note 4)		220,915
Total deferred inflows of resources		220,915
NET POSITION:		
Net investment in capital assets		77,199
Unrestricted		1,641,313
Total net position	$	1,718,512

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Functions/Programs		Expenses		Operating Grants and Contributions		Net (Expense) Revenue and Change in Net Position
Governmental activities:						
Property assessment and tax roll preparation	$	4,508,843	$	750,819	$	(3,758,024)
				General revenues:		
				Intergovernmental revenues:		
				Compensation from taxing bodies		4,320,085
				Other income		3,700
				Investment income		10,329
				Total general revenues		4,334,114
				Change in net position		576,090
				Net position - beginning		1,142,422
				Net position - ending	$	1,718,512

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JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
DECEMBER 31, 2016

		General Fund
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$	7,154,939
Appropriation receivable		4,320,085
Interest receivable		3,012
Total assets	$	11,478,036
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable	$	20,089
Advances payable		4,320,085
Accrued payroll		44,975
Accrued annual leave, due within one year		754
Total liabilities		4,385,903
FUND BALANCE:		
Assigned to fund other post-employment benefits		1,500,000
Unassigned		5,592,133
Total fund balance		7,092,133
Total liabilities and fund balance	$	11,478,036

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JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2016

Fund balance - total governmental fund	$	7,092,133
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental fund		77,199
Deferred outflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds		782,517
Deferred inflows of resources related to pensions are not reported in governmental funds		(220,915)
Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore are not reported in the governmental funds. All liabilities (both current and long-term) are reported in the Statement of Net Position		
Accrued annual leave		(48,106)
The liability for pension expense is an actuarial calculation of future obligations related to retirement, survivor, disability, and termination benefits, and is not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.		(1,449,921)
The liability for other post-employment benefits is an actuarial calculation of future obligations related to retiree health insurance benefits, and is not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.		(4,514,395)
Net position of governmental activities	$	1,718,512

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JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

REVENUES:	
Intergovernmental revenues - compensation from taxing bodies	$ 4,320,085
Other income	3,700
Investment income	10,329
Total revenues	4,334,114
EXPENDITURES:	
Current:	
Salaries:	
Assessor	156,832
Deputies and others	1,820,235
Auto expense	15,217
Assessor's expense allowance	15,683
Dues and subscriptions	36,613
Data processing program expense	56,658
Employee benefits	438,738
Insurance - general	15,536
Insurance - group	586,865
Office expense	214,384
Payroll taxes	30,377
Postage	108,545
Professional education	6,185
Professional fees	46,709
Repairs and maintenance	22,969
Travel and lodging	8,036
Total current expenditures	3,579,582
Capital outlay	21,184
Total expenditures	3,600,766
Net change in fund balance	733,348
Fund balance - beginning	6,358,785
Fund balance - ending	$ 7,092,133

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JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Net change in fund balance - total governmental fund	$	733,348
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:		
The governmental fund reports 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. This is the amount by which capital outlays of $21,184 exceeded depreciation expense of $15,693 in the current period.		5,491
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds:		
Change in long-term portion of accrued annual leave		(106)
The liability for pension expense is an actuarial calculation of future obligations related to retirement, survivor, disability, and termination benefits, and is not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.		
Pensions		(349,544)
Non-employer contributions for pension		750,819
The change in the liability for other post-employment benefits is an actuarial calculation of future obligations related to retiree health insurance benefits, and is not due and payable in the current period, and therefore, is not reported in the governmental funds.		(563,918)
Change in net position of governmental activities	$	576,090

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Jefferson Parish Assessor (Assessor) is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a term of four years. The Assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, prepares the tax rolls, and submits the rolls to the Louisiana Tax Commission as prescribed by law.

Reporting Entity

The Assessor receives funding from local government sources and must comply with the concomitant requirements of these funding source entities. However, the Assessor is a "primary government" as defined in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements, since the Assessor has the power to designate management, the ability to significantly influence operations and primary accountability for fiscal matters. The Assessor has no component units.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Assessor conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States, as applicable to governmental units.

Basis of Presentation

The Assessor's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The GASB is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through pronouncements (Statements and Interpretations). Governments are also required to follow the pronouncements of the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued through November 30, 1989 (when applicable) that do not conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The more significant accounting policies established in GAAP and used by the Assessor are discussed below.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 63, *Financial Reporting of Deferred Outflows of Resources, Deferred Inflows of Resources, and Net Position.*

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Assessor's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Assessor as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Assessor's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. The Assessor's property assessment and tax roll preparation activities and related general administrative services are classified as governmental activities. The Assessor does not have any business-type activities.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position (Exhibit A), the governmental activities column is presented on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and liabilities. The Assessor's net position is reported in two parts – net investment in capital assets and unrestricted net position.

The government-wide Statement of Activities (Exhibit B) reports both gross and net cost of the Assessor's function (property assessment and tax roll preparation). The function is supported by general government revenues (commissions paid directly by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff and investment income).

This government-wide focus is on the sustainability of the Assessor as an entity and the change in the Assessor's net position resulting from current year's activities.

Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The financial transactions of the Assessor are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The Assessor's current operations require the use of only the following fund type:

Governmental Fund:

The focus of the governmental fund's measurement (in the fund statement) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future operations of the Assessor. The following is a description of the governmental fund of the Assessor:

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basic Financial Statements – Fund Financial Statements (FFS) (continued)

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1906, is the principal fund of the Assessor and is used to account for the operations of the Assessor's office. Compensation received from the various taxing bodies, prescribed by formula in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1907-1908, is accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Accrual

The governmental activities in the government-wide financials are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows or resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of Section N50 (GASB 34, as amended by GASB 63 and 65).

Modified Accrual

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., both measurable and available. "Available" means collectible within the current period or within 60 days after year end. Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Basis of Accounting (continued)

Modified Accrual (continued)

The Assessor's records are maintained on a cash basis of accounting. However, the General Fund reported in the accompanying financial statements has been converted to a modified accrual basis of accounting utilizing the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures.

Budgets

Annually, the Assessor adopts a budget for the General Fund on a modified accrual basis of accounting. The budgetary practices include public notice of the proposed budget, public inspection of the proposed budget, and public hearings on the budget. Budgetary integration is used as a management control device.

Once a budget is approved it can be amended. Such amendments are made before the fact, are reflected in the official minutes of the office, and are not made after fiscal year end.

Each budget is prepared and controlled by the budget coordinator at the revenue and expenditure function/object level. Budgeted amounts are as amended by the Assessor. All budget appropriations lapse at year end.

Cash

The Assessor is authorized under state law to 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, and the laws of the United States. The Assessor may also invest in U.S. Treasury securities and other evidence of indebtedness issued or guaranteed by federal agencies and time certificates of deposit with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of such pledged securities and federal deposit insurance must equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent.

Investments

The Assessor follows GASB No. 31, which requires investments in debt securities to be recorded at their fair market values which are determined based on quoted market prices.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Capital Assets

Capital assets purchased or acquired with an original cost of $500 or more are reported at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Additions, improvements and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. In the fund financial statements, fixed assets are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the fund upon acquisition.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and depreciation is recorded in the Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount or scrapped when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Office equipment	7 years

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred outflows of resources*, represents a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until then. Currently, the Assessor has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, *deferred inflows of resources*, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until then. Currently, the Assessor has one item that qualifies for reporting in this category, deferred amounts related to pensions.

Compensated Absences

Employees accrue vacation leave at the rate of 13 to 22 ¾ days per year, according to the years of service with the Assessor. A maximum of 30 days of vacation leave can be accumulated. Upon termination or retirement, employees can receive payment for a maximum of ten days of unused accumulated vacation leave. Sick leave is accrued at the rate of 16 1/4 days per year for all employees. Upon termination or retirement, employees do not receive payment for unused accumulated sick leave. Governmental funds report amounts estimated to be used within one year as a current liability.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Equity Classification

In the government-wide financial 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 the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings and deferred inflows of resources that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.

b. Restricted net position - consists of restricted assets reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to those assets. Constraints may be 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.

c. Unrestricted net position – net amount of the assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources that are not included in either of the other two categories of net position.

Governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance. Fund balance is further classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned. The Assessor, as the highest level of decision-making authority, can establish, modify or rescind a fund balance commitment. For assigned fund balance, the Assessor authorizes management to assign amounts for a specific purpose.

When both restricted and unrestricted fund balances are available for use, it is the Assessor's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted as needed. When committed, assigned or unassigned fund balances are available for use, it is the Assessor's policy to use committed resources first, then assigned resources and unassigned resources as they are needed.

Long Term Obligations

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 Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary and additions to/deductions from the system's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the system. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

(1) SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)

Revenues

The Assessor's revenue is derived from ad valorem taxes assessed on a calendar year basis. The ad valorem taxes assessed are due on December 31st of the calendar year in which the taxes are assessed and are paid to the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office. As required by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1906, the Assessor earns a percentage of the taxes assessed. In order to fund current year operations, the Assessor is advanced funds on a monthly basis by the Jefferson Parish Council and the Jefferson Parish School Board. In January of the subsequent year, the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office remits the amount due to the Assessor. The Assessor then repays the advances to the Council and School Board.

As of December 31, 2016, appropriations receivable was $4,320,085 and the advances payable was $4,320,085.

Interest earned on investments is recorded when earned.

Expenditures

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

Accounting Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

Date of Management Review

Management has evaluated subsequent events through June 4, 2017 the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

(2) CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2016 was as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance at December 31, 2016
Office equipment	$ 112,480	$ 21,184	$ -	$ 133,664
Accumulated depreciation	(40,772)	(15,693)	-	(56,465)
Total capital assets, net	$ 71,708	$ 5,491	$ -	$ 77,199

The Assessor's net capital assets of $77,199 represent purchases of fixed assets made by the Assessor from 1977 through 2016. All fixed assets of the Assessor purchased prior to 1977 are included in the capital assets of the Jefferson Parish Council. Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2016 was $15,693 and was charged to the activity of property assessment and tax roll preparation.

(3) COMPENSATED ABSENCES

A summary of compensated absences is as follows:

	Balance at January 1, 2016	Net Increase (Decrease)	Balance December 31, 2016	Amounts Due Within One Year
Compensated absences	$ 48,549	$ 311	$ 48,860	$ 754

(4) PENSION PLAN

Plan Description

Substantially all of the full-time employees of the Assessor participate in the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund (the Fund), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

Employees who were hired before October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they have either reached the age of 55 and have at least 12 years of service or have at least 30 years of service, regardless of age. Employees who were hired on or after October 1, 2013, will be eligible for pension benefits once they have either reached the age of 60 and have at least 12 years of service or have reached the age of 55 and have at least 30 years of service.

(4) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Plan Description (continued)

Employees who became members prior to October 1, 2006, are entitled to annual pension benefits equal to three and one-third percent of their average final compensation based on the 36 consecutive months of highest pay, multiplied by their total years of service, not to exceed 100% of final compensation. Employees who become members on or after October 1, 2006 will have their benefit based on the highest 60 months of consecutive service. Employees may elect to receive their pension benefits in the form of a joint/survivor annuity.

If employees terminate before rendering 12 years of service, they forfeit the right to receive the portion of their accumulated plan benefits attributable to the employer's contributions. Benefits are payable over the employees' lives in the form of a monthly annuity. Employees may elect a reduced benefit or any of four options at retirement: (1) at death, the beneficiary will receive a lump sum payment based on the present value of the employee's annuity account balance; (2) at death, the beneficiary will receive a life annuity based on their reduced retirement allowance; (3) at death, the beneficiary will receive a life annuity equal to one-half of their reduced retirement allowance; and (4) any other benefit certified by the actuary and approved by the Board of Trustees that will be equivalent in value to their retirement allowance.

The Fund issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Fund. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, Post Office Box 14699, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.

Contributions

At December 31, 2016, members of the Fund are required by state statute to contribute 8.00% of their annual covered salary and the Assessor is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate is 10% of annual covered payroll as of December 31, 2016. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. Member contributions are deducted from the member's salary and remitted by the Assessor. Administrative costs of the Fund are financed through employer contributions.

(4) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Contributions (continued)

The Fund also receives one-fourth of one percent of the property taxes assessed in each parish of the state as well as a state revenue sharing appropriation. According to state statute, in the event that contributions for ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds are insufficient to provide for the gross employer actuarially required contribution, the employer is required to make direct contributions as determined by the Public Retirement System's Actuarial Committee. Although the direct employer actuarially required contribution for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 is 4.75%, the actual employer contribution rate for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was 13.50%. The actual rate differs from the actuarially required rate due to state statutes that require the contribution rate be calculated and set one year prior to the year effective. The minimum direct employer actuarially required contribution will be 4.75% for fiscal year 2017.

Louisiana Revised Statute 11:1481 requires plan members to contribute 8.00% into the Fund. For the calendar year 2016, the Assessor elected to pay 100% of the employees' contribution to the Fund. The Assessor's covered employees' contributions to the Fund for the year ending December 31, 2016 was $138,071. The Assessor's covered employer's contributions to the Fund for the year ending December 31, 2016 was $218,941, equal to the required contribution for each year.

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

At December 31, 2016, the Assessor reported a liability totaling $1,449,921 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the Fund. The net pension liability was measured as of September 30, 2016 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Assessor's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the Assessor's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At September 30, 2016, the Assessor's proportion was 4.108940% for the Fund, which was an increase of .068440% from its proportion measured as of September 30, 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Assessor recognized pension expense for the Fund totaling $349,544. Deducted from pension expense is the employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions totaling $17,465 for the Fund.

(4) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

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

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Assessor recognized revenue from ad valorem taxes and revenue sharing funds received by the Fund. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities totaling $750,819.

At December 31, 2016, the Assessor reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the Fund:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	$ 100,455	$ 149,570
Change in assumptions	185,661	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	438,469	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	17,785	71,345
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	40,147	-
Total	$ 782,517	$ 220,915

Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date totaling $40,147 and reported as deferred outflows of resources will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended December 31, 2016. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows for the year ended December 31st:

2017	$ 165,925
2018	165,925
2019	202,646
2020	(36,690)
2021	23,649
Total	$ 521,455

(4) PENSION PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions

The total pension liability in the December 31, 2016 actuarial valuation for the Fund was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Valuation Date:	September 30, 2016
Actuarial Cost Method:	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions: Investment Rate of Return	7.00%, net of investment expense, including inflation
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Projected Salary Increases	5.75%
Mortality Rates	RP-2000 Healthy Annuitant Table set forward one year and projected to 2030 for males and females. RP-2000 Employee Tables set back 4 years for males and 3 years for females. RP-2000 Disabled Lives Mortality Tables set back 5 years for males and 3 years for females.
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.

The current year actuarial assumptions utilized for this report are based on the assumptions used in the September 30, 2016 actuarial funding valuation, which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2014, unless otherwise specified in this report. In cases where benefit structures were changed after the study period, assumptions were based on estimates of future experience. All assumptions selected were determined to be reasonable and represent expectations of future experience for the Fund.

(4) PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Discount Rate

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

Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2016, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Domestic equity	7.50%
International equity	8.50%
Domestic bonds	2.50%
International bonds	3.50%
Real estate	4.50%

The long-term expected rate of return selected for this report by the Fund was 7.00%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumes that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from the participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at actuarially determined contribution rates, which are calculated in accordance with relevant statutes and approved by the Board of Trustees and the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee. Based on these assumptions and the other assumptions and methods as specified in this report, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability. Thus, the discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.00%.

(4) PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Assumptions (continued)

Discount Rate (continued)

The effects of certain other changes in the net pension liability are required to be included in pension expense over the current and future periods. The effects on the total pension liability of (1) changes of economic and demographic assumptions or of other inputs and (2) differences between expected and actual experience are required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with benefits through the pension plan (active employees and inactive employees), determined as of the beginning of the measurement period. The effect on net pension liability of differences between the projected earnings on pension plan investments and actual experience with regard to those earnings is required to be included in pension expense in a systematic and rational manner over a closed period of five years, beginning with the current period. The Expected Remaining Service Lives (ERSL) for 2016 is 6 years.

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

The following presents the net pension liability of the Fund calculated using the discount rate of 7.00%, as well as what the Fund's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.00%) or one percentage point higher (8.00%) than the current discount rate (assuming all other assumptions remain unchanged):

	1% Decrease 6.00%	Current Discount Rate 7.00%	1% Increase 8.00%
Assessor's proportionate share	$ 3,064,682	$ 1,449,921	$ 65,315

Retirement Fund Audit Report

The Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund and Subsidiary has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2016. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.lla.la.gov, or by contacting the Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund, Post Office Box 14699, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898.

(5) DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Assessor offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. The plan is administered by the State of Louisiana Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan. The plan, available to all Assessor employees, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency. During 2016, the Assessor's rate of contribution to the Plan was 6.00% of gross wages, not to exceed the employee's contribution. The Assessor's total contributions made to the plan were $70,333 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

All amounts of compensation deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those amounts, and all income attributable to these amounts, property, or rights are held in trust for the exclusive benefits of participants and their beneficiaries.

(6) OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN

Plan Description

The Assessor administers a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan. The plan provides lifetime healthcare insurance for eligible retirees and their spouses through the office's group health insurance plan, which covers both active and retired members. Benefit provisions are established in the Louisiana State House of Representatives' Bill #38, Act #244 passed in September 2008. The Retiree Health Plan's financial report is publicly available upon request.

Funding Policy

Contribution requirements are listed in the House Bill #38, Act #244 of September 2008. The act states "the assessor shall pay the premium cost of group, life, dental, group health, hospital, surgical, or other medical insurance for any assessor or assessor's employee who retires with at least 20 years of service who is at least fifty-five years of age or who retires with at least thirty years of service at any age." The Assessor contributes 100% of the cost of current-year premiums for eligible retired plan members and 50% for their spouses. For 2015, the Assessor contributed $239,881 to the plan. Plan members receiving benefits contribute 50% of their spouse's premium costs. In fiscal year 2015, total member contributions were $29,766.

(6) OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Annual OPEB Cost

The Assessor's annual other postemployment benefit (OPEB) cost (expense) is calculated based on the *annual required contribution of the employer (ARC).* Until 2014, the Assessor elected to calculate the ARC and related information using the alternative measurement method permitted by GASB Statement 45 for employers in plans with fewer than one hundred total plan members. During 2014, the Assessor contracted with an Actuary to perform an Actuarial Valuation. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and to amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities (or funding excess) over a period not to exceed thirty years.

The following table shows the calculation of the Annual Required Contribution and Net OPEB Obligation. The final ARC will be dependent on the discount rate selected and the end of year Net OPEB obligation will need to reflect actual contributions.

	12/31/2016	12/31/2015
Determination of Annual Required Contribution		
Normal cost at fiscal year-end	$ 391,968	$ 391,968
Amortization of UAAL	672,117	672,117
Annual required contribution (ARC)	$ 1,064,085	$ 1,064,085
Determination of Net OPEB Obligation		
Beginning net OPEB obligation	$ 3,950,477	$ 3,352,379
Annual required contribution	1,064,085	1,064,085
Interest on prior year net OPEB obligation	158,019	134,095
Adjustment to ARC	(228,457)	(193,869)
Annual OPEB Cost	993,647	1,004,311
Contributions made (retiree cost)	(429,729)	(406,213)
Estimated increase in net OPEB obligation	563,918	598,098
Estimated net OPEB obligation – end of year	$ 4,514,395	$ 3,950,477

(6) OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Annual OPEB Cost (continued)

The following table shows the estimated annual OPEB cost and net OPEB obligation for the prior three years assuming the plan is not prefunded:

Fiscal Year Ended	Discount Rate	Annual OPEB Cost	% of OPEB Cost Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
12/31/2016	4.00%	$ 993,647	43.3%	$ 4,514,395
12/31/2015	4.00%	$ 1,004,311	40.4%	$ 3,950,477
12/31/2014	4.00%	$ 778,223	31.6%	$ 3,352,379

Funded Status and Funding Progress

As of December 31, 2016, 2015, and 2014, the actuarial accrued liability for benefits are noted in the table below, all of which were unfunded. The projection of future benefit payments for an ongoing plan involves estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumptions about future employment, mortality, and the healthcare cost trend. Amounts determined regarding the funded status of the plan and the annual required contributions of the employer are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates about the future. The schedule of funding progress, presented as required supplementary information following the notes to the financial statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of the plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Schedule of Funding Progress for OPEB Plan

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets **(a)**	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) **(b)**	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) **(b-a)**	Funded Ratio **(a/b)**
12/31/2016	$ -	$ 11,622,253	$ 11,622,253	0%
12/31/2015	$ -	$ 11,622,253	$ 11,622,253	0%
12/31/2014	$ -	$ 9,608,636	$ 9,608,636	0%

Actuarial Accrued Liability determined under projected unit credit cost method.

(6) OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the employer and plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the employer and plan members to that point. The methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculations.

The following simplifying assumptions were made:

Retirement age for active employees – Sample rates for Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund participants are as follows:

Age	Males	Females
46 – 49	22.0%	22.0%
50 – 54	44.0	44.0
55 – 57	4.0	4.0
58 – 62	18.0	18.0
63 – 65	28.0	28.0
66 +	100.0	100.0

Disability rates – Sample rates for Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund participants are as follows:

Age	Males	Females
25	0.00006	0.00006
30	0.00006	0.00006
35	0.00007	0.00007
40	0.00012	0.00012
45	0.00023	0.00023
50	0.00043	0.00043
55	0.00081	0.00081
60	0.00195	0.00195
65	0.00195	0.00195

Medicare Eligibility – It is assumed that all participants and spouses are eligible for Medicare upon reaching age 65.

(6) OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

Marriage Assumption – Marital status of members at the calculation date was assumed to continue throughout retirement. For actives it is assumed that husbands are three years older than their wives. 40% of active participants making it to retirement are assumed to be married and elect spouse coverage.

Mortality – Life expectancies were based on mortality tables for pre-retirement and post-retirement as noted below.

Pre-retirement: Sex Distinct RP 2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table projected to 2015 using Scale AA.

Post-retirement: Sex Distinct RP 2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table projected to 2015 using Scale AA.

Participation Assumption – 90% of participants are assumed to elect retiree medical coverage, 100% are assumed to elect dental, 20% are assumed to elect vision, and 100% are assumed to elect life insurance coverage upon retirement.

Turnover – Sample rates for Louisiana Assessors' Retirement Fund participants are as follows:

Age	Males	Females
< 1	0.12	0.12
0	0.12	0.12
1	0.05	0.05
2	0.05	0.05
3	0.05	0.05
4	0.05	0.05
5	0.05	0.05
6	0.05	0.05
7	0.04	0.04
8	0.04	0.04
9	0.03	0.03
10	0.03	0.03
11	0.03	0.03
12	0.03	0.03
13	0.02	0.02
14	0.02	0.02
15	0.01	0.01
16 +	0.01	0.01

(6) OTHER POST EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLAN (CONTINUED)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions (continued)

Healthcare cost trend rate – The trend assumptions for medical and pharmacy costs start at a rate of 6.10% in 2015 and decrease to 4.40% by 2099. The trend assumptions for dental costs start at a rate of 4.74% in 2015 and decrease to 4.14% by 2099. The trend assumption for vision is a flat rate increase of 3% per annum.

Health insurance premiums – 2016 health insurance premiums for retirees were used as the basis for calculation of the present value of total benefits to be paid.

Investment Return Assumption (Discount Rate)- GASB Statement 45 states the investment return assumption (discount rate) should be based on the estimated long-term investment yield on the investments that are expected to be used to finance the OPEB obligations. Though the ARC is not funded, a conservative estimate of 4% has been used for this valuation, based on the expected long term return of a balanced and professionally managed conservative investment portfolio.

(7) EXPENSES OF THE ASSESSOR NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The accompanying financial statements do not include certain portions of the Assessor's expenses paid directly by the Jefferson Parish Council. These expenses include office space, utilities, office supplies, capital improvements, and major equipment purchases.

(8) COMPENSATION PAID ASSESSOR

The compensation and expense allowance paid to the Assessor has been prepared in compliance with Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1907. Under these statutes, the annual salary of the Assessor is fixed at $156,832, and, in addition, the Assessor is granted ten percent of his annual compensation, or $15,683 as a personal expense allowance provided that the tax receipts of the tax recipient body are not reduced.

The compensation and expense allowance paid the Assessor are included in the expenditures of the Governmental (Salary) Fund.

(9) CONCENTRATIONS OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Assessor to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of temporary cash investments, appropriations receivable, and investments in U.S. Treasuries. The Assessor places temporary cash investments with a federally insured financial institution. Appropriations receivable are from the tax collector. The Assessor does not require collateral to secure such amounts. The Assessor considers all receivables to be fully collectible; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts is needed. At times the Assessor invests in U.S. Treasuries, but the Assessor did not hold any investments in U.S. Treasuries at December 31, 2016.

Cash and deposits are categorized into three categories of credit risk.

Category 1 includes deposits covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the Assessor or its agent, in the Assessor's name.

Category 2 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department, or its agent in the Assessor's name.

Category 3 includes deposits covered by collateral held by the pledging financial institution, or its trust department or agent but not in the Assessor's name, and deposits which are uninsured or uncollateralized.

At December 31, 2016, the carrying amount of the Assessor's deposits was $7,154,939 and the bank balance was $7,230,395. These deposits are secured from custodial credit risk by $250,000 of federal deposit insurance (GASB Category 1) and $7,198,923 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3). At December 31, 2016, the Assessor had $550,808 invested in overnight repurchase agreements.

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provision of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Court that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

(10) RISK MANAGEMENT

The Assessor is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Assessor carries commercial insurance in amounts sufficient to insure itself against claims resulting from any of those risks.

(11) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

The GASB has issued Statement No. 72, "*Fair Value Measurement and Application.*" The requirements of this Statement will enhance comparability of financial statements among governments by requiring measurement of certain assets and liabilities at fair value using a consistent and more detailed definition of fair value and accepted valuation techniques. This Statement also will enhance fair value application guidance and related disclosures in order to provide information to financial statement users about the impact of fair value measurements on a government's financial position. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after June 15, 2015. This Statement did not have a material effect on the Assessor's financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 73, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68.*" The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting by establishing a single framework for the presentation of information about pensions, which will enhance the comparability of pension-related information reported by employers and nonemployer contributing entities. The requirements of this Statement that address accounting and financial reporting by employers and governmental nonemployer contributing entities for pensions that are not within the scope of Statement 68 are effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016, and the requirements of this Statement that address financial reporting for assets accumulated for purposes of providing those pensions are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015. The requirements of this Statement for pension plans that are within the scope of Statement 67 or for pensions that are within the scope of Statement 68 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2015. This Statement did not have a material effect on the Assessor's financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 74, "*Financial Reporting for Post-employment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans.*" The requirements of this Statement will improve financial reporting primarily through enhanced note disclosures and schedules of required supplementary information that will be presented by OPEB plans that are administered through trusts that meet the specified criteria. This Statement is effective for financial statements for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2016. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 75, "*Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions.*" The requirements of this Statement will improve the decision-usefulness of information in employer and governmental nonemployer contributing entity financial reports and will enhance its value for assessing accountability and interperiod equity by requiring recognition of the entire OPEB liability and a more comprehensive measure of OPEB expense. This Statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

(11) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The GASB has issued Statement No. 76, "*The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments.*" The objective of this Statement is to identify—in the context of the current governmental financial reporting environment—the sources of accounting principles used to prepare financial statements of state and local governmental entities in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) and the framework for selecting those principles. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2015. This Statement did not have a material effect on the Assessor's financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 77, "*Tax Abatement Disclosures.*" The requirements of this Statement improve financial reporting by giving users of financial statements essential information that is not consistently or comprehensively reported to the public at present. Disclosure of information about the nature and magnitude of tax abatements will make these transactions more transparent to financial statement users. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2015. This Statement did not have a material effect on the Assessor's financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 78, "*Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans.*" This Statement amends the scope and applicability of Statement No. 68 to exclude pensions provided to employees of state or local governmental employers through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that (1) is not a state or local governmental pension plan, (2) is used to provide defined benefit pensions both to employees of state or local governmental employers and to employees of employers that are not state or local governmental employers, and (3) has no predominant state or local governmental employer (either individually or collectively with other state or local governmental employers that provide pensions through the pension plan). This Statement establishes requirements for recognition and measurement of pension expense, expenditures, and liabilities; note disclosures; and required supplementary information for pensions that have the characteristics described above. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. This Statement did not have a material effect on the Assessor's financial statements upon implementation.

(11) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The GASB has issued Statement No. 79, "*Certain External Investment Pools and Pool Participants*." This Statement addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain external investment pools and pool participants. Specifically, it establishes criteria for an external investment pool to qualify for making the election to measure all of its investments at amortized cost for financial reporting purposes. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2015, except for certain provisions on portfolio quality, custodial credit risk, and shadow pricing. Those provisions are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2015. This Statement did not have a material effect on the Assessor's financial statements upon implementation.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 80, "*Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*." The objective of this Statement is to improve financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units. This Statement amends the blending requirements established in paragraph 53 of Statement No. 14. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 81, "*Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*." The objective of this Statement is to improve accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. The requirements of this Statement are effective for financial statements for periods beginning after December 15, 2016. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 82, "*Pension Issues an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*." The objective of this Statement is to address certain issues that have been raised with respect to Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73. Specifically, this Statement addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2016, except for the requirements of this Statement for the selection of assumptions in a circumstance in which an employer's pension liability is measured as of a date other than the employer's most recent fiscal year-end. In that circumstance, the requirements for the selection of assumptions are effective for that employer in the first reporting period in which the measurement date of the pension liability is on or after June 15, 2017. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

(11) NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS (CONTINUED)

The GASB has issued Statement No. 83, "*Certain Asset Retirement Obligations.*" This Statement establishes criteria for determining the timing and pattern of recognition of a liability and a corresponding deferred outflow of resources for AROs. This Statement requires that recognition occur when the liability is both incurred and reasonably estimable. This Statement requires the measurement of an ARO to be based on the best estimate of the current value of outlays expected to be incurred. This Statement requires the current value of a government's AROs to be adjusted for the effects of general inflation or deflation at least annually. In addition, it requires a government to evaluate all relevant factors at least annually to determine whether the effects of one or more of the factors are expected to significantly change the estimated asset retirement outlays. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2018. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 84, "*Fiduciary Activities.*" The objective of this Statement is to improve guidance regarding the identification of fiduciary activities for accounting and financial reporting purposes and how those activities should be reported. This Statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The focus of the criteria generally is on (1) whether a government is controlling the assets of the fiduciary activity and (2) the beneficiaries with whom a fiduciary relationship exists. The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2018. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

The GASB has issued Statement No. 85, "*Omnibus 2017.*" The objective of this Statement is to address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements. This Statement addresses a variety of topics including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits [OPEB]). The requirements of this Statement are effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2017. The Assessor plans to adopt this Statement as applicable by the effective date.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION (PART 2)

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	General Fund			
	Original Budgeted Amounts	Final Budgeted Amounts	Actual Amounts	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:				
Intergovernmental revenues - compensation from taxing bodies	$ 4,320,085	$ 4,320,085	$ 4,320,085	$ -
Other income	2,000	2,000	3,700	1,700
Investment income	5,500	5,500	10,329	4,829
Total revenues	4,327,585	4,327,585	4,334,114	6,529
EXPENDITURES:				
Current:				
Salaries:				
Assessor	156,832	156,832	156,832	-
Deputies and others	2,024,643	1,924,643	1,820,235	104,408
Auto expense	38,409	28,409	15,217	13,192
Assessor's expense allowance	15,683	15,683	15,683	-
Dues and subscriptions	40,369	40,369	36,613	3,756
Data processing program expense	7,471	60,000	56,658	3,342
Employee benefits	515,970	450,000	438,738	11,262
Equipment rental	2,100	2,100	-	2,100
Insurance - general	15,225	18,225	15,536	2,689
Insurance - group	667,695	617,695	586,865	30,830
Office expense	226,000	251,000	214,384	36,616
Payroll taxes	33,075	38,075	30,377	7,698
Postage	90,000	110,000	108,545	1,455
Professional education	6,000	6,000	6,185	(185)
Professional fees	13,000	50,500	46,709	3,791
Repairs and maintenance	37,198	40,198	22,969	17,229
Telephone	8,500	5,000	-	5,000
Travel and lodging	8,400	8,400	8,036	364
Total current expenditures	3,906,570	3,823,129	3,579,582	243,547
Capital outlay	20,500	10,500	21,184	(10,684)
Total expenditures	3,927,070	3,833,629	3,600,766	232,863
Net change in fund balance	400,515	493,956	733,348	239,392
Fund balance - beginning	6,358,785	6,358,785	6,358,785	-
Fund balance - ending	$ 6,759,300	$ 6,852,741	$ 7,092,133	$ 239,392

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JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS FOR OPEB PLAN
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016, 2015, AND 2014

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Projected Unit Cost	Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	Funded Ratio
	(a)	**(b)**	**(b-a)**	**(a/b)**
12/31/2016	$ -	$ 11,622,253	$ 11,622,253	-
12/31/2015	$ -	$ 11,622,253	$ 11,622,253	-
12/31/2014	$ -	$ 9,608,636	$ 9,608,636	-

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JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016*

Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund	**12/31/2016**	**12/31/2015**
Assessor's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability	4.108940%	4.040500%
Assessor's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability	$ 1,449,921	$ 2,114,486
Assessor's Covered-Employee Payroll	$ 1,788,928	$ 1,697,787
Assessor's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	81.05%	124.54%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	90.68%	85.57%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

**The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of the calendar year-end that occurred within the fiscal year.*

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS - RETIREMENT PLAN
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

Louisiana Assessor's Retirement Fund	**12/31/2016**	**12/31/2015**
Contractually Required Contribution	$ 218,941	$ 363,178
Contributions in Relation to the Contractually Required Contribution	(218,941)	(363,178)
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	$ -	$ -
Assessor's covered-employee payroll	$1,725,874	$1,689,195
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered-Employee Payroll	12.69%	21.50%

Note: Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

(1) PENSION PLAN SCHEDULES

Change of Benefit Terms

There were no changes of benefit terms during any of the years presented.

Changes of Assumptions

There were no changes of assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2016. For the year ended December 31, 2015, the Jefferson Parish Assessor's investment rate of return (discount rate) assumption was lowered from 7.25% to 7.00%. Also in the year ended December 31, 2015, the inflation rate assumption was lowered from 2.75% to 2.50%, and the salary increase assumption was lowered from 6% to 5.75%.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND
OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

	Thomas J. Capella, CLA
Salary	$ 156,832
Expense allowance	15,683
Benefits - insurance	14,300
Benefits - retirement	35,275
Continuing professional education fees - IAAO Conference	225
Total compensation, benefits, and other payments	$ 222,315

OTHER REPORT REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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*

Honorable Thomas J. Capella
Jefferson Parish Assessor
Gretna, 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 and each major fund of the Jefferson Parish Assessor (the Assessor), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Assessor's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 4, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Assessor's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Assessor's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Assessor'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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Honorable Thomas J. Capella
Jefferson Parish Assessor
June 4, 2017

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Assessor's financial statements are free from 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

June 4, 2017
New Orleans, Louisiana

Ericksen, Krentel & LaPorte

Certified Public Accountants

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
GRETNA, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The independent auditors' report expresses an unmodified opinion on the financial statements of the Jefferson Parish Assessor.

2. No significant deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal control relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the Independent Auditors' 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. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Jefferson Parish Assessor were reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

4. No management letter was issued for the year ended December 31, 2016.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

NONE

JEFFERSON PARISH ASSESSOR
SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

Not Applicable

MANAGEMENT LETTER

Not Applicable