

**CITY COURT OF WINNFIELD  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT**

**DECEMBER 31, 2016**

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Financial Report  
December 31, 2016

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### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Honorable Judge Anastasia Wiley  
City Court of Winnfield  
P. O. Box 1342  
Winnfield, Louisiana 71483

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, major fund and fiduciary funds of the City Court of Winnfield, a component unit of the City of Winnfield, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, which collectively comprise the City Court of Winnfield's basic financial statements as listed in the Table of Contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management of City Court's personnel. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

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

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

#### Accountant's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether we are aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

#### Accountant's Conclusion

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matter Paragraphs**

### *Required Supplementary Information*

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability, and Schedule of Employer Contributions, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and 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.

The Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer listed as required supplementary information in the Table of Contents is presented for the purpose of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule, Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability, Schedule of Employer Contributions, and the Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer have been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, and we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made thereto.

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

### *Other Reporting Requirements*

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report dated June 28, 2016, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures on page 34 through 36. Pages 37 through 38 present the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire.

*Johnson, Thomas + Cunningham, CPA's*  
Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's

June 28, 2016  
Natchitoches, LA 71457

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2016

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
ASSETS:	
Current Assets-	
Cash	\$ 22,364
Due from Fiduciary Funds	<u>1,335</u>
Total Current Assets	\$ 23,699
Non-Current Assets-	
Capital Assets – (Net)	<u>8,665</u>
Total Assets	\$ <u>32,364</u>
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	\$ <u>16,101</u>
LIABILITIES:	
Accounts Payable/Payroll Liabilities	\$ 5,015
Net Pension Liability	<u>58,973</u>
Total Liabilities	\$ <u>63,988</u>
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES:	\$ <u>7,337</u>
NET POSITION:	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$ 8,665
Unrestricted	<u>(31,525)</u>
Total Net Position	\$ <u>(22,860)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Statement of Activities  
December 31, 2016

<u>Activities</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>		<u>Net (Expense)</u>
		<u>Charges</u>	<u>Operating Grants</u>	<u>Revenue and Changes</u>
		<u>for</u>	<u>and</u>	<u>in Net Position</u>
		<u>Services</u>	<u>Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
Governmental Activities:				
Judicial	<u>\$77,048</u>	<u>\$70,097</u>	<u>\$0</u>	\$ (6,951)
		General Revenues:		
				<u>18,512</u>
				\$ 11,561
				<u>(34,421)</u>
				<u>\$(22,860)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

## FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Balance Sheet-Governmental Fund  
December 31, 2016

Assets:

Cash	\$22,364
Due from Fiduciary Funds	<u>1,335</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$23,699</u>

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable/Payroll Liabilities	\$ 5,015
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Fund Balance:

Unassigned	<u>18,684</u>
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u>\$23,699</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund  
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2016

Total Fund Balance for the Governmental Fund at December 31, 2016	\$18,684
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:	
Capital Assets used in Governmental Activities are not current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet:	
Equipment & Furniture	45,007
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	(36,342)
Deferred Outflows of Resources used in Governmental Activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet	16,101
Long-term Liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet-	
Net Pension Liability	(58,973)
Deferred Inflows of Resources are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore are not reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet-	<u>(7,337)</u>
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities at December 31, 2016	<u>\$(22,860)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance-  
Governmental Fund  
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES:	
Fee, Charges and Commissions for Service- Court Costs, Fees & Charges	<u>\$70,097</u>
EXPENDITURES:	
Current-	
Judicial-	
Personnel Services & Related Benefits	\$35,388
Operating Services	30,388
Materials & Supplies	5,561
Capital Expenditures	<u>5,400</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$76,737</u>
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (6,640)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	
Transfer In	<u>18,512</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	\$11,872
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>6,812</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$18,684</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

City Court of Winnfield, 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-Governmental Fund	\$11,872
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental Funds report Capital Outlays as expenditures however, in the Statement of Activities, the costs of these assets are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. The costs of capital assets recorded in the current period is	5,400
Depreciation expense on Capital Assets is reported in the Government-wide Financial Statements, but does not require the use of current financial resources and is not reported in the Fund Financial Statements. Current year depreciation expense is	(1,354)
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and are not reported as expenditures in the Fund Financial Statements. These include a net change in-	
Pension Expense	<u>(4,357)</u>
Change in Net Position per Statement of Activities	<u>\$11,561</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Statement of Net Position-  
Agency Funds  
December 31, 2016

	<u>Civil</u>	<u>Probation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Assets:			
Cash & Cash Equivalents	<u>\$10,198</u>	<u>\$39,564</u>	<u>\$49,762</u>
Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 696	\$ 683	\$ 1,379
Due to General Fund	1,335	0	1,335
Unsettled Deposits	<u>8,167</u>	<u>38,881</u>	<u>47,048</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$10,198</u>	<u>\$39,564</u>	<u>\$49,762</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

## NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Introduction:

City courts are created under the authority of Chapter 7 of Title 13 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LSA-R.S.) and provide for territorial jurisdiction, powers, authority, functions, election or appointment, of the various city courts throughout the state. The City Court's criminal jurisdiction, as provided by LSA-R.S. 13:1894, is limited to the trial of offenses committed within its respective territorial jurisdiction that are not punishable by the imprisonment at hard labor, including the trial or cases involving the violation of any city or parochial ordinance. In addition, the judge may also require bonds to keep the peace; issue warrants of arrest; examine, commit, and admit to bail and discharge; and hold preliminary examinations in all non-capital cases. The City Court's civil jurisdiction, as provided by LSA-R.S. 13:1891, is established under the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure.

The city judge, as provided by LSA-R.S. 13:1872, is elected for a six-year term and, except as otherwise provided in LSA-R.S. 13:1875, receives an annual salary payable monthly by the city and the parish, based upon the population of the territorial jurisdiction of the court.

The city clerk, as provided by LSA-R.S. 13:1884, is appointed by the city judge and serves at the pleasure of the judge until a successor is appointed and qualified. The clerk is responsible for the minute entries of the court, a docket of all proceedings in civil and criminal matters, and additional duties enumerated by law.

The city marshal, as provided by LSA-R.S. 13:1882, is elected for a six-year term and receives an annual salary as enumerated in LSA-R.S. 1883. The marshal is the executive officer of the court and executes the orders and mandates of the City Court. The marshal makes arrests, preserves the peace, and has the same authority, within his jurisdiction, as a sheriff.

The Winnfield City Court (the "City Court") is located in the City of Winnfield, Louisiana. The City of Winnfield provides the court with a courtroom and offices. The only officials of the City Court are the judge, marshal, and the clerk.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:

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

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A. Reporting Entity-

As the municipal governing authority, for reporting purposes, the City of Winnfield is considered a separate financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (municipality), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the City of Winnfield for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and
  - a. The ability of the primary government to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the primary government.
2. Organizations for which the primary government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the primary government.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the City of Winnfield provides office space, courtrooms, and related utility costs, as well as partial funding of salary costs for the City Court, the City Court was determined to be fiscally dependent on the City of Winnfield and accordingly is considered to be a component unit of this financial reporting entity. The accompanying basic financial statements include only the funds maintained by the City Court Judge and do not present information on funds maintained by the City Marshal, nor do they present information on the City of Winnfield, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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B. Basis of Presentation-

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. They include all funds of the Winnfield City Court, which are considered to be governmental activities.

The Statement of Net Position presents the governmental-type activities on a consolidated basis and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term debt and obligations.

The Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each of the functions of the City Court's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fines, fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the City Court and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

C. Fund Accounting-

The accounts of the Winnfield City Court are organized on the basis of funds, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The various funds are reported by generic fund types in the financial statements. Each fund operates with a group of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Revenues are accounted for in the individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The City Court uses the following fund categories and fund types.

The funds of the City Court are described below:

Governmental Fund (Major)-

General Fund

The General Fund is the principal operating fund of the Winnfield City Court and accounts for its operations. The various fees and fines due to the City Court are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

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Fiduciary Fund-

Agency Funds

The Agency Funds account for assets that are held by the City Court in a custodial capacity pending their transfer to the proper recipient, as provided by Louisiana law. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting-

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues or expenditures/expenses 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 Basis - Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the City Court as a whole. Both of these statements have been prepared using the economic measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

Modified Accrual Basis - Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. Governmental fund types use the flow of current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recorded when susceptible to accrual; i.e., when they are both measurable and available. "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The City Court considers all revenues "available" if collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are generally recorded under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related liability is incurred. The exceptions to this general rule are that (1) unmatured principal and interest on long-term debt, if any, are recorded when due and (2) claims and judgments and compensated absences are recorded as expenditures when paid with expendable available financial resources.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity-

Cash and Cash Equivalents-

Cash and Cash Equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, and time deposits of the City Court. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market.

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Capital Assets-

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The City Court maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

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

Furniture, computers, office equipment	5 years
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F. Compensated Absences-

Employees of the City Court do not accrue or "carry forward" vacation or sick leave, therefore no entry is made to record compensated absences.

G. Equity Classifications-

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

- a. Net Investment in capital assets - Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position - Consists of net resources with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position - All other net resources that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets, net of related debt".

When an expense is incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position is available, management applies unrestricted resources first, unless a determination is made to use restricted resources. The policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. This decision is typically made by management at the incurrence of the expense.

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In the fund statements, governmental fund equity is classified as fund balance and displayed in five components. The following classifications describe the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used:

- a. Nonspendable fund balance - amounts that are not in a spendable form (such as prepaid expenses) or are required to be maintained intact;
- b. Restricted fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by their providers (such as grantors, bondholders, and higher levels of government), through constitutional provisions, or by enabling legislation;
- c. Committed fund balance - amounts constrained to specific purposes by a government itself, using its highest level of decision-making authority; to be reported as committed, amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the government takes the same highest level action to remove or change the constraint;
- d. Assigned fund balance - amounts a government intends to use for a specific purpose; intent can be expressed by the governing body or by an official or body to which the governing body delegates the authority;
- e. Unassigned fund balance - amounts that are available for any purpose; positive amounts are reported only in the general fund.

The Judicial Fund of the City Court has an unassigned fund balance of \$18,684. If applicable, the City Court would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds.

#### H. Budget-

Prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana adopts a budget for the next fiscal year. The budget is open for public inspection. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of the fiscal year. The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

#### I. Estimates-

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

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J. Pensions-

For purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the retirement systems and additions to/deductions from the fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the retirement systems. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. See Note 5, for more information on the retirement system.

K. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources-

The Statement of Net Position reports a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) deferred inflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources represent a consumption of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditure) until the applicable period. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of net position that applies to future periods and will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

2. Cash and Cash Equivalents:

The cash and cash equivalents of the City Court of Winnfield are subject to the following risk:

*Custodial Credit Risk:* Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the City Court will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. 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. 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 City Court that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the City Court's name.

Bank account balances at December 31, 2016, totaled \$91,875, and were fully secured by FDIC Insurance.

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3. Capital Assets:

Capital asset balances and activity for the year ended December 31, 2016, is as follows:

Governmental Activities	Balance 01-01-16	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-16
Capital Assets:				
Furniture, computers, equipment	\$ 39,607	\$ 5,400	\$0	\$ 45,007
Less: Accumulated Depreciation:				
Furniture, computers, equipment	(34,988)	(1,354)	0	(36,342)
Net Capital Assets	\$ <u>4,619</u>	\$ <u>4,046</u>	\$ <u>0</u>	\$ <u>8,665</u>

Depreciation expense of \$1,354 was charged to the judicial function.

4. Changes in Fiduciary Fund Type – Unsettled Deposits:

Funds	Balance 01-01-16	Additions	Deletions	Balance 12-31-16
Civil	\$ 6,049	\$ 28,372	\$ 26,254	\$ 8,167
Probation	18,711	145,479	125,309	38,881
Total	\$ <u>24,760</u>	\$ <u>173,851</u>	\$ <u>151,563</u>	\$ <u>47,048</u>

5. Pension Plan:

*Plan Description*

The City Court contributes to LASERS which is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan. All full-time administrative employees are required to participate in the System. Excluded by law are independent contractors and certain other non-employee relationships. Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) grants to LASERS Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature the authority to review administration, benefit terms, investments, and funding of the plan. The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System, which can be obtained at [www.laseronline.org](http://www.laseronline.org).

*Benefits Provided*

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

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## Retirement

The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. Our rank and file members hired prior to July 1, 2006 may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service and at age 60 upon completing ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Those members hired between July 1, 2006 and June 1, 2015, may retire at age 60 upon completing five years of creditable service and those hired on or after July 1, 2015 may retire at age 62 upon completing five years of creditable service. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. 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. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement benefits throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Hazardous duty members are eligible to retire with twelve years of creditable service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

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Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions. The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification.

#### **Deferred Retirement Benefits**

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP) which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

#### **Disability Benefits**

Generally, active members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age.

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Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees.

For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation.

Members of the Harbor Police Retirement System who become disabled may receive a non-line of duty disability benefit after five years or more of credited service. Members age 55 or older may receive a disability benefit equivalent to the regular retirement benefit. Under age 55, the disability benefit is equal to 40% of final average compensation. Line of duty disability benefits are equal to 60% of final average compensation, regardless of years of credited service. If the disability benefit retiree is permanently confined to a wheelchair, or, is an amputee incapable of serving as a law enforcement officer, or the benefit is permanently legally binding, there is no reduction to the benefit if the retiree becomes gainfully employed.

#### **Survivor's Benefits**

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased regular member hired before January 1, 2011 who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

#### **Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments**

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), which are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

#### *Contributions*

The employer contribution rate is established annually under R.S. 11:101-11:104 by the Public Retirement Systems' Actuarial Committee (PRSAC), taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's Actuary. Each plan pays a separate actuarially-determined employer contribution rate. However, all assets of LASERS are used for the payment of benefits for all classes of members, regardless of their plan membership. Rates for the year ended June 30, 2016 were as follows:

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<u>Plan</u>	<u>Plan Status</u>	<u>Employer Contribution Rate</u>
Appellate Law Clerks	Closed	37.20%
Appellate Law Clerks hired on or after 7/1/06	Open	37.20%
Alcohol Tobacco Control	Closed	33.30%
Bridge Police	Closed	35.80%
Bridge Police hired on or after 7/1/06	Closed	35.80%
Corrections Primary	Closed	32.60%
Corrections Secondary	Closed	33.50%
Harbor Police	Closed	4.20%
Hazardous Duty	Open	37.60%
Judges hired before 1/1/2011	Closed	38.10%
Judges hired after 12/31/2010	Closed	39.30%
Judges hired on or after 7/1/15	Open	39.30%
Legislators	Closed	39.70%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP)		
Hired before 7/1/06	Closed	37.20%
Hired on or after 7/1/06	Closed	37.20%
Peace Officers	Closed	35.30%
Regular Employees		
Hired before 7/1/06	Closed	37.20%
Hired on or after 7/1/06	Closed	37.20%
Hired on or after 1/1/2011	Closed	37.20%
Hired on or after 7/1/15	Open	37.20
Special Legislative Employees	Closed	39.70%
Wildlife Agents	Closed	46.60%
<b>Aggregate Rate</b>		<b>37.00%</b>

The City Court's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2016 was 38.10% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the City Court were \$38,866 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

The Natchitoches City Court Judge is a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System.

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

At December 31, 2016, the City Court reported a liability of \$58,973 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 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 City Court's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on a projection of the City Court's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2016, the City Court's proportion was .00075%, which was a decrease of .00006% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the City Court recognized pension expense of \$6,061 plus or minus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$(1,305).

At December 31, 2016, the City Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 34	\$ 547
Changes in assumption	0	0
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	7,345	0
Changes in employer's proportion of beginning net pension liability	0	6,790
Differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of employer contributions	1,693	0
Subsequent Measurement Contributions	7,029	0
Total	\$16,101	\$7,337

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

Year ended June 30:	
2016	\$2,921
2017	2,921
2018	2,922
Total	\$8,764

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*Actuarial Assumptions*

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2016 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2016																					
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal																					
Actuarial Assumptions:																						
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years.																					
Investment Rate of Return	7.75% per annum.																					
Inflation Rate	3.0% per annum.																					
Mortality	Non-disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to 2015. Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.																					
Termination, Disability, and Retirement	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2009-2013) experience study of the System's members.																					
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Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.																					

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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 expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation 3.25% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.72% for 2016. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2016 are summarized in the following table:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return</u>
Cash	-0.24%
Domestic equity	4.31%
International equity	5.48%
Domestic Fixed Income	1.63%
International Fixed Income	2.47%
Alternative Investments	7.42%
Global Asset Allocation	2.92%
Total	5.30%

*Discount Rate*

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the pension plan's actuary. Based on those assumptions, 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.

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

The following presents the City Court's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability using the discount rate of 7.75%, as well as what the City Court's proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower (6.75%) or one percentage-point higher (8.75%) than the current rate:

	1.0% Decrease (6.75%)	Current Discount Rate (7.75%)	1.0% Increase (8.75%)
Employer's proportionate share of net pension liability	\$72,453	\$58,973	\$47,518

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*Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position*

Detailed information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued LASERS 2016 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report at [www.lasersonline.org](http://www.lasersonline.org).

*Payables to the Pension Plan*

These financial statements include a payable to the pension plan of \$507, which is the legally required contribution due at December 31, 2016. This amount is recorded in accrued expenses.

6. Litigation:

The Winnfield City Court was not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2016.

7. Subsequent Events:

Management has evaluated events through June 28, 2016, the date which the financial statements were available for issue. There were no items to be reported as subsequent events.

OTHER REQUIRED  
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Judicial Fund  
Budgetary Comparison Schedule  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>Budget</u> <u>Original/Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES:			
Court Costs, Fees & Charges	<u>\$69,000</u>	<u>\$70,097</u>	<u>\$1,097</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Personnel Services/Benefits	\$36,000	\$35,388	\$ 612
Operating Services	35,000	35,788	(788)
Materials & Supplies	<u>6,000</u>	<u>5,561</u>	<u>439</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$77,000</u>	<u>\$76,737</u>	<u>\$ 263</u>
Excess Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	\$ (8,000)	\$ (6,640)	\$1,360
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES:			
Operating Transfers In- Civil Fund	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,512</u>	<u>512</u>
Excess of Revenues and Other Sources over Expenditures	\$10,000	\$11,872	\$1,872
Fund Balance-Beginning of Year	<u>6,812</u>	<u>6,812</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund Balance-End of Year	<u>\$16,812</u>	<u>\$18,684</u>	<u>\$1,872</u>

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	.000810%	.00075%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$55,296	\$58,973
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	\$14,410	\$18,901
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	383.73%	312.01%
Plan Fiduciary Net Pension as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	62.7%	57.7%

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

Changes of Assumptions:

- There were no changes of benefit assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2016.

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Schedule of Employer's Contributions  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>
Contractually Required Contributions	\$ 5,765	\$ 7,029
Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	\$ 5,765	\$ 7,029
Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	\$14,410	\$18,901
Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Employee Payroll	40%	37.19%

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

Changes of Assumptions:

- There were no changes of benefit assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2016.

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana  
Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to  
Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Agency Head Name: Anastasia Wiley, City Judge

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$16,115
Benefits-Retirement	6,688
Benefits-Payroll Taxes	234
Dues	600
Conference & Travel	<u>750</u>
Total	<u>\$24,387</u>

See accompanying notes and Independent Accountant's Review Report.

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

Honorable Judge Anastasia Wiley  
City Court of Winnfield  
P. O. Box 1342  
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We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the City Court of Winnfield, Louisiana and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the City Court of Winnfield's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2016, included in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

#### PUBLIC BID LAW

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

No expenditures found to be in violation.

#### CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1224 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

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

Management provided us with the required list.

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

No violations found.

#### BUDGETING

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget. There was one amendment to the budget during the year.

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

Not applicable.

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

Both actual revenues and expenditures for the year were within the 5% variance allowed.

#### ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

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

- (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee:

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six disbursements and found that the payments were for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

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

Each disbursement appeared to be coded correctly.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities:

Inspection of supporting documentation showed written approval.

#### MEETINGS

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Not applicable.

#### DEBT

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds or any other indebtedness which have not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

We inspected copies of all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or other indebtedness that had not been approved by the State Bond Commission.

#### ADVANCES AND BONUSES

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

There were no payments that appeared to be either an advance or bonus.

Our prior report dated June 27, 2016, did not contain any comments or unresolved matters.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of the City Court of Winnfield and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

*Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's*  
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June 28, 2016  
Natchitoches, Louisiana

WINNFIELD CITY COURT  
LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham, CPA's  
321 Bienville Street  
Natchitoches, LA 71457

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of December 31, 2016, and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of December 31, 2016.

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes  No

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes  No

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes  No

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-16), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes  No

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

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

Yes  No

We have complied with R.S. 24:513 A. (3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief financial officer.

Yes  No

**Meetings**

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes  No

**Debt**

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes  No

**Advances and Bonuses**

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes  No

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Signed by and title Christopher Wilby, Winthelid City Judge