

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY
Colfax, Louisiana

Annual Financial Report
For the year ended December 31, 2004

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Grant Parish Police Jury
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Grant Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the Parish's primary government as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Grant Parish Police Jury management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* and 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 basic financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of the Grant Parish Police Jury, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices in the Parish's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for the Parish's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the Parish's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of the Grant Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2004, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information for the primary government of the Grant Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows, where applicable, thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 15, 2005 on our consideration of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information listed in the accompanying table of contents are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplemental information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the basic financial statements of the primary government of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana. The combining financial statements are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements of the primary government. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*, and is also not a required part of the primary government financial statements of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana. The combining financial statements and the schedule of expenditures of federal awards have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements of the primary government and, in our opinion, are fairly stated in all material respect in relation to the basic financial statements of the primary government taken as a whole.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Grant Parish Police Jury
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

We have audited the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the primary government of the Grant Parish Police Jury, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated June 15, 2005. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

COMPLIANCE

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Grant Parish Police Jury's primary government financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Grant Parish Police Jury's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

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This report is intended for the information of management. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

December 31, 2004

This section of the Grant Parish Police Jury's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Parish's financial performance during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include government-wide financial statements and fund financial statements. These two types of financial statements present the Parish's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives, which are described as follows:

Government –Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements report information about the Parish as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. These report all revenues and expenses regardless of when cash is received or paid. Furthermore, the government-wide statements include all of the Parish's assets and all of the Parish's liabilities (including long-term debt).

The government-wide financial statements are divided into two categories, which are described as follows:

- **Governmental Activities** – Expenses incurred in connection with providing basic services including general government; public safety; public works; health and human services are reported as governmental activities. The governmental activities are financed by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, including federal and state grants and other shared revenues.
- **Business-Type Activities** – Expenses associated with providing utility services are recovered through fees paid by the customers that utilize these services. These activities are operated in a manner similar to commercial enterprises. Accordingly, activities associated with these services are reported as business type activities.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements provide detailed information regarding the Parish's most significant activities and are not intended to provide information for the Parish as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that are used to account for specific sources of funds. The Parish has two types of funds that are described as follows:

- **Governmental Funds** – These funds are used to account for essentially the same functions that are reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike government-wide financial statements, the governmental funds use a modified accrual basis of accounting that provides a short-term view of the Parish's finances. Assets reported by governmental funds are limited to amounts that are available for current needs. In addition, liabilities are limited to amounts that are expected to be paid from currently available assets.

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- **Proprietary Fund** – These funds are used to account for activities that function in a manner similar to commercial enterprises, including activities associated with the Parish's utility services. Proprietary fund financial statements typically provide a more detailed presentation of the information reported in the business-type activities portion of the government-wide financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH AS A WHOLE

Net Assets

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Net Assets is presented as follows:

	<u>For the Year Ended December 31, 2004</u>			<u>For the</u>
	<u>Govern-</u>	<u>Business-</u>		<u>Year Ended</u>
	<u>mental</u>	<u>Type</u>		<u>December</u>
	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>31, 2003</u>
<u>Assets:</u>				
Current and Other Assets	\$ 2,198,240	\$ 484,237	\$ 2,682,477	\$ 2,690,061
Capital Assets	637,879	595,496	1,233,375	1,311,749
Total Assets	2,836,119	1,079,733	3,915,852	4,001,810
<u>Liabilities:</u>				
Current and Other Liabilities	741,399	142,760	884,159	892,457
Long-term Liabilities	126,812	3,510	130,322	114,410
Total Liabilities	868,211	146,270	1,014,481	1,006,867
<u>Net Assets:</u>				
Invested in Capital Assets (Net)	609,335	595,496	1,204,831	1,305,972
Restricted	991,745	-	991,745	1,255,839
Unrestricted	366,828	337,967	704,795	433,132
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,967,908	\$ 933,463	2,901,371	\$ 2,994,943

As the presentation appearing above demonstrates, the largest portion of the net assets (42.5%) are invested in capital assets. Net assets invested in capital assets consist of land, buildings, equipment, and infrastructure less any debt used to acquire the assets that remains outstanding. The Parish uses these capital assets to provide services to its citizens; consequently, these amounts are not available for future spending.

An additional portion of the net assets (34.2%) represent resources that are subject to restrictions that are imposed by agreements with the Parish's taxpayers or requirements imposed by various revenue sources.

The remaining balance of unrestricted assets may be used to meet the Parish's ongoing obligations to citizens and creditors.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS **December 31, 2004**

Changes in Net Assets

A condensed version of the government-wide Statement of Changes in Net Assets is presented as follows:

	For the Year Ended December 31, 2004			For the Year Ended December 31, 2003
	Gov- ern- men- tal Acti- vities	Busi- ness- Type Acti- vities	Total	
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Program Revenue:				
Charges for Services	\$ 215,630	\$ 479,726	\$ 695,356	\$ 591,873
Operating Grants and Contributions	2,563,836	—	2,563,836	2,383,520
Capital Grants and Contributions	62,931	—	62,931	429,632
General Revenue:				
Property Taxes	862,548	—	862,548	826,986
Sales Taxes	777,393	—	777,393	820,589
Severance Taxes	369,059	—	369,059	283,120
Other Taxes	78,104	—	78,104	81,854
Revenue Sharing	110,764	—	110,764	105,593
Other	122,757	7,636	130,393	139,313
Total Revenue	5,163,022	487,362	5,650,384	5,662,480
<u>Program Expenses:</u>				
General Government	998,161	—	998,161	1,087,857
Public Safety	201,335	—	201,335	118,475
Public Works	1,746,646	—	1,746,646	2,591,792
Health & Welfare	1,793,710	—	1,793,710	1,632,114
Culture and Recreation	417,061	—	417,061	342,981
Interest	—	—	—	1,305
Utility Service	—	587,043	587,043	527,548
Total Expenses	5,156,913	587,043	5,743,956	6,302,072
Net Assets Before Transfers	6,109	(99,681)	(93,572)	(639,592)
Transfers	36,144	(36,144)	—	—
Change in Net Assets	42,253	(135,825)	(93,572)	(639,592)
Net Assets Beginning	1,925,655	1,069,288	2,994,943	3,634,535
Net Assets Ending	\$ 1,967,908	\$ 933,463	\$ 2,901,371	\$ 2,994,943

Governmental activities increased the Parish's net assets by \$42,253. The factor contributing to the increase is primarily due to a transfer of funds from the business-type activities.

Business-type activities decreased the Parish's net assets by \$135,825. The decrease is attributable to the high cost of natural gas during the current year along with an unexpected volume of gas losses.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PARISH'S FUNDS

An analysis of significant matters effecting the Parish's funds is presented as follows:

- The Parish's governmental funds reported combined fund balances of \$1,469,188, which represents an increase of \$136,107 in comparison to the previous balance. This increase is attributable to the factors addressed in the portion of the previous section that discusses governmental activities along with the exclusion of depreciation from the governmental funds.
- In addition, the Parish's general fund, which is available for spending at the Parish's discretion, reported a fund balance of \$477,443. The general fund balance increased by \$400,201. The increase is attributable to a transfer in from the Health Unit due to taxpayers unrestricting \$250,000 during the current year and efficient usage of general fund resources.
- Amounts reported for business-type activities in the Parish's individual funds are identical to the business-type activities reported in the government-wide presentation.

GENERAL FUND BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

The Parish's general fund and each special revenue fund are required to adopt budgets. Budgets are amended as necessary and significant changes resulting from budget amendments are described as follows:

- The general fund, between the original and final budget, experienced a significant increase in budgeted revenues. This increase is due to severance tax receipts during the year being considerably more than the original budgeted amount, therefore the Parish Police Jury amended the budget to more accurately reflect what was perceived as the actual amount of severance tax receipts at year end.
- Appropriations for various special revenue funds were increased to more accurately reflect resources available for expenditures. In many cases it was not necessary to expend all of the available resources and favorable budget variances were reported.

CAPITAL ASSET ADMINISTRATION

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2004 is summarized as follows:

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	Gov- ern- mental Activities	Busi- ness- Type Activities	Total
Additions:			
Equipment Purchases	\$ 86,931	\$ 32,602	\$ 119,533
Total Additions	86,931	32,602	119,533
Depreciation	(160,245)	(37,662)	(197,907)
Net Increase (Decrease)	(73,314)	(5,060)	(78,374)
Beginning Capital Asset (Net)	711,194	600,556	1,311,750
Ending Net Assets (Net)	\$ 637,880	\$ 595,496	\$ 1,233,376

Highlights of the Parish's capital asset administration are provided as follows:

- Equipment purchases for governmental activities included a dump trailer for the road fund. Additional purchases included a new truck and trailer provided through a homeland security grant.
- The gas department purchased a new excavator in the current year.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The Parish has a small amount of long-term debt. The only new debt was limited to a note payable in the amount of \$24,000 from Colfax Bank to purchase the new dump trailer for the road department.

FACTORS EXPECTED TO EFFECT FUTURE OPERATIONS

Events and conditions that are expected to have a significant influence on future operations are highlighted as follows:

Issues related to housing of Parish prisoners are addressed as follows:

- The Parish has determined that the State of Louisiana compensates the Grant Parish Sheriff to house State prisoners in the Parish jail.
- In the past, despite a substantial portion of the Parish jail being occupied with State inmates, the Parish has paid the entire cost of maintaining the jail. In addition, Grant Parish has paid other Parish's to house local prisoners.
- In the future, costs associated with the jail will be prorated between the Parish and the State prisoners and the Parish will only be responsible for the portion attributable to local inmates.
- In addition, the Grant Parish Police Jury will no longer pay to house prisoners in other Parishes while local cells are occupied by State prisoners.

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STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS

December 31, 2004

	Primary Government		
	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 860,081	\$ 385,953	\$ 1,246,034
Receivables (net)	1,338,159	98,284	1,436,443
Capital assets			
Non depreciable capital assets	174,250	-	174,250
Depreciable capital assets, net	<u>463,629</u>	<u>595,496</u>	<u>1,059,125</u>
Total assets	<u>2,836,119</u>	<u>1,079,733</u>	<u>3,915,852</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts and Other Payables	572,348	64,407	636,755
Deposits Due Others	-	78,353	78,353
Deferred Reveneues	156,704	-	156,704
Long-term liabilities			
Due within one year	12,347	-	12,347
Due in more than one year	<u>126,812</u>	<u>3,510</u>	<u>130,322</u>
Total liabilities	<u>868,211</u>	<u>146,270</u>	<u>1,014,481</u>
<u>NET ASSETS</u>			
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	609,335	595,496	1,204,831
Restricted:			
Capital Projects	49,118	-	49,118
Other Purposes	942,627	-	942,627
Unrestricted	<u>366,828</u>	<u>337,967</u>	<u>704,795</u>
Total net assets (deficit)	<u>1,967,908</u>	<u>933,463</u>	<u>2,901,371</u>

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

December 31, 2004

		Program Revenues			
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants & Contributions	Net (Expenses) Revenue
<u>Governmental Activities:</u>					
General Government					
Legislative	\$ 184,389	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (184,389)
Judicial	395,474	193,862	50,302	-	(151,310)
Finance & Administrative	249,863	-	-	-	(249,863)
Other General Government	168,435	-	66,655	-	(101,780)
Public Safety	201,335	-	145,145	62,931	6,741
Public Works					
Road Maintenance	881,335	-	615,430	-	(265,905)
Landfill Maintenance	865,311	-	-	-	(865,311)
Health & Welfare	1,793,710	2,400	1,660,808	-	(130,502)
Culture & Recreation	417,061	19,368	25,496	-	(372,197)
Total Governmental Activities	5,156,913	215,630	2,563,836	62,931	(2,314,516)
<u>Business-Type Activities:</u>					
Utility System	587,043	479,726	-	-	(107,317)
Total Business-Type Activities	587,043	479,726	-	-	(107,317)
Total	\$ 5,743,956	\$ 695,356	\$ 2,563,836	\$ 62,931	\$ (2,421,833)

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

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES (continued)

December 31, 2004

	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
Net (Expense) Revenue (Continued From Previous Page)	<u>\$ (2,314,516)</u>	<u>\$ (107,317)</u>	<u>\$ (2,421,833)</u>
<u>General Revenues:</u>			
Taxes:			
Ad Valorem	862,548	-	862,548
Sales	777,393	-	777,393
Severance	369,059	-	369,059
Other	78,104	-	78,104
Revenue Sharing	110,764	-	110,764
Other	122,757	7,636	130,393
Transfers	36,144	(36,144)	-
Total General Revenues	<u>2,356,769</u>	<u>(28,508)</u>	<u>2,328,261</u>
Change in Net Assets	42,253	(135,825)	(93,572)
Net Assets Beginning	<u>1,925,655</u>	<u>1,069,288</u>	<u>2,994,943</u>
Net Assets Ending	<u>\$ 1,967,908</u>	<u>\$ 933,463</u>	<u>\$ 2,901,371</u>

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

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

Balance Sheet

Governmental Funds - December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Parish Road Maintenance	Sanitary		Herd Start	Library Maintenance	Health Unit Maintenance	Hazard Mitigation	Other		Total
			Landfill Maintenance						Governmental Funds	Governmental Funds	
Assets											
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 50,575	\$ 83,388	\$ 130,337	\$ 5,330	\$ 1,233	\$ 329,210	\$ 153,704	\$ 106,304	\$	\$ 860,081	
Receivables (net)	304,722	320,202	142,200	14,899	339,839	66,934	-	149,363		1,338,159	
Interfund Receivables	375,893	315	96,959	-	-	619	3,000	-		476,786	
Total assets	\$ 731,190	\$ 403,905	\$ 369,496	\$ 20,229	\$ 341,072	\$ 396,763	\$ 156,704	\$ 255,667	\$	2,675,026	
Liabilities and Fund Balance											
Liabilities											
Accounts payable	\$ 250,128	\$ 156,679	\$ 86,701	\$ 20,229	\$ 19,987	\$ 5,122	\$ -	\$ 33,502	\$	572,348	
Interfund Payables	3,619	178,783	5,609	-	315	250,000	-	38,460		476,786	
Deferred Revenues	-	-	-	-	-	-	156,704	-		156,704	
Total liabilities	253,747	335,462	92,310	20,229	20,302	255,122	156,704	71,962		1,205,838	
Fund Balance											
Unreserved - Reported In											
General Fund	477,443	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		477,443	
Special Revenue Funds	-	68,443	277,186	-	320,770	141,641	-	134,587		942,627	
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,118		49,118	
Total Fund Balances	477,443	68,443	277,186	-	320,770	141,641	-	183,705		1,469,188	
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance											
Balance	\$ 731,190	\$ 403,905	\$ 369,496	\$ 20,229	\$ 341,072	\$ 396,763	\$ 156,704	\$ 255,667	\$	2,675,026	

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

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

Reconciliation of Fund Balances on the Balance Sheet for Governmental Funds to Net Assets of Governmental Activities on the Statement of Net Assets

Year Ended December 31, 2004

Total Fund Balances - Governmental Funds	\$ 1,469,188
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:	
Long term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore they are not reported in the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet	(139,159)
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	<u>637,879</u>
Net Assets of Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 1,967,908</u>

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Governmental Funds - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Parish Road Maintenance	Sanitary Landfill Maintenance	Head Start	Library Maintenance	Health Unit Maintenance	Hazard Mitigation	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:									
Taxes:									
Ad Valorem	\$ 135,487	\$ 246,107	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300,436	\$ 59,173	\$ -	\$ 121,345	\$ 862,548
Sales	-	-	777,393	-	-	-	-	-	777,393
Other	27,265	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,839	78,104
Federal Grants	40,781	377,708	-	1,181,677	-	-	-	329,605	1,929,771
State Funds:									
Parish Transportation Funds	-	184,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	184,617
State Revenue Sharing	18,011	32,716	-	-	39,936	7,866	-	12,235	110,764
Severance Taxes	369,059	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	369,059
Other State Funds	38,396	53,105	-	-	25,496	-	-	-	116,997
Local Funds									
Fees and Charges for Service	91,378	-	-	389,275	-	-	-	25,302	414,577
Fines and Forfeitures	33,445	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	91,378
Rental of Properties	81,859	-	-	-	-	-	-	157,581	191,026
Other	8,135	2,628	-	-	-	2,400	-	-	84,259
			3,421	13,073	7,007	3,462	-	5,742	43,468
Total Revenues	843,816	896,881	780,814	1,584,025	372,875	72,901	-	702,649	5,253,961
Expenditures:									
Current:									
General Government									
Legislative	184,389	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184,389
Judicial	211,475	-	-	-	-	-	-	184,229	395,704
Finance & Administrative	251,295	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	251,295
Other General Government	65,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	108,262	173,335
Public Safety	74,867	-	-	-	-	-	-	180,894	255,761
Public Works									
Road Maintenance	-	892,794	-	-	-	-	-	-	892,794
Landfill Maintenance	-	-	816,041	-	-	-	-	-	816,041

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (continued)

Governmental Funds - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	General Fund	Parish Road Maintenance	Sanitary Landfill Maintenance	Head Start	Library Maintenance	Health Unit Maintenance	Hazard Mitigation	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
<u>Expenditures (Continued):</u>									
Current:									
Health & Welfare	-	-	-	1,584,025	-	50,055	-	123,099	1,757,179
Culture & Recreation	24,026	-	-	-	392,561	-	-	-	416,587
Capital Expenditures	-	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Debt Service	-	5,100	5,813	-	-	-	-	-	10,913
Total Expenditures	811,125	921,894	821,854	1,584,025	392,561	50,055	-	596,484	5,177,998
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	32,691	(25,013)	(41,040)	-	(19,686)	22,846	-	106,165	75,963
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>									
Proceeds from Debt	-	24,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	24,000
Operating Transfers In	382,699	49,337	-	-	-	-	-	15,189	447,225
Operating Transfers Out	(15,189)	-	-	-	-	(250,000)	-	(145,892)	(411,081)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	400,201	48,324	(41,040)	-	(19,686)	(227,154)	-	(24,538)	136,107
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning	77,242	20,119	318,226	-	340,456	368,795	-	208,243	1,333,081
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Ending	\$ 477,443	\$ 68,443	\$ 277,186	\$ -	\$ 320,770	\$ 141,641	\$ -	\$ 183,705	\$ 1,469,188

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities

Year Ended December 31, 2004

Net change in fund balances of Governmental Funds \$ 136,107

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 cost of those assets is allocated over estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation exceeded capital outlays in the current period. (73,314)

Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures by governmental funds. (7,892)

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the funds. This is the amount by which repayments exceeded additional debt. (12,648)

Change in net assets of governmental activities \$ 42,253

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Statement of Net Assets

Proprietary Funds - December 31, 2004

	Business-Type Activities Utility System
<u>ASSETS:</u>	
Current Assets:	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 385,953
Receivables (net)	98,284
Total current assets	484,237
 Depreciable capital assets, net	 595,496
 Total assets	 1,079,733
<u>LIABILITIES:</u>	
Current Assets:	
Accounts and other payables	64,407
Compensated absences	3,510
Deposits due others	78,353
 Total liabilities	 146,270
<u>NET ASSETS:</u>	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	595,496
Unrestricted	337,967
 Total net assets (deficit)	 \$ 933,463

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

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Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Fund Net Assets Proprietary Funds - December 31, 2004

	Business-Type Activities
	Utility System
<u>Operating Revenues:</u>	
Service Fees	\$ 477,364
Other	2,362
Total Operating Revenues	479,726
<u>Operating Expenses:</u>	
Purchases of Natural Gas	317,079
Salaries	107,601
Employee Benefits & Payroll Taxes	40,938
Legal and Professional	23,971
Insurance	767
Depreciation	37,662
Repairs & Maintenance - Distribution System	17,590
Equipment Maintenance and Rental	15,273
Telephone & Utilities	7,997
Office Supplies and Expense	9,775
Other	8,390
Total Operating Expenses	587,043
Operating Income (Loss)	(107,317)
<u>Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses):</u>	
Interest Revenue	7,636
Change in net assets before Transfers	(99,681)
Operating Transfers Out	(36,144)
Change in net assets	(135,825)
Total net assets - beginning	1,069,288
Total net assets - ending	\$ 933,463

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Statement of Cash Flows

Proprietary Funds - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Utility System</u>
<u>Cash flow from operating activities:</u>		
Cash received from customers	\$ 457,219	
Cash payments to suppliers of goods and services	(427,156)	
Cash payments to employees for services	(110,001)	
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	(79,938)	
<u>Cash flows from non-capital financing activities:</u>		
Operating Transfers Out	(36,144)	
Net cash provided (used) by non-capital financing activities	(36,144)	
<u>Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:</u>		
Capital Expenditures	(32,602)	
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	(32,602)	
<u>Cash flows from investing activities:</u>		
Interest and other income	7,636	
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	7,636	
Net increase (decrease) in cash	(141,048)	
Beginning cash balance	527,001	
Ending cash balance	\$ 385,953	

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

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Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)

Proprietary Funds - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Utility System</u>
<u>Reconciliation of operating income (loss)</u>		
<u>to net cash</u>		
Operating income (loss)	\$	(107,317)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		37,662
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable		(22,478)
(Decrease) increase in accounts and other payables		14,624
(Decrease) increase in compensated absences		(2,400)
(Decrease) increase in meter deposits		(29)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$	<u>(79,938)</u>

Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:

During the year ended December 31, 2004, there were no investing, capital, or financing activities that did not result in cash receipts or payments.

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

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Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1 – INTRODUCTION AND SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Grant Parish Police Jury is the governing authority for Grant Parish and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Police Jury is governed by eight jurors representing the various districts within the parish. The jurors serve four-year terms which expire on January 1, 2008.

State Law gives the Police Jury various powers in regulating and directing the affairs of the parish and its inhabitants. The more notable of these are the powers to pass regulations affecting parish government; to regulate the construction and maintenance of roads, bridges, and drainage systems; to regulate the sale of alcoholic beverages; and to provide for the health and welfare of the poor, disadvantaged and unemployed in the parish. Funding to accomplish these tasks is provided primarily by ad valorem taxes, sales and use taxes, state revenue sharing, various state and federal grants, and interest earnings.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Grant Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Grant Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (Police Jury), (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.

The accompanying financial statements are not intended to present financial position, results of operation and proprietary fund cash flows for the reporting entity as a whole. Data of component units that are financially accountable to the Police Jury has been excluded from the financial statements. Due to the absence of component unit data, the financial statements do not address the entire reporting entity.

The accompanying financial statements present data that is limited to the primary government. All funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are managed by the Grant Parish Police Jury are included in the primary government.

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements include both government-wide and fund financial statements. Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize activities as either governmental activities or business-type activities, which are described as follows:

- Governmental activities involve government services that are normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.
- Business-type activities rely on fees and charges for support and operate in a manner similar to private sector enterprises. Since proprietary funds operate in a manner similar to business enterprises, these funds follow certain pronouncements that are developed by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) for business enterprises. However, the Parish only applies those FASB pronouncements that were issued on or before November 30, 1989.

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The government-wide and fund financial statements present the Parish's financial position and results of operations from differing perspectives which are described as follows:

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities display information about the Parish as a whole. The effect of most interfund activity is eliminated from these financial statements. Furthermore, government-wide financial statements exclude any fiduciary activities that may be reported in the fund financial statements.

Program revenues reported in the Statement of Activities consist of amounts that are directly associated with a governmental service or business-type activity. Program revenues include charges for services, contributions associated with a particular function and most grants.

Fund Financial Statements

Funds are separate accounting entities that are designed to assist with demonstrating legal compliance and segregating transactions by activity. Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and business-type (enterprise) funds. In addition, separate financial statements are presented for any fiduciary activities. Major individual funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements. The Parish's major funds are described as follows:

Major Governmental Funds

General Fund – The general fund is the primary operating fund. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Parish Road Maintenance – The road fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the proceeds of funds received dedicated to the repair and maintenance of parish roads.

Sanitary Landfill Fund – The landfill fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the proceeds dedicated to the pick up and disposal of garbage within the Parish boundaries.

Head Start Fund – The head start fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the grant money received from the Federal Government for the daily operation and maintenance of the Parish head start program.

Library Fund – The library fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the proceeds dedicated to the maintenance and operation of the Parish's public library.

Health Unit Fund – The health unit fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the proceeds dedicated to the operation and maintenance of the Parish health unit.

Hazard Mitigation Fund – The hazard mitigation fund is a special revenue fund used to account for the proceeds received through a Federal grant to purchase residences in flood zones.

Major Business-Type Funds

Utility System – The utility fund is used to account for the operation of the Parish's natural gas system, which are supported by user charges.

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Business-Type funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing goods and services in connection with the funds ongoing operations. Principal operating revenues are charges to customers for natural gas.

Basis Of Accounting and Measurement Focus

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The basis of accounting and measurement focus used for various financial statement presentations are described as follows:

<u>Financial Statement Presentation</u>	<u>Basis of Accounting</u>	<u>Measurement Focus</u>
Government-Wide Financial Statements	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources
Fund Financial Statements:		
Governmental Funds	Modified Accrual Basis	Current Financial Resources
Proprietary Funds	Accrual Basis	Economic Resources

Under the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred.

Under the modified accrual basis of accounting and the current financial resources measurement focus revenue is recognized when it is considered measurable and available. Revenue is considered available if it is collected within 60 days of year-end. In addition, expenses are generally recorded when a liability has been incurred; however, debt service, compensated absences, claims and judgements are recorded as expenses when payment is made. Furthermore, when the current financial resources measurement focus is used, amounts recorded as assets exclude capital assets and the acquisition of capital assets is treated as an expenditure. In addition, long-term debts are excluded from amounts reported as liabilities. Proceeds from issuing long-term debt is reported as an other financing source and repayment of long-term debt is reported as an expenditure.

Nonexchange transactions, in which the Police Jury receives value without directly giving equal value in return, include property taxes, sales taxes, and grants. On the accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from sales taxes is recognized in the period in which the sales are made. Revenue from grants is recognized in the year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied. Eligibility requirements include timing requirements, which specify the year when the resources are required to be used or the year when use is first permitted; matching requirements, in which the Parish must provide local resources to be used for a specified purpose; and expenditure requirements, in which the resources are provided to the Police Jury on a reimbursement basis. On the modified accrual basis, revenue from nonexchange transactions must also be available before it can be recognized.

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Use Of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates.

Restricted Assets

Any amounts reported as restricted assets, represent resources that must be expended in a specific manner. Restrictions of this nature can be imposed by tax propositions and various contractual obligations including grant agreements and bond covenants. Whenever restricted assets can be used to satisfy an obligation, the restricted assets are typically consumed before utilizing any unrestricted resources.

Budget Practices

Budgets, including any amendments, are prepared in the manner prescribed by Louisiana revised statutes. Police Jury budgets present revenue and expenditures on a basis which is consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. Budgets are adopted annually for the general fund and each special revenue fund. Furthermore, the budgets are amended as necessary in the manner prescribed by Louisiana revised statutes. The remaining funds are not required to adopt budgets.

Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, equipment, and infrastructure, are reported as assets in the applicable governmental or business-type columns in the government-wide financial statements and in the fund financial statements for proprietary funds. Assets reported in the fund financial statements for governmental funds exclude capital assets. Instead, the governmental funds report the acquisition of capital assets as expenditures rather than asset acquisitions.

All capital assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value when received by the Police Jury.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method and estimated useful lives ranging from 4 to 50 years. Useful lives are selected depending on the expected durability of the particular asset.

As permitted by generally accepted accounting principles, collections maintained by the Grant Parish Library have not been capitalized.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

Amounts reported as cash and cash equivalents (restricted and unrestricted) include all cash on hand, cash in bank accounts, certificates of deposit, and highly liquid investments.

Internal Activity

Resources belonging to particular funds are commonly shared with other funds that need access to additional resources. When resources are provided without expectation of repayment, the transaction is reported as a transfer. Transfers are treated as a source of income by the recipient and as an

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expense or expenditure by the provider. If repayment is eventually expected to occur, interfund receivables and payables are recorded.

In preparing the government-wide financial statements, transfers are eliminated to present net transfers for governmental activities and business-type activities. In addition, interfund receivables and payables are eliminated to present a net internal balance for each type of activity.

Compensated Absences

Full time and regular part-time employees earn vacation at rates that vary depending on length of service. Unused vacation that employees are allowed to carryforward is reported as long-term debt. Amounts attributable to the utility fund are reported as an expense during the year when leave is earned. Amounts attributable to governmental funds are as an expenditure when the unused vacation is actually liquidated.

Statement Of Cash Flows

For the purpose of reporting cash flows, cash and cash equivalents includes all cash on hand, cash in banks, and certificates of deposit.

NOTE 2 – TAXES:

Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes are assessed by the Grant Parish Assessor and collected for the Police Jury by the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office. The following is a summary of adjusted authorized and levied ad valorem tax millages for the year ended December 31, 2004:

	Adjusted Authorized <u>Millage</u>	Levied <u>Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
General Alimony	4.74	4.74	None
Parish Road Maintenance	8.61	8.61	2007
Courthouse and Jail Maintenance	3.22	3.22	2007
Library Maintenance	10.90	10.51	2009
Hospital Service District No. 1	2.50	2.41	2012
Health Unit Maintenance	2.15	2.07	2007

Sales and Use Tax

On September 29, 1984, voters of the parish approved a one per cent sales and use tax with no expiration date, which is dedicated to paying the cost of constructing, acquiring, improving, maintaining, and operating solid waste collection and disposal facilities for the parish, including the cost of enforcing litter laws and the payment of the cost of closing garbage dumps owned or operated by the parish at the time the sales and use tax proposition was passed. In addition, proceeds from the sales and use tax can be used to fund bonds to pay related capital costs. Sales taxes are collected on behalf of the Policy Jury by the Grant Parish Sheriff's Office.

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NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS:

At December 31, 2004, cash and cash equivalents included the following:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 860,081	\$ 385,953	\$ 1,246,034

Deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. 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 the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal 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.

At December 31, 2004, the Police Jury has \$1,380,869 in deposits (collected bank balance). These deposits are secured from risk by \$200,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$2,282,638 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement No. 3, State law imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES:

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2004:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>Accounts Receivable</u>			
Utility Accounts	\$ ----	\$ 98,284	\$ 98,284
Other	41,714	----	41,714
Total Accounts Receivable	<u>41,714</u>	<u>98,284</u>	<u>\$ 139,998</u>
<u>Due From Other Governmental Units</u>			
Ad Valorem Taxes	861,102	----	861,102
Sales Taxes	142,200	----	142,200
State of Louisiana	275,457	----	275,457
Other	17,686	----	17,686
Total Due From Other Governments	<u>1,296,445</u>	<u>----</u>	<u>1,296,445</u>
Total Receivables	<u>\$ 1,338,159</u>	<u>\$ 98,284</u>	<u>\$ 1,436,443</u>

Management considers the amounts listed above to be fully collectible. There is no allowance for doubtful accounts.

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NOTE 5 – INTERFUND BALANCES:

Details related to internal balances are presented as follows:

Governmental Activities	Interfund Balance		Purpose
	Receivable	Payable	
General	\$ 125,893	\$ —	The general fund has made advances to other funds that need additional resources to complete essential activities.
Road Fund	—	81,824	
Landfill	—	5,609	
Non-major Funds	—	38,460	
Total	125,893	125,893	
General	—	3,619	Interfund balances have been recorded in order to properly allocate the Police Jury's expenditures among its various funds.
Road Fund	315	96,959	
Landfill Fund	96,959	—	
Library Fund	—	315	
Non-major Funds	3,619	—	
Total	100,893	100,893	
General	250,000	—	In the current year taxpayers voted to release restrictions that were related to a portion of the funds held by the health unit.
Health Unit	—	250,000	
Total	250,000	250,000	
Total Interfund Balances	\$ 476,786	\$ 476,786	

NOTE 6 – TRANSFERS:

In the ordinary course of business, the Parish routinely transfers resources between its funds for various reasons. A description of the transfers and the purpose for the transfers is presented as follows:

	Governmental Activities				
	General Fund	Road Fund	Health Unit	Non-Major	Total
<u>Transfers In</u>					
Transfer of unrestricted resources to the general fund to help cover expenses.	\$ 382,699	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 382,699
Transfer of resources to the road fund to help cover expenses	—	49,337	—	—	49,337
Transfer of resources to cover the payroll liabilities of other funds.	—	—	—	2,930	2,930
Transfer of resources paid by the general fund on behalf of other funds.	—	—	—	12,259	12,259
Total Transfers In	382,699	49,337	—	15,189	447,225

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Transfers Out

Transfer of resources to the general fund to help cover expenses.	---	---	250,000	131,655	381,655
Transfer of resources to the road fund to help cover expenses	---	---	---	14,237	14,237
Transfer of resources to cover the payroll liabilities of other funds.	2,930	---	---	---	2,930
Transfer of resources paid by the general fund on behalf of other funds.	12,259	---	---	---	12,259
Total Transfers Out	<u>15,189</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>250,000</u>	<u>145,892</u>	<u>411,081</u>
Net Transfers	<u>\$ 367,510</u>	<u>\$ 49,337</u>	<u>\$ (250,000)</u>	<u>\$ (130,703)</u>	<u>36,144</u>

	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>
Transfers Out	
Transfer of resources to help the general fund and road fund cover expenses	\$ 36,144
Total Transfers Out	<u>\$ (36,144)</u>

NOTE 7 – LONG-TERM LIABILITIES:

Debt attributable to the Police Jury's governmental and business-type activities is summarized as follows:

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
Note Payable	\$ 28,544	---	\$ 28,544
Compensated Absences	110,615	3,510	114,125
Total Long-term Debt	139,159	3,510	142,669
Due Within One Year	(12,347)	---	(12,347)
Due in More Than One Year	<u>\$ 126,812</u>	<u>\$ 3,510</u>	<u>\$ 130,322</u>

Changes in the Parish's long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2004, are presented as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Governmental Activities				
Notes Payable	\$ 15,896	\$ 24,000	\$ 11,352	\$ 28,544
Compensated Absences	102,723	7,892	---	110,615
Total	<u>118,619</u>	<u>31,892</u>	<u>11,352</u>	<u>139,159</u>

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Business-Type Activities

Compensated Absences	5,910	---	2,400	3,510
Total Long-term Debts	<u>\$ 124,529</u>	<u>\$ 31,892</u>	<u>\$ 13,752</u>	<u>\$ 142,669</u>

Note Payable

The Police Jury has acquired equipment by entering into an installment purchase agreement. Installment purchase obligations outstanding at December 31, 2004 are described as follows:

Installment purchase agreement dated August, 2003 executed in exchange for a tractor, with an original balance of \$10,000, bearing interest at a rate of 6.00%, payable in 36 monthly installments of \$304.	\$ 5,776
Installment purchase agreement dated October, 2004 executed in exchange for a dump trailer, with an original balance of \$24,000, bearing interest at a rate of 5.5%, payable in 36 monthly installments of \$724.70.	
	<u>22,768</u>
Total Capital Leases	<u>\$ 28,544</u>

A schedule of maturities for the note is presented as follows:

<u>Year Ended December 31st</u>	<u>Principal Installments</u>	<u>Interest Installments</u>
2005	\$ 12,347	\$ 1,316
2006	11,273	685
2007	4,924	179
Total	<u>\$ 28,544</u>	<u>\$ 2,180</u>

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences refer to the Police Jury's obligation to provided vested accrued leave benefits that have been earned by its employees. These liabilities are typically liquidated by the fund responsible for providing the employees compensation.

NOTE 8 - PENSION PLAN:

Substantially all employees not covered by other plans are members of the Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana (System), a multiple-employer (cost sharing), public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and separate benefit provisions. All of the Police Jury's participating employees are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week and who are paid wholly or in part from parish funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in the System. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of creditable service, at or after age 55 with at least 25 years of creditable service, or at any age with at least 30 years of creditable service, are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to three per cent of their

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final-average salary for each year of creditable service. However, for those employees who were members of the supplemental plan only prior to January 1, 1980, the benefit is equal to one per cent of the final-average salary, plus \$24 for each year of supplemental plan only service earned prior to January 1, 1980, plus three per cent of final average salary for each year of service credited after the revision date. Final-average salary is the employees' average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of creditable service stated above, and who do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified above and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information on the System. This report may be obtained by contacting the Parochial Employee's Retirement System at Post Office Box 14619, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70898-4619 or at (225) 928-1361.

Employees are required to contribute 9.5 percent of their salaries to the System. 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. In addition, contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one per cent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish, except Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan.

NOTE 9 – CAPITAL ASSETS:

Changes in governmental and business-type capital assets are presented as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
<u>Governmental Activities</u>				
Non Depreciable Capital Assets				
Land	\$ 174,250	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 174,250
Total	<u>174,250</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>174,250</u>
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Buildings and Improvements	2,026,327	---	---	2,026,327
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment	1,837,256	86,931	---	1,924,187
Solid Waste Station	209,647	---	---	209,647
Accumulated Depreciation	(3,536,287)	(160,244)	---	(3,696,531)
Total	<u>536,943</u>	<u>(73,313)</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>463,630</u>
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 711,193</u>	<u>\$ (73,313)</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 637,880</u>

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	Beginning Balance	Additions	Disposals	Ending Balance
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>				
Depreciable Capital Assets				
Distribution System	1,245,902	---	---	1,245,902
Buildings	3,679	---	---	3,679
Equipment	116,159	32,602	---	148,761
Accumulated Depreciation	(765,184)	(37,662)	---	(802,846)
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>\$ 600,556</u>	<u>\$ (5,060)</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 595,496</u>

Depreciation expense charged to various functions presented on the statement of activities is presented as follows:

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total
Finance & Administrative	\$ 2,896	\$ ---	\$ 2,896
Public Safety	8,459	---	8,459
Road Fund	32,216	---	32,216
Landfill Fund	85,353	---	85,353
Health & Welfare	31,320	---	31,320
Utility System	---	37,662	37,662
Total Depreciation Expense	<u>\$ 160,244</u>	<u>\$ 37,662</u>	<u>\$ 197,906</u>

NOTE 10 – ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES:

Details related to amounts reported as accounts and other payables are provided as follows:

	Payable to Vendors	Payroll Liabilities	Total Payables
<u>Governmental Activities</u>			
General Fund	\$ 191,962	\$ 58,166	\$ 250,128
Road Fund	156,679	---	156,679
Landfill Fund	86,701	---	86,701
Head Start	20,229	---	20,229
Library Fund	19,987	---	19,987
Health Unit	5,122	---	5,122
Non-Major Funds	33,502	---	33,502
Total Governmental Activities	<u>\$ 514,182</u>	<u>\$ 58,166</u>	<u>\$ 572,348</u>
<u>Business-Type Activities</u>			
Utility System	<u>\$ 64,407</u>	<u>\$ ---</u>	<u>\$ 64,407</u>

NOTE 11 - CONTINGENCIES:

Existing conditions that may have financial consequences in the future are referred to as contingencies. Contingencies existing at December 31, 2004, are described as follows:

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Litigation

As the governing authority for Grant Parish, the Police Jury has numerous responsibilities. These responsibilities include maintaining roads and other public facilities as well as disposing of solid waste on a Parishwide basis. Due to the extensive nature of the Police Jury's responsibilities, it is sometimes the target of litigation.

A variety of lawsuits involving the Police Jury are currently pending; however, due to an absence of recent activity, at least some of these cases appear to be dormant. An estimate of potential losses from litigation is not currently available and no provision for losses of this nature is included in the accompanying financial statements. In addition, there is no general liability insurance to offset judgments that might arise from lawsuits currently pending.

Parish Boundary

The Police Jury has engaged in litigation intended to resolve uncertainty regarding the location of the parish boundary. This litigation has resulted in a ruling in the 9th Judicial District that was not favorable to the Police Jury's position. During the current year, the Police Jury received a judgement ordering the Parish to pay a \$479,506 in legal fees and court costs incurred by the other parties in the dispute. The Police Jury has appealed the decision and is currently awaiting the outcome.

Disputed Charges

The Police Jury has received invoices from surrounding Parishes in connection with housing Grant Parish prisoners. The invoices total \$119,935; however, the Police Jury did not issue any purchase orders to the surrounding Parishes and it has not authorized any charges related to the housing of prisoners. Accordingly, the Police Jury is not aware of any obligation to pay the unauthorized charges.

One of the surrounding Parishes has filed a lawsuit in connection with this matter and another Parish has indicated that it is considering a lawsuit. At some point in the future, the Police Jury may make *some payments to settle these matters if it can be demonstrated that the charges are valid.*

Judgments Payable

At December 31, 2004, four judgments totaling \$290,814 have been rendered against the Police Jury. These judgments are final and irreversible. Judgments payable do not include deposition costs, expert witness fees, court costs or legal interest from date of judicial demand, which were also assessed.

The Police Jury did not have general liability insurance to cover the amounts of judgments awarded to plaintiffs in lawsuits brought against the Police Jury. Consequently, the \$290,814 in judgments payable at December 31, 2004, plus all related costs and interest from date of judicial demand are the Police Jury's sole responsibility. However, since the beneficiaries of the judgments cannot require the Police Jury to appropriate the money payment on the judgments will not be rendered.

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NOTE 12 - RISK MANAGEMENT:

The Police Jury is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage or destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Police Jury has not maintained general liability coverage to insure against torts; liabilities resulting from these uninsured risks during the past three years has totaled \$53,633. Judgements resulting from these uninsured risks are disclosed when it is probable that a loss has occurred and the amount can be reasonably estimated. Judgements currently payable attributable to the uninsured risk total \$290,814.

The Police Jury insures against the remaining risks by participation in public entity risk pools that operate as common insurance programs and by purchasing commercial insurance. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

NOTE 13 – POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS:

Employee benefits offered by the Police Jury include paying a portion of the health insurance premiums for retired employees. Expenditures associated with providing post retirement health insurance benefits are recorded when premiums become due. A total of two retirees have elected to participate in the post retirement insurance program and the cost of providing benefits during the year ended December 31, 2004, was approximately \$17,851.

NOTE 14 – BUDGET VARIANCES:

During the year ended December 31, 2004, the Police Jury's funds experienced unfavorable budget variances that exceeded limits allowed by State law. The unfavorable variances are described as follows:

	Expenditures		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Health Unit	\$ 78,500	\$ 300,055	\$ (221,555)
Title III	63,200	66,655	(3,455)
Head Start	1,466,250	1,584,025	(117,775)
Subpoena	3,300	6,637	(3,337)

The Health Unit budget variance occurred as a result of taxpayers voting to release restrictions that were related to a portion of the funds held by the health unit. As a result of this release, funds were transferred to the General Fund and the Police Jury failed to amend the budget. The variances for Title III, Head Start, and Subpoena occurred because the Police Jury failed to amend the budget as additional grant funds were awarded or expenses increased.

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General Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	<u>Budget Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with</u>
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>
				<u>Positive</u>
				<u>(Negative)</u>
<u>Revenues:</u>				
Taxes:				
Ad Valorem	\$ 120,000	\$ 132,300	\$ 135,487	\$ 3,187
Other	20,000	20,000	27,265	7,265
Federal Grants	50,000	26,900	40,781	13,881
State Funds:				
State Revenue Sharing	17,000	14,500	18,011	3,511
Severance Taxes	150,000	341,300	369,059	27,759
Other State Funds	25,000	45,200	38,396	(6,804)
Local Funds	30,000	30,600	-	(30,600)
Fees and Charges for Service	85,000	84,600	91,378	6,778
Fines and Forfeitures	30,000	30,600	33,445	2,845
Rental of Properties	60,000	13,800	81,859	68,059
Other	25,000	22,800	8,135	(14,665)
Total Revenues	\$ 612,000	\$ 762,600	\$ 843,816	\$ 81,216
<u>Expenditures:</u>				
Current:				
General Government				
Legislative	150,000	164,600	184,389	(19,789)
Judicial	210,000	203,000	211,475	(8,475)
Finance & Administrative	200,000	333,900	251,295	82,605
Other General Government	65,000	62,600	65,073	(2,473)
Public Safety	100,000	108,050	74,867	33,183
Health & Welfare	-	18,600	-	18,600
Culture & Recreation	10,000	23,100	24,026	(926)
Economic Development Assistance	5,000	5,600	-	5,600
Capital Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	740,000	919,450	811,125	108,325
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(128,000)	(156,850)	32,691	189,541
<u>Other Financing Sources (Uses):</u>				
Operating Transfers In	130,000	111,000	382,699	271,699
Operating Transfers Out	-	(29,900)	(15,189)	14,711
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other				
Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	2,000	(75,750)	400,201	475,951
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	2,749	77,242	77,242	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 4,749	\$ 1,492	\$ 477,443	\$ 475,951

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Major Special Revenue Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances

Budget and Actual - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budget Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
<u>ROAD FUND:</u>				
Revenues and Other Sources	\$ 850,000	\$ 921,000	\$ 970,218	\$ 49,218
Expenditures	865,000	941,000	921,894	19,106
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(15,000)	(20,000)	48,324	68,324
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	17,906	20,119	20,119	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 2,906	\$ 119	\$ 68,443	\$ 68,324
<u>LANDFILL FUND:</u>				
Revenues	\$ 750,000	\$ 733,000	\$ 780,814	\$ 47,814
Expenditures	750,000	960,000	821,854	138,146
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	(227,000)	(41,040)	185,960
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	17,972	318,226	318,226	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 17,972	\$ 91,226	\$ 277,186	\$ 185,960
<u>HEAD START FUND:</u>				
Revenues	\$ 1,315,000	\$ 1,466,250	\$ 1,584,025	\$ 117,775
Expenditures	1,315,000	1,466,250	1,584,025	(117,775)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<u>LIBRARY FUND:</u>				
Revenues	\$ 320,000	\$ 382,300	\$ 372,875	\$ (9,425)
Expenditures	320,000	500,750	392,561	108,189
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	(118,450)	(19,686)	98,764
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	28,467	340,456	340,456	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 28,467	\$ 222,006	\$ 320,770	\$ 98,764

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Major Special Revenue Funds

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (Continued)

Budget and Actual - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budget Amounts		Actual	Variance with
	Original	Final	Amounts	Final Budget
				Positive
				(Negative)
<u>HEALTH UNIT FUND:</u>				
Revenues	\$ 60,000	\$ 69,400	\$ 72,901	\$ 3,501
Expenditures and Other Uses	165,000	78,500	300,055	(221,555)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(105,000)	(9,100)	(227,154)	(218,054)
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	109,838	368,795	368,795	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 4,838	\$ 359,695	\$ 141,641	\$ (218,054)
<u>HAZARD MITIGATION FUND</u>				
Revenues	\$ 160,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Expenditures	160,000	-	-	-
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	-	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	13,125	-	-	-
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 13,125	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

Combining Balance Sheet
Non Major Governmental Funds
December 31, 2004

	Assets											Total Non Major Funds
	Courthouse and Jail Maintenance	Medical Clinic Maintenance	Child Nutrition Program	Criminal Court	Insurance Premium Tax	Suprema Witness	USDA Title III	Medical Clinic	Willert Loop Water System Improvements	LCDBG Water System Improvements	Homeland Security Grant	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 203	\$ 6,573	\$ 32,531	\$ 1,550	\$ 15,204	\$ 1,027	\$ -	\$ 49,216	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 106,304
Receivables (net)	104,118	29,305	-	15,120	-	820	-	-	-	-	-	149,363
Total assets	\$ 104,321	\$ 35,878	\$ 32,531	\$ 16,670	\$ 15,204	\$ 1,847	\$ -	\$ 49,216	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255,667
Liabilities and Fund Balance												
Liabilities												
Accounts payable	\$ 18,975	\$ 4,071	\$ 5,666	\$ 3,690	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 33,502
Interfund Payables	38,362	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	98	-	38,460
Total liabilities	\$ 57,337	\$ 4,071	\$ 5,666	\$ 3,690	\$ -	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 98	\$ -	\$ 71,962
Fund Balance												
Unreserved - Reported in												
Special Revenue Funds	46,984	31,807	26,865	12,980	15,204	747	-	-	-	-	-	134,587
Capital Project Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	49,216	-	(98)	-	49,118
Total Fund Balances	46,984	31,807	26,865	12,980	15,204	747	-	49,216	-	(98)	-	183,705
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 104,321	\$ 35,878	\$ 32,531	\$ 16,670	\$ 15,204	\$ 1,847	\$ -	\$ 49,216	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 255,667

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance Non Major Governmental Funds - Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Courthouse and Jail Maintenance	Medical Clinic Maintenance	Child Nutrition Program	Criminal Court	Insurance Premium Tax	Suprocon Witness	USDA Title III	Medical Clinic	Willett Loop Water System Improvements	LCDBG Water System Improvements	Homeland Security Grant	Other Governmental Funds
Revenues:												
Taxes:												
Ad Valorem	\$ 92,040	\$ 29,305	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 121,345
Other	-	-	-	-	50,839	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,839
Federal Grants	-	-	82,056	-	-	-	66,655	-	-	-	180,894	329,605
State Funds:												
State Revenue Sharing	12,235	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,235
Local Funds	-	-	-	25,302	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,302
Fines and Forfeitures	-	-	-	155,859	-	1,722	-	-	-	-	-	157,581
Other	661	267	972	84	405	2,863	-	490	-	-	-	5,742
Total Revenues	104,936	29,572	83,028	181,245	51,244	4,585	66,655	490	-	-	180,894	702,649
Expenditures:												
Current:												
General Government												
Judicial	-	-	-	177,592	-	6,637	-	-	-	-	-	184,229
Other General Government	108,262	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	108,262
Public Safety	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	180,894	180,894
Public Works	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Health & Welfare	-	38,296	84,803	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	123,099
Total Expenditures	108,262	38,296	84,803	177,592	-	6,637	-	-	-	-	180,894	296,484
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	(3,326)	(8,724)	(1,775)	3,653	51,244	(2,052)	66,655	490	-	-	-	106,165
Other Financing Sources (Uses):												
Operating Transfers In	12,259	-	-	2,930	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15,189
Operating Transfers Out	-	-	-	-	(65,000)	-	(66,655)	-	(14,237)	-	-	(145,892)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues and Other Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	8,933	(8,724)	(1,775)	6,583	(13,756)	(2,052)	-	490	(14,237)	-	-	(24,538)
Fund Balance (Deficit) - Beginning of Year	38,051	40,531	28,640	6,397	28,960	2,799	-	48,726	14,237	(98)	-	208,243
Fund Balance (Deficit) - End of Year	\$ 46,984	\$ 31,807	\$ 26,865	\$ 12,980	\$ 15,204	\$ 747	\$ -	\$ 49,216	\$ -	\$ (98)	\$ -	\$ 183,705

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY

Schedule of Compensation Paid to Police Jurors For the year ended December 31, 2004

Garland McCracken	14,400
Jimmy Bryant	14,400
Tom Hamilton	14,400
Arnold Murrell	14,400
Donnie Brown	14,400
Sam Brimer	14,400
Barney Durand	14,400
Roy G. Edwards	14,400
Total	<u>115,200</u>

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Schedule of Expenditure of Federal Financial Awards For the year ended December 31, 2004

<u>FEDERAL GRANTOR / Pass-through Grantor / Program Title</u>	<u>Federal CFDA Number</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE		
Pass-through State of Louisiana, Department of the Treasury		
Child Nutrition Program	10.558	\$ 84,803
Schools and Roads	10.666	<u>444,363</u>
Total United States Department of Agriculture		529,166
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE		
Passed through - Louisiana Department of Public Safety and Corrections		
Office of Justice Domestic Preparedness Equipment Grant	16.007	79,866
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR		
Direct Program - Payment in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	26,995
 FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY		
Passed through Louisiana Department of the Treasury		
Emergency Management Assistance	83.534	13,786
 UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES		
Direct Program - Head Start Program	93.600	1,181,677
 DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY		
Passed through Louisiana Office of Emergency Preparedness		
State Homeland Security Grant Program	97.004	<u>101,028</u>
 Total Expenditure of Federal Awards		<u><u>\$ 1,932,518</u></u>

Note

The schedule of expenditures of federal awards was prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles for Governmental Units. See notes to the accompanying financial statements for further details.

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June 15, 2005

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO EACH MAJOR PROGRAM AND INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OMB CIRCULAR A-133

The Grant Parish Police Jury
Colfax, Louisiana 71417

COMPLIANCE

We have audited the compliance of the Grant Parish Police Jury with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2004. The Grant Parish Police Jury's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of the Grant Parish Police Jury's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Grant Parish Police Jury's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the Grant Parish Police Jury's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the Grant Parish Police Jury's compliance with those requirements.

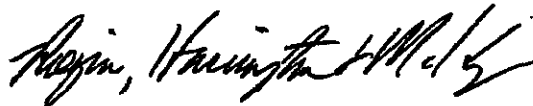
In our opinion, the Grant Parish Police Jury complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2004.

INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE

The management of the Grant Parish Police Jury is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Grant Parish Police Jury's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of management. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



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Certified Public Accountants

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

PART I - SUMMARY OF AUDITOR'S RESULTS:

- The Independent Auditors' Report on the primary government financial statements for the Grant Parish Police Jury as of December 31, 2004, and for the year then ended expressed an unqualified opinion, on the primary government's financial statements.
- The results of the audit disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are considered to be material to the primary government financial statements of the Grant Parish Police Jury.
- The Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133 expressed an unqualified opinion on compliance requirements for major programs.
- The audit did not disclose any audit findings which are required to be reported as findings and questioned cost.
- Major programs for the year ended December 31, 2004 are presented as follows:

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (Passed Through State of Louisiana)
CFDA No. 10.666 – National Forest Receipts
CFDA No. 93.600 – Head Start Program

- A threshold of \$300,000 was used for distinguishing between Type A and Type B programs for purposes of identifying major programs.
- The Grant Parish Police Jury was not considered to be a low risk auditee as defined by OMB Circular A-133.

PART II - FINDINGS RELATING TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS WHICH ARE REQUIRED TO BE REPORTED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GENERALLY ACCEPTED GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS:

- None.

PART III - FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR FEDERAL AWARDS WHICH SHALL INCLUDE AUDIT FINDINGS AS DEFINED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-133:

- None.

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY
Management's Corrective Action Plan
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

<u>SECTION I</u> INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.	Response – N/A
<u>SECTION II</u> INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.	Response – N/A
<u>SECTION III</u> MANAGEMENT LETTER	
Timely Paying Expenses It has come to our attention that certain vendors were not paid in a timely manner. Obligations that were not satisfied within an appropriate period of time included trade payables and remittance of amounts withheld from employees. In some cases payment was made as much as six months after the obligation was incurred. Explanations offered by the employee responsible for processing these payments indicated that the delays were due to an unintended oversight. Natural Gas Losses Over a two year period gross profit as a percentage of sale has declined from 55.3% to 33.6%. Based on analysis of cubic feet purchased and sold it appears that the decline in gross profits is due primarily to gas escaping from the system. For the most recent year, the portion of gas acquired that cannot be accounted for has exceeded 10% of purchases.	Response – Management will closely monitor this employee to ensure that all vendors are timely paid and the employee withholdings remitted in a timely fashion. Response – Management is currently conducting leak surveys and checking old meters to determine if replacement is necessary.

GRANT PARISH POLICE JURY
Summary of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Cost
For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

<u>SECTION I</u> INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS	
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.	Response – N/A
<u>SECTION II</u> INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS	
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.	Response – N/A
<u>SECTION III</u> MANAGEMENT LETTER	
No findings were reported in the schedule of findings and questioned costs.	Response – N/A

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The Grant Parish Police Jury
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In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of the Grant Parish Police Jury for the year ended December 31, 2004, we considered the Police Jury's internal control structure to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, during our audit we became aware of several matters that are opportunities for strengthening internal controls and operating efficiency. Our comments and suggestions regarding those matters are provided as follows:

Timely Paying expenses:

It has come to our attention that certain vendors were not paid in a timely manner. Obligations that were not satisfied within an appropriate period of time included trade payables and remittance of amounts withheld from employees. In some cases payment was made as much as six months after the obligation was incurred. Explanations offered by the employee responsible for processing these payments indicated that the delays were due to an unintended oversight.

We recommend that management closely monitor the employee responsible for remitting the payments in question to ensure that all vendors get paid timely and that employee withholdings are remitted in a timely fashion.

Natural Gas Losses

As demonstrated below, gross profits from the sale of natural gas have experienced substantial declines.

	2002	2003	2004
Gas Sales	\$ 384,342	\$ 462,805	\$ 477,364
Gas Purchases	(171,797)	(286,990)	(317,079)
Gross Profit	\$ 212,545	\$ 175,815	\$ 160,285
Gross Profit as a Percentage of Sales	55.3%	38.0%	33.6%

Over a two year period gross profit as a percentage of sale has declined from 55.3% to 33.6%. Based on analysis of cubic feet purchased and sold it appears that the decline in gross profits is due primarily to gas escaping from the system. For the most recent year, the portion of gas acquired that cannot be accounted for has exceeded 10% of purchases.

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Possible explanations for the loss of gas are leakage and worn out meters that do not accurately measure the amount of gas delivered to customers. As an initial step in attempting to resolve this matter we suggest that the Police Jury consider conducting a leak survey and adopting a meter replacement program.

We will be available at your convenience to discuss our comments and suggestions in greater detail. Our firm will also be available to assist in implementing these recommendations.



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