CITY COURT OF MORGAN CITY

Morgan City, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Honorable Kim P. Stansbury, Judge City Court of Morgan City Morgan City, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of City Court of Morgan City (hereinafter "Court"), a component unit of the City of Morgan City, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditors' Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditors' judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Court's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Court's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to previously present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Court as of December 31, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As described in Note 10 to the financial statements, the prior financial statements have been restated to correct a misstatement related to the implementation of the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No 27. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that budgetary comparison information and schedules of employer's share of net pension liability and employer contributions be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the budgetary comparison information on pages 33-36, schedule of employer's share of net pension liability on page 37, schedule of employer contributions on page 38, or note to retirement system schedules on page 39 because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

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

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated June 29, 2017, on our consideration of the Court's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana June 29, 2017 BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position December 31, 2016

	Governmental Activities
ASSETS	
Cash Prepaid expenses Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation Total assets	\$ 414,441 2,167 16,517 433,125
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred outflows related to net pension liability	48,114
LIABILITIES	
Current liabilities: Accounts payable Payroll taxes payable Due to other governments Noncurrent liabilities: Net pension liability Total liabilities	12,571 1,483 3,325 223,091 240,470
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred inflows related to net pension liability	2,069
NET POSITION	
Net investment in capital assets Restricted for special programs Unrestricted (deficit) Total net position	16,517 390,396 (168,213) \$ 238,700

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

Statement of Activities Year Ended December 31, 2016

		Progra	am Revenues	Net (Expense) Revenues and Changes in Net Position
Activities	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities
Governmental activities: General government	\$566,776	\$152,105	\$ 437,138	\$ 22,467
		General reve Interest an	enues: d investment earnings	13
		Char	nge in net position	22,480
		Net position	- January 1, 2016, as re-	stated <u>216,220</u>
		Net position	- December 31, 2016	\$ 238,700

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

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

MAJOR FUNDS DESCRIPTIONS

GENERAL FUND

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

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Juvenile Services Center

To account for the receipt and use of fines collected for the operation and maintenance of the Juvenile Services Center.

Balance Sheet Governmental Funds December 31, 2016

	General	Juvenile Services Center	Total Governmental Funds	
ASSETS				
Assets: Cash Prepaid expenditures Total assets	\$ 16,380 <u>2,167</u> \$ 18,547	\$ 398,061 \$ 398,061	\$ 414,441 2,167 \$ 416,608	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES				
Liabilities: Accounts payable Payroll taxes payable Due to other governments Total liabilities	\$ 4,906 1,483 3,325 9,714	\$ 7,665 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	\$ 12,571 1,483 3,325 17,379	
Fund balances: Nonspendable Restricted Unassigned Total fund balances	2,167 6,666 8,833	390,396 - 390,396	2,167 390,396 6,666 399,229	
Total liabilities and fund balances	\$ 18,547	\$ 398,061	\$ 416,608 (continued)	

Balance Sheet (continued) Governmental Funds December 31, 2016

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position:

Total fund balances for all governmental funds at December 31, 2016		\$399,229
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the fund. Those assets consists of		
furniture, fixtures, and equipment.	\$ 182,407	16.515
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(165,890)	16,517
Deferred outflows of resources related to net pension liability are		
not available and, therefore, are not reported in the funds		48,114
Liabilities not due and payable in the current period and therefore are		
not reported in the funds.		
Net pension liability		(223,091)
Deferred inflows of resources related to net pension liability are		
not payable from current expendable resources and, therefore are not reported in the funds		(2,069)
Net position of governmental activities at December 31, 2016		\$238,700

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

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2016

	General	Juvenile Services Center	Total Governmental Funds	
Revenues:				
Fees, charges and commissions -				
Court costs, fees, and fines	\$108,591	\$ 43,514	\$ 152,105	
Grants	-	77,400	77,400	
Intergovernmental	359,738	-	359,738	
Interest income	13		13	
Total revenues	468,342	120,914	589,256	
Expenditures:				
Current-				
General government-				
Operating services	449,334	41,930	491,264	
Materials and supplies	16,747	29,535	46,282	
Travel and other charges	7,246	1,062	8,308	
Other	-	100	100	
Total expenditures	473,327	72,627	545,954	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	(4,985)	48,287	43,302	
Other Financing Sources (Uses):				
Transfers in	-	90,959	90,959	
Transfers out	(90,959)		(90,959)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	_(90,959)	90,959		
Net change in fund balances	(95,944)	139,246	43,302	
Fund balances, beginning	_104,777	251,150	355,927	
Fund balances, ending	\$ 8,833	\$ 390,396	\$ 399,229	
			(continued)	

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances (continued) Governmental Funds Year Ended December 31, 2016

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

Total net change in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 2016 per Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances	\$ 43,302
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However,	
in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over	
their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense.	
Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 2016	(4,513)
Effects of recording net pension liability and deferred inflows and	
outflows of resources related to net pension liability:	
Increase in pension expense	(16,309)

Total change in net position for the year ended December 31, 2016 per Statement of Activities

\$ 22,480

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

Statement of Fiduciary Net Position December 31, 2016

	Agency Funds
ASSETS	
Cash	\$318,587
LIABILITIES	
Due to others	\$318,587

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

Notes to Basic Financial Statements

INTRODUCTION

As provided by LSA-RS 13:1871 et seq, the City Court of Morgan City (the "Court") accounts for the operation of the Court's office. The City Court Judge is elected for a six-year term.

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the City, for reporting purposes, the City of Morgan City is the financial reporting entity. The financial reporting entity consists of the primary government (City), organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable and 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, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, as amended, established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the City of Morgan City 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. The criteria include:

- 1) Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a) The ability of the City 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 City.
- 2) Organizations for which the City does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the City.
- 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 provides the Court with office space and pays the salaries and benefits of Court employees, the Court was determined to be a component unit of the City of Morgan City, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court and do not present information on the City, the general government services provided by the City, or other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

B. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying basic financial statements of the 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.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Court as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Court. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the 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) court costs, fees, and fines paid by the recipients of services offered by the 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.

Fiduciary funds are not included in the government-wide financial statements. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the statement of fiduciary net position at the fund financial statement level.

Fund Financial Statements

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

The funds of the Court are described below:

Governmental Funds -

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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

Juvenile Services Center Fund – This fund is used to account for the receipt and use of fines collected for the operation and maintenance of the Juvenile Service Center.

Fiduciary Funds –

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category by the Court are agency funds. The agency funds account for assets held by the Court as an agent for litigants in civil suits, cash bonds for criminal proceedings, and fees held pending court action. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, the agency funds have no measurement focus, but use the accrual basis of accounting. The agency funds are as follows:

Fines and Costs Fund – accounts for the receipt and disbursement of bonds, fines, and costs from criminal proceedings to the appropriate governmental entity.

Civil Court Fund – accounts for advance deposits in civil suits and the receipt and disbursement of civil docket fees, small claims fees, and garnishments.

Bond Fund – accounts for the collection of bonds and for the receipt and disbursement of fines and costs in criminal proceedings.

Concursus Fund – accounts for the bond forfeitures that have been paid under protest by insurance companies, pending further investigation.

C. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe "which" transactions are recorded with the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to "when" transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

Measurement Focus

On the government-wide statement of net position and the statement of activities, governmental activities are presented using the economic resources measurement focus as defined in item b. below. In the fund financial statements, the "current financial resources" measurement focus or the "economic resources" measurement focus is used as appropriate:

a. Governmental funds utilize a "current financial resources" measurement focus. Only current financial assets and liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Their operating statement presents sources and uses of available spendable financial resources during a given period. This fund uses fund balance as its measure of available spendable financial resources at the end of a period.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

b. The government-wide financial statement utilizes an "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), and financial position. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activities are reported. Government-wide fund equity is classified as net position.

Basis of Accounting

In the government-wide statement of net position and statement of activities, the governmental activities are presented using the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place. The types of transactions reported as program revenues for the Court are reported in two categories: 1) charges for services and 2) operating grants and contributions.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Expenditures (including capital outlay) generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Cash and interest-bearing deposits

For purposes of the statement of net position, cash and interest-bearing deposits include all demand accounts, savings accounts, and certificates of deposits of the Court.

The Court has established the policy of including all short-term, highly liquid investments with maturities of 90 or fewer days in cash and cash equivalents. Under state law, the Court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

Investments

Investments are limited by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 33:2955 and the Court's investment policy. If the original maturities of investments exceed 90 days, they are classified as investments; however, if the original maturities are 90 or fewer days, they are classified as cash equivalents.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Short-term interfund receivables/payables

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

Capital assets

Capital assets, which include property and equipment, are reported 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 Court maintains a threshold level of \$500 for capitalizing assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives 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. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. Depreciation is provided over the assets' estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:

	Estimated
Asset Class	<u>Useful Lives</u>
Office Furniture	5 years
Equipment	5 years
Improvements	10-20 years

Equity Classifications

Government-wide financial statements

Equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components

- 1. 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, certificates of indebtedness, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2. Restricted consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (a) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

3. Unrestricted - all other net position that does not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

Fund financial statements

Fund balance for the Court's governmental funds is displayed depicting the relative strength of the spending constraints placed on the purposes for which resources can be used. In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances are classified as follows:

- 1. Nonspendable amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in nonspendable form (such as inventories and prepaid amounts) or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- 2. Restricted amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of constitutional provisions or enabling legislation or because of constraints that are externally imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or the laws or regulations of other governments.
- 3. Committed amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal decision of the Judge, which is the highest level of decision-making authority.
- 4. Assigned amounts the government intends to use for specific purposes that do not meet the criteria to be classified as restricted or committed.
- 5. Unassigned amounts that are available for any purpose; these amounts can be reported only in the Court's General Fund.

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

E. Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

Deferred outflows (inflows) of resources are reported in separate sections of the financial statements representing a consumption (acquisition) of net position which applies to a future period and will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense or expenditure) or an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time.

The Court reports deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to its net pension liability on its government-wide statement of net position. These amounts are being amortized over a period of five years.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

F. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Operating revenues and expenses

Operating revenues and expenses are those that result from providing services and producing and delivering goods and/or services. Revenues and fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded when the Court is entitled to the funds.

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

Expenditures/Expenses

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character.

G. Estimates

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

(2) <u>Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits</u>

Under state law, the Court may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Court may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2016, the Court has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$733,028 as follows:

	Governmental	Fiduciary	
	Fund Type	Fund Type	Total
Demand deposits	\$ 414,441	\$ 318,587	\$733,028

Under state law, deposits, (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or similar federal security or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the Court or the pledging fiscal agent bank by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 2016 are as follows:

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Bank balances	<u>\$</u>	747,184
Federal deposit insurance Uninsured and collateralized by pledged securities Uncollateralized	\$	503,430 219,188 24,566
Total FDIC insurance and pledged securities	<u>\$</u>	747,184

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Court's deposits may not be recovered or the Court may not be able to recover collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Court does not have a policy to monitor or reduce exposure to custodial credit risk. Deposits in the amount of \$243,744 were exposed to custodial credit risk. These deposits are uninsured and collateralized with securities held by the pledging institution's trust department or agent but not in the Court's name or uninsured and uncollateralized. Even though the pledged securities are not held in the name of the Court, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Court that the depository financial institution has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

State law requires amounts on deposit with financial institutions in excess of FDIC limits be fully secured and/or collateralized. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1225 provides that the "amount of the security shall at all times be equal to one hundred percent of the amount of collected funds on deposit to the credit of each depositing authority except that portion of the deposits insured by any governmental agency insuring bank deposits which is organized under the laws of the United States." Since deposits in the amount of \$24,566 were uninsured and uncollateralized, the Court was noncompliant with statutory requirements.

(3) Capital Assets

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

	Balance			Balance
	1/1/2016	Additions	_Deletions_	12/31/2016
Governmental activities:				
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	\$ 182,407	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 182,407
Less: accumulated depreciation	161,377	4,513		165,890
Net capital assets	\$ 21,030	\$ (4,513)	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 16,517

Depreciation expense of \$4,513 was charged to the general government function.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

(4) Fund Balance

Fund balance is classified as nonspendable, restricted, committed, assigned, and/or unassigned based primarily on the extent to which the Court is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of the resources in the governmental funds. The constraints placed on fund balance for the major governmental funds and all other governmental funds are presented as follows:

	General	Juvenile Services Center	Total Governmental Funds
Fund balances			
Nonspendable -			
Prepaid items	\$ 2,167	\$ -	\$ 2,167
Restricted for -			
Special programs	-	390,396	390,396
Unassigned	6,666		6,666
Total fund balances	\$ 8,833	\$ 390,396	\$ 399,229

(5) Changes in Agency Fund Balances

A summary of changes in agency fund unsettled deposits follows:

	Fines and	Civil			
	Costs	Court	Bond	Concursus	
	Fund	Fund	Fund	Fund	Total
Balance, January 1, 2016	\$ 33,839	\$258,582	\$ 464	\$ 934	\$ 293,819
Additions	363,824	121,410	441,222	7,476	933,932
Reductions	(366,637)	(98,879)	(436,172)	(7,476)	(909,164)
Balance, December 31, 2016	\$ 31,026	\$281,113	\$ 5,514	\$ 934	\$ 318,587

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

(6) <u>Intergovernmental Transfers – City of Morgan City</u>

Louisiana Revised Statutes 13:2005.B requires funds accumulated in the operations and maintenance account in excess of \$50,000 to be transferred to the General Fund of the City of Morgan City and shall be used for the purposes of construction and maintenance of the Court and related facilities. The balance in the operations and maintenance account at December 31, 2016 did not exceed the statutory limit of \$50,000; therefore, a transfer to the City of Morgan City is not required.

(7) On-Behalf Payments for Salaries and Benefits

GASB Statement No. 24, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance, requires the Court to report on-behalf payments made by the City of Morgan City to the Court's employees for salaries and related benefits. The basis for recognizing the revenues and expenditure payments is that the actual contribution is made by the City of Morgan City and not by the Court. In 2016, the City paid salaries and benefits, which include payments to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System and Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), to and for the Court Clerk, City Judge, Deputy Clerks, and Probation Officers. On-behalf payments recorded as revenue and expenditures in the general fund financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016 totaled \$359,738.

(8) Retirement

Plan Description

Employees of the Court are provided with pensions through a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). 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, benefits terms, investments, and funding of the plan. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lasersonline.org.

Retirement Benefits

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. The majority of LASERS rank and file members may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service or at age 60 upon completing five to ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit. 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.

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

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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 under any one of six different options providing for reduced retirement benefits payable 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.

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.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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

All 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.

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.

Survivor Benefits

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased member 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, LASERS allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs) that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Contributions

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LA R.S. 11:401) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employer contributions and employee contributions deducted from a member's salary are remitted to LASERS by participating employers. The rates in effect during the year ended June 30, 2016 for the various plans follow:

	Plan	Employer
Plan	Status	Rate
Appellate Law Clerks	Closed	37.2%
Appellate Law Clerks hired on or after 7/01/06	Open	37.2%
Alcohol Tobacco Control	Closed	33.3%
Bridge Police	Closed	35.8%
Bridge Police hired on or after 7/01/06	Closed	35.8%
Corrections Primary	Closed	32.6%
Corrections Secondary	Closed	33.5%
Harbor Police	Closed	4.2%
Hazardous Duty	Open	37.6%
Judges hired before 1/1/2011	Closed	38.1%
Judges hired after 12/31/2010	Closed	39.3%
Judges hired on or after 7/01/15	Open	39.3%
Legislators	Closed	39.7%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) before 7/01/06	Closed	37.2%
Optional Retirement Plan (ORP) on or after 7/01/06	Closed	37.2%
Peace Officers	Closed	35.3%
Regular Employees hired before 7/01/06	Closed	37.2%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/01/06	Closed	37.2%
Regular Employees hired on or after 1/1/11	Closed	37.2%
Regular Employees hired on or after 7/1/15	Open	37.2%

The agency's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended December 31, 2016 was 38.1% 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 Court were \$16,985 for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

At December 31, 2016, the Court reported a liability of \$223,091 for its proportionate share of the LASERS 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 obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the 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 Court's proportion was 0.00284%, which was an increase of 0.00034% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2015.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

For the year ended December 31, 2016, the Court recognized pension expense of \$27,594 in its activities. At December 31, 2016, the 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	\$ 129		\$	2,069
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		27,786		-
Change in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of				
contributions		8,976		-
Employer contributions subsequent to the				
measurement date		11,223		
Total	\$	48,114	\$	2,069

Deferred outflows of resources of \$11,223 related to pensions resulting from Court's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ending December 31, 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year	
2017	\$ 8,939
2018	8,457
2019	10,798
2020	 6,628
	\$ 34,822

Contributions – Proportionate Share

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the System and contributions reported by the participating employer.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

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

Amortization approach	Closed
Expected Remaining Service Lives	3 years

Investment Rate of Return 7.75% per annum Inflation Rate 3.0% per annum

Mortality Rates Non-disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP-2000

Combined Health 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.

Salary Increases Salary increases were projected based on a 2009-2013 experience study of the System's members. The salary increase

ranges for specific types of members are:

	Lower	Upper
Member Type	Range	Range
Regular	4.0%	13.0%
Judges	3.0%	5.5%
Corrections	3.6%	14.5%
Hazardous Duty	3.6%	14.5%
Wildlife	3.6%	14.5%

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.

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

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 of 3.25% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.72% for 2016. The target allocation and 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:

	Long-Term Expected
Asset Class	Real Rate of Return
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 tactical asset allocation	2.92%
Total Fund	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 employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers will be made at contractually required rates, actuarially determined. 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 active and inactive plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

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

	Ι	1.00% Decrease 6.75%	Current count Rate 7.75%	1.00% Increase 8.75%
Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability	\$	274,088	\$ 223,091	\$ 179,760

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Positions

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.

Payables to the Pension Plan

The Court recorded accrued liabilities to LASERS for the year ended December 31, 2016, primarily due to the accrual for payroll at the end of the fiscal year. The amounts due are included in liabilities under the amounts reported as accounts payable. The balance due to LASERS as of December 31, 2016 is \$2,736.

(9) Compensation and Other Payments to Chief Officer

Act 706 of the 2014 Legislative Session amended R.S. 24:513(A) requiring additional disclosure of total compensation, reimbursements, benefits, or other payments made to an agency head or chief officer. Expenses paid to Judge Kim Stansbury for the year ended December 31, 2016 are as follows:

Wages	\$ 45,565
Benefits - Retirement	16,985
Wages and benefits paid by the City of Morgan City	
on behalf of the City Court of Morgan City	50,220
Reimbursements - Conference Registration	1,775
Reimbursements - Dues	700
Reimbursements - Lodging	2,981
Reimbursements - Meals	1,239
Reimbursements - Travel	 1,161
	\$ 120,626

Notes to Basic Financial Statements (continued)

(10) Prior Period Adjustment

During the year ended December 31, 2015, the Court implemented the provisions of Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – An Amendment of GASB Statement No 27. In the prior year, there was a change in the Court's proportionate share of net pension liability and deferred inflows of resources which was omitted from the financial statements. The following adjustment is required to restate net position for the effects of the change in net pension liability and deferred inflows of resources in the current year:

	Net Position		
Beginning balance, as previously reported	\$	197,903	
Prior period adjustment		18,317	
Beginning balance, as restated	\$	216,220	

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

			Actual	Variance
	Budgeted Amounts		(Non-GAAP	Positive
	Original	Final	Basis)	(Negative)
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Revenues:				
Fees, charges and commissions -	¢124.022	0124.022	e 122 (((e (1.25C)
Court costs, fees, and fines	\$134,022	\$134,022	\$ 132,666	\$ (1,356)
Interest income	4	4	13	9
Total revenues	134,026	134,026	132,679	(1,347)
Expenditures:				
Current-				
General government-				
Operating services	71,653	71,653	89,596	(17,943)
Materials and supplies	30,232	30,232	16,747	13,485
Travel and other charges	7,653	7,653	7,246	407
Capital outlay	4,255	4,255	-	4,255
Total expenditures	113,793	113,793	113,589	204
Net change in fund balance	20,233	20,233	19,090	(1,143)
Fund balance, beginning	133,086	133,086	104,777	(28,309)
Fund balance, ending	\$153,319	\$153,319	\$ 123,867	\$ (29,452)

See notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

Budgetary Comparison Schedule Juvenile Services Center Fund Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Dividented Amounts			Variance
		Budgeted Amounts		Positive
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Negative)
Revenues:				
Fees, charges and commissions -				
Court costs, fees, and fines	\$109,000	\$109,000	\$ 43,514	\$ (65,486)
Other income			77,400	77,400
Total revenues	109,000	109,000	120,914	11,914
Expenditures:				
Current-				
General government-				
Operating services	36,821	36,821	41,930	(5,109)
Materials and supplies	27,252	27,252	29,535	(2,283)
Travel and other charges	388	388	1,062	(674)
Other	-	-	100	(100)
Capital outlay	2,550	2,550		2,550
Total expenditures	67,011	67,011	72,627	(5,616)
Net change in fund balance	41,989	41,989	48,287	6,298
Fund balance, beginning	181,065	181,065	251,150	70,085
Fund balance, ending	\$223,054	\$223,054	\$ 299,437	\$ 76,383

See notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule

(1) Basis of Accounting

General Fund

The budget for the General Fund is not adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by City Court.

Juvenile Services Center Fund

The budget for the Juvenile Services Center Fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted or as finally amended by City Court.

(2) Budgetary and Budgetary Accounting

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

- 1. A proposed budget is prepared and submitted to the City Court Judge for the fiscal year prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- 2. If proposed expenditures exceed \$500,000, a summary of the proposed budget is published and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called, if required.
- 3. If required, a public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for a hearing.
- 4. After the holding of the public hearing, if required, and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 5. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule (continued)

(3) Non-GAAP Reporting Reconciliation

Budgetary amounts adopted by the Court for the General Fund do not include on-behalf payments made by the City of Morgan City to the Court's employees for salaries and related benefits. These on-behalf payments are reflected as revenues and expenditures in the Court's financial statements as required by GASB Statement No. 24, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance. Also, probation fees received by the Court are reported in the financial statements as Due to the City of Morgan City as reimbursement of salaries and related benefits. For budgetary purposes, probation fees are included as a component of fees, charges and commissions. Additionally, budget amounts do not include the residual transfer of accumulated excess to the City of Morgan City in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 13:2005(B).

Actual amounts for the General Fund are reconciled on a non-GAAP basis for comparison to budget as follows:

	As Reported	Adjustment to Budgetary Basis	Non-GAAP Basis	
Revenues:				
Fees, charges & commissions	\$ 108,591	\$ 24,075	\$ 132,666	
Intergovernmental	359,738	(359,738)		
Total	\$ 468,329	\$ (335,663)	<u>\$ 132,666</u>	
Expenditures:				
General government				
Operating services	\$ 449,334	\$ (359,738)	\$ 89,596	

(4) Expenditures in Excess of Appropriations

Actual expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations in the Juvenile Services Center Fund by \$5,616.

Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability Year Ended December 31, 2016

			Employer's			
		Employer	Proportionate Share			
	Employer	Proportionate	of the Net Pension			
	Proportion	Share of the	Employer's	Plan Fiduciary		
	of the	Net Pension	Covered Percentage of its		Net Position	
Year	Net Pension	Liability	Employee	as a Percentage		
Ended	Liability	(Asset)	Payroll	of the Total		
June 30,	(Asset)	(a)	(b)(a/b)		Pension Liability	
2015	0.002500%	\$ 186,181	\$46,357	401.62%	62.66%	
2016	0.002840%	\$ 223,091	\$48,085	463.95%	57.73%	

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

Schedule of Employer Contributions Year Ended December 31, 2016

Year Ended Dec 31	R	tractually equired ntribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Contribution Required Deficiency Contribution (Excess)			eiency	E1	nployer's Covered mployee Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll
2015	\$	19,058	\$	19,058	\$	-	\$	48,085	39.63%
2016	\$	18,303	\$	18,303	\$	-	\$	48,077	38.07%

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

Note to Retirement System Schedules

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Changes of benefit terms – There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended December 31, 2016.

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

INTERNAL CONTROL, COMPLIANCE, AND OTHER MATTERS

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

To the Honorable Kim P. Stansbury, Judge City Court of Morgan City Morgan City, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the City Court of Morgan City (hereinafter "Court"), a component unit of the City of Morgan City, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated June 29, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Court's internal control.

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

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Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and which are described in the accompanying schedule of audit results and findings as items 2016-001 and 2016-002.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Court's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of audit results and findings as items 2016-003 and 2016-004.

Court's Response to Findings

The Court's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying corrective action plan for current audit findings. The Court's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Court's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Court's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of this report may be limited under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 44:6.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Company, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Morgan City, Louisiana June 29, 2017

Schedule of Audit Results and Findings Year Ended December 31, 2016

Part I. Summary of Auditors' Results:

Unmodified opinions have been issued on the financial statements of the Court's governmental activities, each major fund (General Fund and Juvenile Services Center Special Revenue Fund), and the aggregate remaining fund information.

Deficiencies in internal control were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements and the conditions are considered to be material weaknesses.

Instances of noncompliance required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards were identified and included in Part II of this schedule.

A management letter was not issued.

Part II. Findings reported in accordance with Government Auditing Standards:

A. Internal Control

2016-001 - Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

CRITERIA: Internal control is a process – effected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel – designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The Court's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to the Court's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in financial statements.

CAUSE: The cause of the conditions is the result of a failure to design and implement policies and procedures necessary to achieve adequate internal control.

EFFECT: Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

Schedule of Audit Results and Findings (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2016

2016-002 – Financial Reporting

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities, in the financial statement preparation process.

CRITERIA: The Court's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to its ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in the financial statements, including the ability of its management and staff to detect potential misstatements that may exist in the financial statements and related disclosures.

CAUSE: The condition results from a reliance on the external auditor as part of the internal control process.

EFFECT: Financial statements and related notes may reflect a material departure from generally accepted accounting principles.

RECOMMENDATION: The additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit may not be economically feasible.

B. Compliance

2016-003 – Collateralization of Bank Deposits

CONDITION: Bank balances with the Court's fiscal agent were under collateralized at December 31, 2016 by \$24,566.

CRITERIA: RS 39:1225 provides that amounts pledged to secure the deposits of depositing authorities "shall at all times be equal to one hundred percent of the amount of collected funds on deposit to the credit of each depositing authority except that portion of the deposits insured by any governmental agency insuring bank deposits which is organized under the laws of the United States." Accordingly, amounts on deposit in excess of Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) limits must be fully collateralized.

CAUSE: The Court's deposits were not fully collateralized.

EFFECT: The Court may not be compliant with RS 39:1225.

Schedule of Audit Results and Findings (continued) Year Ended December 31, 2016

RECOMMENDATION: The Court should implement policies and procedures which cause a periodic review of amounts on deposit with financial institutions, excess deposits requiring collateralization, and any amounts pledged by the financial institutions to secure such excess deposits.

2016-004 - Local Government Budget Act

CONDITION: The Court incurred budget variances in excess of 5% in the Juvenile Services Center Fund.

CRITERIA: LSA-RS 39:1311 et seq, Budgetary Authority and Control, provides for the following: "A. The adopted budget and any duly authorized adopted amendments shall form the framework from which the chief executive or administrative officers and members of the governing authority of the political subdivision shall monitor revenues and control expenditures. The chief executive or administrative officer for a political subdivision subject to public participation shall advise the governing authority or independently elected official in writing when:

- (1) Total revenue and other sources plus projected revenue and other sources for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are failing to meet total budgeted revenues and other sources by five percent or more.
- (2) Total actual expenditures and other uses plus projected expenditures and other uses for the remainder of the year, within a fund, are exceeding the total budgeted expenditures and other uses by five percent or more.
- (3) Actual beginning fund balance, within a fund, fails to meet estimated beginning fund balance by five percent or more and fund balance is being used to fund current year expenditures.

CAUSE: The condition results from a failure to comply with the Louisiana Local Government Budget Act.

EFFECT: The Court may not be in compliance with certain provisions of RS 39:1301 et seq, the Local Government Budget Act.

RECOMMENDATION: We recommend that the Court implement policies and procedures to comply with the Local Government Budget Act.

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for federal awards reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance

Not applicable

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings Year Ended December 31, 2016

A. Internal Control -

2015-001 - Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

RECOMMENDATION: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

CURRENT STATUS: See schedule of audit results and findings item 2016-001.

2015-002 – Financial Reporting

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities, in the financial statement preparation process.

RECOMMENDATION: The additional costs required to achieve the desired benefit may not be economically feasible.

CURRENT STATUS: See schedule of audit results and findings item 2016-002.

2015-003 - Unrecorded Transactions

CONDITION: Several transactions occurred during the year that were not recorded in the Court's financial books or records.

RECOMMENDATION: The Court should implement policies and procedures to ensure that items are recorded in the general ledger when a transaction occurs rather than when it is reported in the applicable bank statement.

CURRENT STATUS: This issue has been resolved.

B. Compliance -

None

Corrective Action Plan for Current Audit Findings Year Ended December 31, 2016

A. Internal Control -

2016-001 - Segregation of Duties

CONDITION: Accounting and financial functions are not adequately segregated.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: Not applicable.

2016-002 – Financial Reporting

CONDITION: Management and staff lack the expertise and/or experience in the selection and application of generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to governmental entities, in the financial statement preparation process.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: The Court has determined that it would be more cost effective to outsource the preparation of the Court's financial statements to its independent auditors rather than incur the costs to employ someone with the appropriate skill and expertise to prepare the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

B. Compliance –

2016-003 - Collateralization of Bank Deposits

CONDITION: Bank balances with the City's fiscal agent were under collateralized at December 31, 2016 by \$24,566.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: The Court will implement policies and procedures to periodically reconcile the bank balances and collateral pledged to ensure that the collateral pledged by the bank is sufficient to cover the balances in the Court's accounts.

2016-004 – Local Government Budget Act

CONDITION: The Court incurred budget variances in excess of 5% in the Juvenile Services Center Fund.

MANAGEMENT'S RESPONSE: The Court will more closely monitor budget to actual comparisons and adopt the necessary amendments to ensure compliance with state statute.