RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE

Component Unit Financial Statements
For the Year Ended September 30, 2021



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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Curtis Hawkins Ruston City Marshal's Office P.O. Box 1582 Ruston, LA 71273-1582

We have audited the accompanying component unit financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ruston City Marshal's Office, a component unit of the City of Ruston, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Marshal's component unit 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 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 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 auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

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Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above 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 Ruston City Marshal's Office, as of September 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 7 and pages 23 through 24 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Ruston City Marshal's Office's component unit financial statements. The accompanying other financial information consisting of the schedule of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to agency head on page 31 and the Act 87 Collecting/Disbursing Entity and Receiving Entity Schedules on pages 32 and 33 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

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Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated March 29, 2022, on our consideration of the Ruston City Marshal's Office'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 Ruston City Marshal's Office's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Cameron, Aines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana March 29, 2022



MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Ruston City Marshal's Office (the Marshal) provides an overview of the Marshal's activities for the year ended September 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the Marshal's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Marshal's basic financial statements. The Marshal's basic financial statements include three components: (1) government-wide financial statements, (2) fund financial statements, and (3) notes to the financial statements. These components are described below:

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The basic financial statements include two kinds of financial statements that present different views of the Marshal – the Government-wide Financial Statements and Fund Financial Statements. These financial statements also include the Notes to the Financial Statements that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide additional detail.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements provide a broad view of the Marshal's operations in a manner similar to a private-sector business. The statements provide both short-term and long-term information about the Marshal's financial position, which assists users in assessing the Marshal's economic condition at the end of the year. These statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting similar to methods used by most businesses. These statements report all revenues and expenditures connected with the year even if cash has not been received or paid. The Marshal's financial statements contain only governmental activities. The government-wide financial statements include two statements.

 The Statement of Net Position presents all of the Marshal's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as "net position." Over time, increases or decreases in the Marshal's net assets may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Marshal is improving or deteriorating. • The Statement of Activities presents information showing how the Marshal's net position changed during the most recent year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of the timing of the related cash flows. Therefore, some revenues and some expenses that are reported in this statement will not result in cash flows until future years.

Fund Financial Statements

A fund is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Marshal, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The funds of the Marshal are divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary funds.

• Governmental Funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, the governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources at the end of the year. Such information may be useful in evaluating the Marshal's near term financing requirements. This approach is known as using the flow of financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. These statements provide a detailed short-term view of the Marshal's finances and assists in determining whether there will be adequate financial resources available to meet the current needs of the Marshal.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, users may better understand the long-term impact of the Marshal's near-term financing decisions. Due to the nature of the operations there were no differences between the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements.

The Marshal has one governmental fund: the General Fund.

Fiduciary Funds. Fiduciary funds are used to account for resources held for
the benefit of parties outside of the Marshal. Fiduciary funds are not reflected
in the government-wide financial statements because the resources of those
funds are not available to support the Marshal's own programs. The accrual
basis of accounting is used for fiduciary funds.

The Marshal has three fiduciary funds: the Bond Fund, the Civil Fund, and the Fines Fund.

The funds financial statements can be found immediately following the government-wide financial statements.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements. The notes to the financial statements can be found immediately following the fund financial statements.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Marshal's financial position. The Marshal's net assets were \$293,403 and \$323,898 as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

The Marshal's assets totaling \$295,875 consists mostly of cash and cash equivalents and net capital assets.

	Governmental Activities				
	2021		2020		
Assets	\$ 295,875	\$	324,067		
Current Liabilities	2,472		169		
Total Net Position	\$ 293,403	\$	323,898		

Changes in Net Position

The Marshal's net position decreased by \$30,495 during the year ended September 30, 2021 compared to a decrease of \$37,760 during the prior year. The Marshal's total revenues derived from program revenue during the current year decreased \$25,187 from the prior year, mainly due to a decrease in court cost commissions. Expenses decreased \$27,865 due primarily to a decrease in co-op agreement payments to the City of Ruston.

	Governmental Activities			
	<u>2021</u>	2020		
Revenues:				
Program Revenues:				
Court Costs and Commissions	\$1,343,413	\$1,368,600		
On-Behalf	386,950	446,610		
General Revenues:				
Interest	194	187		
Other Income	4,765	185		
Total Revenues	1,735,322	1,815,582		
Program Expenses				
Operating Expenses	1,378,867	1,406,732		
On-Behalf Expenses	_386,950	446,610		
Total Expenses	1,765,817	1,853,342		
Increase/(Decrease) in Net Position	(30,495)	(37,760)		
Net Position – Beginning of Year	323,898	361,658		
Net Position – End of Year	\$ 293,403,	\$ 323,898		

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE MARSHAL'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

As noted earlier, the Marshal uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements.

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Marshal's governmental fund is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Marshal's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Marshal's net resources available for spending at September 30, 2021.

The General Fund accounts for receipts and disbursements of funds received from City Court costs and used in connection with City Marshal operating expenditures including paying for the Marshal's staff supplemental salaries. Unassigned fund balance decreased \$32,771 to \$220,363 at the end of the current fiscal year compared to a decrease of \$24,503 in the prior year.

The ending governmental fund balance is unassigned and available for spending in the coming year.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Over the course of the year, the Marshal revised the budget three times. The difference between the original expenditure budget and the actual amount of expenditures was an inccrease of \$18,957. The difference between the original revenue budget and the actual amount of revenue was an inccrease of \$9,816.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The fiscal year-ended 2022 budget reflects estimated receipts based on past receipts. The Marshal's office has no control over the amount of receipts each year. Receipts are dependant on several factors: number of arrests and tickets given by the local police departments; the number of cases successfully prosecuted by the prosecuting attorney; the number of defendants who pay, etc. Fines and court costs are set by the state legislature and by the Ruston City Judge. The fiscal year-ended 2022 budget reflects estimated amounts of expenditures for the coming year based upon past expenditures, current inflation rates, and known increases or decreases in expenditures for the coming year. Also, as per Statement No. 24 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, the fiscal year-ended 2022 budget includes payments to be made by the City of Ruston and State of Louisiana on behalf of the Marshal's office.

CONTACTING THE MARSHAL'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Marshal's finances and to show the Marshal's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Ruston City Marshal's Office at 401 N. Trenton Street, Room 223, Ruston, LA 71270.

RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

<u>ASSETS</u>	Governmental Activities	
Cash Accounts Receivable Prepaid Expenses Capital Assets, Net Total Assets	\$ 218,320 - 13,650 63,905 295,875	
LIABILITIES Accounts Payable Total Liablities	\$ 2,472 2,472	
NET POSITION		
Invested in Capital Assets Restricted For:	63,905	
Civil	2,084	
Fines	7,050	
Unrestricted Net Position	 220,364	
Total Net Position	\$ 293,403	

RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Program	Revenues	Net	(Expense)
		Charges		Revenue	and Changes
		for	On-Behalf	in N	et Position
Activities	Expenses	Services	Revenue	Governr	nent Activities
Judicial:					
On-Behalf Salaries	\$ 386,950	\$ -	\$386,950	\$:=
Operating Expenses	1,378,867	1,343,413			(35,454)
Total Judicial Activities	\$ 1,765,817	\$ 1,343,413	<u>\$386,950</u>	\$	(35,454)
	General Revenu	ie:			
	Interest Earne	ed			194
	Other Income				4,765
	Total Gener	al Revenue			4,959
	Change in Net I	Position			(30,495)
	Net Position Oc	tober 1, 2020			323,898
	Net Position Se	ptember 30, 2021		\$	293,403

RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

ASSETS	Ger	neral Fund	Civ	il Fund	Fine	Fines Fund		Total
Cash Savings Prepaid Expenses	\$	6,272 200,601 13,650	\$	4,232	\$	7,215	\$	17,719 200,601 13,650
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	220,523	\$	4,232	\$	7,215	\$	231,970
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable	\$	159	_\$	2,148	\$	165	\$	2,472
FUND BALANCE								
Restricted for: Civil Fines Unassigned Fund Balance Total Fund Balance TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	\$	220,364 220,364 220,523	\$	2,084 	\$	7,050 7,050 7,215		2,084 7,050 220,364 229,498 231,970
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different because:								
Total Governmental Fund Balance	\$	220,364	\$	2,084	\$	7,050	\$	229,498
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.		63,905		-				63,905
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$	284,269	\$	2,084	\$	7,050	\$	293,403

RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	General Fur	d Civil Fund	Fines Fund	Total
Revenues:				
Court Costs and Commissions	\$ 101,09	2 \$ 414,252	\$ 825,072	\$ 1,340,416
Bonding Fees	1,38	100.00		1,380
Service Fees	1,48		- 3	1,482
Interest Earned	14		30	194
Other Fees	13	5 -	=	135
Other Income	4,76	5 -	<u>\$</u>	4,765
On-Behalf	386,95		-	386,950
Total Revenues	495,95		825,102	1,735,322
Expenditures:				
Capital Outlay	15,39	4 -	-	15,394
Co-op Agreement w/City of Ruston			-	***
Community Service Programs	2,20	0 -		2,200
Supplemental Pay	19,15	0 -	-	19,150
Uniforms	1,19	- 0	-	1,190
Professional Fees	37,62	3 -	=	37,623
Retirement	27,30		=	27,305
Law Enforcement Supplies	9,83	0 -	:	9,830
Office Supplies	11,39	9 -		11,399
Repairs and Maintenance	9,54	9 -		9,549
On-Behalf Salaries and Expenses	386,95	- 0	-	386,950
Telephone and Utilities	2,84	-3	-	2,843
Vehicle Expense	5,29	- 00	-	5,290
Fees and Commissions		- 92,559	=	92,559
Other Reductions		- 326,606	823,187	1,149,793
Total Expenditures	528,72	419,165	823,187	1,771,075
Excess of Revenues Over Expenditures	(32,77	(4,897)	1,915	(35,753)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year	253,13	6,981	5,135	265,250
Fund Balance at End of Year	\$ 220,36	\$ 2,084	\$ 7,050	\$ 229,497

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

RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Net Change in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds

\$ (35,753)

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:

Capital asset purchases capitalized	15,394
Loss on disposal of capital assets	
Depreciation expense	(10,136)
	5,258
Change in Net Position in Governmental	
Activities	\$ (30,495)

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Ruston, Louisiana Statement of Fiduciary Net Position September 30, 2021

ASSETS		BOND FUND
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	0.050
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	9,050 9,050
LIABILITIES		
Due to:		
General Fund	\$	<u>~</u>
Others	•	=
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$	
NET POSITION		
Restricted for:		
Amounts Held for		
Litigants and Others	\$	9,050
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	9,050

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Ruston, Louisiana Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position September 30, 2021

	BOND FUND			
Additions:				
Bond Receipts Total Additions	\$	1,000		
Reductions:				
Bond Refunds Total Reductions		3,000		
Net Increase (Decrease) in Fiduciary Net Position		(2,000)		
Net Position - Beginning (Restated)		11,050		
Net Position - Ending	\$	9,050		

Note 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Ruston City Marshal's Office receives fees and costs for services rendered on civil and criminal cases, in accordance with state law, for the administration and staff support of the elected position of the Ruston City Marshal. The elected position of Ruston City Marshal was created by special legislative Act RS 13; 1952 (20). Its territorial jurisdiction extends throughout Lincoln Parish, Louisiana. The Marshal is the executive officer of the court executing the orders and mandates of the Ruston City Court. He also acts as custodian of cash bail bonds, fines and court costs, and civil amounts collected. The Marshal can appoint deputy marshals to help him fulfill his responsibilities. The fees and costs received by this office are dedicated to the administration and support of this elected position and cannot be used to compensate the holder of the elected position. The holder of the elected position of Ruston City Marshal receives fees for services rendered on civil cases, in accordance with state law, from the civil fund he administers for the Ruston City Court. The accompanying basic financial statements of the Ruston City Marshal's Office are prepared in accordance with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies used by the Marshal's Office are discussed below:

A. Reporting Entity

The Ruston City Marshal's Office is fiscally dependent on the City of Ruston for office space, related utility costs, and providing the primary funding of salary costs. Because the Marshal's Office is fiscally dependent on the City, the Marshal's Office was determined to be a component unit of the City of Ruston. For the purposes of this financial report this component unit serves as the nucleus for its own financial reporting entity and issues separate financial statements.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Note 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. Fund Accounting

The Marshal's Office uses the fund accounting method to maintain its financial records. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain custodian functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The following funds are used by the Marshal's Office:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Marshal's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Ruston City Marshal's Office. The Marshal's Office uses one fund, the General Fund, to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund resources are available for any purpose provided they are expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to the policy of the Marshal's Office.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds reporting focuses on net assets and changes in net assets. The only funds accounted for in this category by the Marshal's Office are custodial funds. The custodial funds account for assets held by the Marshal's Office in a trustee capacity or as an agent for individuals and other governments. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, the custodial funds have no measurement focus, but use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Since these assets are being held for a third party and cannot be used for the activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting

Fund Financial Statements

The amounts reflected in the general fund financial statements and custodial fund statements are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Marshal's operations. For the year ended September 30, 2021, there were no differences between the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements.

Note 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

D. Measurement Focus/Basis of Accounting (continued)

The amounts reflected in the general fund financial statements and custodial fund statements use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined, and available means the amount of the transaction is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Marshal's Office considers all revenues available if they are collected within sixty days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund is incurred.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The column labeled Statement of Net Position and the column labeled Statement of Activities display information about the Marshal's Office as a whole. These statements included all the financial activities of the Marshal's Office. Information contained in these columns reflect 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 Nonexchange Transactions.

Program Revenues – Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities are derived directly from court defendants and plaintiffs as a fee for services and from on-behalf payments made by other governmental units for salaries and benefits of employees of the Marshal's Office; program revenues reduce the net cost of the function to be financed from other sources of the marshal's general revenues.

E. Compensated Absences

Vacation and sick leave are noncumulative. There are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to vacation and sick leave that require accrual or disclosure at year end.

F. Budgetary Practices

The Marshal's Office prepared an operating budget on its General Fund for the year ended September 30, 2021. Budgetary data is prepared based on prior year actual operating revenues and expenditures, and expected differences between actual and anticipated revenues and expenditures. It is monitored by management and amended throughout the year as necessary. The Marshal's Office performs only a custodial function in the case of agency funds and therefore a budget for these funds is not appropriate. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended.

Note 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Budgetary Practices (continued)

The 2021 general fund budget was authorized by the Marshal, made available for public inspection at the Marshal's Office, and adopted by the Marshal on July 15, 2020. The budget was legally amended by the Marshal for the year ended September 30, 2021.

G. Cash and Certificates of Deposit

Cash on hand, demand deposits, and time deposits with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition are reported as cash. Time deposits with original maturities in excess of three months from the date of acquisition are reported as certificates of deposit. State law and the investment policy allows the Marshal's Office to invest in collateralized certificates of deposit. Bank deposits (or resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. Pledged 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. Cash and certificates of deposit are carried at cost which approximates market value.

H. Capital Assets - Governmental-Wide Financial Statements

Capital assets, with an original cost of \$250 or more, are capitalized at cost. Salvage value is estimated at 5% to 10% of historical cost. Contributed assets are reported at fair market value as of the date received. Additions, improvements, and other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Other costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expenses as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Office Equipment	5-10 years
Communication	10 years
Law Enforcement	10 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5 years
Vehicles	5 years
Computers	5 years
Weapons	10 years

Note 1 – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

I. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain 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 expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

J. Fund Equity

GASB Statement No. 54 establishes standards for five fund balance classifications that comprise a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to observe constraints imposed upon the use of resources reported in governmental funds. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned and unassigned.

Restricted Fund Balance - This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed Fund Balance — These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless removed by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

Assigned Fund Balance – This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Marshal's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Management has the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the general fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

Unassigned Fund Balance - This fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. It is used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Marshal's policy to use externally restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources – committed, assigned and unassigned – in order as needed.

NOTE 2 – CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At September 30, 2021, the Marshal's Office has under its control general fund cash, general fund savings, and fiduciary fund cash (book balances) totaling \$275,856. The general fund cash includes \$200 in petty cash. The Marshal's collected balances with financial institutions at September 30, 2021 is \$359,970 is secured by federal deposit insurance, and the remaining \$109,970 is secured by pledged securities held by the bank's agent in the name of the bank.

NOTE 3 – CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, are as follows:

Capital Assets at Cost		alance /01/20	Additions	<u>Deleti</u>	ons		Balance 9/30/21
Communications	\$	8,723	\$ 8,269	\$		\$	16,992
Computers		7,815	 6,675	*	_	*	14,490
Furniture and Fixtures		5,243	-		-		5,243
Law Enforcement		3,324	450		-		3,774
Office Equipment		6,552			=		6,552
Vehicles	1	06,875	_		-		106,875
Weapons		10,434	_		-		10,434
Office Renovations		14,838	-		-		14,838
Totals		63,804	15,394		-		179,198
Less Accumulated Depreciation							
Communications		3,464	924		2 - 0		4,388
Computers		6,684	457		_		7,141
Furniture and Fixtures		2,597	449		-		3,046
Law Enforcement		2,701	133		-		2,834
Office Equipment		4,507	328		: -		4,835
Vehicles		78,853	6,765		-		85,618
Weapons		5,380	709		-		6,089
Office Renovations	1287	971	371		0-0		1,342
Totals	1	05,157	10,136		-		115,293
Net Capital Assets	\$	58,647	\$ 5,258		<u>\$ -</u>	\$	63,905

NOTE 4 – RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE SHEET TO THE GOVERNMENTAL-WIDE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

At September 30, 2021, assets reported as available for government activities in the Statement of Net Position are different from the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet as follows:

Fund Balance – Governmental Funds	\$ 229,403
Adjustment for Capital Assets – Capital assets used in governmental	77.0
activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in	
the general fund balance sheet nor reflected in fund balance for the	
general fund.	63,905
Total Net Assets of Governmental Activities	\$ 293,403

NOTE 5 – RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE TO THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

At September 30, 2021, amounts reported for government activities in the Statement of Activities are different from the Governmental Funds Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance as follows:

Net Change in Fund Balance – General Fund	\$ (35,753)
Adjustment for Difference in Capital Outlays and Depreciation -	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures while in	
the Statement of Activities, the costs of those assets are allocated	
over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. An	
adjustment is required for the amount by which capital outlays	
exceeded depreciation expense in the current period.	5,258
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities	(\$30,495)

NOTE 6 – RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The Ruston City Marshal's Office employees are paid by the City of Ruston and receive supplemental wages from the State of Louisiana and the Ruston City Marshal's Office. Wages paid for these employees by the City and the Marshal's Office are covered under the City's participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana and retirement contributions are paid by the City. The Ruston City Marshal's Office receives fees and commissions, as an elected municipal official, that are covered under the Ruston City Marshal's Office's participation in the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana. The Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a cost sharing, multiple employee defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions.

NOTE 6 – RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS (continued)

All permanent employees working at least 35 hours per week who are not covered by another pension plan and are paid wholly or in part from municipal funds and all elected municipal officials are eligible to participate in the System.

Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 10% of their annual covered salary and the Marshal's Office is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate was 29.5% from October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and 29.5% from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Marshal's Office are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Marshal's Office contributions to the System under Plan A for the year ending September 30, 2021, were \$27,305.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 6750 Van Gogh, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, or by calling (504) 925-4810.

NOTE 7 – ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS

Employees of the Ruston City Marshal's Office received salaries and fringe benefits from the City of Ruston and the State of Louisiana. The following is a summary of these on-behalf payments:

Salaries	\$ 296,487
Fringe Benefits	90,463
Totals	\$ 386,950

Fringe benefits paid by the City of Ruston include pension plan contributions to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana.

NOTE 8 - PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT - NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARD

For the year ended September 30, 2021, the Marshal implemented the following pronouncement: GASB Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*. This statement establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments and requires governments with activities meeting the criteria to present a statement of fiduciary net position and a statement of changes in fiduciary net position. With the change, the Civil Fund and the Fines Fund, which had previously been shown as fiduciary funds, were reclassed to special revenue funds requiring a restatement in net position as noted below:

Governmental Activities Net Position as previously stated October 1, 2020	\$	311,782
Reclassification of Civil Fund to Special Revenue Funds Reclassification of Fines Fund to Special Revenue Funds		6,981 5,135
Total	=	12,116
Net Position as restated October 1, 2020	\$	323,898

NOTE 9 – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events have been evaluated through March 29, 2022, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.



RUSTON CITY MARSHAL'S OFFICE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Budgeted Original	Amo	unts Final		Actual Amounts	Fin F:	iance With al Budget avorable favorable)
Revenues								<u> </u>
Court Cost Commissions	\$	79,200	\$	79,200	\$	101,092	\$	21,892
Bonding Fees		3,000		3,000		1,380		(1,620)
Service Fees		2,100		2,100		1,482		(618)
Interest Earned		180		180		148		(32)
Other		180		180		4,900		4,720
On-Behalf		401,476		401,476		386,950		(14,526)
Total Revenues	X	486,136	R	486,136		495,952	0:	9,816
Expenditures								
Capital Outlay				¥		15,394		(15,394)
Co-op Agreement w/City of Ruston				_		,,		(10,574)
Community Service Programs		2,400		2,400		2,200		200
Supplemental Pay		39,600		39,600		19,150		20,450
Uniforms		100 to 10		·		1,190		(1,190)
Professional Fees		6,850		6,850		37,623		(30,773)
Retirement		39,600		39,600		27,305		12,295
Law Enforcement Supplies		2,400		2,400		9,830		(7,430)
Office Supplies		6,350		6,350		11,399		(5,049)
Repairs and Maintenance		-				9,549		(9,549)
On-Behalf Salaries and Expenses		401,476		401,476		386,950		14,526
Telephone and Utilities		2,690		2,690		2,843		(153)
Vehicle Expense		8,400		8,400		5,290		3,110
Fees & Commissions		=2				-		5,110
Other Reductions		= 7						-
Total Expenditures	-	509,766		509,766		528,723		(18,957)
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over								E
Expenditures		(23,630)		(23,630)		(32,771)		(9,141)
Net Change in Fund Balance		(23,630)		(23,630)		(32,771)		(9,141)
Fund Balance at Beginning of Year		253,134	_	253,134	7 <u>-</u>	253,134		
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	229,504	\$	229,504	\$	220,363	\$	(9,141)

See the following notes to budgetary comparison schedule.

Ruston City Marshal's Office Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule For The Year Ended September 30, 2021

The Marshal's Office uses the following budget practices:

- 1. In August of each year, the Marshal prepares an operating budget for the succeeding year.
- 2. Final adoption of the budget by the Marshal is in September.
- 3. The Marshal may authorize budget revisions periodically throughout the year.
- 4. Operating appropriations and non-major capital appropriations, to the extent not expended, lapse at year end.
- 5. All legally adopted budgets of the Marshal's Office are adopted on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). A Budget is adopted for the General Fund.

Budget comparison statement included in the accompanying financial statements includes the original adopted budget and subsequent adopted amendment.

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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 AUDIT STANDARDS

Honorable Curtis Hawkins Ruston City Marshal's Office Ruston, 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 component unit financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Ruston City Marshal's Office, a component unit of the City of Ruston, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Ruston City Marshal's, component unit financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2022.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Ruston City Marshal's Office'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ruston City Marshal's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Ruston City Marshal's Office'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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Ruston City Marshal's Office's component unit financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Ruston City Marshal's Office Response to the Finding

The Marshal's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Marshal's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, the communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Cameron, Hines & Company (APAC)

West Monroe, Louisiana March 29, 2022

Ruston City Marshal's Office Schedule of Findings and Responses For The Year Ended September 30, 2021

Honorable Curtis Hawkins Ruston City Marshal's Office Ruston, Louisiana

We have audited the component unit financial statements of the Ruston City Marshal's Office as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 29, 2022. 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. Our audit of the component unit financial statements as of September 30, 2021, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I- Summary of Auditors' Reports

A. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Deficiencies in Internal Control Material Weakness Significant Deficiencies not considered to be Material Weaknesses	yes _Xno yes _Xno				
Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements	yes <u>X</u> no				
B. Federal Awards – N/A					
Material Weakness Identified	yesno				
Significant Deficiencies not considered to be Material Weaknesses	yesno				
Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Program Unmodified Modified Disclaimer Adverse	S				
Are their findings required to be repo	orted in accordance with the Uniform				
C. Identification of Major Programs: N/A					
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between	Type A and Type B Programs.				
Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by the Uniform Guidance?					

Ruston City Marshal's Office Schedule of Findings and Responses For The Year Ended September 30, 2021

Section II- Financial Statement Findings

There were no financial statement findings for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Section III-Federal Award Findings and Question Costs

This section is not applicable for this entity.

Ruston City Marshal's Office Management's Corrective Action Plan For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

There were no financial statement findings for the year ended September 30, 2021.

Ruston City Marshal's Office Schedule of Prior Year Findings For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

19-01 Lack of Separation of Incompatible Duties

Condition:

Too few personnel involved in the accounting system to have adequate separation of duties for internal control.

Status:

Cleared.

Management Letter

No management letter was issued.

Ruston City Marshal's Office Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head

For The Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2021

Agency Head:

	City	m Liner Marshal Dec 2020	Curtis Hawkins City Marshal Jan - Sept 21		
Paid by the City of Ruston, Louisiana					
Salary	\$	57,556	\$	25,657	
Benefits - Health Insurance		2,741		6,515	
Benefits - Retirement		3,024		7,569	
Benefits - Medicare		531		333	
Benefits - Life Insurance		34			
Paid by the Ruston Marshal's Office					
Service Fees & Commissions		34,999		57,560	
Benefits - Retirement		10,325		16,980	
Paid by the State of Louisiana					
State Supplemental Pay		1,500		4,500	
Total Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments	\$	110,710	\$	119,114	

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<u>Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity</u> <u>As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session</u> <u>For the Year Ended September 30, 2021</u>

Cash Basis Presentation	Mo	First Six onth Period Ended /31/2021	Mo	econd Six onth Period Ended /30/2021
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$	23,166	\$	139,722
Add: Collections				
Civil Fees		215,097		199,155
Bond Fees		1,000		-
Criminal Court Costs/Fees		454,727	95	370,346
Subtotal Collections		670,824		569,501
Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits				
City of Ruston - DWI - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		688		600
City of Ruston - Fines - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		102,315		119,559
City of Ruston - Probation Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		12,158		15,554
City of Ruston - Witness Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		5,509		6,357
Crime Stoppers Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		3,330		3,776
Disability Affairs Trust Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		1,755		2,917
DWI Equipment Testing Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		916		900
Judicial College Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		833		944
Law Enforcement Training Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		3,263		3,700
Law Enforcement Training Fund - Victim Reparation Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		814		1,090
Law Enforcement Training Fund - Drug Abuse Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		1,151		1,819
Lincoln Parish Coroner - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		814		1,090
North Louisiana Criminalistics Lab - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		49,926		59,694
Ruston City Court - Judge's Clerk Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		3,143		3,520
Ruston City Court - Judge's Court Cost Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		49,950		56,635
Ruston City Court - Judge's Crime Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		1,898		2,692
Sex Offender Registry Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		1,922		2,486
Third Judicial District Public Defender Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		74,925		84,953
Traumatic Injury Trust Fund - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		6,203		6,675
Trial Court Case Management - Criminal Court Costs/Fees		4,351		5,664
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency				
Collection Fee for Collecting/Disbursing to Others Based on a Percentage of Collection		50,338		42,221
Court Costs/Fees - Self Disbursed		50,749		57,303
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies				
Bond Fee Refunds		1,500		1,500
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)		125,817		207,081
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	_	554,268	=	688,730
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected				
but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	\$	139,722	\$	20,493

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Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session For the Year Ended September 30, 2021

Cash Basis Presentation	First Six Month Period Ended 3/31/2021	Second Six Month Period Ended 9/30/2021		
Receipts From:				
Ruston City Court - Criminal Court Costs/Fees	\$ 59,429	\$ 41,663		
Total Receipts	\$ 59,429	\$ 41,663		