

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF

FINANCIAL REPORT

JUNE 30, 2024

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Honorable Jeffrey M. Bergeron
West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff
Port Allen, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff (the Sheriff) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

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 West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff, as of June 30, 2024, 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.

Basis for Opinions

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 responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary comparison schedules, the schedule of changes in net OPEB liability and related ratios, the schedule of the Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) and the schedule of West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's contributions on pages 4 through 9, 39 through 43, respectively, 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements. The non-major governmental funds - combining financial statements, custodial funds - combining statement of fiduciary net position, custodial funds - combining statement of changes in fiduciary net position, sheriff's sworn statement, schedule of compensation, benefits and payments to agency head or chief executive officer, and the justice system funding schedule – collecting/disbursing entity presented on pages 44 through 51 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such 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. The 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 non-major governmental funds - combining financial statements, custodial funds - combining statement of fiduciary net position, custodial funds - combining statement of changes in fiduciary net position, sheriff's sworn statement, schedule of compensation, benefits and payments to agency head or chief executive officer, and the justice system funding schedule, are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Requirements by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated December 31, 2024 on our consideration of West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff'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 solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's 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 Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Gonzales, Louisiana
December 31, 2024

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024

This section of West Baton Rouge Sheriff's annual financial report presents our discussion and analysis of the Sheriff's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on June 30, 2024. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information (where available).

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The Sheriff's total net position (deficit) increased \$244,106 or 3.8 percent over the course of this year's operations.
- Expenses for the year were \$30,840,461, an increase of \$3,024,040 from prior year.
- During the year, the Sheriff's governmental funds expenditures were \$1,904,494 less than the \$29.8 million generated by ad valorem taxes, charges for services, operating grants for intergovernmental programs and other financing sources.
- The general fund reported an increase in fund balance this year of \$2,008,763.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

This annual report consists of four parts—management's discussion and analysis (this section), the basic financial statements, required supplementary information, and other supplementary information. The basic financial statements include two kinds of statements that present different views of the Sheriff:

- The first two statements are government-wide financial statements that provide both long-term and short-term information about the Sheriff's overall financial status.
- The remaining statements are fund financial statements that focus on individual parts of the Sheriff's government, reporting the Sheriff's operations in more detail than the government-wide statements.
 - The governmental funds statements tell how general government services like public safety were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.
 - Fiduciary fund statements provide information about the financial relationships in which the Sheriff acts solely as agent for the benefit of others, to whom the resources in question belong.

The financial statements also include notes that explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data. The statements are followed by a section of required supplementary information that further explains and supports the information in the financial statements. Figure A-1 shows how the required parts of this annual report are arranged and relate to one another.

Figure A-1 summarizes the major features of the Sheriff's financial statements, including the portion of the Sheriff's government they cover and the types of information they contain. The remainder of this overview section of management's discussion and analysis explains the structure of contents of each of the statements.

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Figure A-1			
	Government-wide Statements	Governmental Funds	Fiduciary Funds
Scope	Entire Sheriff government (except fiduciary funds)	The activities of the Sheriff that are not proprietary or fiduciary, such as public safety	Instances in which the Sheriff is the trustee or agent for someone else's resources
Required financial statements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of net position • Statement of activities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Balance sheet • Statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of fiduciary net position • Statement of changes in fiduciary net position
Accounting basis and measurements focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus	Modified accrual accounting and current financial resources focus	Accrual accounting and economic resources focus
Type of asset/liability information	All assets and liabilities, both financial and capital, and short-term and long-term	Only assets expected to be used up and liabilities that come due during the year or soon thereafter; no capital assets included	All assets and liabilities, both short-term and long-term; the Sheriff's funds do not currently contain capital assets, although they can
Type of Inflow/outflow information	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid	Revenues for which cash is received during or soon after the end of the year; expenditures when goods or services have been received and payments are due during the year or soon thereafter	All revenues and expenses during year, regardless of when cash is received or paid

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024

Government-wide Statements

The government-wide statements report information about the Sheriff as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector companies. The statement of net position includes all of the government's assets and liabilities. All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the statement of activities regardless of when cash is received or paid.

The two government-wide statements report the Sheriff's net position and how they have changed. Net position—the difference between the Sheriff's assets, deferred outflows of resources and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources—is one way to measure the Sheriff's financial health, or position.

- Over time, increases or decreases in the Sheriff's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating, respectively.
- To assess the overall health of the Sheriff you need to consider additional nonfinancial factors such as changes in the Sheriff's property tax base and growth of West Baton Rouge Parish.

The government-wide financial statements of the Sheriff include:

- Governmental activities—most of the Sheriff's basic services are included here, such as police. Ad valorem taxes, state and federal grants, and fees, charges, and commissions for services finance most of these activities.

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide more detailed information about the Sheriff's most significant funds, not the Sheriff as a whole. Funds are accounting devices that the Sheriff uses to keep track of specific sources of funding and spending for particular purposes.

The Sheriff has two kinds of funds:

- Governmental funds – The Sheriff's basic services are included in governmental funds, which focus on (1) how cash and other financial assets that can readily be converted to cash flow in and out and (2) the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. Consequently, the governmental funds statements provide a detailed short-term view that helps you determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the Sheriff's programs. Because this information does not encompass the additional long-term focus of the government-wide statements, we provide additional information at the bottom of the governmental funds statement, or on the subsequent page, that explains the relationship (or differences) between them.
- Fiduciary funds—These funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, et cetera. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. We exclude these activities from the Sheriff's government-wide financial statements because the Sheriff cannot use these assets to finance its operations. The fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position are included on pages 16-17.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2024

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SHERIFF AS A WHOLE

Net position. The Sheriff's net position (deficit) increased between fiscal years 2024 and 2023 to a deficit of approximately \$6.7 million. (See Table A-1.)

Table A-1
Sheriff's Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Current and other assets	\$ 14,406,372	\$ 12,490,844
Non-depreciable capital assets	446,331	446,331
Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation/amortization	7,244,145	7,574,669
Total assets	22,096,848	20,511,844
Deferred outflows of resources	14,053,549	16,279,860
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	36,150,397	36,791,704
Current liabilities	838,385	519,826
Noncurrent liabilities	28,602,824	34,481,732
Total liabilities	29,441,209	35,001,558
Deferred inflows of resources	13,391,620	8,228,472
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	42,832,829	43,230,030
Net position		
Net investment in capital assets	5,980,613	6,256,389
Restricted for grants	12,298	11,602
Unrestricted deficit	(12,675,343)	(12,706,317)
Total net position (deficit)	\$ (6,682,432)	\$ (6,438,326)

Net position (deficit) of the Sheriff's governmental activities increased 3.8 percent to a deficit of approximately \$6.7 million.

Changes in net position. The Sheriff's total revenues increased by 12.5 percent. (See Table A-2.) Approximately 39 percent of the Sheriff's revenue comes from ad valorem tax collections from West Baton Rouge Parish. Charges for services represent 27 percent, operating and capital grants represent 26 and the remaining 8 percent is comprised of other intergovernmental revenue and commission, miscellaneous revenues and interest.

The total cost of all programs and services increased \$3,024,040. The Sheriff's expenses cover all services performed by its office.

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Governmental Activities

Revenues for the Sheriff's governmental activities increased 12.5 percent to \$30.6 million while total expenses increased \$3,024,040 or 10.9 percent.

Table A-2
Changes in Sheriff's Net Position

	Governmental Activities	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Revenues		
Program revenues		
Charges for services	\$ 8,210,039	\$ 7,450,925
Operating grants and contributions	7,604,732	6,863,530
Capital grants and contributions	208,575	544,123
General revenues		
Taxes	11,935,073	10,093,209
State revenue sharing	73,022	71,384
State supplemental pay	675,940	644,289
Interest	597,555	460,831
Non-employer contributions to pension plan	759,805	708,910
Miscellaneous	531,614	357,897
Total revenues	30,596,355	27,195,098
Expenses		
Public Safety	30,789,029	27,765,266
Interest	51,432	51,155
Total expenses	30,840,461	27,816,421
(Decrease) increase in net position	\$ (244,106)	\$ (621,323)

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE SHERIFF'S FUNDS

As the Sheriff completed the year, its governmental funds reported a fund balance of \$12,976,285, an increase from last year of \$1,904,494. The General Fund reported a surplus of \$2,008,763 and fund balance of \$5,277,869. The Work Release Center fund reported a deficit of \$322,506 and fund balance of \$6,961,035.

Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Sheriff did amend the General Fund and Work Release Center budgets. The General Fund budget amendments reflect an increase in revenues and other financing sources of \$1,397,148 and a decrease in expenditures from the original budget of \$ 439,066, respectively. The Work Release Center budget amendment reflects an increase in revenues and expenditures from the original budget of \$529,529 and \$43,224, respectively.

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MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS
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LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff had the following long-term liabilities outstanding as follows:

	Long-Term Liabilities at Year End	
	2024	2023
Lease liabilities	\$ 1,660,235	\$ 1,713,531
Other post-employment benefit liability	12,051,459	19,022,170
Net pension liability	13,870,366	12,461,639
Compensated absences	1,209,867	1,337,688
Total	<u>\$ 28,791,927</u>	<u>\$ 34,535,028</u>

CAPITAL ASSETS

At the end of 2024, the Sheriff had \$7,690,476 invested in capital assets, net, including law enforcement vehicles and equipment, buildings, land and right-to-use assets. (See Table A-3.)

Table A-3
Sheriff's Capital Assets
(net of depreciation/amortization)

	Governmental Activities	
	June 30, 2024	June 30, 2023
Land	\$ 446,331	\$ 446,331
Buildings	3,256,618	3,295,152
Equipment and Vehicles	2,536,826	2,644,561
Intangible assets – RTU, leases	1,450,701	1,634,956
Total	<u>\$ 7,690,476</u>	<u>\$ 8,021,000</u>

This year's major capital assets additions include vehicles and equipment totaling \$766,961 and building totaling \$76,282. The major capital asset deletions include vehicles and equipment totaling \$102,297.

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGETS AND RATES

The Sheriff is dependent on ad valorem taxes for approximately 39 percent of its total revenues. The economy is not expected to generate any significant growth. The 2025 budget includes amounts available for appropriations of approximately \$44 million. Property taxes are expected to increase compared to the current fiscal year. Budgeted expenditures for 2025 are expected to increase compared to the current fiscal year.

CONTACTING THE SHERIFF'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers, and investors and creditors with a general overview of the Sheriff's finances and to demonstrate the Sheriff's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office, PO Box 129, Port Allen, LA 70346.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,227,110
Receivables	1,272,344
Lease receivables	878,162
Due from others	28,756
Capital assets:	
Non-depreciable	446,331
Depreciable, net of accumulated depreciation and amortization	7,244,145
Total assets	<u>22,096,848</u>

DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows, pension related	8,352,054
Deferred outflows, other post-employment benefit related	5,701,495
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>14,053,549</u>
 Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	 <u>\$ 36,150,397</u>

LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, AND NET POSITION

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$ 196,744
Accrued liabilities	66,114
Due to others	136,405
Unearned grant proceeds	130,572
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	308,550
Due in more than one year	2,680,999
Net pension liability	13,870,366
Other post-employment benefit liability	12,051,459
Total liabilities	<u>29,441,209</u>

DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows, pension related	335,842
Deferred inflows, other post-employment benefit related	12,225,345
Unavailable revenue - leases	830,433
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>13,391,620</u>

NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	5,980,613
Restricted for grants	12,298
Unrestricted deficit	(12,675,343)
Total net position (deficit)	<u>(6,682,432)</u>
 Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and net position	 <u>\$ 36,150,397</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
JUNE 30, 2024

		Program Revenues			Net (Expense)
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Revenue and Changes in Net Position
Governmental activities:					
Public Safety	\$ 30,789,029	\$ 8,210,039	\$ 7,604,732	\$ 208,575	\$ (14,765,683)
Interest	51,432	-	-	-	(51,432)
Total governmental activities	<u>\$ 30,840,461</u>	<u>\$ 8,210,039</u>	<u>\$ 7,604,732</u>	<u>\$ 208,575</u>	<u>\$ (14,817,115)</u>
General Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes					11,935,073
State revenue sharing					73,022
State supplemental pay					675,940
Interest					597,555
Non-employer contributions to pension plan					759,805
Miscellaneous					531,614
Total general revenues					<u>14,573,009</u>
Change in net position					(244,106)
Net position (deficit) - July 1, 2023					(6,438,326)
Net position (deficit) - June 30, 2024					<u>\$ (6,682,432)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Work Release Center Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 4,926,101	\$ 6,629,789	\$ 671,220	\$ 12,227,110
Receivables	806,485	399,716	66,143	1,272,344
Lease Receivables	878,162	-	-	878,162
Due from other funds	-	-	4,645	4,645
Due from others	200	28,556	-	28,756
Total assets	<u>\$ 6,610,948</u>	<u>\$ 7,058,061</u>	<u>\$ 742,008</u>	<u>\$ 14,411,017</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>				
Accounts payable	\$ 112,576	\$ 82,083	\$ 2,085	\$ 196,744
Accrued liabilities	16,486	-	-	16,486
Compensated absences payable	119,447	-	-	119,447
Due to other funds	-	4,645	-	4,645
Due to others	123,565	10,298	2,542	136,405
Unearned grant proceeds	130,572	-	-	130,572
Total liabilities	<u>502,646</u>	<u>97,026</u>	<u>4,627</u>	<u>604,299</u>
<u>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</u>				
Unavailable revenue - leases	830,433	-	-	830,433
Total liabilities	<u>830,433</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>830,433</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>				
Restricted for grants	-	-	12,298	12,298
Assigned	-	6,961,035	725,083	7,686,118
Unassigned	5,277,869	-	-	5,277,869
Total fund balances	<u>5,277,869</u>	<u>6,961,035</u>	<u>737,381</u>	<u>12,976,285</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and fund balances	<u>\$ 6,610,948</u>	<u>\$ 7,058,061</u>	<u>\$ 742,008</u>	<u>\$ 14,411,017</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCE SHEET
TO THE STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

Total fund balances at June 30, 2024 - Governmental Funds	\$ 12,976,285
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position
are different because:

Deferred outflow - pension related	8,352,054
Deferred outflows, other post-employment benefit related	5,701,495

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not current financial
resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds:

Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2024	\$ 16,392,789	
Less: accumulated depreciation/amortization as of June 30, 2024	<u>(8,702,313)</u>	7,690,476

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period,
and therefore, are not reported in governmental funds:

Interest Payable	(49,628)
Lease liabilities	(1,660,235)
Compensated absences payable	(1,209,867)
Net pension liability	(13,870,366)
Other post-employment benefit liability	(12,051,459)
Deferred inflows, pension related	(335,842)
Deferred inflows, other post-employment benefit related	<u>(12,225,345)</u>

Total net position (deficit) at June 30, 2024 - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (6,682,432)</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	General Fund	Work Release Center Fund	Other Governmental Funds	Total
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 11,935,073	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,935,073
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Federal grants	149,556	-	11,288	160,844
State and local grants and contributions	7,652,463			7,652,463
State revenue sharing	73,022	-	-	73,022
State supplemental pay	675,940	-	-	675,940
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Commissions on state revenue sharing	72,842	-	-	72,842
Civil and criminal fees	2,679,827	3,036,244	-	5,716,071
Court attendance	6,868	-	-	6,868
Court costs	18,299	-	-	18,299
Contract reimbursements	68,097	-	-	68,097
Feeding and keeping prisoners	-	1,822,370	-	1,822,370
Commissions on commissary	-	149,832	241,335	391,167
Use of money and property:				
Interest	249,530	319,465	28,560	597,555
Sale of merchandise	-	114,325	-	114,325
Miscellaneous	149,607	265	-	149,872
Total Revenues	<u>23,731,124</u>	<u>5,442,501</u>	<u>281,183</u>	<u>29,454,808</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Public safety:				
Personal services and related benefits	18,307,012	4,140,624	-	22,447,636
Operating services	2,462,958	1,183,183	37,780	3,683,921
Material and supplies	503,589	152,868	25,166	681,623
Travel and training	82,672	5,409	-	88,081
Capital outlay	641,692	201,551	-	843,243
Purchase of merchandise for resale	-	81,372	-	81,372
Debt Service				
Principal	53,296	-	-	53,296
Interest	52,884	-	-	52,884
Total Expenditures	<u>22,104,103</u>	<u>5,765,007</u>	<u>62,946</u>	<u>27,932,056</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	<u>1,627,021</u>	<u>(322,506)</u>	<u>218,237</u>	<u>1,522,752</u>
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
Proceeds from sale of assets	208,573	-	-	208,573
Finance leases	173,169	-	-	173,169
Total other financing sources	<u>381,742</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>381,742</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>2,008,763</u>	<u>(322,506)</u>	<u>218,237</u>	<u>1,904,494</u>
Fund Balances at beginning of year	<u>3,269,106</u>	<u>7,283,541</u>	<u>519,144</u>	<u>11,071,791</u>
Fund Balances at end of year	<u>\$ 5,277,869</u>	<u>\$ 6,961,035</u>	<u>\$ 737,381</u>	<u>\$ 12,976,285</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

RECONCILIATION OF THE GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES
IN FUND BALANCES TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Total Net Changes in Fund Balances for the year ended June 30, 2024	\$ 1,904,494
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Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation and amortization expense. This is the amount by which depreciation and amortization expense exceeded capital outlay in the current period.

Capital outlay included in expenditures	843,243	
Depreciation and amortization expense for year ended June 30, 2024	<u>(1,155,650)</u>	(312,407)

In the statement of activities, only the gain or loss on the sale of assets is reported, whereas in the governmental funds, the proceeds from the sale increase financial resources. Thus, the change in net position differs from the change in fund balance by the difference in cost, including salvage value, and accumulated depreciation of disposed assets.

(18,117)

The issuance of long-term debt (e.g. leases) provides current financial resources to governmental funds. In the statement of net position, however, issuing debt increases long-term liabilities and does not affect the statement of activities. Similarly, repayment of principal and the effect of issuance costs and discounts when debt is first issued are expenditures in the governmental funds but reduces the liability in the statement of activities.

Principal payments on leases	53,296
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Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

Change in accrued interest	1,452
Changes in compensated absences payable	127,821
Changes in other post-employment benefit liability	378,113
Non-employer contributions to pension plan	759,805
Pension benefit	<u>(3,138,563)</u>

Change in Net Position (Deficit) - Governmental Activities	<u><u>\$ (244,106)</u></u>
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STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
<u>ASSETS</u>	
Cash	\$ 1,027,977
Total assets	<u>\$ 1,027,977</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>	
Accounts payable	\$ -
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>	
Restricted for:	
Unsettled balances due to others	248,577
Inmate personal funds	779,400
Total fiduciary net position	<u>\$ 1,027,977</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Custodial Funds
<u>Additions</u>	
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 79,246,417
State revenue sharing	547,758
Interest on:	
Checking accounts	356,611
Delinquent taxes	39,138
Sheriff's sales	1,280,691
Bonds, fines and costs	443,142
Inmate deposits	9,551,186
Redemptions	220,985
Other additions	1,609,330
Total additions	<u>93,295,258</u>
<u>Deductions</u>	
Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry	3,966
Louisiana Tax Commission	19,556
West Baton Rouge Parish:	
Assessor	933,256
Sheriff's General Fund	12,878,334
Parish Council	15,596,192
School Board	39,921,105
Clerk of Court	92,179
Council on Aging	1,862,347
Atchafalaya Levee District	3,057,046
Library	3,112,271
Museum	1,496,105
Eighteenth Judicial District:	
District Attorney	139,810
District Expense Fund	64,821
Expense	119,656
Indigent defender board	218,411
Pension funds	2,156,819
Refunds and redemptions	282,776
Attorneys and litigants	1,280,691
Louisiana State Police Crime Lab	1,201
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	16,663
Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury	7,393
Louisiana Department of Public Safety State Police	3,989
Treasurer, State of LA CMIS	6,178
Garnishments	201,757
Other reductions	9,810,691
Total deductions	<u>93,283,213</u>
Changes in fiduciary net position	12,045
Net position - beginning	<u>1,015,932</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 1,027,977</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Sheriff serves a four-year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The sheriff administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, and serving subpoenas.

As the chief law enforcement officer of the parish, the sheriff has the responsibility for enforcing state and local laws and ordinances within the territorial boundaries of the parish. The sheriff provides protection to the residents of the parish through on-site patrols and investigations and serves the residents of the parish through the establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, et cetera. In addition, when requested, the sheriff provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within the parish.

As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the sheriff is responsible for collecting and distributing ad valorem property taxes, state revenue sharing funds, and fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS):

The statement of net position and the statement of activities display information about the primary government (the Sheriff). These statements include the financial activities of the overall government, except for fiduciary activities. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions should be recognized when the exchange takes place. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources resulting from nonexchange transactions should be recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Codification Section N50.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for each function of the Sheriff'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) fees, fines, and charges paid by the recipients of goods or services offered by the programs and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues, including all taxes, are presented as general revenues.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS):

The fund financial statements provide information about the Sheriff's funds, including its fiduciary funds. Separate statements for each fund category- governmental and fiduciary- are presented. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental funds.

The Sheriff reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund

The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1422, is the principal fund of the Sheriff's office and accounts for the operations of the Sheriff's office. The Sheriff's primary sources of revenue is an ad valorem tax levied by the law enforcement district and reimbursements from the parish council. Other sources of revenue include commissions on state revenue sharing, state supplemental pay for deputies, civil and criminal fees, fees for court attendance, and maintenance of prisoners, et cetera. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Special Revenue

The Work Release Center fund is used to account for the work done by prisoners in private businesses.

Additionally, the Sheriff reports the following fund types:

Fiduciary Funds

These funds are used to report assets held in a custodial capacity for others and therefore not available to support the Sheriff's programs. The Sheriff has adopted GASBS No. 84 for the reporting and classification of its fiduciary activities. Fiduciary reporting focus is on net position and changes in net position and re reported using the accrual basis of accounting. The Sheriff's fiduciary funds are presented in the fiduciary fund financial statements by type, custodial. Because by definition these assets are being held for the benefit of a third party (other local governments, private parties, pension participants, etc.) and cannot be used to address activities or obligations of the government, these funds are not incorporated into the government-wide statements.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

For financial reporting purposes, the Sheriff's basic financial statements include all funds that are controlled by the Sheriff as an independently elected Parish official. As an independently elected official, the Sheriff is solely responsible for the operations of his office. Other than certain operating expenditures of the Sheriff that are paid or provided by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council (the Parish Council) as required by Louisiana Law, the Sheriff is financially independent. Accordingly, the Sheriff is a primary government for reporting purposes.

The criteria for including organizations as component units within the Sheriff's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards, include items such as whether the organization is legally separate, whether the Sheriff appoints a voting majority of the organization's board, whether the Sheriff is able to impose his will on the organization, etcetera. The Sheriff does not have any component units.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING/MEASUREMENT FOCUS

The Governmental Wide Financial Statements (GWFS) and fiduciary fund statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus. The government wide financial statements are reported using the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place. Non-exchange transactions, in which the Sheriff gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include property taxes, grants, and donations. On an accrual basis, revenue from property taxes is recognized in the fiscal year for which the taxes are levied. Revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

Governmental funds are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under this method, revenues are recognized when measurable and available. The Sheriff considers all revenues reported in the governmental funds to be available if the revenues are collected within sixty days after year-end. Property taxes, intergovernmental revenues, and interest are considered to be susceptible to accrual. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for claims and judgments and compensated absences, which are recognized as expenditures to the extent they have matured. General capital asset acquisitions are reported as expenditures in governmental funds.

D. INTERFUND ACTIVITY

Interfund activities between governmental funds are eliminated in the Statement of Net Position.

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budget for the year ended June 30, 2024, was made available for public inspection and comments from taxpayers at the Sheriff's office during June 2023. The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published in the official journal 10 days prior to the public hearing, which was held at the Sheriff's office, for comments from taxpayers. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the Sheriff.

All expenditure appropriations lapse at year end. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balance. Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposit accounts, interest-bearing demand deposits, and money market accounts. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the Sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposit accounts, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Tax collections must be deposited in a bank domiciled in the parish where the funds are collected.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Effective July 1, 2021, the Sheriff has the following policy relating to paid time off (PTO):

- PTO is given to all full-time employees annually in a lump sum on their hire/anniversary date. The PTO given to employees at hire/anniversary date is determined on a graduated scale based on employee's years of service and ranges from one week to eight weeks.
- PTO leave can be accumulated and allowed to carry over year to year up to a maximum of 500 hours.
- PTO hours in excess of 500 hours at the end of the year will be forfeited. Employees have the option to sell back any balance exceeding 500 hours on their anniversary date.
 - There is a one-time exception. Accumulated leave in excess of the 400 hours prior to the effective date of the new policy will be grandfathered in and locked as of December 31, 2017. The balance grandfathered in and locked as of December 31, 2017 will be available to employees at any time during their employment.
- A maximum of 500 hours of accumulated PTO will only be paid at the time of an employee's retirement or death.

H. CAPITAL ASSETS

All capital assets are capitalized at historical cost, or estimated historical costs for assets where actual cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are recorded at their fair value at the date of donation. The Sheriff maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing assets. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend the assets' lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes.

Equipment acquired on capital leases are treated as capital assets, indicating a constructive or actual transfer of the benefits and risks of ownership to the Sheriff, and are valued at the lesser of the fair value of the leased property or the net present value of the minimum lease payments required by the contract.

Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives</u>
Buildings	39
Vehicles	4-5
Equipment	7-10
Software	3

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

I. NET POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the government-wide statement of net position, net position is reported as restricted when constraints placed on net position use either:

Net investment in capital assets - This component consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those capital assets.

Restricted net position - This component consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws, or regulation of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted net position - This component consists of all other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "net investment in capital assets".

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the government's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

J. FUND EQUITY OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting standards require governmental fund balances to be reported in as many as five classifications as listed below:

Nonspendable - represents amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted - represents balances where constraints have been established by parties outside the Sheriff's office or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed - represents balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Sheriff's highest level of decision-making authority.

Assigned - represents balances that are constrained by the government's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are not restricted nor committed.

Unassigned - represents balances that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, the Sheriff's office reduces restricted amounts first, followed by unrestricted amounts. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned amounts are available, the Sheriff's office reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

K. DEFERRED OUTFLOWS AND INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets, the Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expenditure) until then. The Sheriff has two items that qualify for this category; pension and other post-employment benefits related deferrals, which are reported in the government-wide statement.

In addition to liabilities, the Statement of Net Position or Balance Sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) at that time. The Sheriff has three items that qualify for this category; pension, other post-employment benefits related deferrals and leases. These amounts are recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

L. PENSION PLANS

The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 10. For purposes of measuring the net pension asset, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to/deductions for the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

M. 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, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

N. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The Sheriff provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Sheriff recognized the cost of providing these retiree benefits as expenditures in the fund financial statements when paid during the year.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

O. LEASES

Sheriff as lessee

The Sheriff leases equipment and determines if an arrangement is a lease at inception. The leases are recorded as right-to-use assets and leases payable in the statement of net position. Right-to-use assets represent the Sheriff's right to use the underlying asset for the lease term. Right-to-use assets and leases payable are recognized at commencement date based on the net present value of lease payments over the lease term discounted using an appropriate incremental borrowing rate. The Sheriff's incremental borrowing rate is based on the information available at the commencement date in determining the present value of the lease payments. The value of an option to extend or terminate a lease is reflected to the extent it is reasonably certain management will exercise the option. Right-to-use assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term. Interest expense is recognized as a component of the lease payment.

Sheriff as lessor

The Sheriff has two lease receivables in which it is acting as Lessor. Under GASB 87, an implicit interest rate is calculated for each individual lease using the internal rate of return method. The present value of the leases are aggregated on a fund basis. All funds record lessee receivables on the fund level Statement of Net Position (Balance Sheet or the governmental funds), and are rolled into the government-wide Statement of Net Position. The lease must be longer than one year including possible extension(s). The lease is measured as the present value (PV) of the lease payments using the individual implicit interest rate applicable.

P. GASB No.96 Subscription Based IT Arrangements

The Sheriff implemented GASB No. 96 Subscription Based IT Arrangements (SBITAs) on January 1, 2022. This statement requires recognition of certain cloud-based right-to-use (RTU) software implementation and subscription assets and associated lessee liabilities that previously were classified, respectively, as intangible assets-software and operating subscriptions and recognized as outflows of resources based upon the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for IT subscription accounting based upon the foundational principle that software subscriptions are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. SBITAs where the maximum possible lease term is one year or less continue to be reported as operating subscriptions. Perpetual software licenses and SBITAs that transfer ownership and contain no cancellation provisions are reported as debt by the lessee and sale of an asset by the lessor.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff has unrestricted cash and cash equivalents (book balances) as follows:

Governmental Funds:	
Petty Cash	\$ 4,795
Interest bearing and non-interest-bearing demand deposits	<u>12,222,315</u>
Total governmental funds	<u>12,227,110</u>
Fiduciary Funds:	
Interest bearing demand deposits	<u>1,027,977</u>
Total fiduciary funds	<u>1,027,977</u>
Total	<u>\$ 13,255,087</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank.

Custodial credit risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. The government does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2024, the government's bank balance of \$13,840,873 was not exposed to custodial credit.

3. RECEIVABLES

The accounts receivables at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	
Local	\$ 584,338
State	680,977
Federal	<u>7,029</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,272,344</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

4. AD VALOREM TAXES

The Sheriff is the ex-officio tax collector of the Parish and is responsible for the collection and distribution of ad valorem property taxes. Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1, of each year. Taxes are levied in October and billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes are due by December 31, becoming delinquent on January 1 of the following year. The taxes are based on assessed values determined by the Tax Assessor of West Baton Rouge Parish and are collected by the Sheriff. The taxes are remitted to the appropriate taxing bodies net of deductions for assessor's and legislative pension fund contributions.

Ad valorem taxes are budgeted and recorded in the year levied and billed. For the year ended June 30, 2024, law enforcement taxes applicable to the Sheriff's General Fund, were levied at the rate of 16.10 mills on property with assessed valuations totaling \$743,426,081.

The Sheriff has authorized and levied an ad valorem tax of 16.10 mills.

5. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, is as follows:

Governmental Activities:

	<u>Land</u>	<u>Building</u>	<u>Vehicles and Equipment</u>	<u>Intangible Assets – RTU, Leases</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cost of Capital					
Assets June 30, 2023	\$ 446,331	\$ 5,251,566	\$ 8,139,975	\$1,813,971	\$15,651,843
Additions	-	76,282	766,961	-	843,243
Deletions	-	-	(102,297)	-	(102,297)
Cost of Capital					
Assets June 30, 2024	446,331	5,327,848	8,804,639	1,813,971	16,392,789
Accumulated					
Depreciation/Amortization					
June 30, 2023	-	1,956,414	5,495,414	179,015	7,630,843
Additions	-	114,816	856,579	184,255	1,155,650
Deletions	-	-	(84,180)	-	(84,180)
Accumulated					
Depreciation/Amortization					
June 30, 2024	-	2,071,230	6,267,813	363,270	8,702,313
Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation/Amortization					
June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 446,331</u>	<u>\$ 3,256,618</u>	<u>\$2,536,826</u>	<u>\$ 1,450,701</u>	<u>\$7,690,476</u>

For the year ended June 30, 2024, depreciation/amortization expense was \$1,155,650.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

6. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

The following is a summary of long-term liabilities transactions of the West Baton Rouge Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2024:

<i>Governmental Activities:</i>	Balance 7/1/2023	Additions	Reductions	Balance 6/30/2024	Due within One Year
Lease liabilities	\$ 1,713,531	\$ -	\$ 53,296	\$ 1,660,235	\$ 189,103
Compensated absences	1,337,688	69,475	77,849	1,329,314	119,447
Total	<u>\$ 3,051,219</u>	<u>\$ 69,475</u>	<u>\$ 131,145</u>	<u>\$ 2,989,549</u>	<u>\$ 308,550</u>

7. LEASES

Sheriff as Lessee

The Sheriff has entered into agreements to lease equipment. The lease agreements qualify as other than short-term leases under GASB 87 and; therefore, have been recorded at the present value of the future minimum lease payments as of the date of their inception.

The Sheriff leases public safety equipment under a non-cancelable lease expiring in ten years. The agreement was executed on July 7, 2022 and requires 10 annual payments as follows:

Term	Annual Payments
Years 1-2	\$100,000
Years 3-10	\$234,154

There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liability is measured at an incremental borrowing rate of 3.09%.

The Sheriff leases two copy machines under a lease expiring in 5 years. The agreement was executed on May 15, 2023 and requires 60 monthly payments of \$515. There are no variable payment components of the lease. The lease liability is measured at an incremental borrowing rate of 3.13%.

The future minimum lease obligation and net present value of these minimum lease payments as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Principal Payments	Interest Payments
2025	189,103	51,231
2026	194,950	45,384
2027	200,980	39,354
2028	206,697	33,122
2029	207,318	26,837
Thereafter	661,187	41,277
	<u>\$ 1,660,235</u>	<u>\$ 237,205</u>

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7. LEASES (continued)

Sheriff as Lessor

As of June 30, 2024, the Sheriff has two lease receivables in which it is acting as Lessor. Under GASB 87, an implicit interest rate is calculated for each individual lease using the internal rate of return method.

Commercial and Industrial Park: Buildings and grounds are leased to Bridgeview Gun Club to operate an outdoor shooting range facility. The lease is a 5-year lease inclusive of extensions. The financing lease receivable present value balance is \$164,658 as of year-end.

Parole & Probate Building: office space and parking spaces is leased to the Department of Public Safety and Corrections for use by the Office of Probation and Parole. The lease is for 10 years. The financing lease receivable present value balance is \$713,504 as of year-end.

The Sheriff's schedule of future receipts included in the measurement of the lease receivables is as follows:

Lease Receivables

Governmental Activities

June 30:	Principal	Interest	Total Requirements
2025	\$ 171,662	\$ 25,038	\$ 196,700
2026	177,113	19,587	196,700
2027	161,172	14,047	175,219
2028	122,482	9,778	132,260
2029	126,371	5,889	132,260
2030-2034	119,362	1,876	121,238
	<u>\$ 878,162</u>	<u>\$ 76,215</u>	<u>\$ 954,377</u>

8. EXPENDITURES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PAID BY THE PARISH COUNCIL

The Sheriff's office is located in the parish courthouse. Expenditures for maintenance and operation of the parish courthouse, as required by state statute, are paid by the West Baton Rouge Parish Council and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

9. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Sheriff participates in the State of Louisiana Deferred Compensation Plan, (an IRC 457 deferred compensation plan). The plan covers all full-time employees. The Sheriff matches 25% to 100% of employee contributions based on years of service. The Sheriff's contributions for the years ending June 30, 2024 and 2023 were \$548,380 and \$449,185, respectively.

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10. PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's office are members of the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. The report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund, 1225 Nicholson Drive, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70802, or by calling (225)219-0500.

Plan Description:

The Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund is the administrator of a cost-sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plan. The plan provides retirement, disability and survivor benefits to employees of Sheriff's offices throughout the state of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriff's Association and the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund's office as provided for in LRS 11:2171.

Members who joined the system on or before December 31, 2011, are eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining 30 years of creditable service at any age, or 12 years of creditable service and aged 55 years is entitled to retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3.33 percent of his final average compensation for each year of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Active, contributing members with at least 10 years of creditable service may retire at age 60. The accrued normal retirement benefit is reduced actuarially for each month or fraction thereof that retirement begins prior to the member's earliest normal retirement date assuming continuous service. Members who joined the system on or after January 1, 2012, who retires at or after age 62 with at least 12 years of creditable service, at or after age 60 with at least 20 years of creditable service, or at 55 with 30 years of creditable service is entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3.00 percent. For members with 30 or more years of service; the accrual rate is 3.33 percent. The retirement allowance is equal to the benefit accrual times the member's final average compensation each year of creditable service. In any case, the retirement benefit cannot exceed 100 percent of their final average salary.

Members with 20 or more years of service may retire with a reduced retirement at age 55. For members eligible on or before June 30, 2006, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest 36 consecutive months (60 highest consecutive months for member employed between July 1, 2006 and July 1, 2013) or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each 12-month period within the 36-month (or 60 month) period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding 12 months. For members joining after July 1, 2013, final compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest 60 consecutive months and the earnings to be considered for each 12-month period within the 60 months shall not exceed 115% of the preceding 12-month period.

A member is eligible to receive disability benefits if the member has at least 10 years of creditable service when a non-service related disability is incurred; there are no service requirements for a service related disability. Disability benefits shall be the lesser of a sum equal to the greatest of 45% of final average compensation or the members' accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability, or the retirement benefit which would be payable assuming continued service to the earliest normal retirement age. Members who become partially disabled receive 75% of the amount payable for total disability.

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10. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Plan Description (continued):

Survivor benefits for death solely as a result of injuries received in the line of duty are based on the following. For a spouse alone, a sum equal to 50% of the member's final average compensation with a minimum of \$150 per month. If a spouse is entitled to benefits and has a child or children under 18 years of age (or over said age if physically or mentally incapacitated and dependent upon the member at the time of his death), an additional sum of 15% of the member's final average compensation is paid to each child with total benefits paid to spouse and children not to exceed 100%. If a member dies with no surviving spouse, surviving children under age eighteen will receive monthly benefits of 15% of the member's final average compensation up to a maximum of 60% of final average compensation if there are more than 4 children. If a member is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death, the surviving spouse receives an automatic option 2 benefit.

The additional benefit payable to children shall be the same as those available for members who die in the line of duty. In lieu of receiving option 2 benefit, the surviving spouse may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions. All benefits payable to surviving children shall be extended through age twenty-two, if the child is a full-time student in good standing enrolled at a board approved or accredited school, college, or university.

The fund does provide for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Benefits become payable once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement.

In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who has more than sufficient service for a regular service retirement may elect to receive a "Back-DROP" benefit. The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of three years or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. For those individuals with thirty or more years, the Back-DROP period is the lesser of four years or service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. At retirement, the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to the monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back- DROP period.

In addition, the member's Back-DROP account will be credited with employee contributions received by the retirement fund during the Back-DROP period. Participants have the option to opt out of this program and take a distribution, if eligible, or to rollover the assets to another qualified plan.

Cost of living provisions for the Fund allows the board of trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.5% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met. Members are eligible to receive a cost-of-living adjustment once they have attained the age of sixty and have been retired at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each fiscal year. For the year ending June 30, 2024, the actual employer contribution rate was 11.50 percent.

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10. PENSION PLAN (continued)

In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes, insurance premium taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense. For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Sheriff recognized \$759,805 of non-employer contributions as revenue.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 10.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.50 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-half of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish and funds as required and available from insurance premium taxes. The contribution requirements of plan members and the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff 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 West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's contributions to the System, for the years ending June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$1,544,837, \$1,455,043, and \$1,392,259, respectively.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff reported a liability of \$13,870,366 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Sheriff's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Sheriff's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff's proportion was 1.5784 percent, which was an increase of 0.0452 percent from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff 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	\$ 2,574,007	\$ 253,857
Changes of assumptions	1,066,121	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2,770,785	-
Changes in proportion and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	396,304	81,985
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	1,544,837	-
Total	<u>\$ 8,352,054</u>	<u>\$ 335,842</u>

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10. PENSION PLAN (continued)

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

The Sheriff reported a total of \$1,544,837 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2023 which will be recognized as an increase in the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2024.

Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>LSRPF</u>
2024	\$ 1,935,871
2024	1,131,686
2025	3,205,448
2026	<u>198,370</u>
	<u>\$ 6,471,375</u>

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024 is as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Expected Remaining Service Lives	5 years
Investment Rate of Return (Discount Rate)	6.85%, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	5.0% (2.50% inflation, 2.5% merit)
Mortality Rates	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for active members, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.
	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.
	Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for disabled annuitants, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.

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10. PENSION PLAN (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions (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 and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. 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, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Real Return Arithmetic Basis	Long-Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Equity Securities	62%	6.6%	4.10%
Fixed Income	25%	4.9%	1.23%
Alternative investments	13%	6.5%	0.85%
Total	100%		6.18%
Inflation			2.25%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return			8.43%

Mortality Rate

The mortality rate assumptions were set after reviewing an experience study performed over the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the Fund's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that these tables would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables used.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates, 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 (asset).

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10. PENSION PLAN (continued)

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

The following table presents the Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each Retirement System as well as what the Sheriff's proportionate share of the NPL would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage-point lower or one percentage-point higher than the current rate used by each of the Retirement Systems:

	<u>1.0% Decrease</u>	<u>Current Discount Rate</u>	<u>1.0% Increase</u>
LSPRF			
Rates	5.85%	6.85%	7.85%
WBRSO Share of NPL	\$ 24,578,519	\$ 13,870,366	\$ 4,939,950

11. POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS (OPEB)

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office (the Sheriff) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Sheriff. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Sheriff. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Benefits Provided – Benefits are provided through comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: attainment of 30 years of service at any age, or age 55 and 12 years of service if earlier; or, for employees hired after January 1st, 2012, the earliest of age 55 and 30 years of service, age 60 and 20 years of service, and age 62 with 12 years of service. Notwithstanding this there is a minimum service requirement of 15 years for benefits.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 100% of the blended rate (active and retired) is paid by the employer for the amount \$20,000, but insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 65% of the original amount at age 65, then to 50% at age 70, though not below amount \$10,000.

Employees covered by benefit terms – At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	51
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	204
	<u>255</u>

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11. POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS (OPEB) (continued)

Total OPEB Liability

The Sheriff's total OPEB liability of \$12,051,459 was measured as of June 30, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.0%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Prior discount rate	3.65%
Discount rate	3.93%
Healthcare cost trend rates	5.5% annually until 2032, then 4.5%
Mortality	SOA RP-2014 Table

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of June 30, 2019, the end of the applicable measurement period.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2024.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2023	<u>\$ 19,022,170</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	392,838
Interest	701,478
Differences between expected and actual experience	(5,619,338)
Change in assumptions	(1,985,648)
Benefit payments and net transfers	<u>(460,041)</u>
Net changes	<u>(6,970,711)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 12,051,459</u></u>

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.65%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.65%) than the current discount rate:

	<u>1.0% Decrease</u> <u>(2.93%)</u>	<u>Current Discount</u> <u>Rate (3.93%)</u>	<u>1.0% Increase</u> <u>(4.93%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 14,050,954</u>	<u>\$ 12,051,459</u>	<u>\$ 10,454,732</u>

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11. POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS (OPEB) (continued)

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability (continued)

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	<u>1.0% Decrease</u> <u>(4.5%)</u>	<u>Current Trend</u> <u>(5.5%)</u>	<u>1.0% Increase</u> <u>(6.5%)</u>
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 10,501,531</u>	<u>\$ 12,051,459</u>	<u>\$ 13,987,186</u>

OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Sheriff recognized OPEB expense of \$81,991. At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	<u>Deferred Outflows</u> <u>of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows</u> <u>of Resources</u>
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,658,949	\$ (8,032,634)
Change in assumptions	<u>4,042,546</u>	<u>(4,192,711)</u>
Total	<u>\$ 5,701,495</u>	<u>\$ (12,225,345)</u>

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

Years ending June 30:

2025	\$ (1,012,325)
2026	(1,012,325)
2027	(1,012,325)
2028	(1,012,325)
2029	(1,012,325)
Thereafter	(1,462,225)

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12. TAX ABATEMENTS

The local government is subject to certain property tax abatements granted by the Louisiana State Board of Commerce and Industry (the "State Board"), a state entity governed by board members representing major economic groups and gubernatorial appointees. Abatements to which the government may be subject include those issued for property taxes under the Industrial Tax Exemption Program ("ITEP"). For the year ending June 30, 2024, the government participated in the Industrial Tax Exemption Program.

Under the ITEP, as authorized by *Article 7, Section 21(F) of the Louisiana Constitution and Executive Order Number JBE 2016-73*, companies that qualify as manufacturers can apply to the State Board for a property tax exemption on all new property, as defined, used in the manufacturing process. Under the ITEP, companies are required to promise to expand or build manufacturing facilities in Louisiana, with a minimum investment of \$5 million. Under the original program guidelines, the exemptions are granted for a 5-year term and are renewable for an additional 5-year term upon approval by the State Board. Effective June 24, 2016 the term of the exemption contract which shall be for up to, but no more than five years and may provide for an ad valorem exemption of up to 100 percent and terms for renewal may be included provided that the renewal of the contract shall be for a period up to, but no more than three years and may provide for an ad valorem tax exemption of up to, but no more than 80 percent. In the case of the local government, these state-granted abatements have resulted in reductions of property taxes, which the tax assessor administers as a temporary reduction in the assessed value of the property involved. The abatement agreements stipulate a percentage reduction of property taxes, which can be as much as 100 percent. The local government may recapture abated taxes if a company fails to expand facilities or otherwise fail to fulfill its commitments under the agreement.

Taxes abated for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024 were as follows:

	<u>Total</u>
Tax Abatement Program	
Industrial Tax Exemption Program	<u>\$ 4,365,693</u>

13. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The Sheriff is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; error and omissions. To handle such risk of loss, the Sheriff maintains commercial insurance policies, workers' compensation insurance, and surety bond coverage. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended June 30, 2024.

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff was involved in several lawsuits. In the opinion of the Sheriff's legal counsel, the ultimate resolution of these claims would not create a liability to the Sheriff in excess of existing insurance coverage.

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14. EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

The amount of cash on hand at the end of the year was \$58,450.

As of June 30, 2024, the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff has collected all taxes assessed by the West Baton Rouge Parish Assessor for the 2023 tax year.

The amount of taxes collected for the current year by taxing authority is as follows:

Assessment District	\$ 917,457
Atchafalaya Levee District	2,979,496
West Baton Rouge Parish Drainage District	5,327,042
West Baton Rouge Parish Council	9,818,403
Louisiana Agriculture & Forestry Commission	3,955
West Baton Rouge Parish School Board	39,502,457
West Baton Rouge Parish Council on Aging	1,849,712
Louisiana Tax Commission	19,556
West Baton Rouge Parish Museum	1,479,770
West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff	11,912,151
West Baton Rouge Parish Library	3,033,528
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	\$ 76,843,527

15. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, December 31, 2024, and determined that there were no events that require disclosure.

No subsequent events occurring after this date have been evaluated for inclusion in these financial statements.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART III

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 11,590,373	\$ 11,949,151	\$ 11,935,073	\$ (14,078)
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Federal grants	275,000	122,351	149,556	27,205
State and local grants and contributions	7,541,148	8,374,681	7,652,463	(722,218)
State revenue sharing	71,384	73,023	73,022	(1)
State supplemental pay	642,000	676,844	675,940	(904)
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Commissions on State Revenue Sharing	72,745	72,842	72,842	-
Civil and criminal fees	2,706,374	2,867,150	2,679,827	(187,323)
Court attendance	10,000	6,315	6,868	553
Court costs	19,850	18,058	18,299	241
Contract reimbursements	-	-	68,097	68,097
Use of money and property:				
Interest	75,000	251,730	249,530	(2,200)
Miscellaneous	165,000	147,517	149,607	2,090
Total Revenues	<u>23,168,874</u>	<u>24,559,662</u>	<u>23,731,124</u>	<u>(828,538)</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Public safety:				
Personal services and related benefits	17,873,865	18,593,699	18,307,012	286,687
Operating services	3,001,350	2,538,386	2,462,958	75,428
Material and supplies	795,000	607,985	503,589	104,396
Travel and training	96,000	87,823	82,672	5,151
Capital outlay	1,355,750	621,006	641,692	(20,686)
Debt service	-	234,000	106,180	127,820
Total Expenditures	<u>23,121,965</u>	<u>22,682,899</u>	<u>22,104,103</u>	<u>578,796</u>
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues over Expenditures	46,909	1,876,763	1,627,021	(249,742)
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
Proceeds from sale of assets	36,000	42,360	208,573	166,213
Finance leases	-	-	173,169	173,169
Total other financing sources	<u>36,000</u>	<u>42,360</u>	<u>381,742</u>	<u>339,382</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>82,909</u>	<u>1,919,123</u>	<u>2,008,763</u>	<u>(89,640)</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2023	<u>2,988,961</u>	<u>3,269,106</u>	<u>3,269,106</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 3,071,870</u>	<u>\$ 5,188,229</u>	<u>\$ 5,277,869</u>	<u>\$ (89,640)</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
WORK RELEASE CENTER FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Civil and criminal fees	2,905,538	3,037,751	3,036,244	(1,507)
Feeding and keeping prisoners	1,569,763	1,751,344	1,822,370	71,026
Miscellaneous commissions	-	149,832	149,832	-
Use of money and property:				
Interest	125,000	320,416	319,465	(951)
Sale of Merchandise	238,173	108,660	114,325	5,665
Miscellaneous	290	290	265	(25)
Total Revenues	<u>4,838,764</u>	<u>5,368,293</u>	<u>5,442,501</u>	<u>74,208</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
Public safety:				
Personal services and related benefits	\$ 4,176,584	\$ 4,244,266	\$ 4,140,624	\$ 103,642
Operating services	1,269,582	1,174,482	1,183,183	(8,701)
Material and supplies	131,414	198,457	152,868	45,589
Travel and training	4,000	7,127	5,409	1,718
Capital outlay	192,390	201,000	201,551	(551)
Purchase of merchandise for resale	83,063	74,925	81,372	(6,447)
Total Expenditures	<u>5,857,033</u>	<u>5,900,257</u>	<u>5,765,007</u>	<u>135,250</u>
Deficiency of Revenues over Expenditures	(1,018,269)	(531,964)	(322,506)	209,458
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>				
Proceeds from sale of assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balance	<u>(1,018,269)</u>	<u>(531,964)</u>	<u>(322,506)</u>	<u>209,458</u>
Fund Balance, July 1, 2023	<u>7,212,889</u>	<u>7,283,541</u>	<u>7,283,541</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund Balance, June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 6,194,620</u>	<u>\$ 6,751,577</u>	<u>\$ 6,961,035</u>	<u>\$ 209,458</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Total OPEB Liability				
Service cost	\$ 392,838	\$ 395,750	\$ 486,426	\$ 472,258
Interest	701,478	651,007	484,372	454,198
Differences between expected and actual experience	(5,619,338)	519,628	(1,263,791)	1,093,739
Changes of assumptions	(1,985,648)	(323,801)	(3,305,230)	183,836
Benefit payments	(460,041)	(412,563)	(391,055)	(338,436)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(6,970,711)	830,021	(3,989,278)	1,865,595
Total OPEB liability- beginning	19,022,170	18,192,149	22,181,427	20,315,832
Total OPEB liability- ending	\$ 12,051,459	\$ 19,022,170	\$ 18,192,149	\$ 22,181,427
Covered employee payroll	\$ 11,172,118	\$ 10,350,740	\$ 10,049,262	\$ 9,569,271
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	107.87%	183.78%	181.03%	231.80%

Notes to Schedule:

<i>Benefit Changes:</i>	None	Other	None	None
<i>Changes of Assumptions:</i>				
Discount rate:	3.93%	3.65%	3.54%	2.16%
Mortality Rates:	Pub-2010/2021	RP-2014	RP-2014	RP-2014
Trends:	Getzen Model	Variable	Variable	Variable

	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability			
Service cost	\$ 537,423	\$ 328,992	\$ 336,866
Interest	594,691	551,145	541,031
Differences between expected and actual experience	(4,019,113)	809,803	(114,271)
Changes of assumptions	6,801,172	301,049	-
Benefit payments	(320,793)	(329,033)	(311,879)
Net change in total OPEB liability	3,593,380	1,661,956	451,747
Total OPEB liability- beginning	16,722,452	15,060,496	14,608,749
Total OPEB liability- ending	\$ 20,315,832	\$ 16,722,452	\$ 15,060,496
Covered employee payroll	\$ 9,290,554	\$ 8,921,915	\$ 8,662,053
Total OPEB liability as a percentage of covered employee payroll	218.67%	187.43%	173.87%

Notes to Schedule:

<i>Benefit Changes:</i>	None	None	None
<i>Changes of Assumptions:</i>			
Discount rate:	2.21%	3.50%	3.62%
Mortality Rates:	RP-2014	RP-2000	RP-2000
Trends:	Variable	5.5%	5.5%

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

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF THE SHERIFF'S PROPORTIONATE SHARE
OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY (ASSET)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024 (*)

Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund	2024	2023	2022
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	1.5784%	1.5332%	1.5182%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 13,870,366	\$ 12,461,639	\$ (752,329)
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 12,652,546	\$ 11,365,369	\$ 11,064,197
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	109.6251%	109.6457%	-6.7997%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	83.9373%	83.8973%	101.0387%
	2021	2020	2019
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	1.3783%	1.4302%	1.4373%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 9,539,287	\$ 6,765,093	\$ 5,511,475
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 10,177,856	\$ 9,993,901	\$ 9,894,528
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	93.7259%	67.6922%	55.7023%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	84.7289%	88.9085%	90.4106%
	2018	2017	2016
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	1.3920%	1.3858%	1.3856%
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 6,027,823	\$ 8,795,603	\$ 6,176,216
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 9,646,293	\$ 9,464,430	\$ 9,186,570
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	62.4885%	92.9333%	67.2309%
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	88.4876%	82.0970%	86.6065%
	2015		
Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	1.3714%		
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 5,430,652		
Employer's Covered-Employee Payroll	\$ 8,854,184		
Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered-Employee Payroll	61.3343%		
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability (Asset)	87.3447%		

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(*) The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF'S CONTRIBUTIONS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund	2024	2023	2022
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,544,825	\$ 1,455,043	\$ 1,392,258
Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	1,544,837	1,455,043	1,392,259
Contribution deficiency (excess)	(12)	-	(1)
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 13,433,365	\$ 12,652,546	\$ 11,365,369
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	11.5000%	11.5000%	12.2500%
	2021	2020	2019
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,355,364	\$ 1,246,787	\$ 1,224,253
Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	1,355,364	1,246,787	1,224,253
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 11,064,197	\$ 10,177,856	\$ 9,993,901
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	12.2500%	12.2500%	12.2500%
	2018	2017	2016
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,261,552	\$ 1,278,134	\$ 1,301,359
Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	1,261,552	1,278,134	1,301,359
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-	-	-
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 9,894,528	\$ 9,646,293	\$ 9,464,430
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	12.7500%	13.2500%	13.7500%
	2015		
Contractually required contribution	\$ 1,309,086		
Contributions in relation to contractually required contributions	1,309,086		
Contribution deficiency (excess)	-		
Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 9,186,570		
Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	14.2500%		

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Notes to the Net Pension Liability Required Supplementary Information:

Changes in Benefit Term: There were no changes in benefit terms for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

Changes in Assumption: There were no changes in assumptions for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION – PART IV

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS DESCRIPTIONS

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

Special revenue fund accounts for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are legally restricted to expenditures for specific purpose.

PRISONER WELFARE FUND

The prisoner welfare fund accounts for sales to prisoners in parish jail. Revenues are used to purchase recreational equipment, personal items, and items for resale.

DRUG TASK FORCE FUND

The Drug Task Force is a federal anti-drug abuse grant awarded by the Louisiana Commission in Law Enforcement to local law enforcement authorities to enhance their efforts in the prevention of drug traffic.

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEETS
JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Drug Task Force Fund</u>	<u>Prisoner Welfare Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,840	\$ 656,380	\$ 671,220
Receivables	-	66,143	66,143
Due from other funds	-	4,645	4,645
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Total assets	<u>\$ 14,840</u>	<u>\$ 727,168</u>	<u>\$ 742,008</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>			
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ 2,085	\$ 2,085
Due to others	2,542	-	2,542
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Total liabilities	<u>2,542</u>	<u>2,085</u>	<u>4,627</u>
<u>FUND BALANCES</u>			
Restricted for grants	12,298	-	12,298
Assigned	-	725,083	725,083
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Total fund balances	<u>12,298</u>	<u>725,083</u>	<u>737,381</u>
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Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 14,840</u>	<u>\$ 727,168</u>	<u>\$ 742,008</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

NON-MAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
COMBINING STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	<u>Drug Task Force Fund</u>	<u>Prisoner Welfare Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<u>REVENUES</u>			
Intergovernmental revenues:			
Federal grants	\$ 11,288	\$ -	\$ 11,288
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:			
Commissions on commissary	-	241,335	241,335
Use of money and property:			
Interest	696	27,864	28,560
Sale of merchandise	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	-	-	-
Total Revenues	<u>11,984</u>	<u>269,199</u>	<u>281,183</u>
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Public safety:			
Operating services	11,288	26,492	37,780
Material and supplies	-	25,166	25,166
Capital outlay	-	-	-
Purchase of merchandise for resale	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	<u>11,288</u>	<u>51,658</u>	<u>62,946</u>
Excess of Revenues over Expenditures	696	217,541	218,237
<u>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES</u>			
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-
Total other financing sources	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Net change in fund balances	<u>696</u>	<u>217,541</u>	<u>218,237</u>
Fund Balances at beginning of year	<u>11,602</u>	<u>507,542</u>	<u>519,144</u>
Fund Balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 12,298</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 725,083</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 737,381</u></u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

CUSTODIAL FUNDS - COMBINING STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
JUNE 30, 2024

	Tax Collector Fund	Clearing Account	Work Release - Inmate	Inmate Account - Jail	Work Release - Trustee	Civil Account	Total
<u>ASSETS</u>							
Cash	\$ 58,450	\$ 190,127	\$ 582,404	\$ 105,285	\$ 91,711	\$ -	\$ 1,027,977
Total assets	<u>\$ 58,450</u>	<u>\$ 190,127</u>	<u>\$ 582,404</u>	<u>\$ 105,285</u>	<u>\$ 91,711</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,977</u>
<u>LIABILITIES</u>							
Accounts payable	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total liabilities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
<u>NET POSITION</u>							
Restricted for:							
Unsettled balances due to others	58,450	190,127	-	-	-	-	248,577
Inmate personal funds	-	-	582,404	105,285	91,711	-	779,400
Total fiduciary net position	<u>\$ 58,450</u>	<u>\$ 190,127</u>	<u>\$ 582,404</u>	<u>\$ 105,285</u>	<u>\$ 91,711</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,977</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

CUSTODIAL FUNDS - COMBINING STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	Tax Collector Fund	Clearing Account	Work Release - Inmate	Inmate Account - Jail	Work Release - Trustee	Civil Account	Total
<u>Additions</u>							
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 79,246,417	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 79,246,417
State revenue sharing	547,758	-	-	-	-	-	547,758
Interest on:							
Checking accounts	352,364	-	-	-	-	4,247	356,611
Delinquent taxes	39,138	-	-	-	-	-	39,138
Sheriff sales	-	-	-	-	-	1,280,691	1,280,691
Bonds, fines and costs	117,337	325,805	-	-	-	-	443,142
Inmate deposits	-	-	8,202,795	1,030,732	317,659	-	9,551,186
Redemptions	220,985	-	-	-	-	-	220,985
Other additions	411,020	913,697	-	-	-	284,613	1,609,330
Total additions	<u>80,935,019</u>	<u>1,239,502</u>	<u>8,202,795</u>	<u>1,030,732</u>	<u>317,659</u>	<u>1,569,551</u>	<u>93,295,258</u>
<u>Deductions</u>							
Louisiana Dept. of Agriculture and Forestry	3,966	-	-	-	-	-	3,966
Louisiana Tax Commission	19,556	-	-	-	-	-	19,556
West Baton Rouge Parish:							
Assessor	933,256	-	-	-	-	-	933,256
Sheriff's General Fund	12,497,176	135,379	-	-	-	245,779	12,878,334
Parish Council	15,391,815	204,377	-	-	-	-	15,596,192
School Board	39,921,105	-	-	-	-	-	39,921,105
Clerk of Court	18,690	60,489	-	-	-	13,000	92,179
Council on Aging	1,862,347	-	-	-	-	-	1,862,347
Atchafalaya Levee District	3,057,046	-	-	-	-	-	3,057,046
Library	3,112,271	-	-	-	-	-	3,112,271
Museum	1,496,105	-	-	-	-	-	1,496,105
Eighteenth Judicial:							
District Attorney	-	139,810	-	-	-	-	139,810
District Expense Fund	-	64,821	-	-	-	-	64,821
Expense Fund	-	119,656	-	-	-	-	119,656
Indigent defender board	-	218,411	-	-	-	-	218,411
Pension funds	2,156,819	-	-	-	-	-	2,156,819
Refunds and redemptions	282,776	-	-	-	-	-	282,776
Attorneys and litigants	-	-	-	-	-	1,280,691	1,280,691
Louisiana State Police Crime Lab	-	1,201	-	-	-	-	1,201
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	-	16,663	-	-	-	-	16,663
Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury	-	7,393	-	-	-	-	7,393
Louisiana Department of Public Safety State Police	-	3,989	-	-	-	-	3,989
Treasurer, State of LA CMIS	-	6,178	-	-	-	-	6,178
Garnishments	-	201,757	-	-	-	-	201,757
Other reductions	125,169	201,002	8,158,127	1,030,736	265,576	30,081	9,810,691
Total deductions	<u>80,878,097</u>	<u>1,381,126</u>	<u>8,158,127</u>	<u>1,030,736</u>	<u>265,576</u>	<u>1,569,551</u>	<u>93,283,213</u>
Changes in fiduciary net position	56,922	(141,624)	44,668	(4)	52,083	-	12,045
Net position - beginning	<u>1,528</u>	<u>331,751</u>	<u>537,736</u>	<u>105,289</u>	<u>39,628</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>1,015,932</u>
Net position - ending	<u>\$ 58,450</u>	<u>\$ 190,127</u>	<u>\$ 582,404</u>	<u>\$ 105,285</u>	<u>\$ 91,711</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,027,977</u>



JEFF BERGERON, SHERIFF

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STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH

AFFIDAVIT

Jeffrey M. Bergeron, Sheriff of West Baton Rouge Parish

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared,
Jeffrey M. Bergeron, the Sheriff of West Baton Rouge Parish, State of Louisiana,
who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

The following information is true and correct:

\$58,450 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector account on June 30, 2024;

He further deposed and said:

All itemized statements of the amount of taxes collected for tax year 2023, by taxing authority, are true and correct.

All itemized statements of all taxes assessed and uncollected, which indicate the reasons for the failure to collect, by taxing authority, are true and correct.



Signature
Sheriff of West Baton Rouge Parish

SWORN to and subscribed before me. Notary, this 26th day of December 2024, in my office in
Port Allen, Louisiana.
(City/Town)

 (Signature)

Michael Hunter Beraud (Print), # 195319
Notary Public (ex-officio)

Lifetime (Commission)

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA
SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS
TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER
JUNE 30, 2024

Agency Head: Mike Cazes, Sheriff

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 196,454
Benefits- insurance	15,096
Benefits- retirement	73,485
Travel	4,788
Cell phone	2,021
Total	<u>\$ 291,844</u>

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY
AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR SESSION
CASH BASIS PRESENTATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

	First Six Month Period Ended December 31, 2023	Second Six Month Period Ended June 30, 2024
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	<u>\$ 337,345</u>	<u>\$ 239,022</u>
Add: Collections		
Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or advance deposits)	195,800	222,559
Bond Fees	117,970	164,477
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	651,801	696,900
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	203,952	229,605
Criminal Fines - Other (Bonds)	20,500	20,500
Criminal Fines - Other	112,701	125,982
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	9,066	9,289
Subtotal Collections	<u>1,311,790</u>	<u>1,469,312</u>
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:		
Criminal		
West Baton Rouge Parish Government, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	46,240	50,729
West Baton Rouge Parish Government, Criminal Fines - Other	51,474	55,935
West Baton Rouge Parish Government, Bond Fees	-	-
Indigent Defender Board, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	72,476	80,237
Indigent Defender Board, Bond Fees	29,563	36,134
West Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	29,009	30,603
West Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, Bond Fees	368	508
LA Commission on Law Enforcement Training, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	1,975	2,108
LA Commission on Law Enforcement Victims Act, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	5,721	6,859
18th Judicial District Attorney, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	20,310	21,707
18th Judicial District Attorney, Criminal Fines - Other	14,602	15,304
18th Judicial District Attorney, Bond Fees	30,483	37,404
18th Judicial District Expense Fund, Bond Fees	29,195	35,626
18th Judicial Expense Fund, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	58,425	61,231
Treasurer, State of LA CMIS, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	2,996	3,738
LA Supreme Court, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	508	563
DHH THISCI LA Rehab Service, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	3,584	3,808
LA Department of Public Safety State Police, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	2,375	1,614
Keep Louisiana Beautiful, Criminal Fines - Other	192	-
Iberville Substance Abuse, Criminal Court Costs/Fees	300	815
LA State Police Crime Lab, Bond Fees	368	833
LA Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	-	5
Treasurer State of LA Disability Handicap Parking, Criminal Fines - Other	-	142
Civil		
West Baton Rouge Clerk of Court, Civil Fees	5,770	7,360
Other clerks and sheriffs, Civil Fees	737	925
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Amount "Self-Disbursed" to Collecting Agency		
Criminal		
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	10,538	12,521
Criminal Fines - Other	14,185	14,912
Bond Fees	29,563	36,134
2% LCLE Training	40	43
Civil		
Commission	117,578	123,821
Bank Interest	1,721	2,527
Tax Collector	-	2,585
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Other Disbursements to Individuals	829,817	863,267
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>1,410,113</u>	<u>1,509,998</u>
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e. cash on hand)	<u>\$ 239,022</u>	<u>\$ 198,336</u>



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

Honorable Jeffrey M. Bergeron
West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff
Port Allen, 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 information of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff (the Sheriff), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 31, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the West Baton Parish Sheriff's internal control.

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

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

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As a part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff'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 financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Diaz, Dupuy & Ruiz".

Gonzales, Louisiana
December 31, 2024

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
JUNE 30, 2024

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

Financial Statements

1. The independent auditors' report expressed an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements is reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. No material weaknesses are reported.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office which is required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, was disclosed during the audit.

B. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

C. FINDINGS – COMPLIANCE WITH STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

None

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
PORT ALLEN, LOUISIANA

SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR AUDIT FINDINGS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024

A. FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

None

B. FINDINGS – COMPLIANCE

None

WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH SHERIFF
STATEWIDE AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES REPORT
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2024



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

To the Honorable Jeffrey M. Bergeron, West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and entity's operations:

- i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated; (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list; (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders; (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law; and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- iv. ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g. periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.

- v. **Payroll/Personnel**, including (1) payroll processing, and (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee(s) rate of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.*
- vi. **Contracting**, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.*
- vii. **Travel and expense reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.*
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, P-Cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of the statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above..*
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and do not address all the functions noted above.*
- Management's response: Management will update its policy to address all the functions noted above.*
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.*
- xi. **Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity**, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above.*
- xii. **Prevention of Sexual Harassment**, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.
- Written policies and procedures were obtained and address the functions noted above with the exception of training and annual reporting.*
- Management's responses: The Sheriff intends to amend its policy to address training and annual reporting.*

2) Board (or Finance Committee, if applicable)

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and:
- i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws or other equivalent document.
Not applicable.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget- to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds.
Not applicable.
 - iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
Not applicable.
 - iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

Not applicable.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:

Obtained listing of client bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that listing is complete.

- i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged);

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Bank reconciliations include evidence that a member of management/board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting that it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

No exceptions noted.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).

Obtained a listing of deposit sites and management's representation that listing is complete.

- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (i.e. 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if no written policies or procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that:

Obtained a listing of collection locations and management's representation that listing is complete.

- i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;

Employees responsible for cash collections share cash drawers.

Management's Response: Management currently has a system in place that allows each employee to have a unique log in to identify and allocate cash collected by each employee. Management will work towards a system for non-shared cash drawer as well as implementing a fully automated kiosk system to reduce to collection and handling of cash.

- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g. pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

No exception noted.

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and

Employees responsible for collecting cash are responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers without another employee/official responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit.

Management's Response: Management has assigned an employee that does not collect payments to receive and deposit collections from our cashiers only a daily basis. This employee is also reconciling these deposits to our ticket and accounting software ledgers.

- iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee verifies the reconciliation.

One employee responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger is responsible for collecting cash without another employee verifying the reconciliation.

Management's Response: Management has assigned an employee that does not collect payments to receive and deposit collections from our cashiers only a daily basis. This employee is also reconciling these deposits to our ticket and accounting software ledgers.

- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was enforced during the fiscal period.

No exceptions noted.

- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternately, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:

- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).

Check stub for 2 of the 16 deposits were not stamp received and no receipt was issued, therefore, DDR was unable to determine whether the deposits were made within one business day.

Management's Response: Management will continue to work to ensure every deposit is stamped upon arrival.

- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

No exceptions noted.

5) Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).

Obtained listing of locations that process payments and management's representation that listing is complete.

- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that:

- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order/making the purchase;

No exceptions noted.

- ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;

One employee has the ability and authority to approve payments to vendors. No exceptions noted for the other three employees that process payments to vendors as they are not authorized signers.

Management's Response: Management will have at least two employees involved in processing and approving payments.

- iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;

The employees responsible for processing payments are not prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files.

Management's response: Management will work on increasing its controls on who can add/modify vendor files.

- iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

Employee responsible for processing payments is given signed checks first to put in envelopes, then brings payments to another individual to mail.

Management's response: Management will give checks to someone not responsible for processing payments.

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.

No exceptions noted.

- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and

- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe that the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

No exception noted for evidence of segregation of duties for AUP #5Bi or #5Bii. Exceptions noted for each employee in regards to adding/modifying vendor files under #5Biii and #5Biv for mailing payments.

Management's response: Management will amend its policy in regards to who can add/modify vendor files as well as delegate the responsibility of mailing payments to vendors to an individual not responsible for processing payment.

- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

No exception noted.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards), for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.

Obtained listing of the credit cards and management's representation that listing is complete.

- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement), obtain supporting documentation, and:

- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved), by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.

One of five statements selected had a late charge assessed on the statement selected.

Management's response: Management will work to improve the procedure to ensure timely payments are made.

- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and note whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

It was noted that purchase orders for the selected transactions in one of the five statements were signed after the date of the receipt. Also, for one of the five statements, an itemized receipt did not include a purchase order for one selected transaction.

Management's response: Management will reiterate to all employees the PO process and work to ensure all employees follow the process in the correct steps.

7) Travel and Travel -Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected

Obtained listing of travel and related expense reimbursements and management's representation that listing is complete.

- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
No exceptions noted.
- ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

No exceptions noted.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternately, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and

Obtained listing of contracts initiated or renewed during the fiscal period and management's representation that listing is complete.

- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;

No exceptions noted

- ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g. Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);

No exceptions noted.

- iii. If the contract was amended (e.g. change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and

No exceptions noted

- iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

No exceptions noted.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.

Obtained listing of employees and management's representation that listing was complete. Agreed paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel file without exception.

- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and

Attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period were obtained.

- i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;

No exceptions noted.

- iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and

No exceptions noted.

- iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agree to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.

No exceptions noted.

- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials, obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.

No exceptions noted.

- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

Management represented that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
- i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and

No exceptions noted.

- ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.

No exceptions noted.

- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

No exceptions noted.

11) Debt Service

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.

No debt issued during the fiscal period.

- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

No exceptions noted.

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.

Management asserted that the entity did not have any misappropriations of public funds or assets.

- B. Observe that the entity has posted on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

No exceptions noted.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."
- i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if no written documentation, inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use, and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

No exception noted.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267.

The Sheriff was unable to provide documentation that the employees selected at 9A completed the cyber security training as required by R.S. 42:1267.

Management's response: Management will implement the cyber security training in current year and ensure employees complete the required training.

14) Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A above, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year.

No exceptions noted.

- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).

No exceptions noted.

- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:

- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements
- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred
- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action: and
- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint

No exceptions noted.

We were engaged by The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of The West Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

Diez, Dupuy & Ruiz

Gonzales, Louisiana
December 31, 2024