

**TENSAS PARISH 911 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
St. Joseph, Louisiana**

**Basic Financial Statements
With Independent Accountant's Review Report
and Agreed-Upon Procedures Report
As of and for the Year Ended
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Independent Accountant's Review Report

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
TENSAS PARISH 911 EMERGENCY
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I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AIPCA. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

I am required to be independent of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my review.

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Accountant's Conclusion

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

Required Supplementary Information

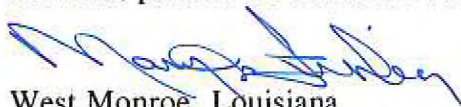
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and the budgetary comparison information, as listed in the table of contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a required part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the responsibility of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have not audited the information and, accordingly do not express an opinion on such information.

Supplemental Information

The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information is the representation of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have not audited the supplementary information and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Other Reporting Requirements

In accordance with the *Louisiana governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated March 21, 2024 on the results of my agreed-upon procedures, as listed in the table of contents, present the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire.



West Monroe, Louisiana
March 21, 2024

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I**

TENSAS PARISH 911 EMERGENCY
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Management's Discussion and Analysis
December 31, 2023

As management of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District, we offer readers of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document introduces the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-wide Financial Statements) provide information about the financial activities as a whole and illustrate a longer-term view of the district's finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund (Fund Financial Statements) tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Financial Statements by providing information about the most significant funds. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned, but unused, sick leave).

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District are governmental funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major fund to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

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

Other Information. In addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, assets of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District exceeded liabilities by \$1,031,141. Approximately 21% of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are not available for future spending.

The balance in unrestricted net position is affected by two factors: 1) resources expended, over time, by the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District to acquire capital assets from sources other than internally generated funds (i.e., debt), and 2) required depreciation on assets.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	2023	2022
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$699,728	\$640,555
Receivables	156,897	172,846
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	238,264	218,998
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,094,889	\$1,032,399
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$1,861	\$1,258
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,861	1,258
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	238,264	218,998
Unrestricted	854,764	812,143
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$1,093,028	\$1,031,141

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2023	2022
Taxation:		
Operating services	\$76,949	\$89,994
Materials and supplies	62,078	68,907
Intergovernmental	6,200	6,177
Depreciation expense	21,280	16,544
Total Program Expenses	166,507	181,622
General revenues:		
Taxes - ad valorem	189,961	188,829
Landline/Cellular/Wireless fees	37,351	38,824
Interest earned	1,082	1,028
Total General Revenues	228,394	228,681
Change in Net Position	61,887	47,059
Net Position - Beginning of year	1,031,141	984,082
Net Position- End of year	\$1,093,028	\$1,031,141

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of December 31, 2023, the general fund's governmental fund balance of \$854,764 showed an increase of \$42,621 over December 31, 2022.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between the revenues of the original budget and the final budget was due to an increase in ad valorem taxes and use of money and property and a decrease in cellular and wireless fees. Differences

between the expenditures of the original budget and the final budget were due to a decrease in operating services and materials and supplies.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of December 31, 2023, amounts to \$238,264 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes buildings, vehicles, furniture and equipment. There were \$40,546 increases in capital assets for the year and no decreases for the year.

Long-term debt. The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's had no long-term debt outstanding at December 31, 2023.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District, P.O. Box 252, St. Joseph, LA 71366.

March 21, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$699,728
Receivables - ad valorem taxes	156,897
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>238,264</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,094,889</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$1,861
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NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	238,264
Unrestricted	<u>854,764</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$1,093,028</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's review report.

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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
 December 31, 2023

Public safety:	
Operating services	\$76,949
Materials and supplies	62,078
Intergovernmental	6,200
Depreciation expense	21,280
Total Program Expenses	<u>166,507</u>
General revenues:	
Taxes - ad valorem	189,961
Landline/Cellular/Wireless fees	37,351
Interest earned	1,082
Total General revenues	228,394
Change in Net Position	61,887
Net Position - Beginning of year	<u>1,031,141</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u>\$1,093,028</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's review report.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND

Balance Sheet, December 31, 2023

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$699,728
Receivables	<u>156,897</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$856,625</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities - accounts payable	\$1,861
Fund balance - unassigned	<u>854,764</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	<u>\$856,625</u>

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Reconciliation of Governmental Fund
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total Fund Balance at December 31, 2023 - Governmental Fund (Statement C)		<u>\$854,764</u>
Cost of capital assets at December 31, 2023	\$443,495	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of December 31, 2023	<u>(205,231)</u>	<u>238,264</u>
Net Position at December 31, 2023 (Statement A)		<u>\$1,093,028</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's review report.

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GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

REVENUES	
Ad valorem taxes	\$189,961
Landline/Cellular/Wireless fees	37,351
Use of money and property	1,082
Total revenues	<u>228,394</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Public safety:	
Current:	
Operating services	76,949
Materials and supplies	62,078
Capital outlay	40,546
Intergovernmental	6,200
Total expenditures	<u>185,773</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	42,621
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>812,143</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$854,764</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's review report.

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

For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

Total net change in fund balance - governmental fund (Statement D)	\$42,621
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Capital outlays are reported in governmental fund as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceed depreciation for the period.	<u>19,266</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u>\$61,887</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's review report.

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Notes to the Financial Statements
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1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District was created by the Tensas Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9101, on May 23, 2000, for the purpose of providing a primary three-digit emergency number through which emergency services can be quickly and efficiently obtained. The district is governed by a seven member board appointed by the police jury. Board members serve without benefit of compensation.

The accompanying financial statements of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) 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. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis -for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Tensas Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Tensas Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

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

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.

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2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury created the district, appoints the commissioners of the district, and has the ability to impose its will on the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Tensas Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the Tensas Parish financial reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The district's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the district as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the district's major fund). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All activities of the district are classified as governmental.

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the district.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net position is reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position. The district first uses restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are

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recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the district's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the district's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The district reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the district are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Fund financial statements report detailed information about the district. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into three categories; governmental, proprietary, and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public as opposed to proprietary funds where the focus of attention is on recovering the cost of providing services to the public or other agencies through service charges or user fees. The district's current operations require the use of only governmental funds. The governmental fund type used by the district is described as follows:

Governmental Fund Type

Major Fund - The General Fund is the principal fund of the district and is used to account for the operations of the district's office. The various fees and charges due to the district's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

The governmental type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental fund financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The district considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

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Revenues

Ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Other intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the district is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on demand deposits is recorded when the interest has been earned and the amount is determinable.

Based on the above criteria, ad valorem taxes and other intergovernmental revenues have been treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 2023, the district has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$699,728.

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the government will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, the deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal or exceed the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days

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of being notified by the district that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the district's name.

Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 2023, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$703,835</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$250,000
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>787,569</u>
Total	<u>\$1,037,569</u>

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The district maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the district, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Furniture and fixtures		5 - 10 years
Vehicles		5 - 15 years
Equipment		5 - 20 years

G. RISK MANAGEMENT

The communications district is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the police jury maintains coverage on the communications district. The policy covers general liability, property, employee liability, and public officials liability. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended December 31, 2023.

H. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS

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

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

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

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

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 District'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 District's highest level of decision-making authority.

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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.

The General Fund has an unassigned fund balance of \$854,764. If applicable, the District would typically use restricted fund balances first, followed by committed resources and assigned resources as appropriate opportunities arise, but reserves the right to selectively spend unassigned resources first and to defer the use of these other classified funds. The District considers restricted amounts have been spent when an expenditure has been incurred for the purpose for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available.

I. 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.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The district is authorized to levy a maximum tax of 3.00 mills on property within the boundaries of the district for maintenance and operation of the district. The district levied 3.21 mills for 2023. The tax was approved for a 10 year period and will expire on the 2033 tax roll. New election and the tax was renewed for another 10 year period and will expire on the 2033 tax roll.

The difference between authorized and levied millage is the result of reassessments of taxable property in the parish, as required by Article VII, Section 18 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974. The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and their 2023 assessed valuation (amounts expressed in thousands):

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	2023 Assessed Valuation	Per cent of Total Assessed Valuation
American River Transmission Co.	\$12,107	18.81%
Cross Keys Bank	2,197	3.41%
Entergy Louisiana, Inc.	2,084	3.24%
Plains Pipeline LP	1,482	2.30%
Tensas State Bank	854	1.33%
Tensas Farm Services, Inc.	655	1.02%
Panola Company, LTD	499	0.78%
Louisiana Machinery Company, LLC	495	0.77%
Green Point Ag Holdings LLC	466	0.72%
Somerset Plantation	466	0.72%
Total	<u>\$21,305</u>	<u>33.10%</u>

3. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

The following presents the changes in capital assets for the year ended December 31, 2023:

Balance, January 1, 2023	\$402,949
Additions	40,546
Deletions	NONE
Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>443,495</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>(205,230)</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$238,265</u>

Assets include the 911 Building and furniture and equipment. Depreciation expense of \$21,280 was charged to the public safety function.

4. PENSION PLANS

The district does not participate in any pension or retirement plans.

5. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 2023, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

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6. IMPLEMENTATION OF WIRELESS E911 SERVICES

Louisiana R. S. 33:9109 states, in pertinent part, "In any district having a population of less than twenty thousand persons as of the most recent federal decennial census, proceeds of the service charge, less any collection charge which the wireless service supplier is authorized to retain, may be used for any lawful purpose of the district." U. S. Census Bureau statistics indicate the latest decennial census of the District to be 5,252. Therefore, of the \$30,784 in revenues derived from service charges related to Wireless E911 Services, all of the proceeds have been used in accordance with the general operations of the District.

While the District has not yet implemented Wireless E911 services at this time, management plans to form cooperative endeavor agreements with neighboring districts to combine resources and provide the service within the District.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

TENSAS PARISH 911 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
St. Joseph, Louisiana

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
Taxes - ad valorem	\$180,000	\$183,082	\$189,961	\$6,879
Landline/Cellular/Wireless fees	40,000	36,619	37,351	732
Use of money and property	940	1,082	1,082	
Total revenues	<u>220,940</u>	<u>220,783</u>	<u>228,394</u>	<u>7,611</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government - taxation:				
Operating services	84,070	59,070	76,949	(17,879)
Materials and supplies	45,500	43,360	62,078	(18,718)
Capital outlay	75,000	75,589	40,546	35,043
Intergovernmental			6,200	(6,200)
Total expenditures	<u>204,570</u>	<u>178,019</u>	<u>185,773</u>	<u>(7,754)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	16,370	42,764	42,621	(143)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>644,500</u>	<u>640,020</u>	<u>812,143</u>	<u>172,123</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$660,870</u>	<u>\$682,784</u>	<u>\$854,764</u>	<u>\$171,980</u>

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

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NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE

The proposed budget for the General Fund, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is made available for public inspection at least fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year. The budget is then legally adopted by the district and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the board of commissioners at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budget must be approved by the board of commissioners.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statement include the original adopted budget amounts for the year ended December 31, 2023. There was one budget amendment for the year.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

TENSAS PARISH 911 EMERGENCY
 COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

LORRAINE JONES, 911 DIRECTOR

PURPOSE	AMOUNT
Salary	\$46,200
Group insurance	12,053
Cellphone	1,937
Total	<u>\$60,190</u>

NOTE: Director salary is paid through the sheriff's office. The above amount reported is the amount paid to the sheriff's office by the 911 District.

See accountant's report.

**Independent Accountant's Report on Applying
Agreed-Upon Procedures**

The following independent Accountant's report on applying agreed upon procedures is presented in compliance with the requirements of the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

**Independent Accountant's Report
On Applying Agreed-Upon Procedures**

TENSAS PARISH 911 EMERGENCY
COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
St. Joseph, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures enumerated below on the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. Management of the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District 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 Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's compliance with the laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2023. Additionally, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor 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:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000 and public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute(R.S.) 39:1551-39;1775 (the state procurement code); RS 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Divisions of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

There were no purchases made during the year within the above scope required to be in compliance with the public bid law.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the ethics law).

Management provided me with the required list.

3. Obtain a list of all employees paid during the fiscal year.

The district has no employees.

4. Report whether any employees' names appear on both lists obtained in Procedures 2 and 3.

The district has no employees.

5. Obtain a list of all disbursements made during the year; and a list of outside business interest of board members, employees and board members' and employees' immediate families. Report whether any vendors appear on both lists.

Vendors do not appear on both lists.

Budgeting

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

Management provided me with a copy of the original budget and amendments.

7. Trace documentation for the adoption of the budget and approval of any amendments to the minute book, and report whether there are any exceptions.

I traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on December 27, 2022. I traced the amended budget to the December 26, 2023 meeting.

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Report whether actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more, and whether actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more. (For agencies that must comply with the Licensing Agency Budget Act only, compare the expenditures of the final budget to actual expenditures, and report whether actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 10% or more per category or 5% or more in total).

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Budgeted revenues for the year did not exceed actual revenues by more than 5%. Actual expenditures did not exceed budgeted expenditures by more than 5%.

Accounting and Reporting

9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select 6 disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:

- (a) Report whether the 6 disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

All 6 disbursements agreed to supporting documentation for amount and payee.

- (b) Report whether the 6 disbursements are coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All 6 disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) Report whether the 6 disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

All 6 disbursements were approved by the 911 Director and the board.

Meetings

- 10. Obtain evidence from management to support that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by RS 42:11 through 42:28 (the open meetings law); and report whether there are any exceptions.

I inquired of management whether agendas for meetings were posted at the meeting place at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. Management stated that agendas were posted and a copy is retained with the minutes. From examination of these notices I determined that the date and time of posting is written on the notice to indicate compliance.

Debt

- 11. Obtain bank deposit slips for the fiscal year and scan the deposit slips in order to identify and report whether there are any deposits that appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness. If any such proceeds are identified, obtain from management evidence of approval by the State Bond Commission and report any exceptions.

I scanned all bank deposit slips for the year and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

- 12. Obtain the list of payroll disbursements and meeting minutes of the governing board, if applicable. Scan these documents to identify and report whether there are any payments or approval of payments to employees that may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

No payments for bonuses, advances or gifts were noted.

State Audit Law

- 13. Report whether the agency provided for a timely report in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

The Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District's report was due by June 30, 2024 and was submitted prior to the due date.

- 14. Inquire of management and report whether the agency entered into any contracts that utilized state funds as defined in R.S. 39:72.1 A.(2); and that were subject to the public bid law (R.S. 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).

Management represented that it has not entered into any contracts that were subject to the bid law.

Prior Year Comments

15. Obtain and report management's representation as to whether any prior-year suggestions, exceptions, recommendations, and/or comments have been resolved.

My prior year report, dated March 27, 2023 had no suggestions, exceptions, recommendations and/or comments.

I was engaged by the Tensas Parish 911 Emergency Communications District to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted my engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. I was 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 the District's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

I am required to be independent of the District and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the district's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



West Monroe, Louisiana
March 21, 2024

Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire

The accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire* has been completed by management and is included in this report as required by the questionnaire.

Tensas Parish Communications District #1

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Mary Jo Finley, CPA, Inc.
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Mary Jo Finley, CPA, Inc.,

In connection with your engagement to apply agreed-upon procedures to the control and compliance matters identified below, as of December 31, 2023 and the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, I make the following representations to you.

PUBLIC BID LAW

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

CODE OF ETHICS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

BUDGETING

4. I have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (RS 39:1301-15) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING

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

Yes No N/A

6. I have filed my annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes No N/A

7. I have had my financial statements reviewed in accordance with RS 24:513.

Yes No N/A

8. I did not enter into any contracts that utilized state funds, as defined in RS 39:72.1A.(2); and that were subject to the public bid law (RS 38:2211, et seq.), while the agency was not in compliance with RS 24:513 (the audit law).

Yes No N/A

9. I have complied with RS 24:513A.(3) regarding disclosure of compensation, reimbursements, benefits and other payments to the agency head, political subdivision head, or chief executive officer.

Yes No N/A

MEETINGS

10. I have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes No N/A

DEBT

11. It is true I have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have I entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and RS 39:1410.60 - 1410:65.

Yes No N/A

ADVANCES AND BONUSES

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

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

PRIOR-YEAR COMMENTS

13. I have resolved all prior-year recommendations and/or comments.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

GENERAL

14. I am responsible for my compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

15. I have evaluated my compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

16. I have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

17. I have made available to you all records that I believe are relevant to the foregoing agreed-upon procedures.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

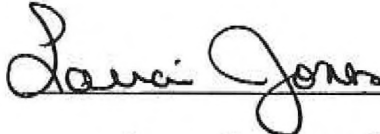
18. I have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of your report.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

19. I will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, and the applicable state grantor agency/agencies any known noncompliance that may occur up to the date of your report.

Yes [X] No [] N/A []

The previous responses have been made to the best of my belief and knowledge.

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Agency Representative

March 21, 2024

Date