

BEAUREGARD PARISH SHERIFF  
DERIDDER, LOUISIANA  
ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

JUNE 30, 2024

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mark Herford  
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector  
Beauregard Parish Sheriff  
DeRidder, Louisiana

### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### *Opinions*

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Beauregard Parish 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, the business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Beauregard Parish Sheriff, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### *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 Beauregard Parish 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 the 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 Beauregard Parish 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.

***Auditor's 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 Beauregard Parish 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 Beauregard Parish 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 information, schedule of the sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability, schedule of the sheriff's pension contribution, and schedule of changes in net OPEB liability and related ratios on pages 45 through 52 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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.

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

***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of non-major fund balance sheet, non-major fund schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, cash on hand, taxes collected for the current year and an itemized statement of all taxes assessed and uncollected with explanations of uncollected amounts by the sheriff as the ex-officio tax collector for the Parish of Beauregard, schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head, justice system funding schedule – collecting/disbursing entity, and schedule of collections, distributions and cost of collections 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 schedule of non-major fund balance sheet, non-major fund schedule of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances, cash on hand, taxes collected for the current year and an itemized statement of all taxes assessed and uncollected with explanations of uncollected amounts by the sheriff as the ex-officio tax collector for the Parish of Beauregard, schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments to agency head, justice system funding schedule – collecting/disbursing entity, and schedule of collections, distributions and cost of collections are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 2, 2024, on our consideration of the Beauregard 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 Beauregard 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 Beauregard Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



DeRidder, Louisiana  
December 2, 2024

## BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,292,094	\$ 209,874	\$ 17,501,968
Receivables:			
Taxes			
Ad valorem taxes	17,405	-	17,405
Sales and use taxes	151,147	-	151,147
Occupational license	17,599	-	17,599
Accounts	303,993	6,365	310,358
Intergovernmental:			
Due from federal governments	55,834	-	55,834
Due from state governments	893,991	-	893,991
Due from other funds	43,078	2,647	45,725
Due from others	9,164	-	9,164
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	1,433,217	-	1,433,217
Capital assets not being depreciated, net	1,175,377	-	1,175,377
Capital assets being depreciated, net	2,093,983	-	2,093,983
Total assets	<u>\$ 23,486,882</u>	<u>\$ 218,886</u>	<u>\$ 23,705,768</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Deferred outflows:			
Prepaid insurance	\$ 592	\$ -	\$ 592
Other post-employment benefits	2,072,403	-	2,072,403
Pensions	4,130,348	-	4,130,348
Total deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 6,203,343</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 6,203,343</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 29,690,225</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 218,886</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 29,909,111</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 1,014,340	\$ 2,552	\$ 1,016,892
Salaries payable	267,240	-	267,240
Retirement payable	64,801	-	64,801
Payroll deductions payable	3,303	-	3,303
Due to other funds	1	-	1
Long term liabilities:			
Net other post-employment benefits liability	7,938,394	-	7,938,394
Net pension liability	6,880,536	-	6,880,536
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 16,168,615</u>	<u>\$ 2,552</u>	<u>\$ 16,171,167</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>			
Pensions	\$ 763,864	\$ -	\$ 763,864
Other post-employment benefits	3,783,016	-	3,783,016
Total deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 4,546,880</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,546,880</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u><u>\$ 20,715,495</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,552</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 20,718,047</u></u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
NET POSITION			
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 3,269,360	\$ -	\$ 3,269,360
Unrestricted	4,272,154	216,334	4,488,488
Restricted	1,433,216	-	1,433,216
Total net position	<u>\$ 8,974,730</u>	<u>\$ 216,334</u>	<u>\$ 9,191,064</u>
Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources and net position	<u>\$ 29,690,225</u>	<u>\$ 218,886</u>	<u>\$ 29,909,111</u> (Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

## Statement B

Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		Program Revenues			Net (Expenses) Revenues and Changes in Net Position		
		Fees, Fines and Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business-type Activities	Total
Program Activities	Expenses						
Governmental activities:							
General government and administration	\$ 355,345	\$ 201,028	\$ 24,051	\$ -	\$ (130,266)	\$ -	\$ (130,266)
Public safety	14,408,508	3,687,021	306,687	422,247	(9,992,553)	-	(9,992,553)
Total governmental activities	\$ 14,763,853	\$ 3,888,049	\$ 330,738	\$ 422,247	\$ (10,122,819)	\$ -	\$ (10,122,819)
Business-type activities:							
Commissary sales	\$ 144,490	\$ 183,676	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 39,186	\$ 39,186
Total government	\$ 14,908,343	\$ 4,071,725	\$ 330,738	\$ 422,247	\$ (10,122,819)	\$ 39,186	\$ (10,083,633)
General revenues:							
Taxes:							
Ad valorem taxes					\$ 6,198,051	\$ -	\$ 6,198,051
Sales taxes					5,352,471	-	5,352,471
State supplemental pay					504,778	-	504,778
Investment earnings					50,988	-	50,988
Nonemployer pension contributions					376,909	-	376,909
Opioid settlement payments					24,920	-	24,920
Gain on asset disposal					4,685	-	4,685
Miscellaneous					1,783	-	1,783
Transfers					190	-	190
Total general revenues and transfers					\$ 12,514,775	\$ -	\$ 12,514,775
Change in net position					\$ 2,391,956	\$ 39,186	\$ 2,431,142
Net position at beginning of year					6,582,774	177,148	6,759,922
Net position at end of year					\$ 8,974,730	\$ 216,334	\$ 9,191,064

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Balance Sheet  
Governmental Funds  
June 30, 2024

		<u>Major Fund</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,292,094	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,292,094
Receivables:				
Taxes				
Ad valorem taxes	17,405	-	-	17,405
Sales and use taxes	151,147	-	-	151,147
Occupational license	17,599	-	-	17,599
Accounts	303,993	-	-	303,993
Intergovernmental:				
Due from federal governments	55,834	-	-	55,834
Due from state governments	893,991	-	-	893,991
Due from other funds	43,078	-	-	43,078
Due from others	9,164	-	-	9,164
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	-	1,383,219	49,998	1,433,217
Total assets	<u>\$ 18,784,305</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,219</u>	<u>\$ 49,998</u>	<u>\$ 20,217,522</u>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>				
Deferred outflows:				
Prepaid insurance	<u>\$ 592</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 592</u>
Total assets and deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 18,784,897</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,219</u>	<u>\$ 49,998</u>	<u>\$ 20,218,114</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 1,014,340	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,014,340
Salaries payable	267,240	-	-	267,240
Retirement payable	64,801	-	-	64,801
Payroll deductions payable	3,303	-	-	3,303
Due to other funds	-	-	1	1
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 1,349,684</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 1,349,685</u>
Fund Balances:				
Unassigned	\$ 17,434,621	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,434,621
Nonspendable				
Not in spendable form	592	-	-	592
Restricted	-	1,383,219	49,997	1,433,216
Total fund balances	<u>\$ 17,435,213</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,219</u>	<u>\$ 49,997</u>	<u>\$ 18,868,429</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 18,784,897</u>	<u>\$ 1,383,219</u>	<u>\$ 49,998</u>	<u>\$ 20,218,114</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet  
to Statement of Net Position  
June 30, 2024

Total fund balance - total governmental funds	\$	18,868,429	
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:			
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds balance sheets.			3,269,360
Pension related changes in net pension liability that are only reported in the Statement of Net Position as deferred outflows.			4,130,348
Pension related changes in net pension liability that are only reported in the Statement of Net Position as deferred inflows.			(763,864)
Other post-employment benefit related changes in other post-employment benefit liability that are only reported in the statement of net position as deferred inflows.			(3,783,016)
Other post-employment benefit related changes in other post-employment benefit liability that are only reported in the statement of net position as deferred outflows.			2,072,403
Long-term (liabilities) assets are not due and payable in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds.			
Other postemployment benefits	\$	(7,938,394)	
Net pension liability		<u>(6,880,536)</u>	<u>(14,818,930)</u>
Net position of governmental activities	\$		<u><u>8,974,730</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		<u>Major Fund</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 6,198,051	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 6,198,051
Sales taxes	-	5,352,471	-	5,352,471
Intergovernmental:				
Federal grants	502,471	-	-	502,471
State grants	159,370	-	-	159,370
Local grants	91,144	-	-	91,144
State supplemental pay	504,778	-	-	504,778
Fees, charges and				
commissions for services	3,888,049	-	-	3,888,049
Opioid settlement payments	-	-	24,920	24,920
Investment income	25,396	25,571	21	50,988
Miscellaneous	1,783	-	-	1,783
Total revenues	<u>\$ 11,371,042</u>	<u>\$ 5,378,042</u>	<u>\$ 24,941</u>	<u>\$ 16,774,025</u>
Expenditures				
General government				
Tax collector	\$ 304,955	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 304,955
Public safety				
Administrative	813,490	-	-	813,490
Community services	377,400	-	-	377,400
Civil services	477,061	-	-	477,061
Criminal investigation	5,232,586	-	7,114	5,239,700
Custody of prisoners	3,458,308	-	-	3,458,308
Communications	974,768	-	-	974,768
Automotive services	750,658	-	-	750,658
Capital outlay	1,854,460	-	12,337	1,866,797
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 14,243,686</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 19,451</u>	<u>\$ 14,263,137</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (2,872,644)</u>	<u>\$ 5,378,042</u>	<u>\$ 5,490</u>	<u>\$ 2,510,888</u>

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Governmental Funds  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

		<u>Major Fund</u>		
	<u>General</u>	<u>Sales Tax</u>	<u>Other Governmental Fund</u>	<u>Total Governmental Funds</u>
Other financing sources (uses)				
Transfers in	\$ 5,015,990	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,015,990
Transfers out	-	(5,015,800)	-	(5,015,800)
Sale of assets	4,685	-	-	4,685
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ 5,020,675</u>	<u>\$ (5,015,800)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 4,875</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ 2,148,031	\$ 362,242	\$ 5,490	\$ 2,515,763
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>15,287,182</u>	<u>1,020,977</u>	<u>44,507</u>	<u>16,352,666</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 17,435,213</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,383,219</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 49,997</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,868,429</u></u>
				(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures  
and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$ 2,515,763
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the government-wide statement of activities and changes in net position, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the net amount of capital assets recorded in the current period.	1,866,797
Depreciation expense on capital assets is reported in the government- wide statement of activities and changes in net position, but they do not require the use of current financial resources. Therefore, depreciation expense is not reported as an expenditure in governmental funds.	(308,229)
Governmental funds do not report net change in other postemployment benefits (OPEB) obligations. However, this obligation does appear in the Statement of Activities since the payable is reported on the Statement of Net Position.	76,865
Pension expense is based on employer contributions in the government funds, but is an actuarially calculated expense on the Statement of Activities.	<u>(1,759,240)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities	<u><u>\$ 2,391,956</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Net Position  
Proprietary Fund  
June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Commissary Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 209,874
Accounts receivable	6,365
Due from other funds	<u>2,647</u>
Total current assets	<u>\$ 218,886</u>
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 2,552</u>
NET POSITION	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 216,334</u>
Total liabilities and net position	<u>\$ 218,886</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.



Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position  
 Proprietary Fund  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund <u>Commissary Fund</u>
Operating revenues	
Sales to inmates	<u>\$ 183,676</u>
Operating expenses	
Purchases	\$ 126,864
Medical co-payments	17,527
Miscellaneous	99
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 144,490</u>
Change in net position	\$ 39,186
Net position at beginning of year	<u>177,148</u>
Net position at end of year	<u><u>\$ 216,334</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement of Cash Flows  
Proprietary Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Business-type Activities Enterprise Fund</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 183,886
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(126,262)
Cash payments for inmate medical co-pay	(17,527)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 40,097</u>
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:	
Cash paid to other funds	<u>\$ (777)</u>
Net cash used by noncapital financing activities	<u>\$ (777)</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash investments	\$ 39,320
Cash and Cash investments, July 1, 2023	170,554
Cash and Cash investments, June 30, 2024	<u><u>\$ 209,874</u></u>
Reconciliation of net operating income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Income from operations	\$ 39,186
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts receivable	\$ 210
Increase in accounts payable	701
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u><u>\$ 40,097</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

## Statement J

Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Sheriff's Fund</u>	<u>Traffic Court Fund</u>	<u>Criminal Court Fund</u>	<u>Civil Scan Fund</u>	<u>Inmate Fund</u>	<u>Cash Bond Fund</u>	<u>NTF Fund</u>	<u>Tax Collector Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash and interest-bearing deposits	\$ 9,650	\$ 79,102	\$ 38,811	\$ 1	\$ 20,636	\$ 424,943	\$ 64,073	\$ 2,135,631	\$ 2,772,847
Accounts receivable	-	-	-	651	-	-	-	38,668	39,319
Due from others	-	-	-	-	619	-	-	-	619
Total assets	<u>\$ 9,650</u>	<u>\$ 79,102</u>	<u>\$ 38,811</u>	<u>\$ 652</u>	<u>\$ 21,255</u>	<u>\$ 424,943</u>	<u>\$ 64,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,299</u>	<u>\$ 2,812,785</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>									
Held for others	\$ 9,650	\$ 79,102	\$ 38,811	\$ 651	\$ 18,608	\$ 424,753	\$ 64,072	\$ 201,152	\$ 836,799
Due to taxing bodies	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	59,570	59,570
Due to other funds	-	-	-	1	2,647	190	1	42,885	45,724
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 9,650</u>	<u>\$ 79,102</u>	<u>\$ 38,811</u>	<u>\$ 652</u>	<u>\$ 21,255</u>	<u>\$ 424,943</u>	<u>\$ 64,073</u>	<u>\$ 303,607</u>	<u>\$ 942,093</u>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>									
Protested taxes	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 1,870,692</u>	<u>\$ 1,870,692</u>
Total liabilities and deferred inflows of resources	<u>\$ 9,650</u>	<u>\$ 79,102</u>	<u>\$ 38,811</u>	<u>\$ 652</u>	<u>\$ 21,255</u>	<u>\$ 424,943</u>	<u>\$ 64,073</u>	<u>\$ 2,174,299</u>	<u>\$ 2,812,785</u>

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## Statement K

Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position  
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	Sheriff's Fund	Traffic Court Fund	Criminal Court Fund	Civil Scan Fund	Inmate Fund	Cash Bond Fund	NTF Fund	Tax Collector Fund	Total
<b>ADDITIONS</b>									
Civil scan fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,597	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 11,597
Suits, sales, seizures, etc.	1,717,041	-	-	-	-	-	4,425	-	1,721,466
Fines and costs	-	881,432	619,663	-	-	-	-	-	1,501,095
Cash bonds	-	-	-	-	-	236,550	-	-	236,550
Garnishments	395,411	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	395,411
Inmate receipts	-	-	-	-	210,445	-	-	-	210,445
Cash bond fees	-	-	-	-	-	107,707	-	-	107,707
Investment income	-	-	-	-	-	190	-	2,330	2,520
Ad valorem taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,980,771	44,980,771
Interest on ad valorem taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	25,198	25,198
Tax notices	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	70,211	70,211
LA tax commission fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,903	47,903
Sales taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	52,796,520	52,796,520
State revenue sharing	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	732,849	732,849
Redemptions	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20,829	20,829
Occupational licenses	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	962,886	962,886
Total additions	<u>\$ 2,112,452</u>	<u>\$ 881,432</u>	<u>\$ 619,663</u>	<u>\$ 11,597</u>	<u>\$ 210,445</u>	<u>\$ 344,447</u>	<u>\$ 4,425</u>	<u>\$99,639,497</u>	<u>\$ 103,823,958</u>
<b>REDUCTIONS</b>									
District Attorney's general fund	\$ -	\$ 122,930	\$ 69,906	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 192,836
Sheriff's general fund	309,027	65,474	32,286	2,180	-	-	-	11,747,813	12,156,780
Beauregard Parish School Board	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	41,437,324	41,437,324
Beauregard Parish Police Jury	-	318,941	361,958	-	-	-	-	23,973,585	24,654,484
Beauregard Parish Library	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,856,865	2,856,865
Beauregard Parish Assessor	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,779,754	1,779,754
LA Department of Agriculture	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	39,207	39,207

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	Sheriff's Fund	Traffic Court Fund	Criminal Court Fund	Civil Scan Fund	Inmate Fund	Cash Bond Fund	NTF Fund	Tax Collector Fund	Total
Waterworks District No. 2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	688,953	688,953
Fire District No. 3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	421,384	421,384
Fire District No. 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	693,268	693,268
City of DeRidder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	13,476,015	13,476,015
Town of Merryville	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	622,233	622,233
LA Tax Commission	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	47,904	47,904
Pension funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,229,558	1,229,558
Waterworks District No. 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,242	73,242
Waterworks District No. 6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	112,789	112,789
SRI, Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	31,400	31,400
Sales taxes per audit	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	198,025	198,025
Sales taxes audit fees	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44,404	44,404
Indigent Defender fund	-	158,641	31,353	-	-	-	-	2,140	192,134
Clerk of Court	23,488	51,137	27,097	-	-	-	-	-	101,722
Southwest Louisiana Regional Crime Lab	-	104,003	62,889	-	-	-	-	-	166,892
Louisiana Department of Public Safety	-	-	2,209	9,417	-	-	-	-	11,626
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	-	6,928	7,390	-	-	-	-	-	14,318
Judicial expense fund	-	17,585	2,907	-	-	-	-	-	20,492
Trial court case management	-	10,579	1,746	-	-	-	-	-	12,325
Traumatic Head/Spinal Injury	-	15,175	1,190	-	-	-	-	-	16,365
Louisiana Supreme Court	-	1,753	124	-	-	-	-	-	1,877
Crime Stoppers	-	7,056	1,160	-	-	-	-	-	8,216
Reimbursements	-	-	13,131	-	-	-	-	-	13,131
Refund proceeds	9,971	1,230	2,917	-	66,054	236,550	4,425	163,634	484,781
Other sheriffs and clerks	14,908	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,908
Litigants	1,389,867	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,389,867

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	Sheriff's Fund	Traffic Court Fund	Criminal Court Fund	Civil Scan Fund	Inmate Fund	Cash Bond Fund	NTF Fund	Tax Collector Fund	Total
Attorneys, appraisers, and other costs	12,241	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12,241
Other garnishments	352,950	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	352,950
Cash bond fee disbursements	-	-	-	-	-	107,707	-	-	107,707
Breathalyzer/blood tests	-	-	1,400	-	-	-	-	-	1,400
Inmate disbursements	-	-	-	-	144,391	-	-	-	144,391
Transfers out	-	-	-	-	-	190	-	-	190
Total reductions	<u>\$ 2,112,452</u>	<u>\$ 881,432</u>	<u>\$ 619,663</u>	<u>\$ 11,597</u>	<u>\$ 210,445</u>	<u>\$ 344,447</u>	<u>\$ 4,425</u>	<u>\$99,639,497</u>	<u>\$ 103,823,958</u>
									(Concluded)

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## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

### Notes to the Financial Statements As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

#### INTRODUCTION

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, and other services. 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, local sales taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

##### A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB 34, *Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

##### B. REPORTING ENTITY

Section 2100 of the GASB Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards (GASB Codification) established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the sheriff includes all funds, account groups and activities that are controlled by the sheriff as an independently elected parish official. As an independently elected parish official, the sheriff is solely responsible for the retention of employees, authority over budgeting, the responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. Other than certain operating expenditures of the sheriff's office that are paid by the parish police jury as required by Louisiana law, the sheriff's office is financially independent. Accordingly, the sheriff is a separate governmental reporting entity. Certain units of local government over which the sheriff exercises no oversight responsibility, such as the parish police jury, parish school board, other independently elected parish officials, and municipalities within the parish, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements. These units of government are considered separate reporting entities and issue financial statements separate from those of the parish sheriff.

##### C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The sheriff uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions relating to certain sheriff functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.



## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the sheriff's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources, which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the sheriff. The following are the sheriff's governmental funds:

General Fund – The primary operating fund of the sheriff and it accounts for all financial resources, except those in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to the sheriff's policy.

Special Revenue Funds – The special revenue funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specific purposes other than debt service or capital projects. One special revenue fund is used to deposit a parish wide one-half cent sales tax. The sales tax is to be used to increase beginning salary levels for deputies, to provide for future cost of living salary adjustments and benefits for deputies. The other special revenue fund is used to deposit opioid settlement funds from the State of Louisiana to be used to combat the opioid epidemic.

The sheriff has not established a policy for use of the unrestricted fund balance, therefore it considers committed fund balances to be used first, then assigned fund balances to be used next and finally the unassigned fund balance will be used.

#### Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category by the sheriff are custodial funds. The custodial funds account for assets held by the sheriff as an agent for various taxing bodies (tax collections) and for deposits held pending court action. These funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, the custodial funds have no measurement focus, but use the modified accrual basis of accounting.

#### Proprietary Fund

Enterprise Fund – Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the sheriff's proprietary fund is sales of commissary goods to inmates. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

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

### **D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

#### Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund and Other Funds, of Statements C and E, are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of sheriff operations.

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### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund and Other Funds, of Statements C and E, 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 sheriff considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year. 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:

#### Revenues

State revenues sharing, which is based on population and homesteads in the parish, is recorded in the year the taxes are received.

Intergovernmental revenues are recorded when the sheriff is entitled to the funds.

#### Expenditures and Expenses

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

#### Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (and any other financing source/use) are accounted for as other financing sources (uses).

### Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

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

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds, proprietary funds, and fiduciary funds, even though the latter are excluded from the government-wide financial statements. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

Program Revenues – Program revenues included in the column labeled Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from sheriff users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the sheriff's general fund.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Eliminations of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### **E. BUDGET PRACTICES**

The financial administrator prepares the proposed budget and submits this to the sheriff for approval. Amended budgets are prepared in the same manner and submitted to the sheriff for approval when a variance greater than five percent exists between budgeted and actual amounts. The proposed budget for 2023-2024 was made available for inspection on June 6, 2023. The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published in the official journal ten days prior to the public hearing, which was held at the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's office on June 6, 2023, for comments from taxpayers. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the sheriff.

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.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting records is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are made. 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 deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts and time deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those other investments with original maturities of 90 days or less. Under state law, the sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. Tax collections must be deposited in a bank domiciled in the parish where the funds are collected. These cash and cash equivalents are also used in the proprietary fund's statement of cash flows.

#### **G. INVESTMENTS**

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

Under state law, the sheriff may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments, if their original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost. At June 30, 2024 the sheriff had no investments.

#### **H. INVENTORY**

The sheriff had no inventory as of June 30, 2024.

#### **I. SHORT-TERM INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

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

#### **J. PREPAID ITEMS**

Prepaid amounts consist of insurance policy premiums paid in advance.

## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

#### K. 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 sheriff maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

According to GASB 34 the Beauregard Parish Sheriff was not required to retroactively report infrastructure assets in its financial statements. therefore, these assets have not been reported in the financial statements.

Capital assets are recorded in the Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. 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>
Land improvements	40-50 years
Buildings and building improvements	40-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Vehicles	5-10 years

#### L. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The sheriff has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

##### Sick Leave Policy

1. Sick leave is available only to full-time employees.
2. Sick leave is defined as absence from duty due to a full-time employee suffering from a bona fide illness or injury or other physical incapacity that prevents the performance of normal duties or being quarantined by health authorities and includes bona fide illness, injury or other incapacity of such employee's immediate family, which includes only the parents, spouse, siblings and children of the employee, as well as the employee's spouse's children, which would require the care of the employee.
3. Sick leave shall only be used for those reasons constituting the definition of Sick Leave hereinabove.
4. A maximum of ten (10) days of sick leave per calendar year will accrue at the rate of 0.833 days per month, subject to the following provisions: unused sick leave days may be carried over from one calendar year to the next, but at no time shall an employee be allowed to accumulate more than twenty (20) days of unused sick leave; therefore, once an employee accumulates a total of twenty (20) days of unused sick leave, that employee will not accrue additional sick leave until the month in which some of his/her days of accumulated sick leave is used.
5. If an employee uses six (6) or more consecutive days of sick leave, a certificate from a practicing physician explaining the nature of the qualifying reason for absence and confirming the need to use sick leave must be submitted to the employee's supervisor on behalf of the employee. This certificate will be routed to the Chief Deputy or the Fiscal Administrator and then be placed in the employee's personnel file.
6. Employees will not be paid for any accrued or accumulated unused sick leave remaining at the time of separation from employment.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

7. Once all accrued and accumulated sick leave has been exhausted, an employee may utilize any other accrued paid leave in the event of a qualifying reason for absence under sick leave.

Vacation Policy

8. All full-time employees shall earn vacation leave according to his/her full-time employment service with the department as outlined in the following chart:

After 6 months, but less than 1 year	5 days
1 through 4 years	10 days
5 through 9 years	13 days
10 or more years	15 days

9. All vacation leave must be scheduled with the employee's supervisor prior to reaching December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year. Vacation leave may be taken in any full day increment as approved by the supervisor. The supervisor retains the authority to make adjustments or cancel vacation leave as necessary to ensure adequate personnel are on duty at all times. All vacation leave must be taken prior to the end of the calendar year. No vacation leave may be carried over to another year unless the immediate supervisor has prevented an employee from taking the time off due to scheduling problems that prevented the employee from taking the vacation leave off in a timely manner.

**M. RESTRICTED NET POSITION**

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

1. externally imposed by creditors (such as debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
2. imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

**N. EXTRAORDINARY AND SPECIAL ITEMS**

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the sheriff, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

**O. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS**

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. Nonrecurring or non-routine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transactions are reported as transfers.

**P. SALES TAX**

The Beauregard Parish Sheriff receives a parish wide one-half cent sales tax. The sales tax is to be used toward the payment of salaries and benefits of deputies. The sales tax is a ten year tax with an expiration date of October 1, 2024.

**Q. 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

## Beauregard Parish Sheriff

### Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 these estimates.

#### R. FUND BALANCES

- Nonspendable** The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact. The "not in spendable form" criterion includes items that are not expected to be converted to cash, for example, inventories and prepaid amounts. As for the Beauregard Parish Sheriff, the nonspendable fund balance consists of prepaid amounts of insurance premiums.
- Restricted** Amounts that are restricted to specific purposes should be reported as *restricted fund balance*. Fund balance should be reported as restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either:
- Externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributions, or laws or regulations of other governments; or
  - Imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Unassigned** Unassigned fund balance is the residual classification for the general fund. This classification represents fund balance that has not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

#### S. PENSIONS

Financial reporting information pertaining to the Sheriff's participation in the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board "GASB" Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date*, which have been adopted by the Sheriff for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024.

The fiduciary net position, as well as additions to and deductions from the fiduciary net position, of the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund. The financial statements were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Member and employer contributions are recognized when due, pursuant to formal commitments and statutory requirements. Benefits and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the statutes governing the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund. Expenses are recognized when the liability is incurred, regardless of when payment is made. Investments are reported at fair value on a trade date basis. The fiduciary net position is reflected in the measurement of the Sheriff's proportionate share of the plans net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense.

#### T. RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENT

In January 2017, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) approved Statement No. 84, "Fiduciary Activities." GASB Statement No. 84 establishes general criteria for determining when a governmental unit has a fiduciary role for managing certain types of assets. GASB No. 84 replaces *agency funds* with *custodial funds*, which generally are used to report fiduciary activities that are not held in a trust or equivalent arrangement that meets specific criteria. The provisions of GASB Statement No. 84 must be implemented by the Sheriff for periods beginning after December 15, 2018, with earlier application encouraged. The effect of implementation of this statement on the Sheriff's financial statements has not yet been determined.

# Beauregard Parish Sheriff

## Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

### 2. LEVIED TAXES

The sheriff levies taxes on real and business personal property located within the boundaries of the Parish. Property taxes are levied by the sheriff on property values assessed by the Beauregard Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission.

The Beauregard Parish Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector bills and collects property taxes for the sheriff. Collections are remitted to the sheriff monthly. The sheriff recognizes property tax revenues when levied.

Property Tax Calendar	
Assessment date	January 1, 2023
Levy date	June 30, 2023
Tax bills mailed	October 15, 2023
Total taxes are due	December 31, 2023
Penalties & interest due	January 31, 2024
Lien date	January 31, 2024
Tax sale	May 15, 2024

For the year ended June 30, 2024, taxes of 16.49 mills were levied on property with an assessed valuation totaling \$367,974,565, and were dedicated as follows:

	Authorized Millage	Levied Millage	Expiration Date
Law Enforcement	6.46	6.46	December 31, 2024
Law Enforcement	10.03	10.03	Perpetual

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectibles. Property taxes are collected and remitted by the local sheriff. If taxes are not paid, a sheriff's sale is held and the property is sold to satisfy the taxes due on that property. Due to this, the majority, if not all property taxes are collected, any allowance account would be immaterial; therefore, one has not been established.

The following is the principal taxpayer and related ad valorem tax revenue for the sheriff:

Taxpayer	Type of Business	Assessed Valuation	% of Total Assessed Valuation	Ad Valorem Tax Revenue for Sheriff
Boise Packaging & Newsprint, L.L.C.	Forestry and paper mill	\$ 43,420,173	11.80%	\$ 715,999
Cheniere Creole Trail Pipeline	Oil and gas	22,110,730	6.01%	364,606
DTE Leap Gas Gathering	Oil and gas	22,212,052	6.04%	366,277
		<u>\$ 87,742,955</u>	<u>23.85%</u>	<u>\$ 1,446,882</u>

### 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At June 30, 2024, the sheriff has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$21,708,032 as follows:

Interest bearing demand deposits	\$ 11,080
NOW accounts	16,339,493
Demand deposits	627,516
Petty cash	400
Money market investment accounts	3,242,833
Time deposits	1,486,710
Total	<u>\$ 21,708,032</u>

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The cash and cash equivalents of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff are subject to the following risk:

*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, 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. 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 of being notified by the Sheriff 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 Sheriff's name.

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff has \$21,956,973 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$1,222,628 of federal deposit insurance and \$20,734,345 of pledged securities held by an unaffiliated bank of the pledgor bank. These pledged securities are deemed by law to be under the control and possession and in the name of the Sheriff and deposits are therefore properly collateralized.

**4. RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$1,494,817 at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Class of receivable	General Fund	Proprietary Fund	Fiduciary Funds	Total
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 17,405	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,405
Sales and use fee	151,147	-	-	151,147
Intergovernmental - grants:				
Federal	55,834	-	-	55,834
State	893,991	-	-	893,991
Accounts	303,993	6,365	39,319	349,677
Occupational license	17,599	-	-	17,599
Others	9,164	-	-	9,164
Total	<u>\$ 1,449,133</u>	<u>\$ 6,365</u>	<u>\$ 39,319</u>	<u>\$ 1,494,817</u>

**5. PAYABLES**

The payables of \$1,352,236 at June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Class of Payable	General Fund	Proprietary Fund	Total
Accounts payable	\$ 1,014,340	\$ 2,552	\$ 1,016,892
Salaries payable	267,240	-	267,240
Retirement payable	64,801	-	64,801
Payroll deductions payable	3,303	-	3,303
Total	<u>\$ 1,349,684</u>	<u>\$ 2,552</u>	<u>\$ 1,352,236</u>



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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	Beginning Balance	Increase	Decrease	Ending Balance
Governmental activities:				
Capital assets not being depreciated				
Work in progress	\$ 152,622	\$ 1,060,398	\$ 37,643	\$ 1,175,377
Capital assets being depreciated				
Appliances	\$ 30,983	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,983
Buildings	1,107,538	402,506	-	1,510,044
Communications	1,024,116	41,346	-	1,065,462
Computers	921,299	-	-	921,299
Criminal equipment	368,539	51,404	-	419,943
Firearms	63,812	-	-	63,812
Furniture	154,849	-	-	154,849
Office equipment	58,549	-	3,290	55,259
Photography	137,259	-	-	137,259
Vehicles	2,316,918	348,787	149,321	2,516,384
Total capital assets being depreciated	\$ 6,183,862	\$ 844,043	\$ 152,611	\$ 6,875,294
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Appliances	\$ 30,983	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 30,983
Buildings	712,217	27,146	-	739,363
Communications	666,947	18,920	-	685,867
Computers	803,366	34,666	-	838,032
Criminal equipment	342,523	2,896	-	345,419
Firearms	63,812	-	-	63,812
Furniture	154,849	-	-	154,849
Office equipment	55,693	2,448	3,290	54,851
Photography	90,162	17,300	-	107,462
Vehicles	1,705,141	204,853	149,321	1,760,673
Total accumulated depreciation	\$ 4,625,693	\$ 308,229	\$ 152,611	\$ 4,781,311
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ 1,558,169	\$ 535,814	\$ -	\$ 2,093,983

Depreciation expense of \$308,229 for the year ended June 30, 2024, was charged to the following governmental functions:

Public safety	\$ 304,662
General administration	3,567
Total	<u>\$ 308,229</u>

7. CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

The Sheriff had an active construction project as of June 30, 2024. The Sheriff had renovations to the Ragley substation as follows:

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Project	Spent to Date	Remaining Commitment
Ragley Substation Renovations	\$ 1,175,377	\$ 55,000

**8. INVESTED IN CAPITAL ASSETS – NET**

Capital assets not being depreciated	\$ 1,175,377
Capital assets being depreciated	6,875,294
Total capital assets	<u>\$ 8,050,671</u>
Less:	
Accumulated depreciation	<u>\$ (4,781,311)</u>
Net investment in capital assets	<u>\$ 3,269,360</u>

**9. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES**

The following due to/from balances exists due to payments made out of one fund that relate to the other fund. The balance in each respective due to/from account is expected to be paid within the current year.

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund	Proprietary Fund	Custodial Funds	Totals
Due to	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ -	\$ 45,724	\$ 45,725
Due from	(43,078)	-	(2,647)	-	(45,725)
Total	<u>\$ (43,078)</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ (2,647)</u>	<u>\$ 45,724</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

**10. INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

	Transfer in	Transfer out
Sales tax fund	\$ -	\$ 5,015,800
General fund	5,015,990	-
Custodial funds	-	190
Total	<u>\$ 5,015,990</u>	<u>\$ 5,015,990</u>

Transfers are used to (1) move revenues from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to expend them, and to (2) use unrestricted revenues collected in other funds to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

**11. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS**

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions for the year ended June 30, 2024.

	OPEB Liability	Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Total
Long-term obligations at beginning of year	\$ 9,945,190	\$ 6,468,738	\$ 16,413,928
Additions	-	1,210,304	1,210,304
Reductions	<u>(2,006,796)</u>	<u>(798,506)</u>	<u>(2,805,302)</u>
Long-term obligations at end of year	<u>\$ 7,938,394</u>	<u>\$ 6,880,536</u>	<u>\$ 14,818,930</u>

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The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of June 30, 2024.

	OPEB Liability	Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Total
Current portion	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Long-term portion	7,938,394	6,880,536	14,818,930
Total	<u>\$ 7,938,394</u>	<u>\$ 6,880,536</u>	<u>\$ 14,818,930</u>

## 12. PENSION PLAN

### Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund

Substantially all employees of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's Office are members of the Louisiana Sheriffs' 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 statement and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, PO Box 3163, Monroe, Louisiana 71220, or by calling (318) 362-3191.

### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund prepares its employer schedules in accordance with Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68 – *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*. GASB Statement No. 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses/expenditures. It provides methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. It also provides methods to calculate participating employer's proportionate share of net pension liability, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, pension expense, and amortization periods for deferred inflows and deferred outflows.

### Basis of Accounting

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund's employer schedules were prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Employer contributions, for which the employer allocations are based, are recognized in the period in which the employee is compensated for services performed.

### Fund Employees

The Fund is not allocated a proportionate share of the net pension liability related to its employees. The net pension liability attributed to the Fund's employees is allocated to the remaining employers based on their respective employer allocation percentage.

### Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the Fund's collective net pension liability. The Fund's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The Fund's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the determination of the fair market value of the Fund's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

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#### Pension Amount Netting

The deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources attributable to differences between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments recorded in different years are netted to report only a deferred outflow or a deferred inflow on the schedule of pension amounts. The remaining categories of deferred outflows and deferred inflows are not presented on a net basis.

#### PLAN DESCRIPTION

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund (Fund) is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 11:2171 to provide retirement, disability and survivor benefits to employees of sheriff's offices throughout the State of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund's office.

#### Retirement Benefits

For members who become eligible for membership on or before December 31, 2011, members with twelve years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five; members with thirty years of service may retire regardless of age. The retirement allowance is equal to three and one-third percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Active, contributing members with at least ten years of creditable service may retire at age sixty. 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.

For members whose first employment made them eligible for membership in the system beginning on or after January 1, 2012, members with twelve years of creditable service may retire at age sixty-two; members with twenty years of service may retire at age sixty; members with thirty years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five. The benefit accrual rate for such members with less than thirty years of service is three percent; for members with thirty or more years of service the accrual rate is three and one-third percent. The retirement allowance is equal to the benefit accrual rate times the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Members with twenty or more years of service may retire with a reduced retirement at age fifty.

For members whose first employment made them eligible for membership in the system beginning on or before June 30, 2006, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest thirty-six consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the thirty-six month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

For members whose first employment made them eligible for membership in the system beginning after June 30, 2006 and before July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty-month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

For members whose first employment made them eligible for membership in the system beginning on or after July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty-month period shall not exceed 115% of the preceding twelve-month period.

#### Disability Benefits

Members are eligible to receive disability benefits if they have at least ten 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 1) a sum equal to the greatest of 45% of final average compensation or the member's accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability, or 2) 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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#### Survivor Benefits

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 eighteen 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 four 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-three, if the child is a full time student in good standing and enrolled at a board approved or accredited school, college, or university.

#### Deferred Benefits

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.

#### Back Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Back-DROP)

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 times 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 times 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 Adjustments

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.

Funding Policy - Plan members are required by statute to contribute 10.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the Beauregard 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 Beauregard 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 Beauregard Parish Sheriff's contributions to the System for the years ending June 30, 2024, 2023, and 2022 were \$798,506, \$721,885, and \$723,220, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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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.

*Pension Liabilities, 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 \$6,880,536 for its proportionate share of 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 Sheriffs, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2023 the Sheriff's proportion was .782967%, which was a decrease of .012905% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Sheriff recognized pension expense of \$2,245,137 minus employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$32,368. At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff recognized deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension from the following:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 1,276,862	\$ 125,928
Changes of assumptions	528,860	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	1,374,476	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Sheriff's contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	614,201
Differences between employer and proportionate share of contributions	151,644	23,735
Sheriff's contributions subsequent to the measurement date	798,506	-
Total	<u>\$ 4,130,348</u>	<u>\$ 763,864</u>

*Differences between Expected and Actual Experience*

The differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized as pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

*Changes of Assumptions*

The changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan.

*Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings*

The differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period.

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### *Changes in Proportion*

Changes in the employer's proportionate shares of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in employer's pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

### *Contributions – Proportionate Share*

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

The \$798,506 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to pensions resulting from the Sheriff's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	
2025	\$ 802,795
2026	411,331
2027	1,424,237
2028	(70,385)
Total	<u>\$ 2,567,978</u>

### *Actuarial Methods and Assumptions*

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

The components of the net pension liability of the Sheriff as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Total Pension Liability	\$ 42,835,616
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>(35,955,080)</u>
Total Net Pension Liability (Asset)	<u>\$ 6,880,536</u>

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2023 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial Cost Method	Individual Entry Age Normal Method
Actuarial Assumptions:	
Investment Rate of Return (Discount Rate)	6.85%, net of pension plan investment expense; including inflation
Projected Salary Increases	5.00% (2.50% Inflation, 2.50% Merit)

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Mortality Rates	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for disabled retirees, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p>
Expected Remaining Service Lives	<p>2023 – 5 years</p> <p>2022 – 5 years</p> <p>2021 – 5 years</p> <p>2020 – 6 years</p> <p>2019 – 6 years</p> <p>2018 – 6 years</p> <p>2017 – 7 years</p>
Cost of Living Adjustments	<p>The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.</p>

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. The 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.

The long-term expected real rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimates 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 were 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. Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class based on the Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023, are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Rate of Return		
	Target Asset Allocation	Real Return Arithmetic Basis	Long-term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Equity Securities	62.00%	6.69%	4.15%
Fixed income	25.00%	4.92%	1.23%
Alternative Investments	13.00%	5.77%	0.75%
Totals	100.00%		6.13%
Inflation			2.49%
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return			8.62%



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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 those contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

### *Sensitivity to Changes in Discount Rate*

The following presents the net pension liability (asset) of the Sheriff calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the Sheriff's net pension liability (asset) would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.85% or one percentage point higher 7.85% than the current rate, as of June 30, 2023:

	Changes in Discount Rate:		
	1.00% Decrease 5.85%	Current Discount Rate 6.85%	1.00% Increase 7.85%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 12,192,424	\$ 6,880,536	\$ 2,450,512

These financial statements include a payable to the pension plan of \$64,801, which is the legally required contribution due at June 30, 2024. This amount is recorded in accrued expenses.

### State of Louisiana, Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan

The Sheriff offers membership in the State of Louisiana, Public Employees Deferred Compensation Plan, a qualified retirement plan under section 457 of the Internal Revenue Code administered by Great West Life and Annuity Insurance Company.

The Louisiana Deferred Compensation Plan provides state, parish and municipal employees with the opportunity to invest money on a before-tax basis, using payroll deduction. Participants defer federal and state income tax on their contributions. In addition, interest or earnings on the account accumulates tax-deferred. Participants may join the plan with as little as \$10 per pay period, \$20 per month, and contribute up to 100% of taxable compensation, not to exceed \$22,500 and \$23,000 per calendar years for 2023 and 2024, respectively. Additionally, if age 50 or older an additional amount may be deferred (up to \$7,500 and \$7,500 per calendar years 2023 and 2024 respectively) above the annual deferral limit.

A special "catch-up" provision may be used to invest an amount determined by using a special formula per year for three years prior to retirement. Any amount excluded from gross income through salary reduction under a 403(b) annuity, a 401(k) profit-sharing plan or a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) is to be treated as amounts deferred under this deferred compensation plan. Participants joining the Plan may choose the amount to contribute and the investment option(s). They may revise their choice at any time, transfer monies to other available investment options and may increase, decrease or stop deferrals any time. The Plan offers both a guaranteed option and variable investment options, from which participants may select a fund or combination of funds to satisfy their personal investment objectives. Each of the funds has independent investment objectives and utilizes different investment strategies. With the exception of the Great-West Guaranteed Fund, the remaining investment options are variable in nature. Values of the variable options are not guaranteed as to a fixed dollar amount and may increase or decrease according to the investment experience of the underlying portfolio. The expense to administer the Plan is borne by all participants. The administrative fee is .85% and is assessed on each of the options selected. The variable options also have investment management fees that vary based upon the option chosen. Both the

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administrative and investment management fees are calculated and deducted daily on a pro-rata basis. There are no annual contract charges or transaction charges. At retirement, 100% of the account value will be applied to any of the following settlement options chosen. These options include among others:

- Periodic payment
- Payments over your lifetime
- Payments for a specific time or amount
- Joint and survivor benefits
- Lump-sum payment
- Any combination of the above options

The Plan is administered by Great-West Life and Annuity Insurance Company; 2237 South Acadian Thruway Suite 702; Baton Rouge, LA 70808; (800) 937-7604 or (225) 926-8086.

### 13. POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

#### General Information about the OPEB Plan

*Plan description* – The Beauregard Parish Sheriff’s Office (the Sheriff) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Beauregard Parish Sheriff’s Office’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) Codification Section P52 *Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions—Reporting For Benefits Not Provided Through Trusts That Meet Specified Criteria—Defined Benefit*.

*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 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 \$10,000. The amount of insurance coverage while active is continued after retirement, but insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 75% of the original amount of age 65, then to 50% at age 70, though not below amount \$10,000.

*Employees covered by benefit terms* – As of the measurement date June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefit payments	33
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	137
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	170

#### Total OPEB Liability

The Sheriff’s total OPEB liability is \$7,938,394 as of the measurement date June 30, 2024, the end of the fiscal year.

*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:

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Valuation date	July 1, 2023
Prior measurement date	June 30, 2023
Measurement date	June 30, 2024
Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal
Amortization method	Level dollar
Amortization period	Average remaining service life of actives and retirees
Inflation	3.00%
Healthcare trend (S.O.A. Getzen Model)	Medical: 5.50% annually for 5 years, decreasing to 4.14% after 52 years; Dental: 4.00% if covered
Salary increases	3.00%, annually
Prior discount rate	3.65%
Discount rate	3.93% annually which is the Bond Buyer 20-Bond General Obligation Index on the Measurement Date. The 20-Bond Index consists of 20 general obligation bonds that mature in 20 years.
Retirement rates for sample ages	Retirement is assumed to occur when eligible and after 25 years of service, or 4 years after D.R.O.P. entry if later.
Mortality	120% of Pub-2010 for general employees and healthy retirees with MP-2021 scale

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>\$ 9,945,190</u>
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	229,671
Interest cost at 3.65%	367,191
Differences between expected and actual experience	(2,342,192)
Changes in assumptions	27,120
Benefit payments and employer retirement premiums paid	<u>(288,586)</u>
Net changes	<u>\$ (2,006,796)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2024	<u>\$ 7,938,394</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 (2.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93%) than the current discount rate:

	1.00% Decrease (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1.00% Increase (4.93%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 9,484,612</u>	<u>\$ 7,938,394</u>	<u>\$ 6,733,162</u>

*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:

	1.00% Decrease (4.50%)	Current Trend (5.50%)	1.00% Increase (6.50%)
Total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 6,810,739</u>	<u>\$ 7,938,394</u>	<u>\$ 9,398,187</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 \$407,195. At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 793,304	\$ 2,380,431
Changes in assumptions	1,279,099	1,402,585
Total	<u>\$ 2,072,403</u>	<u>\$ 3,783,016</u>

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

Year ended June 30:	
2025	\$ 189,667
2026	189,667
2027	189,667
2028	189,667
2029	410,119
Thereafter	541,826

**14. TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST**

The net position held for others in the custodial funds at June 30, 2024, as reflected on Statement J, include \$1,870,692 of taxes paid under protest along with interest earned to date on the investment of these funds. These funds are held pending resolution of the protest and are accounted for in the Tax Collection Agency Fund.

**15. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCES**

The sales tax fund had \$1,383,219 of restricted fund balance as of June 30, 2024. The fund balance is restricted by a ten year sales tax proposition passed by the voters of the parish with an expiration date of October 1, 2024.

**16. OPIOID FUND BALANCE**

The opioid fund had \$49,997 of restricted fund balance as of June 30, 2024. The fund balance is restricted to expenditures for the training and equipment to combat the opioid crisis.

**17. EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR**

The amount of cash on hand at year end was \$2,135,631. The unsettled balances of the Tax Collector Fund at June 30, 2024 consist of the following:

Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,732,426
Refunds	1
Sales taxes	<u>441,872</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,174,299</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

The amount of ad valorem taxes collected for the current year by taxing authority was as follows:

Beauregard Parish School Board	\$ 19,868,373
Beauregard Parish Police Jury	10,135,808
Beauregard Parish Library	2,803,377
Beauregard Parish Assessor	1,722,576
Beauregard Parish Assessor's Pension Funds	1,217,901
Beauregard Parish Sheriff	6,237,545
Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry	39,207
Beauregard Parish Waterworks District No. 2	688,953
Beauregard Parish Fire District No. 1	693,268
Beauregard Parish Fire District No. 3	421,384
City of DeRidder	962,604
Town of Merryville	25,968
Beauregard Parish Waterworks District No. 5	73,242
Beauregard Parish Waterworks District No. 6	112,789
Louisiana Tax Commission	47,904
SRI Inc.	31,400
Total	<u>\$ 45,082,299</u>

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2024, the ad valorem taxes assessed and uncollected were due to movable property and the amounts are as follows:

	Uncollectible	Bankruptcy	Pending Payment	Under Protest	Total
Beauregard Parish Police Jury	\$ 2,048	\$ 283	\$ 498	\$ 5,435	\$ 8,264
Beauregard Parish School Board	3,360	1,413	575	37,530	42,878
Beauregard Parish Assessor	286	120	49	3,190	3,645
Beauregard Parish Library	482	203	83	5,387	6,155
Beauregard Parish Sheriff	1,013	426	173	11,316	12,928
Beauregard Parish Waterworks					
District No. 6	246	-	-	-	246
Beauregard Parish Fire District No. 1	73	-	-	4,104	4,177
Beauregard Parish Fire District No. 3	410	-	-	-	410
City of DeRidder	110	269	62	-	441
Beauregard Parish Waterworks					
District No. 2	47	-	-	11,975	12,022
Total	<u>\$ 8,075</u>	<u>\$ 2,714</u>	<u>\$ 1,440</u>	<u>\$ 78,937</u>	<u>\$ 91,166</u>

Beauregard Parish Sheriff

Notes to the Financial Statements (Concluded)

The Beauregard Parish Sheriff collects and distributes sales taxes for the following governments:

	Total Collections	Collection Cost	Final Distribution
Beauregard Parish School Board	\$ 21,243,368	\$ 90,456	\$ 21,152,912
(Outside all corporate limits 2.00%)			
(Inside DeRidder city limits 2.00%)			
(Inside Merryville city limits 1.00%)			
Beauregard Parish Policy Jury	13,423,850	55,201	13,368,649
(Outside all corporate limits 2.25%)			
(Inside DeRidder city limits .25%)			
(Inside Merryville city limits .25%)			
Beauregard Parish Sheriff (.50%)	5,347,194	24,106	5,323,088
City of DeRidder (2.25%)	11,888,681	46,278	11,842,403
Town of Merryville (3.25%)	549,266	19,403	529,863
Total	<u>\$ 52,452,359</u>	<u>\$ 235,444</u>	<u>\$ 52,216,915</u>

The Beauregard Parish Sheriff collects and distributes occupational licenses for the following governments:

	Total Collections
Beauregard Parish Policy Jury	\$ 290,516
City of DeRidder	624,729
Town of Merryville	46,999
Beauregard Parish Sheriff	640
Total	<u>\$ 962,884</u>

## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

General Fund  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget and Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount	Budget to Actual differences over (under)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 5,500,000	\$ 6,198,000	\$ 6,198,051	\$ 51
Intergovernmental:				
Federal grants	227,500	496,800	502,471	5,671
State grants	530,000	121,000	159,370	38,370
Local grants	128,000	128,200	91,144	(37,056)
State supplemental pay	-	500,000	504,778	4,778
Fees, charges and commissions for services	2,818,000	3,683,000	3,888,049	205,049
Investment income	16,000	24,000	25,396	1,396
Miscellaneous	1,500	26,000	1,783	(24,217)
Total revenues	<u>\$ 9,221,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,177,000</u>	<u>\$ 11,371,042</u>	<u>\$ 194,042</u>
Expenditures				
General government				
Tax collector	\$ 331,000	\$ 309,450	\$ 304,955	\$ 4,495
Public Safety				
Administrative	836,000	1,215,500	813,490	402,010
Community services	590,000	338,000	377,400	(39,400)
Civil services	475,000	477,450	477,061	389
Criminal investigation	5,404,000	5,278,100	5,232,586	45,514
Custody of prisoners	3,675,000	3,479,100	3,458,308	20,792
Communications	920,000	1,052,300	974,768	77,532
Automotive services	1,265,000	1,114,000	750,658	363,342
Capital outlay	-	1,060,000	1,854,460	(794,460)
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 13,496,000</u>	<u>\$ 14,323,900</u>	<u>\$ 14,243,686</u>	<u>\$ 80,214</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ (4,275,000)</u>	<u>\$ (3,146,900)</u>	<u>\$ (2,872,644)</u>	<u>\$ 274,256</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers in	\$ 4,265,000	\$ 5,125,800	\$ 5,015,990	\$ (109,810)
Sale of assets	10,000	5,000	4,685	(315)
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>\$ 4,275,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,130,800</u>	<u>\$ 5,020,675</u>	<u>\$ (110,125)</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ 1,983,900	\$ 2,148,031	\$ 164,131
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>15,250,000</u>	<u>15,287,182</u>	<u>15,287,182</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 15,250,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,271,082</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 17,435,213</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 164,131</u></u>



Special Revenue Fund  
Sales Tax Fund  
Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Budget and Actual  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amount	Budget to Actual Differences Over (Under)
	Original	Final		
Revenues				
Taxes:				
Sales	\$ 4,250,000	\$ 5,100,000	\$ 5,352,471	\$ 252,471
Investment income	15,000	25,800	25,571	(229)
Total revenues	<u>\$ 4,265,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,125,800</u>	<u>\$ 5,378,042</u>	<u>\$ 252,242</u>
Expenditures				
General government	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 4,265,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,125,800</u>	<u>\$ 5,378,042</u>	<u>\$ 252,242</u>
Other financing sources (uses):				
Transfers out	<u>\$ (4,265,000)</u>	<u>\$ (5,125,800)</u>	<u>\$ (5,015,800)</u>	<u>\$ 110,000</u>
Net change in fund balance	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 362,242	\$ 362,242
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>1,020,000</u>	<u>1,020,977</u>	<u>1,020,977</u>	<u>-</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 1,020,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,020,977</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,383,219</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 362,242</u></u>

Schedule of the Sheriff's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>June 30, 2015</u>	<u>June 30, 2016</u>	<u>June 30, 2017</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>
Sheriff's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	.659117%	.661954%	.630562%	.671228%	.721692%
Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$2,610,107	\$2,950,671	\$4,002,111	\$2,906,601	\$2,767,435
Sheriff's covered-employee payroll	\$4,356,995	\$4,306,436	\$4,649,258	\$4,966,629	\$4,644,890
Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	59.91%	68.52%	86.08%	58.52%	59.58%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	87.34%	86.60%	82.10%	88.48%	90.41%
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Schedule of the Sheriff's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2021</u>	<u>June 30, 2022</u>	<u>June 30, 2023</u>	<u>June 30, 2024</u>
Sheriff's proportion of the net pension liability (asset)	.718417%	.709793%	.786008%	.795872%	.782967%
Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$3,398,277	\$4,912,586	\$ (389,506)	\$6,468,738	\$6,880,536
Sheriff's covered-employee payroll	\$5,240,000	\$5,726,441	\$5,903,843	\$6,274,302	\$6,943,549
Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of it's covered-employee payroll	64.85%	85.79%	-6.60%	103.10%	99.09%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability (asset)	88.91%	84.73%	101.04%	83.90%	83.94% (Concluded)

Schedule of the Sheriff's Pension Contributions  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2015	June 30, 2016	June 30, 2017	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019
Contractually required contribution	\$ 625,413	\$ 592,135	\$ 616,026	\$ 633,319	\$ 568,999
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>625,413</u>	<u>592,135</u>	<u>616,026</u>	<u>633,319</u>	<u>568,999</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
Sheriff's covered-payroll	\$4,356,995	\$4,306,436	\$4,649,258	\$4,966,629	\$4,644,890
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	14.25%	13.75%	13.25%	12.75%	12.25%

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Schedule of the Sheriff's Pension Contributions  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Contractually required contribution	\$ 641,900	\$ 701,489	\$ 723,220	\$ 721,885	\$ 798,506
Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution	<u>641,900</u>	<u>701,489</u>	<u>723,220</u>	<u>721,885</u>	<u>798,506</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>
Sheriff's covered-payroll	\$ 5,240,000	\$ 5,726,441	\$ 5,903,843	\$ 6,274,302	\$ 6,943,549
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.25%	12.25%	12.25%	11.50%	11.50% (Concluded)

Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2018	June 30, 2019	June 30, 2020	June 30, 2021	June 30, 2022
Total OPEB Liability					
Service cost	\$ 201,646	\$ 145,516	\$ 196,977	\$ 136,520	\$ 137,371
Interest	287,217	284,726	290,012	231,664	242,019
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(166,899)	92,639	(494,430)	521,374	220,994
Changes of assumptions	-	148,401	2,478,501	89,877	(2,055,466)
Benefit payments	(261,904)	(276,309)	(244,352)	(257,791)	(273,773)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 60,060</u>	<u>\$ 394,973</u>	<u>\$ 2,226,708</u>	<u>\$ 721,644</u>	<u>\$ (1,728,855)</u>
Total OPEB liability - beginning	<u>\$ 7,732,534</u>	<u>\$ 7,792,594</u>	<u>\$ 8,187,567</u>	<u>\$ 10,414,275</u>	<u>\$ 11,135,919</u>
Total OPEB liability - ending	<u><u>\$ 7,792,594</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,187,567</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,414,275</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 11,135,919</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 9,407,064</u></u>
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 3,954,761	\$ 4,073,404	\$ 4,213,478	\$ 4,339,882	\$ 5,140,877
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	197.04%	201.00%	247.16%	256.59%	182.99%

**Notes to Schedule:**

<i>Benefit Changes</i>	None	None	None	None	None
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*Changes of Assumptions:*

Discount Rate	3.62%	3.50%	2.21%	2.16%	3.54%
Mortality	RP-2000	RP-2000	RP-2014	RP-2014	RP-2014
Trend	5.50%	5.50%	4.50% to 5.50%	4.50% to 5.50%	4.50% to 5.50%

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This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

Schedule of Changes in Net OPEB Liability and Related Ratios  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	June 30, 2023	June 30, 2024
Total OPEB Liability		
Service cost	\$ 233,935	\$ 229,671
Interest	337,151	367,191
Changes of benefit terms	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	420,957	(2,342,192)
Changes of assumptions	(165,086)	27,120
Benefit payments - Employee retirement premiums paid	(288,831)	(288,586)
Net change in total OPEB liability	<u>\$ 538,126</u>	<u>\$ (2,006,796)</u>
 Total OPEB liability - beginning	 <u>\$ 9,407,064</u>	 <u>\$ 9,945,190</u>
 Total OPEB liability - ending	 <u><u>\$ 9,945,190</u></u>	 <u><u>\$ 7,938,394</u></u>
 Covered-employee payroll	 \$ 5,295,103	 \$ 6,115,241
 Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	 187.82%	 129.81%

**Notes to Schedule:**

<i>Benefit Changes</i>	None	None
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*Changes of Assumptions:*

Discount Rate	3.65%	3.93%
Mortality	RP-2014	Pub 2010/2021
Trend	4.50% to 5.50%	Getzen Model

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This schedule is presented to illustrate the requirement to show information for 10 years. However, until a full 10-year trend is compiled, governments should present information for those years for which information is available.

## OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



Beauregard Parish Sheriff

Non-major Special Revenue Fund

Opioid Abatement Fund – The Opioid Abatement Fund is used to deposit funds received from nationwide settlements with manufacturers and pharmacies who participated in the opioid production and distribution. The funds will be used for training and equipment to combat the opioid crisis.

Balance Sheet  
Non-major Special Revenue Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Opioid Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 49,998</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Liabilities:	
Due to general fund	<u>\$ 1</u>
Fund Balances:	
Restricted	<u>\$ 49,997</u>
Total liabilities and fund balances	<u>\$ 49,998</u>

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances  
Non-major Special Revenue Fund  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	<u>Opioid Fund</u>
Revenues	
Opioid settlement payments	\$ 24,920
Investment income	<u>21</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$ 24,941</u>
Expenditures	
Training and supplies	\$ 7,114
Capital outlay	<u>12,337</u>
Total expenditures	<u>\$ 19,451</u>
Net change in fund balances	\$ 5,490
Fund balances at beginning of year	<u>44,507</u>
Fund balances at end of year	<u><u>\$ 49,997</u></u>

Schedule of Cash on Hand. Taxes Collected for the Current Year  
and an Itemized Statement of All Taxes Assessed and Uncollected  
with Explanations of Uncollected Amounts by the Sheriff as the  
Ex-Officio Tax Collector for the Parish of Beauregard  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Taxes collected as of June 30, 2024

Type of Taxes	Amount
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 44,953,111
Interest on delinquent taxes	25,198
Tax notices/adv/cost	70,211
La Tax Commission Assessment fees	47,903
Prior year taxes	3,348
Payments in lieu of taxes	24,312
State revenue sharing	732,849
Redemptions received	20,829
Sales taxes	52,694,790
Occupational licenses	962,886

Uncollected ad valorem taxes as of June 30, 2024

Parcel Number	Assessed Amount	Reason for failure to collect
0403355744	-	Uncollectible
0403365170	-	Uncollectible
0704981982	-	Uncollectible
0805613331	-	Uncollectible
0805759310	-	Uncollectible
0803003440A	-	Uncollectible
0302871351A	-	Uncollectible
0805567505A	-	Uncollectible
0403503570A	-	Uncollectible
0604819447A	-	Uncollectible
0302061797A	-	Uncollectible
0335918006A	-	Uncollectible
0335862500A	-	Uncollectible
0604468180A	-	Uncollectible
1101065718	-	Uncollectible
1201931095	-	Uncollectible
1327501640	-	Uncollectible
1403526857	-	Uncollectible
1101065718G	-	Uncollectible
1101065718H	-	Uncollectible
1101065718J	-	Uncollectible
1101065718V	-	Uncollectible
1101065718W	-	Uncollectible
1101065718Y	-	Uncollectible
1101065718Z	-	Uncollectible

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Schedule of Cash on Hand, Taxes Collected for the Current Year  
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Ex-Officio Tax Collector for the Parish of Beauregard  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Uncollected ad valorem taxes as of June 30, 2024

<u>Parcel Number</u>	<u>Assessed Amount</u>	<u>Reason for failure to collect</u>
1101065718AA	-	Uncollectible
1101065718AF	-	Uncollectible
1101065718AL	-	Uncollectible
1605193122H	-	Uncollectible
1332180697AL	-	Uncollectible
1404000271D	-	Uncollectible
		(Concluded)

## STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF BEAUREGARD

## AFFIDAVIT

Mark Herford, Sheriff of Beauregard Parish

**BEFORE ME**, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, Mark Herford, the sheriff of Beauregard Parish, State of Louisiana, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

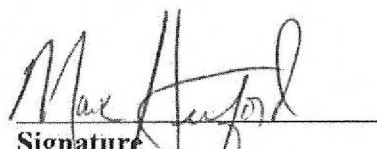
**The following information is true and correct:**

**\$ 2,135,631 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector account on June 30, 2024;**

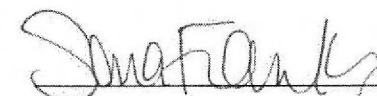
He further deposed and said:

**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 Beauregard

**SWORN** to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024, in my office DeRidder, Louisiana.

 (Signature)  
Sara Franks # 153101  
 Notary Public  
 Commission expires at death (Commission)

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and  
Other Payments to Agency Head  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Agency Head Name - Mark Herford

Purpose	Amount
Salary	\$ 196,454
Benefits - insurance	11,787
Benefits - retirement	50,752
Deferred compensation	15,193
Benefits - other	-
Car allowance	-
Vehicle provided by government	Yes
Cell phone	-
Dues	-
Vehicle rental	-
Per diem	192
Reimbursements	-
Travel	-
Registration fees	855
Conference travel	549
Housing	-
Unvouchered expenses	-
Special meals	-
Other	-

Beauregard Parish Sheriff  
LLA Entity ID # 3070  
Justice System Funding Schedule -  
Collecting/Disbursing Entity  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule 10

<i>Cash Basis Presentation</i>	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2024
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ 327,241	\$ 325,458
Collections:		
Civil Fees	\$ 976,114	\$ 1,136,338
Bond Fees	59,187	48,520
Restitution	4,716	8,415
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	367,442	367,475
Criminal Fines - Other	313,184	322,133
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees	55,000	58,583
Interest Earned on Collected Balances	92	98
Subtotal Collections	\$ 1,775,735	\$ 1,941,562
Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits:		
BPPJ Criminal Court Cost	\$ 59,412	\$ 57,018
BPPJ Criminal Court Fines	235,523	243,498
BPPJ Probations Fees	41,386	44,062
BPPJ Bond Fees	10,795	8,650
36th Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund-Criminal Court Costs	93,291	92,657
36th Judicial District Indigent Defender Fund-Bond Fees	11,862	9,578
36th Judicial District Chief Judge Criminal Court Costs	10,338	10,154
Brian Lestage Clerk Of Court-Criminal Court Costs	38,884	39,350
Brian Lestage Clerk Of Court-Bond Fees	1,067	928
City Of Deridder-Criminal Court Costs	270	300
Crimestoppers Criminal Court Costs	4,144	4,072
Department Of Public Safety Criminal Court Costs	1,109	1,100
Dhh/Th/Sci Criminal Court Costs	8,160	8,205
La Commission On Law Enforcement Criminal Court Costs	7,392	6,922
Louisiana Supreme Court-Criminal Court Costs	946	931
District Attorney Criminal Court Costs	57,477	59,337
District Attorney Criminal Court Fines	37,551	38,470
District Attorney Restitution	4,716	8,415
District Attorney Bond Fees	14,530	11,898
Southwest Louisiana Criminalistics Lab Criminal Court Costs	82,528	84,364
Southwest Louisiana Criminalistics Lab Bond Fees	1,067	928
Treasurer State Of La-Cmis-Criminal Court Costs	6,216	6,109
Beauregard Parish Clerk Of Court-Civil Fees	14,084	10,706
Allen Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	76	90
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	824	406
Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court-Civil Fees	63	-

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Beauregard Parish Sheriff  
LLA Entity ID # 3070  
Justice System Funding Schedule -  
Collecting/Disbursing Entity  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule 10

<i>Cash Basis Presentation</i>	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/2023	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/2024
Bossier Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	99	-
Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	-	76
Livingston Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	-	63
Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	90	-
Sabine Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	-	196
Caddo Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	-	75
Vernon Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	375	547
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	-	93
Iberia Parish Sheriff's Office-Civil Fees	55	-
Less: Amounts Retained by Collection Agency:		
Mark Herford Sheriff, Criminal Court Costs	10,887	11,476
Mark Herford Sheriff, Criminal Court Fines	37,544	38,684
Mark Herford Sheriff-Bond Fees	19,866	16,538
Mark Herford Sheriff-Interest Earned On Cash Bond Fund	92	98
Mark Herford Sheriff-Civil Fees	152,513	159,355
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection Processing Agencies:		
Refunds	2,354	1,793
Other Disbursements To Individuals	809,932	964,981
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	\$ 1,777,518	\$ 1,942,123
Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	\$ 325,458	\$ 324,897
Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed	\$ -	\$ -
		(Concluded)

Schedule of Collections, Distributions,  
and Costs of Collection  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

## Collections:

Sales and Use Tax	\$ 52,452,361
All Other Taxes	47,068,568
Interest	25,198
Total Collections Received	<u>\$ 99,546,127</u>

Less Collections Received and Held in Escrow

Total Collections Available for Disbursement	<u>\$ 99,546,127</u>
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## Amounts Disbursed to Each Local Taxing Authority (Net of Collection Costs):

BPSB	\$ 41,437,323
BPPJ	23,973,585
BP Library	2,856,865
BP Assessor	1,779,754
BP Sheriff	11,747,813
LA Dept of Agri/Forestry	39,207
Waterworks District No. 2	688,953
Beauregard Fire Dist #3	421,384
Fire District No. 1	693,268
City of DeRidder	13,476,015
Town of Merryville	622,233
LA Tax Commission	47,904
Pension Funds	1,229,558
BP Clerk of Court	2,140
Waterworks District No. 5	73,242
Waterworks District #6	112,789
SRI Inc	31,400
Refunds	42,412
Audit Fees	44,404
Refunds - Sales Tax Overpayment	101,730
Total Amounts Disbursed to Local Taxing Authorities	<u>\$ 99,421,979</u>

Total Amount Retained by Collector

<u>\$ 124,148</u>
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## Amounts Disbursed for Costs of Collection:

Collector Employee Salaries	\$ -
Collector Employee Benefits	-
Contracted Collector Services	-
All Other Costs of Collection	-
Total Amounts Disbursed for Costs of Collection	<u>\$ -</u>

Balance in Excess (Deficiency) of Costs of Collection

<u>\$ 124,148</u>
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## OTHER REPORTS

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
Year Ended June 30, 2024

There were no prior year audit findings reported as of June 30, 2023.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response  
Year Ended June 30, 2024

There were no current year audit findings reported as of June 30, 2024.

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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*

The Honorable Mark Herford  
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector  
Beauregard Parish Sheriff  
DeRidder, 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, the business-type activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Beauregard Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Beauregard Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 2, 2024.

### **Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Beauregard 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 Beauregard Parish Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Beauregard 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 have not been identified.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Beauregard 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*.

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Beauregard Parish Sheriff  
DeRidder, Louisiana

**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 sheriff's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John A. Windham, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

DeRidder, Louisiana  
December 2, 2024

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

The Honorable Mark Herford  
Sheriff and Ex-Officio Tax Collector  
Beauregard Parish Sheriff  
DeRidder, Louisiana

To the Beauregard 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. Beauregard Parish Sheriff's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Beauregard 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***

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- 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 the entity's operations:
  - i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
  - 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.
  - iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
  - 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).
  - v. ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
  - 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.



- vii. **Travel and Expense Reimbursement**, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. **Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)**, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. **Ethics**, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. **Debt Service**, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- 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.
- 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 obtained and address the functions listed.*

## **2) Board or Finance Committee – Not Applicable**

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- 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.
  - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual comparisons, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*
  - 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.
  - 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.

## **3) Bank Reconciliations**

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

*No exceptions noted.*

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- ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged); and

*No exceptions noted.*

- iii. Management has documentation reflecting 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)**

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- 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).

- 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 (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then 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

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

*No exceptions noted.*

- ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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 exceptions noted.*

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also 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

*No exceptions noted.*

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

*No exceptions noted.*

- 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 in force 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). *Alternatively, 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.*

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- 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).  
*No exceptions noted.*
- v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.  
*Examined two random deposit dates for each account, no exceptions noted.*

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

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- 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).  
*Sheriff's civil office and parish jail.*
- 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, then 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 or making the purchase;  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - 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;  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - 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  
*No exceptions noted.*
  - 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.  
*[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]*  
*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 whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.

*No exceptions noted.*

- 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 exceptions noted.*

#### **6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/P-Cards**

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- 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.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards 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.

*No exceptions noted.*

- 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 observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

*No exceptions noted.*

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

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- 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:
  - 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](http://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;

*Not applicable.*

- 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**

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- 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. *Alternatively, 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:

- 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**

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- 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.

*No exceptions noted.*

- 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:

- 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.*

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- 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 agrees 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 and 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.  
*No exceptions noted.*

#### **10) Ethics**

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- 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 that 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 that 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 – Not Applicable**

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- 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.
- 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).

#### ***12) Fraud Notice***

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- 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.

*Not applicable.*

- 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***

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- 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 there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence 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.

*No exceptions noted.*

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

*No exceptions noted.*

- 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.

*No exceptions noted.*

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

*No exceptions 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 requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 - completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 - completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

*No exceptions noted.*

#### ***14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment***

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- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, 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 as required by R.S. 42:343.

*No exceptions noted.*

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- 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;

*No exceptions noted.*

- ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;

*Not applicable.*

- iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;

*Not applicable.*

- iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and

*Not applicable.*

- v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

*Not applicable.*

We were engaged by the Beauregard 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 Beauregard 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.

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