WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Component Unit Financial Statements For the Year Ended June 30, 2023



WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA JUNE 30, 2023

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge Winnsboro City Court Winnsboro, Louisiana

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund, the fiduciary fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Winnsboro City Court (the Court), a component unit of the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of management. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Accountant's Responsibility

My responsibility is to conduct the review engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to review engagements contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the United States Comptroller General. Those standards require me to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance as a basis for reporting whether I am aware of any material modifications that should be made to the financial statements for them to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I believe that the results of my procedures provide a reasonable basis for my conclusion.

I am required to be independent of the Winnsboro City Court, and to meet my other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to my review.

Accountant's Conclusion

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



Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge Winnsboro City Court

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Schedules, the Schedule of Employer's Share of Net Pension Liability and the Schedule of Employer Contributions, as listed in the Table of Contents, be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is presented purposes of additional analysis and is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. The information is the responsibility of management. I have reviewed the information and, based on my review, I am not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the information in order for it to be in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. I have not audited the information, and, accordingly, do not express an opinion on such information.

Supplementary Information

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

Other Reporting Requirements

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report dated December 29, 2023, on the results of the agreed-upon procedures on page 33 through 36 and pages 37 through 39 present the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire.

Maxwell CPA, LLC

Sterlington, Louisiana December 29, 2023 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

WARD 7/WINNSBORO CITY COURT Management's Discussion and Analysis Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2023

Our discussion and analysis of the Winnsboro City Court of Winnsboro, Louisiana (the Court) provides an overview of the Court's activities for the year ended June 30, 2023. Please read it in conjunction with the Court's financial statements.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements

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

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

Fund Financial Statements

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

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

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

The Court has three governmental funds: General Fund, Civil Fund, and the Marshal's Fund.

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

The Court has two fiduciary funds: the Garnishment Fund and the Fines Fund.

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

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

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE ACTIVITIES

Net Position

Net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of the Court's financial position. The Court's net position for the prior year ended June 30, 2022, was \$52,673. The Court's net position for the current year ended June 30, 2023, is \$15,067.

The largest portion of the Court's assets is cash, totaling \$72,075 and the largest portion of the Court's liabilities is its net pension liability, totaling \$67,508.

The following is summary information from the Statement of Net Position:

	Governmental Activities			Activities
		2023		2022
Current Assets	\$	74,076	\$	84,882
Deferred Outflows		13,772		14,098
Capital Assets		644		1,440
Current Liabilities		(479)		(690)
Net Pension Liability		(67,508)		(61,369)
Deferred Inflows		(5,438)	_	14,312
Total Net Position	\$	15,067	\$	52,673

Changes in Net Position

The Court's net position decreased by \$37,606 (71%) during the year ended June 30, 2023, compared to an increase of \$34,764 (194%) during the prior year.

	Governme	ental A	Activities
	2023		2022
Revenues:			
Program Revenues:			
Charges for Services	\$ 103,186	\$	91,583
General Revenues:			
Intergovernmental - City			
Of Winnsboro	146,044		161,919
Total Revenues	249,230		253,502
Total Expenses – Judiciary	286,836	_	218,738
Increase (Decrease) in Net Position	(37,606)		34,764
Net Pos. – Begin. of Year	52,673	_	17,909
Net Pos. – End of Year	\$ 15,067	\$	52,673

Deferred Outflows and Inflows of Resources

The Court is required to recognize its proportionate share of the pension obligation of the Louisiana State Employees Retirement System. The Court recognized deferred outflows of resources in the amount of \$13,772 and deferred inflows of resources in the amount of \$5,438 as of June 30, 2023.

Capital Assets

The Court's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2023, totaled \$644 (net of accumulated depreciation). There were no additions or deletions during the year.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COURT'S INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

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

Governmental Funds

The focus of the Court's governmental funds is to provide information on the near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of spendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the Court's financing requirements. In particular, unassigned fund balance may serve as a useful measure of the Court's net resources available for spending at June 30, 2023.

As of June 30, 2023, the Court's governmental funds reported a combined ending fund balance of \$73,597, a decrease of \$10,595 compared to the prior year.

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Court. The Court's share of court costs assessed by the City Court as authorized by Louisiana Statute R.S. 13:1899C, collections of traffic fines, and collections of court-imposed fines remitted to the City Court are all accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund. Unassigned fund balance was \$3,356 at the end of the current fiscal year, a decrease of \$1,320 from the prior year. The decrease in unassigned fund balance is mainly due to the Court receiving less court costs during the year.

The ending fund balance of the General Fund is unassigned and available for spending in the coming year.

Civil Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of court costs in connection with civil suits. All revenues and expenditures from the filing of civil suits are recorded in the civil fund. Restricted fund balance was \$34,944 at the end of the current fiscal year, an increase of \$20,425 (141%) from the prior year.

Marshal's Fund – This fund accounts for the City Marshal of Winnsboro share of court costs assessed by the City Court. Expenditures of the Marshal are paid from this fund. Restricted fund balance was \$35,297 at the end of the current fiscal year, a decrease of \$29,700 (46%) from the prior year. The decrease is due to the purchase of new software to help the operations of the Marshal's office.

GENERAL FUND BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the fiscal year. The Budget policy of the Court complies with state law, as amended, and as set forth in Louisiana Revised Statutes Title 39, Chapter 9, Louisiana Local Government Budget Act (LSA – R.S. 39:1301 et seq.) for the General Fund and the Civil Fund.

The operations of the Winnsboro City Court are not affected by most economic conditions. The City Court derives its revenues solely from fees levied by the City Court.

CONTACTING THE COURT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Court's finances and to show the Court's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the City Court's offices at 1308 Cornell Street, Winnsboro, Louisiana 71295.



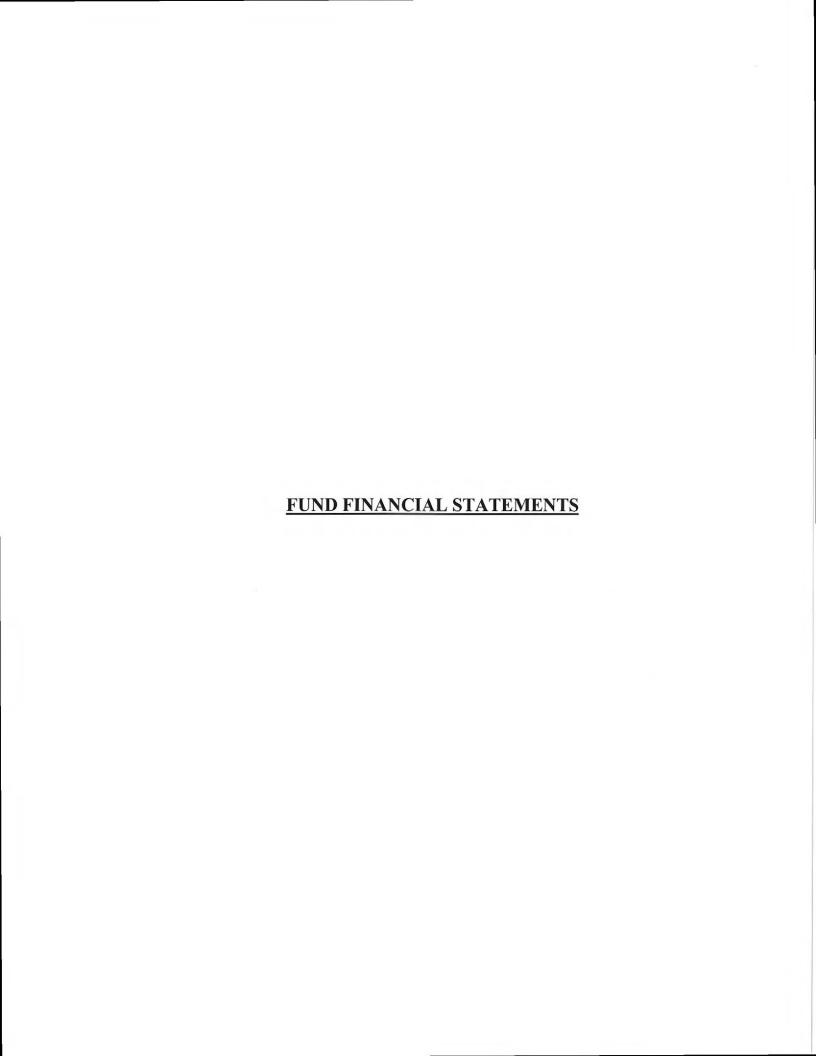
WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

ASSETS		Governm Activit	
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Current Assets			
Cash		\$	72,075
Internal Balances (Net) Total Current Assets			2,001
Total Current Assets			74,076
Capital Assets, net of Accumulated Depreciation			644
Total Assets		\$	74,720
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES			13,772
LIABILITIES			
Current Liabilities			
Accounts Payable		\$	479
Long Term Liabilities			
Net Pension Liability			67,508
Total Liabilities			67,987
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	*		5,438
NET POSITION			
Net Investment in Capital Assets			644
Unrestricted			(55,818)
Restricted			70,241
Total Net Position		\$	15,067

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

			Program Revenues				Rev	(Expense) venue and hanges in			
				Charges		Other		Net Position			
				for		Charges for	r	Go	vernment		
<u>Activities</u>	<u>I</u>	Expenses	5	Services		Services		<u> A</u>	Activities		
Governmental Activities Judicial:											
Court Administration	\$	286,836	\$	103,186	\$		-	\$	(183,650)		
	Gen	eral Revenue	s:								
	In	tergovernmer	ıtal -	City of Win	nnsbo	ro			146,044		
	Cha	inge in Net P	ositi	on					(37,606)		
	Net	Position - Bo	egini	ning of Yea	<u>r</u>				52,673		
	Net	Position - E	nd of	f Year				\$	15,067		



WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS JUNE 30, 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>		eneral Fund	 Civil Fund	arshal's Fund	Gov	Total ernmental Funds
Cash Due from Other Funds	\$	1,779 2,056	\$ 34,999	\$ 35,297	\$	72,075 2,056
TOTAL ASSETS		3,835	\$ 34,999	\$ 35,297	\$	74,131
<u>LIABILITIES</u>						
Accounts Payable Due to Other Funds	\$	479 -	\$ 55	\$ 	\$	479 55
Total Liabilities		479	55	-		534
FUND BALANCE						
Restricted Unassigned	\ <u>-</u>	3,356	 34,944	 35,297	÷	70,241 3,356
Total Fund Balances		3,356	 34,944	 35,297		73,597
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	3,835	\$ 34,999	\$ 35,297	\$	74,131

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS BALANCES TO STATEMENT OF NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

Total Governmental Fund Balances	\$ 73,597
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net	
position are different because:	
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial	611
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	644
Pension liability not reported in the fund financial statements	(67,508)
The deferred outflows of expenditures for the Court's pension obligation are not a use of current resources, and therefore,	12.772
are not reported in the fund financial statements	13,772
The deferred inflows of contributions for the Court's pension	
obligation are not available resources, and therefore, are not	
reported in the fund financial statements	(5,438)

15,067

Net Position of Governmental Activties

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

	 General Fund		Civil Fund	1	Marshal Fund		Total vernmental Funds
Revenues:							
Court Fees, Fines and Costs	\$ 32,345	\$	_	\$	13,579	\$	45,924
Advance Deposits	-		57,262		_		57,262
Intergovernmental	133,275		-		12,769		146,044
Total Revenues	165,620		57,262		26,348		249,230
Expenditures:							
Personal Services & Benefits	142,415				_		142,415
Operating Services	21,507		36,837		_		58,344
Materials and Supplies	3,018		_		-		3,018
Conferences	-		-		-		-
Marshal Expenses	-		-		56,048		56,048
Total Expenditures	 166,940	_	36,837	_	56,048	_	259,825
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues							
Over (Under) Expenditures	(1,320)		20,425		(29,700)		(10,595)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)							
Operating Transfers In	-		-		-		-
Operating Transfers Out	-		-		-		-
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	-				-		-
Excess of Revenues and Other Financing Sources Over Expenditures and Other Uses	(1,320)		20,425		(29,700)		(10,595)
Fund Balances at Beginning of Year	 4,676		14,519		64,997		84,192
Fund Balances at End of Year	\$ 3,356	\$	34,944	\$	35,297	\$	73,597

See accompanying notes and independent accountant's review report.

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES OF GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Net Chang	ge in Fund Balances - Total Governmental Funds		\$	(10,595)
	Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:			
	Government funds report capital outlays as expenditures while governmental activities report depreciation expense to allocate those expenditures over the life of the assets:			
	Capital expenditures Depreciation expense	- (796)		(796)
	Differences between the amounts reported as an expense in the statement of activities and those reported as an expense in the fund financial statements			
	Pension net expenditures - GASB 68		-	(26,215)
Change in	Net Position in Governmental Activties		\$	(37,606)

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION JUNE 30, 2023

<u>ASSETS</u>		
Cash	\$	23,992
TOTAL ASSETS		23,992
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Due to General Fund		2,001
TOTAL LIABILITIES		2,001
NET POSITION		
Restricted For:		
Individuals, Organizations, and Other Governments		21,991
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$	21,991

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

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Additions:		
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	\$	175,612
Bond Fee		700
Total Additions	7	176,312
Reductions:		
Ciminal Court Costs/Fees		157,263
Bond Fees		107
Total Reductions		157,370
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position		18,942
Net Position - Beginning	/ ₂	3,049
Net Position - Ending	\$	21,991

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Winnsboro City Court of Winnsboro, Louisiana, (the "City Court"), is a component unit of the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana. The City Court serves Ward 7 of Franklin Parish, which consists of the City of Winnsboro and surrounding areas. The City Judge is elected for sixyear terms.

A. Financial Reporting Entity

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

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

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the city to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the City.
- 2. Organizations for which the City does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the City.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organizations is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because of item 2 above, the Winnsboro City Court of Winnsboro, Louisiana, was determined to be a component unit of the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Court and do not present information on the City, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. The government-wide financial statements are reported using the *economic resources measurement focus* and *the accrual basis of accounting*. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when liabilities are incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

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

revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenues as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

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

C. Fund Accounting

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

Funds of the Court are classified into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary (agency) funds. These funds are described as follows:

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the Court'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 Court. The Court reports the following governmental funds:

General Fund – The General Fund is the primary operating fund of the Court. The Court's share of court costs assessed by the City Court as authorized by Louisiana Statute R.S. 13:1899C, collections of traffic fines, and collections of court-imposed fines remitted to the City Court are all accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

Marshal's Fund – This fund accounts for the City Marshal of Winnsboro share of court costs assessed by the City Court. Expenditures of the Marshal are paid from this fund.

Civil Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of court costs in connection with civil suits. The plaintiff of each civil suit is required to make an advance payment to cover the cost incurred by the court in processing the suit.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Fund Accounting (continued)

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds' reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category by the Court are custodial funds. The Court maintains two custodial funds: the Garnishment Fund and the Fines Fund.

Garnishment Fund - The Marshal's Garnishment Fund accounts for the collection of garnishments and the remittance of these funds to garnishment payees and to the City Court and City Marshal for costs incurred in collecting and distributing the funds.

Fines Fund – This fund accounts for the collection of tickets, fines and restitution and the remittance of these funds to the appropriate payees including to the City Court and City Marshal for court operations.

These funds are custodial in nature, have an economic resources measurement focus, and use the accrual basis of accounting. In addition, the custodial funds are not available to support the Court's operations.

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Fund Financial Statements

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds 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 balance reports on the sources and uses of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Court's operations.

The amounts reflected in the Governmental Funds use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available).

Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Court considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end.

Revenues

Recordings, cancellations, criminal costs, and other fees, charges and commissions for services are recorded in the year in which they are earned.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when susceptible to accrual.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received by the Court.

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u> (continued)

D. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting (continued)

Based on the above criteria, court costs, civil fees and other fees, charges, and commissions for service are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

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

Salaries and related payroll taxes and benefits are recorded when employee services are provided to the Court.

Other Financing Sources (Uses)

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid are accounted as other financing sources (uses) and are recognized when the underlying events occur.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The statement of net position and statement of activities display information about the Court as a whole. These statements include all non-fiduciary activities of the Court. Information contained in these columns reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenditures, 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.

Program Revenues

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities are derived directly from Court users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Court's general revenues.

E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest bearing demand deposits. Cash equivalents include amounts in time deposits and those investments with original maturities of 90 days or less when purchased. Under state law, the Court may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of the donation. The Court maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

F. Capital Assets (continued)

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 on the straight-line method over the assets' estimated useful life. Generally, estimated useful lives are as follows:

Computer Equipment	3-5 years
Furniture and Fixtures	5-10 years
Equipment	5-10 years
Renovations	7-20 years

G. Use of Estimates

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

H. Fund Equity

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

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

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

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

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

H. Fund Equity (continued)

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

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

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

Note 2 - Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The City Judge prepares a budget on the modified accrual basis for each year prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. At year end all appropriations lapse.

Note 3 - Cash

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

The custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Court's deposits may not be returned to it. The Court's policy to ensure there is no exposure to this risk is to require each financial institution to pledge its own securities to cover any amount in excess of Federal Depository Insurance Coverage.

Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Court that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Accordingly, the Court had no custodial risk related to its deposits at June 30, 2023.

At June 30, 2023, the City Court had cash (book balances) totaling \$96,067 as follows.

Bank Balances	\$ 108,803
Federal Deposits Insurance Pledged Securities (Uncollateralized)	\$ 108,803
TOTAL	\$ 108,803

Note 3 - <u>Cash</u> (continued)

Governmental Funds:		
General Fund	\$	1,779
Civil		34,999
Marshal		35,297
Total Governmental Funds		72,075
Fiduciary (Agency) Funds:		
Garnishments		3,934
Fines		20,058
Total Fiduciary Funds		23,992
Total – All Funds	\$_	96,067

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. 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 the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the Court in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties.

Note 4 - Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2023, is as follows:

		30, 2022 alance	Add	litions	Del	etions		30, 2023 alance
Equipment Furniture and Fixtures		48,432 53,795		_		-		48,432 53,795
Total at Historical Cost	\$	102,227	\$	-	\$	-	\$	102,227
Less Accumulated Depreciation for:								
Équipment	(47,088)	(700)		-	(47,788)
Furniture and Fixtures Total Accumulated	Ĺ	53,699)		<u>96</u>)			Ĺ	53,795)
Depreciation		100,787)	_(796)			_(_	101,583)
Capital Assets, Net	\$	1,440	<u>\$ (</u>	796)	\$		\$	644

Note 5 - Expenditures of the Court Paid by the City

The Court's administrative office is located in a building owned by the City of Winnsboro. The City of Winnsboro made on-behalf payments for the Court for salaries and fringe benefits and they are recorded as expenditures in the General Fund. The costs of maintaining and operating the building, as required by statute, are paid by the City government and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

Note 6 - On-Behalf Payments

The City of Winnsboro provides a substantial amount of fiscal support to the Court for its operations. The City of Winnsboro made on-behalf payments of \$141,244 for the Court and Marshal for the year ended June 30, 2023, as follows:

Salaries (including sick pay and vacation pay)	\$ 102,916
Fringe Benefits	25,559
Marshal	12,769
Total	\$ 141,244

The City of Winnsboro makes contributions to the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana on behalf of the employees of the Winnsboro City Court.

The Franklin Parish Police Jury made on-behalf payments of \$4,800 to the Court for the Judges salary.

Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans

LOUISIANA STATE EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM

The City Judge is eligible to participate in the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS), a multiple-employer (cost-sharing), public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. LASERS provides benefits for certain elected officials and officials appointed by the governor. Eligibility for full retirement is based on years of credible service and date of which you were first hired. Upon retirement, the benefit amount is 2-1/2 percent of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service. Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest thirty-six to sixty consecutive months of employment based on date of hire.

Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

<u>Funding Policy</u> - State statute requires covered employees to contribute 13.00 percent of their salaries to the system. The City Court is required to contribute 43.80 percent of covered employees' salaries. 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 City Court's contribution to the plan for the years ending June 30, 2023, 2022 and 2021 were \$12,361, \$12,534 and \$13,231, respectively, equal to the required contributions for the year.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System, 3401 United Plaza Blvd., Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809, or by calling (225) 922-0600.

Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

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

At June 30, 2023 the City Court reported a liability of \$67,508 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability for the LASERS plan. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The City Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the City Court's long-term share of contributions to the LASERS pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the City Court's proportion was .00089%, which was a decrease from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021 by .00022%.

For the year ended June 30, 2023, the City Court recognized pension expense of \$8,942 including employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions, \$1,300.

At June 30, 2023, the City Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Out	ferred tflows of ources	Infl	ferred ows of ources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	184	\$	-
Changes of assumptions		1,227		_
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments		_		5,438
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions				_
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		12,361		_
Total	\$	13,772	\$	5,438

The City Court reported a total of \$12,361 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2022 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023.

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

Year	LASERS
2024	\$ 3,373
2025	1,124
2026	(1,375)
2027	3,728
	\$ 6,850

Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022, is as follows:

Valuation Date

June 30, 2022

Actuarial Cost Method

Entry Age Normal

Actuarial Assumptions: Expected Remaining

Service Lives

2 years

Investment Rate of Return

7.25%, net of investment expense

Salary Increases

Various between 2.6 and 5.1%

Projected inflation increases

2.3% per annum

Mortality

Non-disabled members – The RP-2014 Blue Collar (males/females) and White Collar (females) Healthy Annuitant Tables projected on a fully generational basis by Mortality Improvement Scale MP-2018.

Disabled members – Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement

Termination, Disability and Retirement

Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2014-2018) experience

study of the System's members.

Salary Increases

Salary increases were projected based on 2014-2018 experience study of the System's members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:

Member Type	Lower Range	Upper Range
Regular	3.0	12.8
Judges	2.6	5.1
Corrections	3.6	13.8
Hazardous Duty	3.6	13.8
Wildlife	3.6	13.8

Cost of Living Adjustments

The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long-term rate of return is 8.34% for 2022. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Long-Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Cash	0.39%
Domestic Equity	4.57%
International Equity	5.76%
Domestic Fixed Income	1.48%
International Fixed Income	5.04%
Alternative Investments	8.30%
Total Fund	5.91%

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

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

Note 7 - Pension and Retirement Plans (continued)

	D	1.0% ecrease	Curre	ent Discount Rate	1.0%	% Increase
LASERS Rates		6.25%	10	7.25%	-	8.25%
Winnsboro City Court Share-NPL	\$	84,945	s	67,508	\$	51,609

Note 8 - Subsequent Events

Subsequent events have been evaluated through December 29, 2023, which is the day the financial statements were available to be issued, and it has been determined that no significant events have occurred for disclosure.



WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Budgeted	l Am	ounts		Actual	Fin	ance With al Budget avorable
		Original		Final	A	mounts	(Un	favorable)
REVENUES	-							
Court Fees, Fines and Costs	\$	36,000	\$	33,000	\$	32,345	\$	(655)
EXPENDITURES								
Operating Services		26,000		23,000		24,525		(1,525)
Salaries & Benefits		10,000		10,000		9,140		860
Total Expenditures		36,000		33,000		33,665		(665)
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		-		-		(1,320)		(1,320)
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		1,200		1,200		4,676		3,476
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	1,200	\$	1,200	\$	3,356	\$	2,156

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE - CIVIL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Budgeted	l Am	ounts		Actual	Fin	iance With al Budget avorable
		Original		Final	Α	mounts	(Un	favorable)
REVENUES								
Court Fees, Fines and Costs	\$	60,000	\$	60,000	\$	57,262	\$	(2,738)
EXPENDITURES								
Operating Services		40,000		40,000		36,837		3,163
Total Expenditures		40,000		40,000	_	36,837		3,163
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES		20,000		20,000		20,425		425
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	_	14,944		26,464		14,519		(11,945)
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$	34,944	\$	46,464	\$	34,944	\$	(11,520)

WINNSBORO CITY COURT WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER'S SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Year Ending June 30,	Employer's Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Employee Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered- Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.18800%	117,242	43,364	270.37%	65.00%
2016	0.00000%	-		0.00%	0.00%
2017	0.00173%	135,849	37,677	360.56%	57.70%
2018	0.00151%	103,117	29,833	345.65%	62.50%
2019	0.00151%	103,117	34,672	297.41%	62.50%
2020	0.00145%	105,124	37,752	278.46%	62.90%
2021	0.00132%	109,504	34,448	317.88%	58.00%
2022	0.00112%	61,369	33,046	185.71%	72.80%
2023	0.08900%	67,508	36,377	185.58%	63.70%

This schedule is to be built prospectively. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will show information for those years for which data is available, beginning with FYE June 30, 2015.

^{*} The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

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SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Year Ending June 30,	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency(Excess)	Exmployer's Covered Employee Payroll	Contributions as % of Covered Employee Payroll
2015	7,159	7,159	-	43,364	16.51%
2016	9,744	9,744	-	-	0.00%
2017	14,484	14,484	-	37,677	38.44%
2018	11,639	11,639	-	29,833	39.01%
2019	14,601	14,601	-	34,672	42.11%
2020	14,024	14,024	-	37,752	37.15%
2021	13,231	13,231	-	34,448	38.41%
2022	12,534	12,534	-	33,046	37.93%
2022	12,361	12,361	-	36,377	33.98%

This schedule is to be build prospectively. Until a full 10-year trend is compiled, the schedule will show information for those years for which data is available, beginning with FYE June 30, 2015.

For reference only:

 $^{^{1}\} Employer\ contribution\ rate\ multiplied\ by\ employer's\ covered\ employee\ payroll$

 $^{^{2}}$ Actual employer contributions remitted to the respective pension funds

³ Employer's covered employee payroll amount for the fiscal year ended.

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OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, REIMBURSEMENTS, BENEFITS

AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD FOR THE YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2023

Agency Head -Judge Scott Sartin

Section I

Paid by the City of Winnsboro, Louisiana

Tald by the City of Willisooro, Eddisiana	
Salary	\$ 10,200
Paid by the City Court of Winnsboro	
Salary	21,377
Benefits - Retirement	12,754
Section II	
Paid by Franklin Parish Police Jury	
Salary	 4,800
	\$ 49,131

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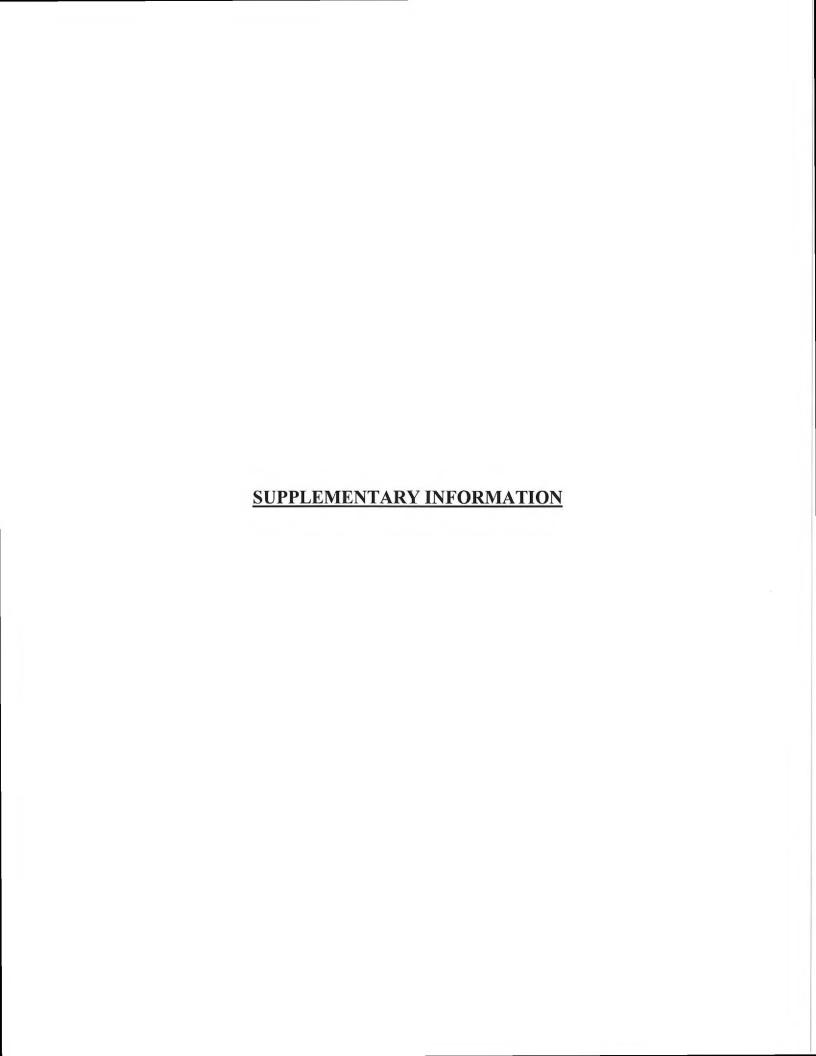
JUSTICE SYSTEM FUNDING SCHEDULE - COLLECTING/DISBURSING ENTITY

AS REQUIRED BY ACT 87 OF THE 2020 REGULAR LEGISLATIVE SESSION

CASH BASIS PRESENTATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		Peri	First x Month iod Ended /31/2022	Si: Peri	Second x Month iod Ended 30/2023
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e.	cash on hand)	\$	22,927	\$	7,860
Add: Collections					
Criminal Court Costs/Fees			60,386		84,257
Civil Fees			25,548		41,106
Bond Fee			220		160
Subtotal Collections			86,154		125,523
Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonp	profits:				
LASERS Retirement	Civil Fees		5,412		2,965
Louisiana Supreme Court	Civil Fees		120		11
Louisiana State Treasurer	Civil Fees		2,907		2,122
Sheriffs	Civil Fees		623		206
Winnsboro City Marshal	Civil Fees		2,631		1,951
HB 315	Civil Fees		744		516
City of Winnsboro	Bond Fees		220		160
Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office	Bond Fees		220		160
City of Winnsboro	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		35,174		29,018
Substance Abuse	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		200		100
DHH-THSCI	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		75		25
Coroner	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		600		450
Indigent Defender Board	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		8,782		6,870
City of Winnsboro - Breath Test	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		225		75
Louisiana Commission of Law Enforcement	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		871		304
Louisiana State Treasurer - CMIS	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		540		417
Louisiana Supreme Court	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		122		88
Winnsboro City Marshal	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		6,022		4,673
North Louisiana Crime Lab	Criminal Court Costs/Fees		5,122		3,918
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency	,				
Civil Fees			465		371
Criminal Court Costs/Fees			19,071		15,835
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees			5,434		1,782
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Processing Agencies	Collection or				
Other Disbursements to Individuals			3,017		1,508
Payments to 3rd Party Collection/Processing A	Agencies		2,624		867
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage			101,221		74,392
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected l	out not Disbursed/				
Retained (i.e. cash on hand)		\$	7,860	\$	58,991





INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge Winnsboro City Court Winnsboro, Louisiana

I have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by Winnsboro City Court (the Court) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, on the Court's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*. The Court's management is responsible for its financial records and compliance with applicable laws and regulations. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified parties. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures enumerated below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

Public Bid Law

1. Obtain documentation for all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$60,000, or public works exceeding \$250,000. Compare the documentation for these expenditures to Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 39:1551-39:1755 (the state procurement code) or R.S. 38:2211-2296 (the public bid law), or the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office, whichever is applicable; and report whether the expenditures were made in accordance with these laws.

No purchases for materials and supplies exceeding \$60,000 were made during the year. No public works expenditures exceeding \$250,000 were made during the year ended June 30, 2023.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Management provided me with the requested list.

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

Management provided me with the requested list.



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

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management in agreed-upon procedure #3 appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure #2 as immediate family members.

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

Management provided the requested information. None of the businesses of board members, employees, and board members' and employees' immediate families appeared as vendors on the list of disbursements.

Budgeting

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

Management provided me with a copy of the original and amended budgets.

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

N/A

8. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by 5% or more or if actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

I compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. The actual revenues and expenditures of the Court were within 5% of the budgeted amounts.

Accounting and Reporting

- 9. Obtain the list of all disbursements made during the fiscal year. Randomly select six disbursements, and obtain documentation from management for these disbursements. Compare the selected disbursements to the supporting documentation, and:
 - a. Report whether the six disbursements agree to the amount and payee in the supporting documentation.

I examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

b. Report whether the six disbursements were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

All of the six disbursements were properly coded in the general ledger.

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c. Report whether the six disbursements were approved in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals in accordance with management's policies and procedures.

Meetings

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

There is no open meeting law applicable to the Winnsboro City Court.

Debt

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

I looked at bank statements and reviewed all bank deposits for the fiscal year, and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

Advances and Bonuses

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

I inspected payroll records for the year and noted no instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

State Audit Law

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

The Court's report was submitted timely in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

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

N/A

Prior-Year Comments

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

Honorable Scott Sartin, Judge Winnsboro City Court Page 4

My prior year report, dated December 28, 2022, did not include any comments or unresolved matters.

This agreed-upon procedures engagement was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and the standards applicable to attestation engagements contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the United States Comptroller General. I was not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on the Court's compliance with the foregoing matters. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of testing performed on the Court's compliance with certain laws and regulations contained in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Maxwell CPA, LLC

Sterlington, Louisiana December 29, 2023

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Governmental Agencies)

	(Date Tr	ransmitted)
Maxwell CPA, LLC		(CPA Firm Name)
Po Box 1327		(CPA Firm Address)
Sterlington, LA	11280	(City, State Zip)
In connection with your engagement matters identified below, as of	e (R.S.) 24:513 and the Loc	
Public Bid Law		
		(R.S. 39:1551 – 39:1755); the public bid of the Division of Administration and the
State Furchasting Office.		Yes[] No[] N/A [/]
Code of Ethics for Public Officials	and Public Employees	
It is true that no employees or official loan, or promise, from anyone that we		of value, whether in the form of a service, f R.S. 42:1101-1124.
		Yes [√] No [] N/A []
	has been employed by the	of the governing authority, or the chief governmental entity after April 1, 1980, 11119.
		Yes [√] No [] N/A []
Budgeting		
We have complied with the state bud 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budg		1331-1342, as applicable.
		Yes [√] No [] N/A []
Accounting and Reporting		
All non-exempt governmental records three years, as required by R.S. 44:1		ecord and have been retained for at least
		Yes [√] No [] N/A []
We have filed our annual financial sta applicable.	itements in accordance with	h R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where
аррисавие.		Yes [√] No [] N/A []
We have had our financial statements	s reviewed in accordance w	vith R.S. 24:513.
		Yes [√] No [] N/A [
We did not enter into any contracts th were subject to the public bid law (R. R.S. 24:513 (the audit law).	at utilized state funds as de S. 38:2211, et seq.), while t	efined in R.S. 39:72.1 A. (2); and that the agency was not in compliance with
		Yes [√] No [] N/A []
We have complied with R.S. 24:513 Abbenefits and other payments to the ag		
		Yes [/] No [] N/A []

We have complied with R.S. 24:515.2 regarding reporting of pre- and post- adjudication court costs, fines and fees assessed or imposed; the amounts collected; the amounts outstanding; the amounts retained; the amounts disbursed, and the amounts received from disbursements.

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

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

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

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [/ No [] N/A []

Advances and Bonuses

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

Prior-Year Comments

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

Yes [] No [] N/A []

General

We acknowledge that we are responsible for the Agency's compliance with the foregoing laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations.

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

We acknowledge that we are responsible for determining that that the procedures performed are appropriate for the purposes of this engagement.

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

We have evaluated our compliance with these laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

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

We have provided you with all relevant information and access under the terms of our agreement.

Yes [] No [] N/A []

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

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

We are not aware of any material misstatements in the information we have provided to you.

Yes [,/] No [] N/A []

We have disclosed to you any communications from regulatory agencies, internal auditors, other independent practitioners or consultants, and others concerning noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including communications received during the period under examination; and will disclose

to you any such communication received betwee your report.	n the end of the period under exam	ination and the date of
	Ye	es [/] No [] N/A []
We will disclose to you, the Legislative Auditor, a known noncompliance and other events subseque your report that could have a material effect on controls with such laws and regulations, or would agreed-upon procedures.	uent to the date of this representation ur compliance with laws and regulated I require adjustment or modification	on and the date of tions and the internal to the results of the
	Ye	es [∕] No [] N/A []
The previous responses have been made to the	best of our belief and knowledge.	
	Secretary	Date
	Treasurer	Date
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