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FINANCIAL REPORT
DECEMBER 31, 1999

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission Crowley, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission, a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, as of and for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, as listed in the table of contents, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting information that is the representation of the Board in the form of financial statements. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

BROUSSARD, POCHÉ, LEWIS & BREAUX, L.L.P.

Crowley, Louisiana April 6, 2000

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COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS December 31, 1999 See Accountant's Compilation Report

	Governmental Fund Type	Account <u>Group</u>		
		General	Tot	als
	General	Fixed	<u>Memoran</u>	dum Only
ASSETS	<u>Fund</u>	Assets	<u> 1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Cash	\$ 28,571	\$ -	\$ 28,571	\$ 71,066
Certificate of deposit, at cost	-	-	-	11,000
Equipment	-	1,850	1,850	1,120
Land	-	50,000	50,000	50,000
Land improvements	-	21,936	21,936	6,173
Construction in progress	**************************************	64,210	64,210	<u> </u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 28.571</u>	<u>\$137,996</u>	<u>\$166,567</u>	<u>\$139,359</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
LIABILITIES:				
Accrued expenses	<u>\$ 655</u>	\$	\$ 655	\$
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed asse Fund balance:	ts \$ -	\$137,996	\$137,996	\$ 57,293
Unreserved - undesignated	<u>27,916</u>		<u>27,916</u>	<u>82,066</u>
Total fund equity	<u>\$ 27.916</u>	<u>\$137,996</u>	<u>\$165,912</u>	<u>\$139,359</u>
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$ 28.571</u>	<u>\$137,996</u>	<u>\$166,567</u>	<u>\$139,359</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended December 31, 1999 See Accountant's Compilation Report

	General Fund		
Revenues:	<u> 1999</u>	<u> 1998</u>	
Taxes:			
Hotel/motel tax revenue	\$ 28,920	\$ 28,275	
Intergovernmental:			
Enterprise tax	52,279	50,695	
Other	<u>4.908</u>	<u>3,369</u>	
Total revenues	<u>\$ 86,107</u>	<u>\$ 82,339</u>	
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Economic development:	£ 24 650	č 17 0EQ	
Salaries and related benefits	\$ 24,657	\$ 17,958 13,606	
Ad and promotions	18,528	675	
Utilities	1 (11	1,196	
Meetings and seminars	1,611	1,190	
Supplies	4,740	827	
Repairs and maintenance	81	2,696	
Telephone	2,695	2,410	
Rent	2,427	611	
Memberships and subscriptions	860	914	
Travel	915	822	
Other	607	6,883	
Capital outlay	83,136	\$ 50,560	
Total expenditures	<u>\$140,257</u>	\$ \$0.5 <u>00</u>	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$(54,150)	\$ 31,779	
Fund balance, beginning	<u>82.066</u>	50,287	
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 27,916</u>	<u>\$ 82,066</u>	

See Notes to Financial Statements.

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL - GENERAL FUND Year Ended December 31, 1999 See Accountant's Compilation Report

		1999	
	Budget	Actual	Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)
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Revenues:			
Taxes:			
Hotel/motel tax	\$ 30,000	\$ 28,920	\$ (1,080)
Intergovernmental:			
Enterprise tax	68,880	52,279	(16,601)
Other	9,900	4,908	(4,992)
Total revenues	\$108,780	\$ 86,107	\$(22,67 <u>3</u>)
Expenditures:			
Current:			
Economic development:			
Salaries and related benefits	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,657	\$ (657)
Ads and promotions	14,400	18,528	(4,128)
Utilities	3,600		3,600
Meeting and seminars	1,500	1,611	(111)
Supplies	4,900	4,740	160
Repairs and maintenance	300	81	219
Telephone	3,600	2,695	905
Rent	1,200	2,427	(1,227)
Memberships and subscriptions	780	860	(80)
Travel	600	93.5	(315)
Other	2,900	607	2,293
Capital outlay	51,000	<u>83,136</u>	(32,136)
Total expenditures	\$108,780	\$140,257	\$(31,477)
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	\$ -	\$(54,150)	\$(54,150)
Fund balance, beginning	82,066	82.066	
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 82,066</u>	<u>\$ 27.916</u>	<u>\$(54,150</u>)

See Notes to Financial Statements.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS See Accountant's Compilation Report

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission, a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, was created by the Acadia Parish Police Jury as authorized by Louisiana Revised statute 33:4574. The ordinance creating this tourist commission was dated March 14, 1989. Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission is governed by a twelve-member board of commissioners, appointed by the Police Jury. The purpose of the Commission shall be to encourage the development of tourist attractions in the Acadia Parish area.

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. All GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

GASB Codification Section 2100 established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Oversight responsibility by the Police Jury is determined on the basis of the following criteria:

- 1. Appointment of governing board
- 2. Designation of management
- 3. Ability to significantly influence operations
- 4. Accountability for fiscal matters
- 5. Scope of public service

Because the Police Jury appoints the governing board and can influence the scope of public service, the Tourist Commission was determined to be a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, the governing body of the parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying general purpose financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Tourist Commission and do not present information on the parish police jury, the general government services provided by the governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the governmental reporting entity.

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Fund accounting:

The Tourist Commission uses funds to report on its financial position and results of operations. 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. The Commission uses the following fund:

General Fund:

The general fund is classified as a governmental fund. Governmental funds account for the Commission's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Commission and accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Basis of accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The Commission's accounts are reported on the modified accrual basis of accounting using the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

General fixed assets:

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available.

Account groups are not funds. They are concerned only with the measurement of financial position and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

Revenues:

Hotel/Motel taxes and enterprise taxes are recorded in the year the taxes are collected. The 2% occupancy tax on hotels and motels is collected monthly, while the occupancy tax on campgrounds and bed and breakfasts is collected quarterly. The enterprise tax, which is received from the state, is collected quarterly.

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Expenditures:

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

Comparative data:

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in selected sections of the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of the changes in the Commission's financial position and operations. However, comparative (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type) data have not been presented in each of the statements since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Memorandum only - total columns:

Total columns on the general purpose financial statements are captioned as "memorandum only" because they do not represent consolidated financial information and are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. The columns do not present information that reflects financial position, results of operations, or cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

Budget practices:

The District follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

- 1. The Secretary-Treasurer submits to the Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- Due to the fact that expenditures do not exceed \$250,000, it is not necessary to have a public hearing.
- 3. The budget is then legally enacted through passage of an ordinance.
- 4. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 5. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end.

Expenditures may not legally exceed budgeted appropriations at the individual fund level by more than 5%.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS See Accountant's Compilation Report

Cash and certificates of deposit:

Under state law, the Tourist Commission may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

These deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus federal insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the federal agent. Deposits (bank balances) totaling \$28,709 at December 31, 1999, are fully secured by federal deposit insurance.

Vacation, sick leave, and pension plan:

The Tourist Commission has no pension plan, vacation leave, or sick leave policy. At December 31, 1999, there are no accumulated vacation benefits that require accrual or disclosure to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

Note 2. Board of Commissioners

The board members elect not to receive any compensation for attendance of meetings.

Note 3. Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

				${\tt Construction}$
			Land	in
	Equipment	<u> Land</u>	<u>Improvements</u>	Progress
Balance - December 31, 1998	\$ 1,120	\$ 50,000	\$ 6,173	\$ -
1999 additions	730	 _	15,763	64,210
Balance - December 31, 1999	<u>\$ 1.850</u>	<u>\$ 50,000</u>	<u>\$ 21,936</u>	<u>\$ 64,210</u>



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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

The Board of Commissioners
Acadia Parish Convention and
Visitors Commission
Crowley, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the Louisiana Government Audit Guide and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission compliance with certain laws and regulations during the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998 included in the accompanying Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

Public Bid Law

 Select all expenditures made during the year for materials and supplies exceeding \$15,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000 and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were not any expenditures made for materials and supplies exceeding \$15,000, nor expenditures made for public works exceeding \$100,000.

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Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management [agreed-upon procedure (3)] appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).

Budgeting

5. Obtained a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

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

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the budget for fiscal year 1999 to the minutes of a meeting held on November 19, 1998. We traced the adoption of the amendments to the budget to the minutes of a meeting held on September 16, 1999.

7. 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 exceeded budgeted amounts by 5% or more.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual expenditures for fiscal year 1999 did vary from budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

The Board of Commissioners
Acadia Parish Convention and
Visitors Commission

Accounting and Reporting

- 8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:
 - (a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

We 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) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and
 - All six of the payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.
- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated approvals.

Meetings

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission is required to post or advertise a notice of each meeting. Management has asserted that such documents were properly advertised in local journals.

Debt

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We scanned copies of bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, or like indebtedness.

The Board of Commissioners Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission

Advances and Bonuses

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of the Commission for the year did not indicate any such payments. We also inspected payroll records for each year and did not note any instances which would indicate payments to employees which would constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

We were not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Acadia Parish Convention and Visitors Commission and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

BROUSSARD, POCHE, LEWIS : BREAUX, L.L.P.

Crowley, Louisiana April 6, 2000

SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

Section I. Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

97-1 Budget Adoption

Recommendation: The budget should be adopted in open meeting prior to the

beginning of the fiscal year and appropriate documentation

should be retained.

Statue: The budgets for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 were both adopted

in a timely manner and documentation was retained.

97-2 <u>Budget Violation</u>

Recommendation: Management should monitor the budget more closely and present

budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners for adoption

when necessary.

Status: The Commission's actual expenditures exceeded budget by more

than 5% in fiscal year 1999; see 1999-1.

98-1 Reporting Requirements

Recommendation: Management should make arrangements to have an annual report

filed within six months of year-end.

Status: The Commission was in compliance with the state reporting

requirement for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1999.

Section II. Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

There were no prior year findings related to federal awards for the year ended December 31, 1999.

Section III. Management Letter

There were no prior year findings reported in a separate management letter for the year ended December 31, 1999.

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Government)

April 4, 2000 (Date Transmitted)

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In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of [date] and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of (date of completion/representations).

Public Bid Law

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office..

Yes [X] No []

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

Yes [火] No []

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

Yes [X] No []

Budgeting

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes [X] No []

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Moodiffing the reporting			
All non-exempt governmental records are available a least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7,	_	nd have been retain	ed for at
	•	Yes [⋉] No	o []
We have filed our annual financial statements in accass applicable.	ordance with LSA-F	RS 24:514, 33:463, a	ind/or 39:92
		Yes [火] No	o []
We have had our financial statements audited or cor	npiled in accordanc	e with LSA-RS 24:51 Yes [X] No	
Meetings			
We have complied with the provisions of the Open M	leetings Law, provid	ded in RS 42:1 through Yes [X] No	•
Debt			
It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we without the approval of the State Bond Commission, Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1 39:1410.60-1410.65.	entered into any lea as provided by Artic	ase-purchase agreer cle VII, Section 8 of t	ments, the 1974
00.1410.00		Yes [X] No) []
Advances and Bonuses			
It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LS	• •		
We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance contradictions to the foregoing representations. We to the foregoing laws and regulations.	–	•	
We have provided you with any communications from any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws received between the end of the period under examination acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any subsequent to the issuance of your report.	and regulations, including and regulations, including and the issue	luding any communi- ance of this report. V	cations Ve
	Secretary		Date
	Treasurer		Date
Land Brownand or	President	4-4-00	Date

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MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

Section I. Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

The Commission's actual expenditures monitor the budget more closely and will present budget amendments to the Board of Commissioners for adoption when necessary.

Section II. Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

There were no findings related to federal awards for the year ended December 31, 1999.

Section III. Management Letter

There were no findings reported in a separate management letter for the year ended December 31, 1999.

Responsible Party: Paul Broussard, President