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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Primary Government Financial Statements St. Mary Parish, State of Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements with Independent Auditors' Report

and

Independent Auditors' Reports on Federal Financial Assistance, Internal Accounting Control, and Compliance

For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the St. Mary Parish Council Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the St. Mary Parish Council's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, Audits of State and Local Governments. Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A primary government is a legal entity or body politic and includes all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are not legally separate. Such legally separate entities are referred to as component units. In our opinion, the primary government financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the primary government of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds and account groups of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of operations of such funds and the cash flows of the individual proprietary funds for the year then conformity with generally accepted accounting ended in principles.

However, the primary government financial statements, because they do not include the financial data of component units of the St. Mary Parish Council, do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of December 31, 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated April 30, 1997 on our consideration of St. Mary Parish Council's internal control structure and a report dated April 30, 1997 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the primary government financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining, individual fund, and account group financial statements. The accompanying information listed as General Supplementary Information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the primary government, combining, individual fund, and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the primary government, combining, individual fund, and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each respective individual fund and account group taken as a whole.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

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April 25, 1997

COMBINED BALANCE SHEET All Fund Types and Account Groups December 31, 1996

	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM ONLY)		\$503,922 10,502,984	2,015,595	2.860,533	623,046	17,719,973	2,112,259	\$51,633,478
GROUPS	GENERAL LONG-TERM <u>DEBT</u>							2,112,259	\$15,578,955
ACCOUNT	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS						12,328,859		\$12,328,859
PROPRIETARY	FUND TYPE ENTERPRISE FUNDS		\$52,547	211,456	310,728	1,826	\$5,391,114		\$5,967,671
	CAPITAL PROJECTS E		\$28,243 3,340,804		553,310	480.892			\$4,529,484
ND TYPES	SERVICE FUNDS		\$102,677 1,971,760	587,290	618,276	127,154			\$3,407,157
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		\$320,237 5,190,420	106,011	1,378,219	1,108,053			\$8,607,811
9	GENERAL FUND		\$218	1,110,838		15,000			\$1,213,541
		ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	Assets: Cash and cash equivalents Investments	Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles)	Due from other tunds Advance to other funds	Due from component units Due from other governments	(net of accumulated depreciation where applicable)	Other debits: Amount available in debt service funds Amount to be provided for retirement of general tong-term debt	Total assets and other debits

	(MEMORANDUM ONLY)	\$223,724 63.748	145.585 631.106 2.860.533 318.242	3,820,000 15,486,810 58,714	23.608,462	12,328,859	4.672.488	15,741 (2,699,706)	24.070	2.789.750	8.781,555	28.025.016	\$51,633,478
GROUPS	5		92.145	15,486,810	15,578,955								\$15,578,955
ACCOUNT	GENERAL FIXED ASSETS					12.328.859						12,328,859	\$12,328,859
. 1	ENTERPRISE FUNDS	\$32.763	126.385	3.820.000	3.979,148		4.672.488	15741 (2.699.706)				1.988.523	\$5.967.671
	CAPITAL PROJECTS EI FUNDS		\$34.604	328	2,769.080					817.310	943.094	1.760.404	\$4.529.484
VD TYPES	SERVICE FUNDS		\$108.718		316.194					594.221 2.112.259	384.483	3,090,963	\$3,407,157
GOVERNMENTAL FUND	SPECIAL REVENUE <u>FUNDS</u>	\$67.390	91.631	19.077	335.952				728	1,378,219	6.892.912	8.271,859	\$8.607.811
OB	GENERAL FUND	\$123,571	53.440	39,309	629.133				23.342		561,066	584,408	\$1.213.541
	LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS	Liabilities: Accounts payable and accrued expenses Contracts payable	Salaries and payroll deductions payable Due to other funds Advance from other funds	Landfill closure costs and post- closure care costs Bonds and debt payable Accrued liabilities	Total liabilities	Equity and other credits: Investment in general fixed assets	Contributed capital -net of amortization	Retained earnings (account lated deficits) Reserved for encumbrances Unreserved - undesignated	Fund balances Reserved for encumbrances	Reserved for non-current portion of receivables Reserved for debt service	Heserved for grant-related expenditures Unreserved - undesignated	Total equity and other credits	Total fiabilities. equity and other credits

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

GOVERNMENT FUND TYPES Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	GENERAL	SPECIAL REVENUE FUINDS	DEBT SERVICE FUNDS	CAPITAL PROJECTS EUNDS	TOTAL (MEMORANDUM QNLY)
REVENUES Taxes Ad valorem Sales	\$1,132,710	\$2,498,425	\$31,028 1,343,125		\$1,163,738
Other taxes, penalties, & interests, etc. Intergovernmental revenues Federal grants State grants	59,557 301,376 284,714	25,577	531,092	26,616 25,607	59,557 557,708 352,560 284,714
State funds Parish transportation funds State revenue sharing Royafty road funds Severance taxes Criminal court fund Local grants Royafties Special assessments Interest Licenses & Permits Fees, Charges, & Commission	285,155 502,092 24,418 9,000 308,230 152,595	526,924 3,599,973 424,367 327,139 176,995 37,097 575,261	121,429	258,067	526,924 285,155 3,599,973 502,092 24,418 424,367 327,139 121,429 565,136 345,327
Other revenues Total revenues	173,149	3,690	2,156,698	310,290	13,895,482
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Public safety Public works Sanitation Cutture and recreation Health and welfare Economic development & assistance Capital outlay Debt service Principal Interest Fees Miscellaneous	2,471,418 804,018 225,629 509,434 79,832 172,570 660	70,000 272,053 1,834,410 674,659 261,139 1,974 100,570	794,487 710,739 93,626	8,498 906,264 1,614,681	2,541,418 1,126,549 1,834,410 1,590,923 486,768 509,434 798,739 798,624 711,399 93,626
Total expenditures	4,267,698	3,214,805	1,640,832	2,529,443	11,652,778
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(1.034,652)	4,980,643	515,866	(2,219,153)	2,242,704

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds from refunding bonds			655,000		655.000
Proceeds from bonds			2,278,000	1,232,171	3,510,171
Operating transfers in	1,301,436	164.596	653,106	1,332,357	3,451,495
Operating transfers out	(372,866)	(1,860,182)	(911,745)	(364,147)	(3,508,940)
fransfer out to component entity			(2.200.000)		(2,200,000)
Total other financing sources (uses)	928,570	(1.695,586)	(180,639)	2,200,381	1,252,726
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	(106.082)	3,285,057	335,227	(18.772)	3,495,430
Fund balances at beginning of year	690,490	4,986,802	\$2,755,736	1,779,176	10,212,204
Fund balances at end of year	\$584,408	\$8.271,859	\$3,090,963	\$1,760,404	\$13,707,634

GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

-	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Ad valorem	\$1,132.710	\$724.020	\$408.690
Other taxes, penalties, & interest, etc.	59.557	60.546	(989)
Licenses and permits	308,230	311,881	(3,651)
Intergovernmental revenues	_		
Federal grants	301,376	57 8,277	(276.901)
State funds	004.744	200 002	22 647
State grant	284.714 285.155	262,097 312,985	22,617 (27,830)
State revenue sharing (net)	502,092	502.092	(27.030)
Severance taxes	24.418	24.418	
Criminal Court Fund Charges for services	152,595	141,049	11.546
Interest	50	1,076	(1.026)
Local government	9.000	9,000	(**************************************
Miscellaneous	173,149	166,723	6.426
Total Revenues	3,233,046	3,094,164	138.882
EXPENDITURES	, <u></u>		
Current:			
General government	218,193	214,173	(4.020)
Legislative Judicial	593,601	620.911	27.310
Executive	91.708	110.994	19.286
Elections	85.876	85,723	(153)
Finance and administrative	386.192	393,436	7.244
Courthouse	572.834	580.652	7.818
Other	523,014	556,381	33.367
Public Safety	804,018	819.640	15.622
Health and welfare	509.434	514.748	5.314
Culture & recreation	225.629	216.672	(8.957)
Economic development & assistance	79,832	80.005	173
Capital outlay	172,570	196.343	23.773
Debt service	4 4 0 7	4 4 4 0	(0.4)
Principal	4,137	4.113	(24)
Interest	660	684	
Total Expenditures	4,267.698	4,394,475	126,777
Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	(1.034.652)	(1,300.311)	265.659
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	1.301.436	1,301.436	
Operating transfers out	(372,866)	(372.866)	
Total other financing sources(uses)	928,570	928.570	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other financing sources (uses) over (under) expenditures and other financing uses	(106.082)	(371.741)	265.659
Fund balance at beginning of year	690,490	690.490	
Fund balance at end of year	\$584.408	\$318,749	\$265,659
			

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	ACTUAL.	<u>BUDGET</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Taxes	* 0.400.405	*** **** ****	ቀስስ ስዕስ
Sales	\$2,498,425	\$2,438,336	\$60.089
Intergovernmental revenues	25,577	25 ,577	
Federal grants Parish transportation funds	526,924	549,850	(22,926)
Royalty road funds	3,599.973	3,633,448	(33.475)
Royalties	424.367	424,367	
Gaming/Gambling	327,139	290,716	36,423
Interest	176,995	142,354 20,000	34,641 17,097
Licenses & Permits	37,097 49,696	49,500	196
Fees, Charges, & Commission Other revenues	529,255	562,000	(32,745)
Other revenues	V4.0,200		
Total revenues	8,195.448	8,136,148	59.300
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EXPENDITURES			
Current:	70.000	70,000	
General government Public safety	272.053	656,576	384.523
Public works	1,834,410	1,894,337	59,927
Sanitation	674.659	673,257	(1,402)
Culture and recreation	261,139	270,506	9,367 526
Capital outlay	1,974	2,500 100,366	
Debt service	100,570	100,300	(204)
Total expenditures	\$3.214.805	\$3,667,542	452.737
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	4,980,643	4,468,606	512,037
over (under) expenditures	4,950,045		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Operating transfers in	164,596	164,596 (1,745,148	
Operating transfers out	(1,860.182)	(1,745,140	(110.004)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,695,586)	(1,580,552) (115,034)
			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	3,285.057	2,888,054	397.003
Fund balances at	4,986,802	4,986,802	
beginning of year			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Fund balances at	\$8,271,859	\$7,874,856	\$397.003
end of year	***************************************		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

CERTAIN DEBT SERVICE FUNDS Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	ACTUAL_	BUDGET	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
	<u>UOTENT</u>	<u> </u>	1
REVENUES			
Taxes			€ 44. 707
Sales	\$1,343,125	\$1,301,338	\$41,787 31,028
Ad Valorem	31,028 121,429	125,781	(4,352)
Special assessments	130,024	111,357	18,667
Interest Intergovernmeritäl	531092	882	530,210
nitergoverniterita			
Total revenues	2,156,698	1,539,358	617,340
EXPENDITURES			
Current:	41,980	16,411	(25,569)
Public safety Debt service	41,000	, 4,	`
Principal	794,487	794,488	1
Interest	710,739	689,319	(21,420)
Fees	93,626	114,129	20,503
Total expenditures	1,640,832	1,614,347	(26,485)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	515,866	(74,989)	590,855
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from bonds	2,278,000	2,278,000 655,000	
Proceeds from refunding bonds	655,000 (655,000)	(655,000	
Transfer to bond paying agent	653,106	509,124	143,982
Operating transfers in	(911,745)	(911,745)
Operating transfers out Transfer out to component entities	(2,200,000)	(2,200,000	•
Total other financing sources			
(uses)	(180,639)	(324,621	143,982
Europe (deficiency) of royanuas			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)			
expenditures and other uses	335,227	(399,610	734,837
Fund balances at	A	0 7ce ca0	•
beginning of year	2,755,573	2,755,573	
Fund balances at	\$3,090,800	\$2,355,963	\$734,837
end of year	φο,σοσο	- 	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS Combined Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual (Non-GAAP Basis) For the year ended December 31, 1996

	<u>AÇTUAL</u>	BUDGET	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES			
Interest	\$258,067	\$154,580	\$103,487
Intergovernmental	21,479	32,306	(10,827)
State grant	5,137	5,137	
Total revenues	284,683	192,023	92,660
EXPENDITURES			
Current:	8,498	3,502	(4,996)
Public safety	906,464	1,376,497	470,033
Sanitation	1,583,041	1,588,874	5,833
Capital Outlay Culture & Recreation	5,833	6,959	1,126
Culture & Necreation	0,000		<u> </u>
Total expenditures	2,503,836	2,975,832	471,996
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(2,219,153)	(2,783,809)	564,656
OTHER FINANCING COMPCES (HISE	361		
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USE	1,232,171	1,232,000	171
Proceeds from bonds	1,332,357	1,217,323	
Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	(364, 147)	(364,148)	•
Total other financing sources			
(uses)	2,200,381	2,085,175	115,206
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	(18,772)	(698,634	679,862
Fund balances (deficits) at beginning of year	1,779,176	1,770,176	9,000
Fund balances (deficits) at end of year	\$1,760,404	\$1,071,542	\$688,862
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUNDS Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnin For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

Total operating revenues	1,484,023
Operating expenses Personal services 755,536 Contractual services 164,820 Supplies 25,900 Materials 217,296 Utilities 46,129 Repairs and maintenance 91,531 Equipment and rentals 176,733 Landfill closure costs (20,000) Miscellaneous 5,552	
Depreciation 515,172	
Operating loss 1,978,669	(494,646)
Non-operating revenues (expenses) Insurance proceeds Interest Gifts/donations State grant State grant 3,174 3,313 61,413 33,000	
Loss before operating transfers	(393,746)
Other financing sources Operating transfers in	244,770
Net loss	(148,976)
Add depreciation of fixed assets acquired by grants, entitlements, and shared revenues externally restricted for capital acquisitions and construction that reduces contributed capital	386,211
Increase in retained earnings	237,235
Retained earnings(accumulated deficit) at beginning of year	(2,921,200)
Retained earnings(accumulated deficit) at end of year (5)	\$2,683,965)

Notes to the Financial Statements December 31, 1996

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

On July 16, 1983, the voters of the parish approved a change in the form of parish government from the police jury form of government to the parish council system. The newly elected parish council was seated on November 26, 1984. The St. Mary Parish Council is the governing authority for St. Mary Parish. The parish council consists of eleven members, eight of whom are elected from single-member districts and three elected at large. The parish president, elected by the voters of the parish, is the chief executive officer of the parish and is responsible for carrying out the policies adopted by the parish council and for exercising such general executive authority as authorized by the charter.

The Council, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes, enacts ordinances, sets policy and establishes programs in such fields as social welfare, transportation, drainage, industrial inducement and health services.

In 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 accounting and financial reporting standards. GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments.

The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used in preparing the financial statements:

A. Reporting Entity

The GASB has established several criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity. The reporting entity for St. Mary Parish should include the St. Mary Parish Council, which as governing authority of the parish is the primary government, and other governmental entities within the parish for which the Council has financial accountability. Financial accountability is determined by the Council, on the basis of applying the following criteria from those established by the GASB:

- 1. Financial benefit or burden
- 2. Appointment of a voting majority
- 3. Imposition of will
- 4. Fiscally dependent

The GASB requires that certain other organizations be included in the reporting entity although the primary government is not financially accountable if exclusion from the financial statements would render the reporting entity's financial statements incomplete or misleading.

Based on the previous criteria, the Council has determined that the following component units are part of the reporting entity:

	Fiscal	
Component Unit	Year End	Criteria Used
St. Mary Parish Consolidated		
Water & Sewer Dist. #1	December 31	2, 3
St. Mary Parish Library	December 31	$\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$
Sixteenth Judicial District		<i>-,</i> -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -,
Criminal Court	December 31	4
Hospital Service District:	1,000,002 01	•
No. 1	September 30	2, 3
No. 2	September 30	2, 3
No. 3	September 30	2, 3
Fairview Treatment Center	September 30	3
Waterworks District:	September 30	3
No. 2	March 31	ງ
No. 3		2, 3
No. 5	September 30	2
No. 6	September 30	2, 3
	September 30	2,3
No. 7	September 30	1, 2, 3
Sewerage District:	C 4 1 2 0	^ ^
No. 1	September 30	2, 3
No. 2	September 30	2, 3
No. 4	September 30	2
No. 5	September 30	2, 3
No. 7	September 30	1, 2, 3
No. 8	September 30	2, 3
No. 9	September 30	1, 2, 3
No. 10	September 30	2, 3
No. 11	September 30	1, 2, 3
Wards 5 & 8 Joint Sewer		
Commission	September 30	2, 3
Consolidated Gravity Drainage		
District No. 1	September 30	2, 3
Gravity Drainage District:		
No. 2	September 30	2, 3
No. 3	December 31	2, 3
No. 5	September 30	2, 3
No. 6	September 30	2, 3
Wax Lake East Drainage District		
Sub Gravity Drainage District		
No.1	September 30	2, 3
Gravity Sub-Drainage District	-	•
No. 1 of Gravity Drainage		
District No.2	September 30	2, 3
St. Mary Parish Tourist		-, -
Commission	September 30	2.3
St. Mary Parish Sales Tax Dept.	December 31	2, 3 1, 3, 4
Recreation District:		<i>x</i> , <i>o</i> , 1
No. 1	September 30	2.3
No. 2	September 30	2, 3 1, 2, 3, 4 2, 3 2, 3
No. 3	September 30	2 3 3 4
No. 4	September 30	2, 3
Fire Protection District:	DOPCOMDOT DO	4, 5
No. 1	September 30	ກ ວ
	SOF COUNTRY 30	2, 3

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

	Fiscal	
Component Unit	Year End	Criteria Used
Fire Protection District:		
No. 2	September 30	1,2,3
No. 3	September 30	1, 2, 3
No. 11	September 30	2, 3
No. 12	September 30	2, 3
Mosquito Control District No. 1	September 30	1, 2, 3
Communications District (911)	December 31	2, 3, 4
St. Mary Parish Housing Program	September 30	1, 3, 4
St. Mary Parish Assessor	December 31	4 :
St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court	June 30	1, 4
St. Mary Parish Sheriff Dept.	June 30	1, 4

The GASB provides for the issuance of primary government financial statements which are separate from those of the reporting entity. However, a primary government's financial statements are not a substitute for the reporting entity's financial statements. The Council has chosen to issue financial statements of the primary government only. As such, the accompanying financial statements are not intended to and do not report in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Audit reports for component units can be obtained from the administrative offices of each component and from the Clerk of the Parish Council.

The parish school board and municipal level governments, are excluded from the accompanying financial statements as they are considered autonomous governments. These units of government issue financial statements separate from that of the Council.

Also in accordance with GASB Statement No. 14, the St. Mary Community Action Committee, Association, Inc. (CAA) and the West St. Mary Parish Port, Harbor, and Terminal District (Port) are considered to be related organizations of St. Mary Parish Council, primary government. Several different primary governments or other bodies appoint members to the board of the Port and CAA but none are considered to be financially accountable because they do not impose their will or have a financial benefit or burden relationship with the Port or CAA.

B. Fund Accounting

The Council uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

The Council uses two categories of funds: governmental and proprietary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

Governmental Funds

General Fund

The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Council. It is used to account for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

Special Revenue Funds

Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are earmarked for expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt Service Funds

Debt Service Funds are used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, long-term debt principal, interest and related costs.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Projects Funds are used to account for financial resources to be used for the acquisition or construction of major capital facilities (other than those financed by proprietary funds).

Proprietary Fund

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise funds are used to account for activities of providing goods and services to outside parties similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration.

C. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. All governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of these funds are included on the balance sheet. Fund equity (i.e., net total assets) is segregated into contributed capital and retained earnings components. Proprietary fund-type operating statements present increases (e.g., revenues) and decreases (e.g., expenses) in net total assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types. 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 be used to pay liabilities of the current period. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund liabilities when due.

The following is a summary of the major governmental revenues and description of how they are recognized:

Ad valorem taxes and the related State revenue sharing (which is based on population and homesteads in the Parish) are recorded in the year the taxes are assessed.

Federal and State aid and grants are recorded when the Council has met the requirements of the grant and is entitled to receive the funds.

Interest income on investments is recorded when the investments have matured and the income is available.

Sales and use tax revenues are recorded in the month collected by the Council's sales tax department.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when they become available to the Council.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by proprietary fund types. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

The Council reports deferred revenue on its combined balance sheet. Deferred revenues arise when a potential revenue does not meet both the "measurable" and "available" criteria for recognition in the current period. In subsequent periods, when both revenue recognition criteria are met, the liability for deferred revenue is removed from the combined balance sheet and revenue is recognized.

D. Budgetary Practices

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

- 1. Ninety days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year, the Parish President presents to the Council the annual operating budget which was prepared by the Director of Finance under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer.
- 2. The Council then orders a public hearing, notice of which, along with a summary of the budget, will be published ten days prior to the date of the hearing in the official journal of the Council.
- 3. No later than the second to last regular meeting of the fiscal year, the Council enacts an ordinance to adopt the annual operating budget for the ensuing fiscal year. The Council may adjust the budget as proposed by the Parish President or amend it, as they see fit, by a vote of the majority of the Council.
- 4. The Parish President may accept or veto the entire budget as approved by the Council or he may line item veto certain appropriations.
- 5. Should the Council and Parish President be unable to adopt a budget prior to the beginning of the year, then fifty percent of the prior year's budget shall be appropriated for the upcoming year; until such time as a new budget is properly enacted.
- 6. The Director of Finance, under the direction of the Chief Administrative Officer, has the authority to alter, and must approve all changes in budgeted amounts within function lines. However, budget adjustments that cross function lines require approval of the Council.
- 7. Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year.
- 8. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), except for one Capital Projects Fund budget which is on a non-GAAP budgetary basis. Certain projects in the Capital Improvement Fund (Capital Projects) are being funded by the Council and Louisiana Community Development Block Grants (LCDBG). For financial reporting purposes both Parish amounts and LCDBG amounts are reported as revenues and expenditures, for budgetary reporting purposes only Parish amounts are reported as revenues and expenditures. Because of this, the revenues and expenditures are \$25,607 less for budget reporting purposes than for financial reporting purposes.

- 9. All governmental funds with significant activity have adopted budgets. One fund with little or no activity in 1996 did not adopt a budget: Paving Series J Fund (Debt Service) with a year end fund balance of \$163.
- 10. Budget appropriations lapse at year end except for capital outlays or items encumbered by authorized and issued purchase orders.
- 11. The budget amounts shown in the financial statements are the final authorized amounts as revised and amended for the year.

E. Encumbrances

Funds are encumbered when purchase orders are issued. It is the Council's policy to reserve fund balances for any encumbrances at year end.

F. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For financial statement purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash on hand, demand deposits, and short term investments with original maturities of less than three months.

Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market.

Certain short-term interest bearing cash accounts are maintained on a pooled basis, interest revenue or expense is allocated to each participating fund based upon its prorata share of the total pooled account balance.

G. Investments

Investments are stated at cost or amortized costs.

H. Receivables

Receivables are stated at net realizable value after provision for estimated uncollectible accounts.

I. Inventories

No inventories are recorded at year end as the amounts are immaterial.

Materials and supplies are considered expenditures by the Council when purchased.

J. Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of roads, bridges, curbs and gutters, streets and sidewalks, drainage systems and lighting systems are not capitalized, as these assets are immovable and of value only to the government.

Fixed assets used in the proprietary fund type operations are included on the balance sheets of the funds. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund type operations is charged as an expense against operations; and accumulated depreciation is reported on the balance sheets. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method based on the estimated useful life of the various assets. The following is a summary of estimated useful lives by classification of fixed assets:

Category	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	10-50
Equipment	2-40
Vehicles	2-4

K. Long-term Obligations

Long-term debt is recognized as a liability of a governmental fund when due, or when resources have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payment early in the following year. For other long-term obligations, only that portion expected to be financed from expendable available financial resources is reported as a fund liability of a governmental fund. The remaining portion of such obligations is reported in the general long-term debt account group. Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from proprietary fund operations are accounted for in those funds.

L. Compensated Absences

Employees earn vacation and sick leave annually at varying rates depending upon length of service. These compensated absences are allowed to accumulate from period to period if not used.

Upon termination an employee is compensated for accumulated vacation time; but, employees are not compensated for sick time unless termination is due to retirement.

An accrual is made for the amount of compensation the employees will receive in the future based upon services performed in the current year for vacation time not used. An accrual is also made for accumulated sick time estimated to be paid to employees at retirement. The portion of this accumulated sick pay estimated to be paid to employees retiring within the next year is recorded as a liability within the fund to which the particular employees' salary is allocated. In accordance with GASB No. 16, which the Council adopted in 1994, the liability for the portion of this accumulated sick pay, totaling approximately \$92,000, projected to be paid in later years is recorded in the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

Compensated absences by fund are as follows: Accrued vacation time - General Fund \$20,469, Special Revenue Fund-Road Construction and Maintenance, \$10,171, Enterprise Funds-Reduction and Transfer \$9,937, Small Animal Control \$1,696, and Kemper Williams Park \$2,269.

M. Fund Equity

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants or contributions from other governments or other funds.

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use. Significant changes in the reserved portion of fund balances in 1996 were increases or decreases in the reserve for non-current portion of receivables as follows:

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	Increase/(Decrease)
	<u>in Reserves</u>
Special Revenue Funds	
Road Construction and Maintenance Fund	\$ 148,000
Sanitation Fund	25,000
Wards 5 & 8 Sales Tax Fund	(35,000)
Wards 1,2,3,4,7 & 10 Sales Tax Fund	120,000
Debt Service Funds	
Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund	(49,000)
3/4% Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund	125,000
Capital Projects Funds	
Capital Improvement Fund	(250,000)
Franklin & Vicinity Fund	(100,000)
Cypremort Point & Vicinity Fund	(574,000)
Morgan City & Vicinity Fund	10,000
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Other changes in the reserved portion of fund balances were: \$70,000 decrease in reserve for disaster related expenditures in Hurricane Andrew Disaster Fund (Special Revenue), \$44,000 decrease in reserve for encumbrances in Small Animal Control Fund (Enterprise), \$13,000 increase in reserve for encumbrances in the Kemper Williams Park Fund (Enterprise) and \$15,000 decrease in reserve for encumbrances in the General Fund. Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources. No fund balances were designated by the Council at December 31, 1996.

N. Interfund Transactions

Quasi-external transactions are accounted for as revenues, expenditures or expenses. Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures/expenses initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund, are recorded as expenditures/expenses in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures/expenses in the fund that is reimbursed.

All other interfund transactions, except quasi-external transactions and reimbursements, are reported as transfers. Nonrecurring or nonroutine permanent transfers of equity are reported as residual equity transfers. All other interfund transfers are reported as operating transfers.

O. Total Columns on Combined Statements

The total columns on the combined statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - FUND DEFICITS

The following individual funds of the Council had deficit fund balances/retained earnings at December 31, 1996:

<u>Fund</u>	Deficit <u>Amount</u>
Capital Projects Funds:	
Amelia and Vicinity Fund Wards 5 & 8 Franklin & Vicinity	\$(1,053,191) (1,498,527) (11,714)
Enterprise Fund:	
Reduction and Transfer Fund	(2,975,602)

NOTE 2 - FUND DEFICITS (continued)

In December 1973, the voters of St. Mary Parish approved a three-quarter per cent sales tax (Sales Tax) in order to fund construction and operation of liquid and solid waste facilities. The Council receives the portion of the sales tax for the unincorporated areas of the Parish. In June of 1982, the St. Mary Parish Police Jury (Police Jury, the forerunner of the Council) earmarked these funds to be equally divided between liquid waste and solid waste expenditures. The half earmarked for liquid waste was further allocated to five geographic locations within the non-incorporated areas of the parish based upon population in these areas.

The construction of the liquid waste treatment facilities were to be funded by a combination of 75% federal grants and 25% local matching funds. The Police Jury planned to issue bonds secured by the proceeds of the sales tax in order to provide its 25% of the project costs. The Police Jury decided to construct the first two facilities in the most densely populated areas of the Parish, Amelia and Wards 5 & 8. The Police Jury originally planned to issue additional debt in future years to construct sewerage facilities in the remaining areas.

Subsequent to the development of the plan to construct these facilities but prior to actual start of construction, the Federal government ceased funding most local sewerage projects. This left the Police Jury with the full burden of financing these facilities. The Police Jury then issued bonds to finance 100% of the facility construction costs in these two areas.

Due to a downturn in the economy, the sales tax collections declined from the amounts originally estimated to be collected. While the overall sales tax collected has been sufficient to pay the bonded indebtedness, the portion of the sales tax proceeds originally allocated to the two areas proved insufficient to fund the debt payments allocated to the two areas.

The excess of monies required, to fund the debt attributable to the sewerage projects in these two areas over the proceeds of the tax allocated to these areas, have resulted in the accumulation of substantial deficient fund balances and substantial payable balances to other funds in both these funds.

Failure to either develop new funding sources or to reallocate existing funding or combine certain existing fund operations could result in these two funds being unable to continue to operate and repay their obligations to other funds.

NOTE 2 - FUND DEFICITS (continued)

The Council has refinanced its debt in order to reduce future debt requirements by approximately \$655,000. The Council has entered into agreements with Sewer District #2 and Sewer District #8 to provide additional funding relating to the debt of Wards 5 & 8 which will fully fund any future debt needs. This arrangement is more fully described in Note 16. The Council has also created St. Mary Parish Water and Sewer Commission No.1 which is planning to address additional funding for the Amelia & Vicinity bonds. The Council is also considering several other possibilities to raise additional revenues for these two funds.

The deficit in the Franklin & Vicinity Capital Projects Fund will be made up by revenues from next year.

The deficit in the retained earnings in the Reduction and Transfer Fund, an enterprise fund, is the result of accounting adjustments made to accrue estimated costs to close and monitor the Council's landfill in accordance with GASB No. 18 as detailed in Note 20. The total estimated cost to close and monitor the landfill for the required thirty year period is \$4,277,000. Of this amount, \$3,820,000 has been accrued as a liability and resultant reduction of the fund's retained earnings as of December 31, 1996. However actual expenditure of funds are estimated to be required only as follows: 1998 approximately \$470,000; 1999 approximately \$400,000; for each of the thirty subsequent years \$114,000.

NOTE 3 - EXPENDITURES - EXCESS OF ACTUAL OVER APPROPRIATED

The following individual funds had actual expenditures over appropriated expenditures for the year ended December 31, 1996:

<u>Fund</u>	Actual	Budget	Unfavorable Variance
Special Revenue Funds:			
Sanitation Fund	839,992	836,212	3,780
Wards 5 & 8 Sales Tax Fund	239,563	225,960	13,60 3
Wards 1,2,3,4,7 & 10 Sales			
Tax Fund	183,837	182,457	1,380
Debt Service Funds:			
Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund	659,757	633,496	26,261
Sales Tax Bond Reserve Fund			
1992, 1994	20	15	5
Three Fourths Per Cent Sales			
Tax Bond Reserve Fund	197	30	167
Sales Tax Bond Reserve Fund	4 4 4 4 4		• •
Paving Series M	11,909	11,876	33
1995 Paving Jupiter Green	40.000	40.100	1.0
Acres #2 Fund	43,208	43,198	10
SMP Library General Obligation	46 604	16 111	E 1 O
'96 Sinking Fund	46,624	46,114	510
Capital Projects Funds:			
Cypremort Point & Vicinity	245 710	242 120	2 500
Fund	245,719	243,130 279,953	2,589 10,587
Wards 5 & 8	290,540	4/9,903	10,507

NOTE 4 - TAXES

Sales_Taxes

The Council administers a Sales Tax Department that is responsible for the collection and distribution of various sales and use taxes levied within the parish. The Department has agreements with the Council, the school board and various municipalities, whereby they agree to reimburse the Department for the cost of collections of the taxes.

The proceeds from the one per cent sales and use tax received by the Council are used for construction and maintenance of roads, construction and maintenance of navigation channels, and water and flood control projects, acquiring and improving public works and buildings, supplementing salaries of all parish employees, operation of recreational facilities, acquisition, maintenance and repair of vehicles and machinery, and funding bonds. The proceeds of the tax are deposited in the Sales Tax Bond Sinking Debt Service Fund.

The proceeds from the three-fourths of one per cent sales and use tax received by the Council are used for construction, acquisition, extension, improvement, operation and maintenance of solid waste collection and disposal facilities, sewers and sewerage disposal works, facilities for pollution control and abatement, and funding bonds issued for these purposes. The proceeds of the tax are deposited in the Sanitation Special Revenue Fund.

The proceeds from the three-tenths of one per cent sales and use tax received by the Council are used within Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 10 of the parish for acquiring and maintaining electric lights on streets, roads, alleys and public places, acquiring, improving and extending public works, including drainage and water control extensions, acquiring, constructing, improving and maintaining fire protection facilities, public safety facilities and equipment, recreational facilities, and public health facilities and equipment. The proceeds of the tax are deposited in the Wards 5 and 8 Special Revenue Fund and in the Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10 Special Revenue Fund.

Chain Store Tax

Proceeds from a chain store tax received by the Council are deposited in the General Fund and are used for general operations of the Council.

Ad Valorem Taxes

Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis in September or October of each year. The taxes become due and payable by December 31 and become delinquent on January 1. Notices regarding seizures are sent out in April with the seizure date being May 1. The taxes are collected on behalf of the Council by the Sheriff and then remitted to the Council. Most ad valorem taxes are received by the Council in December, January and February.

NOTE 5 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The Council may deposit funds with a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States. The Council may also invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are held in the name of the pledging bank in a custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to the parties involved.

Under the provision of the GASB codification, accounts secured by pledged securities, which are not in the name of the governmental unit, are considered uncollateralized.

The following is a summary of the cash and cash equivalents and the related federal deposit insurance and related pledged securities as of December 31, 1996:

Cash and cash equivalents - stated value	\$ 503,922
Cash and cash equivalents - bank balance Portion insured by federal deposit insurance	\$ <u>695,474</u> 100,000
Collateralized by securities in the Council's name	200,000
held by the Council or third parties	NONE
Balance uninsured and uncollateralized under	
GASB codification	595,474
Portion of deposits secured under Louisiana law	<u>595,474</u>
Amount unsecured under Louisiana law	NONE:

NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS

Under state law, the Council may invest in certain federally guaranteed securities, certain bank time certificates of deposit and in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), an organization which operates an investment pool for local governments.

The Council's investments at December 31, 1996 total \$10,502,984 including \$5,712,411 of pooled investments in LAMP.

The Council's investments, except for LAMP, are categorized as either (1) insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the government or its agent in the government's name, (2) uninsured and unregistered for which the securities are held by the broker's or dealer's trust department or agent in the government's name or (3) uninsured and unregistered for which the securities are held by the broker or dealer, or by its trust department or agent but not in the government's name.

NOTE 6 - INVESTMENTS

	<u> </u>	Categor.	<u>ies_</u> 3_	Carrying <u>Amount</u>	Market <u>Value</u>
United States					
Government Securities	\$4,790,574			\$ <u>4,790,574</u>	\$ <u>4,798,000</u>
Total investments	\$ <u>4,790,574</u>			\$ <u>4,790,574</u>	\$ <u>4,798,000</u>

The book value of the investments in LAMP at December 31, 1996 is \$5,712,410, while the market value is \$5,737,663.

The investment in LAMP is not categorized in the three risk categories above because it is a pooled investment.

NOTE 7 - RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1996:

Type of <u>Receivables</u>	General <u>Fund</u>	F F	Debt Service <u>Funds</u>	Enterprise Funds
Taxes: Ad valorem	\$1,058,689	\$228,875	\$192,624 124,441	
Sales and use Shared revenues: State	72,990	879,178	•	
Assessments: Current Delinquent			53,826 16,191	
Deferred Accounts Other governments:	52,148	106,011	200,208	\$211,456
Grants - LA DOTD Aviation Other	14,494 15,000			
Total	\$ <u>1,213,321</u>	\$ <u>1,214,064</u>	\$ <u>587,290</u>	\$ <u>211,456</u>

All receivables are net of allowances for uncollectible accounts which are immaterial.

The deferred portion of special assessments receivables represents the portion of payments that will be due from property owners in future years. An amount equal to this is recorded as deferred revenue in the liability section on the debt service funds' balance sheets.

NOTE 8 - DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS

The following is a listing of due from/to other funds by individual fund as of December 31, 1996:

Receivable From	Payable To	Amount
Paving Series J Sanitation Fund Sanitation Fund Sanitation Fund Sanitation Fund	Road Construction and Maintenance Fund Amelia & Vicinity Franklin & Vicinity Cypremort Point & Vicinity Ward 5 & 8 Morgan City & Vicinity	\$ 782 13,607 22,890 24,630 27,260 3,244
3/4% Sales Tax Bond Reserve General Fund General Fund Series L Paving Franklin & Vicinity Total Due From/		100,008 300,000 96,153 7,928 34,604 \$631,106

NOTE 9 - ADVANCES TO/FROM OTHER FUNDS

The following is a listing of advances to/from other funds as of December 31, 1996:

Advance To	Advance From	Amount
Amelia & Vicinity	Road Construction & Maintenance	\$ 200,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Sanitation Fund	25,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Cypremort Point & Vicinity	143,310
Amelia & Vicinity	Sales Tax Wards 5 & 8	25,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Morgan City & Vicinity	60,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Paving Jupiter Green Acres,	
	Series H	25,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Solid Waste Reduction	35,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Kemper Williams	50,000
Amelia & Vicinity	3/4% Sales Tax Sinking	25,000
Amelia & Vicinity	Sanitation	478,488
Wards 5 & 8	Sanitation	499,731
	3/4% Sales Tax Bond Sinking	100,000
Kemper Williams	3/4% Sales Tax Bond Reserve	126,384
	3/4% Sales Tax Bond Sinking	141,891
Wards 5 & 8	Sales Tax Wards 1,2,3,4,7,10	150,000
Wards 5 & 8	Sales Tax Bond Sinking	200,000
Wards 5 & 8	Capital Improvement	350,000
Wards 5 & 8	Solid Waste & Reduction	225,728
Total advances To/From		\$ <u>2,860,533</u>

These amounts are not to be repaid within the upcoming year. Therefore, a reservation of fund balance for non-current receivables has been shown on the balance sheets of the funds that made the advances.

NOTE 10 - DUE FROM COMPONENT UNITS

Due from component units at December 31, 1996 consist of the following:

Item/Fund Type	Debt <u>Service</u>	Capital <u>Projects</u>
Non-current portion of advances made to Hospital Service Districts		
Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund Capital Improvement Fund	\$127,154	\$264 _. ,000
Non-current portion of advances made to Sewer District #10 Cypremort Point & Vicinity		<u>216,892</u>
Totals	\$ <u>127,154</u>	\$ <u>480,892</u>

These amounts are not to be repaid within the upcoming year. Therefore, a reservation of fund balance for non-current receivables has been shown on the balance sheets of the funds that made the advances.

NOTE 11 - FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets for the year ended December 31, 1996 follows:

	Balance December 31 1995	, Additions	<u>Deletions</u>	Reclassi~ fications	Balance December 31, 1996
Land Buildings Improvements othe	\$1,300,876 5,247,546	\$ 400,000			\$ 1,700,876 5,247,546
than buildings Equipment and	1,168,071	353,920		\$ 37,910	1,559,901
furniture Construction in	3,592,272	297,604	\$69,340		3,8 20,536
progress	37,910 \$11,346,675	\$ <u>1,051,524</u>	\$ <u>69,340</u>	(<u>37,910</u>) \$ <u></u>	\$ <u>12,328,859</u>
A summary of equipment at De	the Enterp		+ +	ty, plant	and
Land and improve Buildings and i Equipment Improvements of	mprovements	ldings		4,2 2,9 1,3	46,998 270,786 94,979 32,894
Less accumulated depreciation $(\underline{6},\underline{6},\underline{6},\underline{6},\underline{6},\underline{6},\underline{6},\underline{6},$					45,657 54,543) 91,114

Depreciation and amortization expense for 1996 is approximately \$512,000.

NOTE 12 - LONG TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of changes in the General Long-Term Debt Account Group for the year ended December 31, 1996:

Balance at January 1, 1996
Additions
Reductions
Balance at December 31, 1996
\$12,939,495
4,177,198
(1,537,738)
\$15,578,955

Obligations payable at December 31, 1996 are as follows:

GENERAL LONG-TERM DEBT:

Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds

\$1,965,000 of Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds, ST-1996 were issued on April 1, 1996 for the refunding of Sales Tax Bonds issued July 1, 1992 and the remainder to be used to acquire and construct a building to be used for public health purposes. The bonds bear interest of 4.3 to 8.0 percent and are payable through the year 2016. The bonds are being retired from the one percent Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund.

\$1,965,000

\$5,600,000 of Sales Tax Bonds were issued July 1, 1994 for the purpose of improving and repairing public roads and renovating and improving the Parish courthouse. The bonds bear interest of 5.375 to 8.0 percent and are payable through the year 2012. The bonds are being retired from the One Percent Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund.

5,210,000

Public Improvement Sales Tax Refunding Bonds

\$7,210,000 of Public Improvement Sales Tax Refunding Bonds were issued on September 15, 1987 for the refinancing of three prior bond issues. The prior issues were for the construction and maintenance of solid waste collection and disposal facilities, sewers, other pollution control and abatement facilities. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 5.5 percent to 7.8 percent with payments due through 1997. These bonds are to be retired from the Three-fourths Percent Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund.

480,000

\$5,500,000 of Public Improvement Sales Tax Refunding Bonds were issued on June 1, 1993 to advance refund \$4,620,000 of the 1987 \$7,210,000 Public Improvement Sales Tax Refunding bonds which mature December 1, 1998 to December 1, 2004. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 2.5% to 5.0% with payments due through 2004. These bonds are to be retired from the Three-fourths Percent Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund.

5,145,000

NOTE 12 - LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

\$2,200,000 of General Obligation Bonds were issued November 1, 1996 to improve, construct and acquire buildings, equipment, and books for the parish libraries. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 4.9% to 8.0% and mature March 1, 2016. These bonds are to be retired from the annual levy and collection of unlimited ad valorem taxes on all taxable property within the Parish's boundaries, excluding the City of Morgan City.Although the Council is servicing the debt on these bonds, the St. Mary Parish Library Fund will be expending the proceeds and will also be transferring ad valorem taxes to the Council to service the debt.

2,20

2,200,000

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT Paving Certificates

The two following special assessment bonds are being retired with the proceeds of special assessment collections as accumulated in each of the three applicable debt service funds for special assessment paving certificates.

It has been the policy of the Council to honor special assessment obligations.

\$85,843 Special Assessment Paving Bond Series M issued December 1, 1990; due in annual installments of \$8,483 through December 1, 2000; interest at 8%

33,932

\$263,803 Paving Certificates, Series 1995, issued July 1, 1995; due in annual installments of \$26,380 through July 1, 2005; interest at 6.375%

237,421

Accrued compensated absences

92,145

See Note 13 - Capital Lease Obligation Total

215,457 \$15,578,955

The annual requirements to amortize all obligations outstanding other than accrued compensated absences at December 31, 1996, including interest are:

For Year <u>Ended</u>	<u>Principal</u>	Interest	<u>Total</u>
1997 1998 1999 2000 2001 2002-2016	\$ 1,040,000 1,049,000 1,099,000 1,147,000 1,146,000 10,005,855 \$15,486,855	\$ 820,000 768,000 708,000 593,000 598,000 \$ 7,858,000	\$ 1,860,000 1,817,000 1,807,000 1,740,000 1,744,000 14,376,855 \$23,344,855

NOTE 12 - LONG TERM DEBT (continued)

On April 11, 1996, the Council issued \$1,965,000 of General Public Improvement Sales Tax Bonds Series ST-1996 with an average interest rate of 5.19 percent. The bonds were issued for the purposes of: constructing a public health facility and for refunding \$655,000 of outstanding Sales Tax Bonds Series 1992 bearing an average interest rate of 6.25 percent.

The Council advance refunded the 1992 Series Bond in order to facilitate the additional borrowings for the health care facility. The advance refunding increased total debt service payments by approximately \$208,000 over the life of the obligations and created an economic loss (difference between the present values of the debt service on the old and new debt) of approximately \$1,000.

The Council is subject to certain affirmative and negative covenants pursuant to its bond and debt agreements. These covenants include but are not limited to:

- 1. Establishment and funding of certain debt service funds
- 2. Preparation and adoption of budgets
- 3. Preparation and independent audit of financial statements
- 4. Restriction as to additional debt issuance
- 5. Restriction as to investments.

At December 31, 1996 \$6,230,000 of outstanding general long-term debt are considered defeased.

NOTE 13 - LEASE OBLIGATIONS

The Road Construction and Maintenance Fund, a special revenue fund, has acquired three pieces of equipment with a combined basis of approximately \$424,000 under a capital lease.

The St. Mary Parish Assessor's Office, Parish Council, and Sheriff's office have acquired computer equipment to be shared between the three departments with a combined basis of approximately \$145,000.

The Parish Council is to pay 16.577% of the total payments related to the computer equipment.

The following is a schedule by years of future minimum lease payments under the capital leases together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments as of December 31, 1996:

Year	ending	December	31,	1998 1999	•	81,523 56,286 53,088
				2000		48,664

Total minimum lease payments

239,561

Less: Amount representing interest

(24,104)

Present value of net minimum lease payments \$215,457

NOTE 14 - CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

Contributed capital represents land, buildings, and equipment contributed to the enterprise funds from the Council's governmental funds and private individual donors (for the Kemper Williams Park Fund). The amounts contributed are being amortized based on the depreciation of those capital assets contributed. This depreciation is closed to (deducted from) the contributed capital account and is reflected as an addition to retained earnings. A summary of changes in contributed capital for the year ended December 31, 1996, is as follows:

	Reduction & Transfer Fund	Small Animal Control <u>Fund</u>	Kemper Williams Park <u>Fund</u>
Net contributed capital at			
December 31, 1995	\$2,551,609	\$ 41,773	\$2,453,891
Current capital additions		 -	11,426
Current year amortization Net contributed capital at	<u>293,591</u>	4,588	<u>88,032</u>
December 31, 1996	\$ <u>2,258,018</u>	\$ <u>37,185</u>	\$ <u>2,377,285</u>

NOTE 15 - SEGMENT INFORMATION

The Council is reporting three enterprise funds which provide waste disposal, small animal control services and a recreation facility. Segment information for these enterprise funds for the year ended December 31, 1996, is as follows:

	TR	DUCTION AND ANSFER	SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL	W	KEMPER ILLIAMS		m on a l
		FUND	<u>FUND</u>	<u>P</u> .	ARK FUND		TOTAL.
Operating revenues	\$ 1	,359,018	\$ 43,145	\$	81,860	\$ 1	,484,023
Depreciation and amortization expense	nse	394,672	19,007		101,493		515,172
Operating loss	(171,363)	(92,230)	(231,053)	(494,646)
Operating transfer	in	25,044	121,227		98,499		244,770
Net income (loss)	(107,618)	29,273	(70,631)	(148,976)
Net increase (decrease in property, plant	•						
and equipment	(377,437)	50,964	(76,846)	(403,319)
Net working capital		204,075	22,650		6,341		233,066
Total assets	3	,125,890	129,514	2	,712,267	5	,967,671
Total equity (deficit)	(717,584)	125,094	2	,581,013	1	,988,523

NOTE 16 - VENTURES WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS

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The Parish Council participated in a venture with the City of Patterson, the Town of Berwick, and the St. Mary Parish Sewerage District No.2 (District No.2) to construct regional sewerage facilities to serve Wards 5 and 8 (Joint Sewerage Commission) in St. Mary Parish. The governing body of the venture is a joint commission which maintains, operates, and administers the project including financial and budgetary matters.

The commissioners serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities, the City of Patterson, the Town of Berwick, the St. Mary Parish Sewerage District No. 2, and the St. Mary Parish Council.

The Council's share of the total construction cost of \$10,335,000 was 45.2%. However, the Council does participate in the operations of the facility. The fiscal year for the project ends September 30, 1996. Total assets at September 30, 1996 were approximately \$790,000; total liabilities were approximately \$28,000; and total equity was approximately \$762,000. Total revenues for the year ended September 30, 1996 were approximately \$517,000; total expenses were approximately \$392,000. Effective December 2, 1995 the Council has entered into an agreement whereby it will transfer 75.5 per cent of its interest in the Joint Sewerage Commission to District No.2 and 24.5 per cent of its interest to St. Mary Parish Sewerage District No.8. This transfer of ownership is to be in consideration for those two sewerage districts funding a portion of the Council's outstanding 1987 Public Improvement Sales Tax Refunding Bonds and 1993 Public Improvement Sales Tax Refunding Bonds with a principal balance which totaled approximately \$3,410,000 on December 1, 1996.

In addition, the Council is participating in an agreement with the City of Franklin for the upgrade and operation of sewerage facilities for the City and surrounding Parish areas. The City funded seventy percent of the total cost of the upgrade of \$1,100,000, and the Council funded the remaining thirty percent. The City government operates the system including budgetary and financial matters and the Council does not participate in the operation or management of the system. The Council reimburses the City for thirty percent of the operating costs. The Council, in turn, is reimbursed for 33% of its share by St. Mary Parish Sewer District No. 7. The fiscal year for the project ends April 30, 1996. Total revenues for the year ended April 30, 1996, were approximately \$339,000; total expenditures were approximately \$364,000. Separate balance sheet amounts are not readily available at year end.

The Council entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the St. Mary Parish Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 and the City of Franklin for a flood control improvement project at the Bayou Yokely Pump Station. The total cost of the project is estimated to be approximately \$5,550,000 and includes an estimated \$850,000 of in-kind services.

NOTE 16 - VENTURES WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS (cont'd)

The cash portion of the project totaling \$4,700,000 is to be funded approximately 70% (\$3,890,000) by the Department of Transportation and Development and the remaining 30% (\$810,000) is to be funded by the three local entities in equal shares. The City of Franklin is overseeing the three local governments participation in the project. The portion of the agreement related to providing of in-kind services has not yet been finalized. The fiscal year for the project ends April 30, 1996. Total assets at April 30, 1996 were approximately \$343,000; total equity was approximately \$343,000. Total revenues for the year ended April 30, 1996, were approximately \$128,000; total expenditures were approximately \$61,000.

NOTE 17 - PENSION PLAN AND OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS

Substantially all full-time employees of St. Mary Parish Council participate in the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Plan A), a multiple employer public employee retirement system. The payroll for Council employees covered by the System for the year ended December 31, 1996 is approximately \$2,139,000; the Council's total payroll is approximately \$2,143,000.

Employees are entitled to retirement benefits when the combination of attained age and years of service meet certain specified requirements. The minimum years of service for receiving retirement benefits is ten years. Benefits vest based on a similar method of combination of minimum years of service and attained age. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by the State Legislature.

Covered employees are required by the State Legislature to contribute 9.50% of their gross salary to the plan. The Council is required by the same statute to contribute 7.25% of each employee's gross salary to the plan. The entity's actuarially determined contribution requirement has not been calculated. However, the annual contribution rate for the all employers as a whole has been determined to be approximately \$23.4 million to fund the plan over a forty year payment period. The actual employer and employee contributions for the plan as a whole for the year ended December 31, 1995 (the latest year for which information is available), was approximately \$49.6 million.

The Council's contribution made for the year ended December 31, 1996, was approximately \$350,000 which consisted of \$150,000 from the Council and \$200,000 from employees; these contributions represented 7.25% and 9.50% of covered payroll, respectively.

NOTE 17 - PENSION PLAN AND OTHER RETIREMENT BENEFITS (cont'd)

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The "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and step-rate benefits, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure, which is the actuarial present value of credited projected benefits, is intended to help users assess the System's funding status on a going-concern basis, assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and make comparisons among public employee retirement systems and employers. The System does not make separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employers.

The pension benefit obligation at December 31, 1995 (the latest available evaluation) for the System as a whole, determined through an actuarial valuation performed as of that date, was \$762.8 million. The System's net assets available for benefits on that date were \$647.6 million, leaving an unfunded pension benefit obligation of \$115.2 million. The Council's 1996 contribution represented .7% of total contributions required of all participating entities.

Historical trend information showing the System's progress in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due is presented in the System's December 31, 1995, comprehensive annual financial report. The Council does not guarantee the benefits granted by the System.

The Council is not responsible for any other post retirement benefits to its former employees.

The Council is responsible for withholding and remitting contributions from participants to the State for inclusion in the plan. The State is responsible for remitting benefits to the participants.

NOTE 18 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

Since July 1, 1991, employees of the Parish have the option to participate in a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code section 457. The maximum compensation that may be deferred under the plan for the participant's taxable year shall not exceed the lesser of \$7,500 or 33 1/3% of includable compensation. Additional deferrals are allowed in certain years prior to retirement.

The Council is responsible for withholding and remitting contributions from participants to the State for inclusion in the plan. The State is responsible for remitting benefits to the participants.

NOTE 18 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN (cont'd)

All assets of the plan, including all deferred amounts and income attributable to those amounts are the assets of the State of Louisiana and are subject to all claims of general creditors of the State of Louisiana.

NOTE 19 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

In 1994 the Council issued \$5,600,000 of Sales Tax Bonds for the purpose of improving and repairing public roads and renovating and improving the Parish courthouse. The parish expended approximately \$3,700,000 through 1996. The remaining amount of \$1,900,000 will be used by the Parish for the above purpose in a five year capital outlay program.

The Council is considering constructing a 300 bed law enforcement center and refurbishing approximately 200 beds in existing facilities. The total cost to construct these facilities is estimated to be approximately \$7.9 million plus land. During 1995 the Council received a donation of the required land, contingent upon the construction of the facility. The Council has earmarked approximately \$1.2 million which is being held in the Royalty Road Fund for this project. The Council is presently seeking other means to finance the remaining \$6.1 million construction costs including possible state grants or federally secured loans. The Council expended approximately \$500,000 in planning and architectural costs through 1996.

The Council is considering entering into an intergovernmental agreement with the Chitamacha Tribe of Louisiana for the purpose of constructing a road through a planned community to be located immediately east of the Town of Baldwin. Approximate cost of the road project is estimated to be \$4,500,000 and will be funded by a bond issue which will be paid with an increase in gaming remittances to be received by the Council from the Tribe beginning in 1997.

The Council participates in a number of federally assisted programs. These programs are audited in accordance with the <u>Single Audit Act of 1984</u>. Audits of prior years have not resulted in any significant disallowed costs; however, grantor agencies may provide for further examinations. Based on prior experience, the Council's management believes that further examinations would not result in any material disallowed costs.

NOTE 20 - SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE CARE COSTS

The Council provides for the collection and disposal of garbage through the operation of the Reduction and Transfer Fund, an enterprise fund. As part of this operation, a landfill composed of three areas is maintained. The operation of the landfill is subject to certain federal and state regulations. In 1989, the Council ceased operating and closed approximately 40 acres of the landfill which composed areas one and two.

NOTE 20 - SOLID WASTE LANDFILL CLOSURE AND POST CLOSURE CARE COSTS (cont'd)

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Since the Council accepted solid wastes at the landfill site after October 1993, the Council will be responsible for meeting new EPA requirements on the portion of the landfill in operation at that time. Those requirements mandate not only rigid landfill closure requirements but also monitoring, remediation and containment requirements for thirty years after closure. Management has estimated costs for closure of this portion of the landfill to be approximately \$867,000. Costs for postclosure care, monitoring, and containment have been estimated to be approximately \$3,410,000 (\$113,700 per year for thirty years).

GASB statement No. 18, which specifies the accounting method to be utilized by governments that operate landfills, became applicable to the Council's operations effective January 1, 1994. GASB No. 18 requires that landfills estimate the total cost of closure and post closure care. Further that the landfill recognize a portion of these estimated closure and postclosure costs over the operating life of the landfill. These closure and postclosure costs should be recognized as a liability and charged as an expense of operations of the landfill each year based upon the amount of landfill space utilized in that year as compared to the total available landfill space.

GASB No. 18 also requires that current costs be adjusted when changes in closure or post closure care plan or landfill operating conditions increase or decrease the estimated costs. These changes include general inflation and changes in expected usable landfill area.

As of December 31, 1995, the Council was permitted to use the landfill until summer of 1996 and the usable landfill area was estimated based upon that time frame. Accordingly, at December 31, 1995, it was estimated that 92 percent of the available landfill at that date had been utilized. During 1996, the Council was granted authority to operate the landfill through the end of 1997. This extension of operating period results in additional operating life and capacity of the landfill. Because of this increase in usable capacity as of December 31, 1996, the Council estimated that 89 percent of the new available capacity has been utilized. This increase in capacity in 1996 results in a reduction of total estimated closure and post closure care costs liability for the year by \$20,000 to a total of \$3,820,000 as of December 31, 1996.

The Council has applied to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for an extension of its current permit to allow the landfill to be operated until February 1999.

Estimated costs for closure and post closure are based on estimated costs at the current time and under the current regulations. Further changes in inflation, technology, or regulating requirements could cause these estimated costs to increase or decrease.

NOTE 21 - RELATED PARTY

In prior years, certain advances were made to the Hospital Service Districts within the Parish. These advances are being reduced in exchange for in-kind services in the current year as follows.

The advances to Hospital Service District No. 1 are being reduced by medical services provided to the St. Mary Parish Jail inmates. The value of these services was approximately \$26,000 in 1996.

The advance to Hospital Service District No. 2 is being reduced by the rental value of space being utilized by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's and Coroner's Office in the old hospital facility. The value of this rental was approximately \$16,000 during 1996.

During 1996, the Council agreed to purchase land from the executive director of one of the parish's component entities for approximately \$90,000.

The Council also entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the District Attorney's office and the Sixteenth Judicial District relative to drug treatment court operation.

NOTE 22 - RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONTINGENCIES

The Council is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft or damage to assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees and natural disasters. In addition, the Council provides certain medical and health care to parish prisoners. The Council has purchased commercial insurance to protect against loss from most of these perils. However, it is the policy of the Council to retain the risk of loss related to the costs of health care benefits for prisoners.

During the year ended December 31, 1996, the Council adopted the provisions of GASB Statement No. 10, which establishes accounting and reporting standards for risk and insurance related activities of governmental entities. In accordance with the provisions of this statement, the Council is reporting its risk retention activities in its General Fund, except for claims to be paid with future revenues, which are reported within the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

There are no significant reductions in insurance coverages from prior years in the Council's insurance.

Settlements in the prior three years have not exceeded insurance claims.

The Council uses a combination of past history and specific claim analysis to estimate its liability for unpaid claims. The Council does not discount the amount of claims to present value, nor has the Council purchased any annuity contracts to settle estimated liabilities.

NOTE 22 - RISK MANAGEMENT AND CONTINGENCIES (cont'd)

Changes in the Council's estimated claims liabilities for years ended December 31, 1995 and 1996 were:

Liability balance, Jan. 1, 1995	\$ 2,000
Claims & changes in estimate	70,000
Claims paid	(70,000)
Liability balance, Dec. 31, 1995	2,000
Claims & changes in estimate	108,000
Claims paid	(106,000)
Liability balance, Dec. 31, 1996	\$ <u>4,000</u>

Estimated claims liability at December 31, 1996 is related to medical care for prisoners and the related liability is recorded in the General Fund.

The total expenditures reported by the Council for claims related to retained risk for the year December 31, 1996 totaled \$108,000.

In addition, there is a claim alleging employment discrimination against the Council. The amount of this liability, if any, cannot presently be determined and no liability or provision has been made in these financial statements.

FINANCIAL	STATEMENTS	OF	INDIVIDUAL	FUNDS	AND	ACCOUNT	GROUPS

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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS December 31, 1996

GAMING RECEIPT FUND

The Gaming Receipt Fund accounts for all gaming revenue received by the parish.

ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND

The Road Construction and Maintenance Fund accounts for the maintenance and upkeep of the parish road system. Major financing is provided by the State of Louisiana Parish Transportation Fund. Use of transportation funds is restricted by Louisiana Revised Statutes.

HURRICANE ANDREW DISASTER FUND

The Hurricane Andrew Disaster Fund accounts for all hurricane related expenditures and funds received from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), as well as, insurance proceeds related to claims for the Parish Hurricane relief efforts.

BOAT LANDING FUND

The Boat Landing Fund accounts for funds received from the sale of permits to users of certain boat landings located in St. Mary Parish.

SANITATION FUND

The Sanitation Fund accounts for the disposal and treatment of solid waste and sewerage for the parish. Major financing is from the three-fourths percent sales tax. The expenditures are restricted by the three-fourths percent sales tax ordinance.

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT

The Law Enforcement Block Grant fund accounts for the proceeds and expenditures resulting from the grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

WARDS 5 AND 8 SALES TAX FUND

The Wards 5 and 8 Sales Tax Fund accounts for the proceeds of the three-tenths of one percent sales and use tax levied within Wards 5 and 8 to acquire and maintain lights, public works, fire protection, recreational, and health facilities.

WARDS 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, AND 10 SALES TAX FUND

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The Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 10 Sales Tax Fund accounts for the proceeds of the three-tenths of one percent sales and use tax levied within these wards to acquire and maintain lights, public works, fire protection, recreational, and health facilities.

ROYALTY ROAD (TEXACO) FUND

The Royalty Road (Texaco) Fund accounts for funds received from the State of Louisiana for settlement of certain parishes claims for royalties from prior years.

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 1996

TOTAL	\$320.237 5.190,420	106,011 504,871 1,108,053 1,378,219	\$8,607.811		\$67,390 47,088 19,077 91,631 110,766	335,952	728	1,378,219 6,892,912	8,271,859	\$8,607,811
ROYALTY ROAD (TEXACO) <u>FUND</u>	\$38.735 1.571.778	104.082	\$1.714.595					\$1,714,595	1,714,595	\$1,714,595
WARDS 1, 2, 3, 4, 7 & 10 SALES TAX <u>EUND</u>	\$37,135	27.447	\$274.936		\$5.490	5.742		150,000	269.194	\$274.936
WARDS 5 & 8 SALES TAX FUND	\$5.685 30.276	20,165	\$81,126		\$4.733 1.599 225	6.557		25.000 49.569	74.569	\$81,126
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANI	\$110,845		\$110,845		\$110.766	110,766		29	29	\$110,845
SANITATION	\$68,809 2,050,459	31,586 181,263 1,003,219	\$3,335,336		\$50,424	142,055		1.003.219	3.193,281	\$3,335,336
BOAT LANDING EUND	\$22.666	100.008	\$122.674		\$128	128		122,546	122.546	\$122.674
ROAD CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND	\$9.817	7.260 781 879.178 200.000	\$2,574,589		\$6.615 45.489 18.600	70.704	728	200.000	2.503.885	\$2,574,589
GAMING RECEIPT 8	\$26,545	67.165 300.000	\$393.710					\$393,710	393.710	\$393.710
ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents Investments	Receivables (net of allowances for uncollectibles) Due from other funds Due from other governments Advance to other funds	Total assets	LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Contracts payable Contracts payable Accrued Liabilities Due to other funds	Total tiabilities	Fund equity Fund balances Reserved for encumbrances	Reserved for non-current portion of receivables Unreserved - undesignated	Total fund equity	Total liabilities and tund equity

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

TOTAL	\$2,498,425	25,577	526,924 3,599,973 424,367 327,139	176.995 37.097 575.261	3,690	8,195,448	70.000	574,659 261,139 1,974	100,570	3,214,805	
ROYAL TY ROAD (TEXACO) FUND			\$424,367	57,339 15,695		497,401	1,197			1,197	
WARDS 1.2. 3.4.7.8.10 FUND	\$336,258			4,600		340.858	70.523	62.539 48.701 1.974	7.	183.837	
WARDS 588 SALES TAX <u>FUND</u>	\$205,760			2.209		207.969	35,000	49,372 155,191		239,563	
LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT				\$79		62					
SANITATION EI	\$:.956.407			86.714		2,568.686	165,333	674,659		839.992	
BOAT LANDING FUND				\$1,586 21,402 49,696		72,684		42,730		42,730	
HURRICANF ANDREW DISASTER <u>EUND</u>		\$25.577		469		26.046		14,517		14.517	
CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE EUND			\$526.924 3.599.973	22.024	3,690	4.152,611		1,722,399	100.570	1,822.969	
GAMING RECEIPT 8				\$327,139 1,975		329,114	200'02			70.000	
	REVENUES Taxes Sates	Intergovernmental revenues Federal grants State grants	Parish transportation funds Royalty road funds Royalties	Gaming Interest Licenses & Permits	Other revenues	Total revenues	EXPENDITURES Current: General government Public safety	Public works Sanitation Culture and recreation	Capital outlay Debt service	Total expenditures	

4.980.643	164,596	(1.695.586)	3.285,057	4.986.802	\$8.271.859
496,204			496.204	1,218,391	\$1,714,595
157.021			157.021	112.173	\$269,194
(31,594)			(31,594)	106,163	\$74,569
			62		62\$
1,728.694	(1.068.236)	(1.068.236)	660,458	2,532,823	\$3.193.281
29.954	30.000 (45.024)	(15.024)	14,930	107,616	\$122,546
529	(81 648)	(81,648)	(70,119)	20,119	
2,329,642	(665.274)	(665,274)	1,664,368	839.517	\$2,503,885
259,**4	134,596	134,596	393.710		\$393,710
Excess (ceficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Coerating transfers out	Total other financing sources (uses)	Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	Fund balances at beginning of year	Fund balances at end of year

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - GAMING RECEIPT FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUE Gaming Interest	\$327,139 1,975	\$290,716	\$36,42 3 1,9 75
Total revenues	329,114	290,716	38 ,398
EXPENDITURES General Government			
Bayou Yokely Basin Drainage	70,000	70,000	
Total expenditures	70,000	70,000	<u> </u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	259,114	220,716	38 ,398
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in General Fund	134,596	134,596	
Total other financing sources (uses)	134,596	134,596	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	393,710	355,312	38 ,3\$\8
Fund balance at beginning of year			
Fund balance at end of year	\$393,710	\$355,312	\$38 ,398

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ROAD CONSTRUCTION AND MAINTENANCE FUND
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual

For the year ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorab</u> le)
REVENUES			-
Parish transportation funds	\$526,924	\$549,850	(\$22,926)
Royalty road funds	3,599,973	3,633,448	(33,475)
Interest earnings	22,024	18,977 3,828	3,047 (138)
Other revenue	3,690	3,020	(100)
Total revenues	4,152,611	4,206.103	(53,492)
EXPENDITURES Current:			
Public Works Highways/streets & roads	1,221,055	1,298,264	77,209
Road supervisor	38.979	38.787	(192)
Municipal-highways, streets,	00,0.0		
roads	200,000	200.000	
Bridges	169,983	169.059	(924)
Avoca ferry	92,382	95.935	3,553
Debt service	100,570	100.366	(204)
Total expenditures	1,822,969	1.902.411	79,442
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	2,329,642	2.303.692	25,950
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers (out)			
General Fund	(451,153)	(451.153)	
Capital Improvements Fund	(214,121)	(214,121)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(665,274)	(665.274)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)	·		
expenditures and other (uses)	1,664,368	1.638.418	25,95 0
Fund balance at beginning of year	839,517	839.517	
Fund balance at end of year	\$2,503,885	\$2.477.935	\$25,950
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - HURRICANE ANDREW DISASTER FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the year ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Federal grant Interest earnings	\$25,577 469	\$25,577 469	
Total revenues	26,046	26,046	
EXPENDITURES Culture & recreation	14,517	14,517	
Total expenditures	14,517	14,517	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	11,529	11,529	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfer out - General Fund	(81,648)	(81,648)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(81,648)	(81,648)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	(70,119)	(70,119)	
Fund balance at beginning of year	\$70,119	\$70,119	
Fund balance at end of year			

SPECIAL REVENUE - BOAT LANDING FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Licenses and Permits Fees, Charges, and Commission Interest	\$21,402 49,696 1,586	\$20,000 49,500 1,563	\$1,402 196 23
Total revenue	72,684	71,063	1,621
EXPENDITURES Culture and Recreation Administration Glenwild/Boat Landing Bayou Bouef Boat Landing Joe C.Boat Landing Berwick Boat Landing Amelia Boat Landing Quintana Boat Landing	50 294 10,116 6,722 19,095 6,146 307	240 12,294 7,319 20,317 7,394 240	(50) (54) 2,178 597 1,222 1,248 (67)
Total expenditures	42,730	47,804	5,074
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	29,954	23,259	6,695
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating Transfers In Sales Tax Sinking Operating Transfers Out General fund	30,000 (45,024)	30,000 (45,024)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(15,024)	(15,024)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	14,930	8,235	6,695
Funo balance at beginning of year	107,616	107,616	
Fund balance at end of year	\$122,546	\$115,851	\$6,695

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - SANITATION FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES			.'
Taxes Sales and use tax Interest earnings	\$1,956,407 86,714	\$1,906,406 57,890	\$50,001 28,824
Other revenue Garbage collection fees	522,291 3,274	562,000 2,730	(39,709) 544
Sale of recycled material	0,274		
Total revenues	2,568,686	2,529,026	39,660
EXPENDITURES			
Current:	165,333	162,922	(2,411)
Public safety Sanitation	674,659	673,290	(1,369)
Total expenditures	839,992	836,212	(3,780)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	1,728,694	1,692,814	35.880
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers (out) Amelia & Vicinity Fund Franklin & Vicinity Fund Baldwin & Vicinity Fund	(158,633) (266,845) (287,142)	(141,550) (238,110) (256,221)	(28,735)
Wards 5 & 8 Fund Morgan City & Vicinity Fund	(317,800) (37,816)	(283,578) (33,743)	(34,222)
Total other financing sources (uses)	(1,068,236)	(953,202)	(115,034)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	660,458	739,612	(79,154)
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,532,823	2,532,823	
Fund balance at end of year	\$3,193,281	\$3,272,435	(\$79,154)
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND -LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Federal Grant Interest	\$79	\$110,766	(\$110,766) 79
Total revenues	79	110,766	(110,687)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	79	110,766	(110,687)
Fund balance at beginning of year			
Fund balance at end of year	\$79	\$110,766	(\$110,687)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - WARDS 5 & 8 SALES TAX FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Taxes			
Sales and use taxes Interest	\$205,760 2,209	\$201,088 2.159	\$4,672 50
Total revenues	207,969	203,247	4,722
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public Safety Fire fighting	35,000	35,000	
Public works	* * , · · ·		
Sidewalks & Crosswalks	16,152	4.000	(12,152)
Street lighting	25,040	24.715	(325)
Wax Lake East Drainage	0.400	r 050	(0.000)
District	8,180	5,950	(2,230)
Culture & recreation	26,140	26.254	114
Bayou Vista Recreation Area Wilson's Landing Boat Ramp	13,591	14.000	409
Biddy Basketball	1,700	1,700	
Recreation District # 3	75,500	75.500	
Recreation District # 4	37,968	38.047	79
Park Areas	292	794	502
Total expenditures	239,563	225,960	(13,603)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	(31,594)	(22.713)	(8,881)
Fund balance at beginning of year	106,163	106,163	
Fund balance at end of year	\$74,569	\$83,450	(\$8,881)

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - WARDS 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, & 10 SALES TAX FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actua For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES			î÷
Taxes	4000 050	ቀስባስ በ40	\$5,416
Sales and use taxes	\$336,258	\$330,842 4,712	(112)
Interest	4,600	4,712	(· / — /
Total revenues	340,858	335,554	5,304
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Public safety	70 500	70 500	
Fire fighting	70,523	70,523	
Public works	62,639	57,627	(5.012)
Street lighting Culture & recreation	02,000	21,00	•
Elizabeth B. Davis Park	26,470	28,220	1,750
Hebert-Washington Park	14,731	16,087	1,356
City of Franklin	5,000	5,000	
Charenton/ Sidewalks	2,500	2,500	526
Capital outlay	1,974	2,500	520
Total expenditures	183,837	182,457	(1,380)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	<u></u>		
over (under) expenditures	157,021	153,097	3.924
Fund balance at beginning of year	112,173	112,173	
	\$269,194	\$265,270	\$3,924
Fund balance at end of year	ψ200,101	**************************************	······································
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUND - ROYALTY ROAD (TEXACO) FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	<u>Budget</u>	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavora</u> ble)
REVENUES Royalties Licenses & Permits Interest	\$424,367 15,695 57,339	\$424,367 56,584	\$15 ,695 755
Total revenues	497,401	480,951	16,450
EXPENDITURES Current: Public safety Detention system Total expenditures	1.197	388,181	386.984 386.984
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	496.204	92,770	403.434
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,218,391		
Fund balance at end of year	\$1,714.595	\$1,311,161	\$403.434

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS December 31, 1996

SALES TAX BOND SINKING FUND

The Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund accounts for the Council's share of a one percent sales tax which is to be used first for the retirement of the 1996 bond issue totaling \$1,965,000. Any amounts accumulated in excess of the next 12 months debt service requirements can be used by the parish for any lawful purpose.

SALES TAX BOND RESERVE FUND 1992, 1994

The Sales Tax Bond Reserve Fund 1992, 1994, 1996 is a reserve fund required by the \$1,965,000 bond issue indenture and the \$5,600,000 1994 bond issue indenture.

THREE-FOURTHS PERCENT SALES TAX BOND RESERVE FUND

The Three-Fourths Percent Sales Tax Bond Reserve Fund is a reserve required by the bond indentures for the \$7,210,000 1987 bond issue and the \$5,500,000 1993 refunding bond issue.

THREE-FOURTHS PERCENT SALES TAX BOND SINKING FUND

The Three-Fourths Percent Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund accumulates that portion of the three-fourths percent sales tax needed for the retirement of the non defeased portion of the \$7,210,000 1987 bond issue and the \$5,500,000 1993 refunding bond issue.

LIBRARY GENERAL OBLIGATION 1996 SINKING FUND

The Library General Obligation Sinking Fund accounts for the transfer of ad valorem taxes from the Library Fund and payment of the \$2,200,000 of general obligation bonds.

PAVING FUNDS

The Debt Service Paving Funds account for the financing of construction of street paving improvements along certain streets within the Parish with the property owners paying part of the cost.

ST MARY PARITISH COUNCIL

DEBT SERVICE FUNDS
Combining Balance Sheet
December 31, 1996

IQIAL		\$102,677 1,971,760	587,290 618,276 127,154	\$3,407,157		\$108,718 207,476	316,194		594,221	2,112,259 384,483	3,090,963	\$3,407,157
1995 PAVING JUPITER GREEN ACBES #2		\$5,508	229,264	\$259,772		\$186,956	186.956			\$25,000 47.816	72.816	\$259,772
PAVING SERIES M FUND		\$1,131 22,480	31,910	\$55,521		\$20,520	20,520			\$8,483 26,518	35,001	\$55,521
PAVING SERIES L FUND		\$3,926	8,106	\$12,032		\$7,928	7,928			4,104	4.104	\$12,032
PAVING SERIES J			\$945	\$945		\$782	782		945	(782)	163	\$945
ST. MARY PARISH LIBRARY GEN OBI IG		\$11,177	192,624	\$203,801					4	16,280	203,801	\$203,801
3/4% SALES TAX BOND SINKING FUND 9		\$2,753 92,121	265,891	\$361,765					\$266,891	(240,433)	361,765	\$361,765
34% SALES TAX BOND BESERVE FUND		\$1,021,090		\$1,021,090		\$100,008	100,008			316,431	921,082	\$1,021,090
SALES TAX BOND RESERVE EUND 1992,1994		\$55.343 609,781		\$565,124					400	30,196	665,124	\$665,124
SALES TAX BOND BOND BINKING EUND EU		\$26.765 222,362	124,441 326,385 127,154	\$827,107					\$326,385	184,353	827,107	\$827,107
	ASSETS	Cash and cash equivalents investments Receivables (net of allowances	for uncollectibles) Advance to other funds Due from component units	Total assets	LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Liabilities Due to other funds Deferred revenue Advance from other funds	Total liabilities	Fund Equity	Reserved for non-current portion of receivables	Unreserved - undesignated	total fund equity	Total liabilities and fund equity

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The accompanying rates are an integral part of these financial statements.

DEBT SERVICE FUND - SALES TAX BOND SINKING FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES			
Taxes			
Sales and use taxes Interest	\$1,343,125 23,048	\$1,301,338 23,080	\$41,787 (32)
Total Revenues	1,366,173	1,324,418	41,755
EVDENDITUDES			
EXPENDITURES			
Current:	41,980	15,911	(26,069)
Public safety Debt service	41,300	15,511	(20,000)
Principal	200,000	200,000	
Interest	372,192	350,939	(21,253)
Fees	45,585	66,646	21,061
	,0,000	00,070	
Total Expenditures	659,757	633.496	(26,261)
			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	706,416	690,922	15,494
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from bonds	44,376	44,376	
Proceeds from refunding bonds	655,000	655,000	
Transfer to bond paying agent	(655,000)	(655,000)	
Operating transfer in	(000,000)	(000,000)	
Sales Tax Bond Reserve Fund	47 ,294	47,294	
Operating transfers out	(723,611)	(723,611)	
General Fund Kompor Williams Bark Fund	(6,500)	(6,500)	
Kemper Williams Park Fund Capital Improvement Fund	(50,000)	(50,000)	
Boat Lancing Fund	(30,000)	(30,000)	
Total other financing			
sources (uses)	(718,441)	(718,441)	
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Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
and other sources over (under)	(40.005)	/ 0 7 E40)	15,494
expenditures and other (uses)	(12,025)	(27,519)	15,494
Fund balance at beginning	020 420	990 490	
of year	839,132	839,132	
Fund balance at end of year	\$827,107	\$811,613	\$1 5,494
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DEBT SERVICE FUND - SALES TAX BOND RESERVE FUND 1992,1994
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Special Assessment Interest	\$46,412 477	\$46,200	\$212 477
Total Revenues	46,889	46,200	689
EXPENDITURES Debt service Fees Total Expenditures	20	15	(ξ ₁)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	46,869	46,185	684
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds from bonds Operating Transfer (out) Sales Tax Bond Sinking Fund	33,624	33,624 (47,294)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	(13,670)	(13,670)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	33,199	32,515	684
Fund balance at beginning of year	631,925	631,925	
Fund balance at end of year	\$665,124	\$664,440	\$684

DEBT SERVICE FUND - THREE-FOURTHS PER CENT SALES TAX BOND RESERVE FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavor</u> able)
\$91,854	\$74,346	\$1 7,508
91,854	74,346	 17,508
197	30	(167)
197	30	(167)
91,657	74,316	1 7.341
(54,340)	(54,340)	
(54,340)	(54,340)	
37,317	19,976	1 7.341
883,765	883,765	
\$921,082	\$903,741	\$1 7,341
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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

DEBT SERVICE FUND - THREE FOURTHS PER CENT SALES TAX BOND SINKING FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES			•
Intergovernmental Revenue Interest	\$503,077 8,050	\$503,077 8,227	(\$177)
Total Revenues	511,127	511,304	(177)
EXPENDITURES			
Current: Public safety Debt service		500	500
Principal	550,000	550,000	
Interest	317,225	317,225	
Fees	1,354	1,354	
Total Expenditures	868,579	869,079	500
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(357,452)	(357,775)	323
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		••••••••••••••	
Operating transfer in			
Sales Tax Bond Reserve Fund	54.340	54,340	
Amelia & Vicinity General Fund	247.073 117.075	247,073 117,075	
Concrair and			
Total other financing sources (uses)	418,488	418,488	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	61.036	60,713	323
Fund balance at beginning of year	300,729	300,729	
Fund balance at end of year	\$361,765	\$361,442	\$323
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DEBT SERVICE FUND - SMP LIBRARY GENERAL OBLIGATION '96 SINKING FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable)</u>
REVENUES Ad Valorem Taxes Intergovernmental Interest	\$31,028 28,015 4,058	43,342 4,054	\$31,028 (15,327) 4
Total Revenues	63,101	47,396	15,705
EXPENDITURES Debt Service Fees Total Expenditures	46,624	46,114	(510)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	16,477	1,282	15,195
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Bond Proceeds Operating Transfer In-General Fund Transfer out to component entity Library Board of Control	2,200,000 187,324 (2,200,000)	2,200,000	187,324
Total other financing sources (uses)	187,324		187,324
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	203,801	1,282	202,519
Fund balance at beginning of year			
Fund balance at end of year	\$203,801	\$1,282	\$202,519

DEBT SERVICE FUND - PAVING SERIES L FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES Interest	\$121	\$200	(\$79)
Total Revenues	121	200	(79)
EXPENDITURES Debt service			
Principal Interest	9,624 914	9,625 914	1
Total Expenditures	10,538	10,539	1
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(10,417)	(10,339)	
Fund balance at beginning of year	14,521	14,521	
Fund balance at end of year	\$4,104	\$4,182	(\$78)

DEBT SERVICE FUND - PAVING SERIES M FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavor</u> able)
REVENUES Special assessments Interest Penalties & Interest	\$10,222 1,265	\$11,025 1,150 81	(\$803) 115 (81)
Total Revenues	11,487	12,256	(769)
EXPENDITURES Debt service Principal Interest Fees	8,483 3,393 33	8,483	(33)
Total Expenditures	11,909	11,876	(33)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(422)	380	(802)
Fund balance at beginning of year	35,423	35,423	
Fund balance at end of year	\$35,001	\$35,803	(\$802)
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DEBT SERVICE FUND - 1995 PAVING JUPITER GREEN ACRES #2 FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavor</u> able)
REVENUES Special assessments Interest Penalties & Interest	\$64,795 1,151	\$68,556 300 801	(\$3,761) 851 (801)
Total Revenues	65,946	69,657	(3,711)
EXPENDITURES Debt service Principal Interest	26,380 16,8 1 8	26,380 16,818	
Fees	10		(10)
Total Expenditures	43,208	43,198	(10)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	22,738	26,459	(3.721)
Fund balance at beginning of year	50,078	50,078	
Fund balance at end of year	\$72,816	\$76,537	(\$3 ,721)

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS December 31, 1996

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND

The Capital Improvement Fund accounts for ongoing capital projects, other than sewerage related projects, funded either by federal, state, or local funds.

SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS

The Sewer Construction Funds account for the financing, acquiring, constructing, and extending sewers and sewerage disposal systems within the various vicinities. Transfers of sales tax collections from other funds are the major sources of funding.

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 1996

			SEWER CONS	SEWER CONSTRUCTION FUNDS	VDS		
ASSETS	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	AMELIA & VICINITY FUND	FRANKLIN & VICINITY FUND	CYPREMORT POINT & VICINITY FUND	SRGAN CITY & ICINITY FUND	WARDS 5 & 8 FUND	TOTAL
Cash and cash equivalents investments Due from other funds Advance to other funds Due from component entities Other assets	\$15,650 1,878,523 350,000 264,000	\$13,607	\$22,890	\$1,452,967 59,234 143,310 216,892	\$12,593 9,314 3.244 60,000	\$27,260	\$28.243 3.340.804 126.235 553.310 480.892
Total assets	\$2,508,173	\$13,607	\$22,890	\$1,872,403	\$85,151	\$27,260	\$4.529,484
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY							
Liabilities Acrrued liability Advance from other funds Due from other funds		\$1,066,798	\$34,604	\$141,891		\$328 1,525,459	\$328 2,734,148 34,604
Total liabilities		1,066,798	34,604	141,891		1.525,787	2,769,080
Fund equity Fund balances Reserved for non-current portion of receivables Unreserved - undesignated	\$614,000	(1,053,191)	(11,714)	143,310	\$60,000	(1,498,527)	817,310
Total fund equity	2,508,173	(1,053,191)	(11,714)	1,730,512	85,151	(1,498,527)	1.760,404
Total liabilities and fund equity	3.1	3.6(\$22,890	\$1,872,403	\$85,151	\$27,260	\$4,529,484
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

ST, MARY PARISH COUNCIL

CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS
Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance
For the year ended December 31, 1996

3 TOTAL	\$25,607 258,067 26,616	310,290	8,498 0 906,264 1,614,681	0 2,529,443	0) (2,219,153)	1,232,171 10 1,332,357 (364,147)	2,200,381	30 (18,772)	1,779,176	27) \$1.760.404
WARDS 5 8 8 FUND			\$290,540	290,540	(290,540)	317.800	317.800	27.260	(1,525,787)	(\$1,498,527)
MORGAN CITY AND VICINITY FUND	\$1.119	1,119	5,600	29,214	(28.095)	37,816	37.816	9,721	75,430	\$85,151
SEWERAGE CONSTRUCTION FUNDS NKLIN CYPREMORT MORGAN D FOINT AND CITY AND INITY VICINITY VICINITY ND FUND FUND	\$25,607 89.809 5.137	120,553	3,498	271,326	(150.773)	287,142	287,142	136,369	1,594,143	\$1,730,512
SEWERAC FRANKLIN C AND VICINITY FUND	\$1,679 21.479	23,158	323.682	323,682	(300.524)	266,845 (117.075)	149,770	(150.754)	139,040	(\$11,714)
AMELIA AND VICINITY FUND						\$158.633 (247.072)	(88,439)	(88,439)	(964,752)	(\$1,053,191)
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND	\$165,460	165.460	1,614,681	1,614,681	(1,449,221)	1,232,171 264,121	1,496,292	47.071	2,461,102	\$2.508,173
≟ : '	REVENUES Federal Grant Interest Intergovernmental Other revenues	Total revenues	EXPENDITURES Current: Public safety Sanitation Capital outlay	Total expenditures	Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Proceeds from bonds Operating transfers in Operating transfers out	Total other financing sources (uses)	Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	Fund balances (deficits) at beginning of year	Fund balances (deficits) at end of year

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES Interest	\$165,460	\$82,869	\$82,591
Total revenues	165,460	82,869	82,591
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
Capital outlay			
Public Works	40.000	40.000	
Chiller/Boiler replacement	42,222	42,222	40.070
Courthouse Exterior Improvement	642,049	657,619	15,570
Jupiter Road Green Acres Subdivision	6,364 14,413	46,872 63,452	40,508 49,039
Genevieve & Yokely	14,413	62,700	62,700
Waterproofing Exterior	333,120	309,347	(23,773)
Irish Bend Road	778	678	(100)
Health Unit '96	407,938	410,779	2,841
Main Entrance Ramp	35,968	35,864	(104)
Martin Luther King Road	•	360,000	360,000
Interior Renovation	125,996	98,140	(27,856)
Culture & Recreation			
Hebert Washington Park	5,833	6,959	1,126
Total expenditures	1,614,681	2,094,632	479,951
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			·····
over (under) expenditures	(1,449,221)	(2,011,763)	562,542
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Proceeds from bonds	1,232,171	1,232,000	171
Operating transfers in			
Road Construction & Maintenance	214,121	214,121	
Sales Tax Bond Sinking	50,000	50,000	
Total other financing sources			
(uses)	1,496,292	1,496,121	171
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)			<u></u>
expenditures and other (uses)	47,071	(515,642)	562,713
Fund balance at beginning of year	2,461,102	2,461,102	
Fund balance at end of year	\$2,508,173	\$1,945,460	\$562,713
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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL
CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - FRANKLIN & VICINITY FUND
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual
For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorabl</u> e)
REVENUES			-
Interest	\$1,679	\$3,000	(\$1,321)
Sewerage District #7	21,479	32,306	(10,827)
Total revenues	23,158	35,306	(12,148)
EXPENDITURES Current: Sanitation			
Franklin & Vicinity	86,730	99,371	12,641
Sewer District #7	236,952	229,532	(7,420)
Total expenditures	323,682	328,903	5,221
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(300,524)	(293,597)	(6,927)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in-Sanitation Operating transfers out-3/4% Sales Tax	266,845	238,110	28 ,735
Bond Sinking	(117,075)	(117,075)	
Total other financing sources (uses)	149,770	121,035	28,735
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)			
expenditures and other (uses)	(150,754)	(172,562)	21,8 08
Fund balance at beginning of year	139,040	139,040	
Fund balance at end of year	(\$11,714)	(\$33,522)	\$21,808
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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - CYPREMORT POINT & VICINITY FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	<u>Actual</u>	Budget	Variance Favorable (<u>Unfavorable</u>)
REVENUES			•
Interest	\$89,809	\$67,711	\$22,098
State grant	5,137	5,137	
Total revenues	94,946	72,848	22,098
EXPENDITURES			
Current:	2.400	3,502	4
Public safety Capital Outlay	3,498	3,302	-4
Sanitation			
Sewer District #11	466	466	
Sewer District #9	190,772	188,179	(2,593)
Sewer District #10	25,000	25,000	
Four Corners	5,137	5,137	
Sorrell Community Sewer Project	20,000	20,000	
Appolon Rd.	846	846	
Total expenditures	245,719	243,130	(2,589)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues	/d EO 770)	/170.000\	10 500
over (under) expenditures	(150,773)	(170.282)	19,509
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in			<u></u> <u>-</u>
Sanitation Fund	287,142	256.221	30,921
Total other financing sources (uses)	287,142	256,221	30,921
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)			
expenditures and other (uses)	136,369	85,939	50,430
Fund balance at beginning of year	1,594,143	1,594,143	
Fund balance at end of year	\$1,730,512	\$1,680,082	\$50,430
			

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - MORGAN CITY & VICINITY FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES Interest	\$1,119	\$1,000	\$119
Total revenues	1,119	1,000	119
EXPENDITURES Current: Sanitation	0.04.4	0 0 4 4	
Morgan City & Vicinity Sewer District #1	9,214 15,000	9,214 15,000	
Public safety	5,000	5,000	
Total expenditures	29,214	29,214	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(28,095)	(28,214)	119
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in - Sanitation	37,816	33,743	4 ,073
Total other financing sources (uses)	37,816	33,743	4,073
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	9,721	5,529	4,192
Fund balance at beginning of year	75,430	75,430	
Fund balance at end of year	\$85,151	\$80,959	\$4,192

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - WARDS 5 & 8 FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	Actual _	Budget	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			,
Sanitation Sewer Dist. #2	\$219,358	\$211,36 5	(\$7,993)
Sewer Dist. #2 Sewer Dist. #8	71,182	68,588	(2,594)
Total expenditures	290,540	279,953	(10,587)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over (under) expenditures	(290,540)	(279,953)	(10,587)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in - Sanitation	317,800	283,578	34,222
Total other financing sources (uses)	317,800	283,578	34,222
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under)			
expenditures and other (uses)	27,260	3,625	23,635
Fund deficit at beginning of year	(1,525,787)	(1,622,162)	96,375
Fund deficit at end of year	(\$1,498,527)	(\$1,618,537)	\$120,010
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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND - AMELIA & VICINITY FUND Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget and Actual For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

			Variance Favorable
	Actual	Budget	(<u>Unfavorable</u>)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Operating transfers in - Sanitation Operating transfers out - 3/4% Sales Tax	\$158,633 (247,072)	\$141,550 (247,073)	\$17,083 1
Total other financing sources (uses)	(88,439)	(105,523)	17,084
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other (uses)	(88,439)	(105,523)	17,084
Fund deficit at beginning of year	(964,752)	(964,752)	
Fund deficit at end of year	(\$1,053,191)	(\$1,070,275)	\$17,084

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL ENTERPRISE FUNDS December 31, 1996

REDUCTION AND TRANSFER FUND

The Reduction and Transfer Fund accounts for the operation of the parish solid waste disposal plant. All garbage and trash in the Morgan City-Berwick area of the parish are collected at the reduction station in Berwick. All garbage and trash in the Franklin-Baldwin area is first collected at the transfer station in Franklin and then transferred to the Berwick reduction station for disposal.

SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL FUND

The Small Animal Control Fund accounts for the operation of a small animal pound. This fund was established for the collection, housing, and disposal of small stray animals within St. Mary Parish and is funded by the parish, cities, and public of St. Mary Parish.

KEMPER WILLIAMS PARK FUND

The Kemper Williams Park Fund accounts for the operations of Kemper Williams Park, a recreational facility available for parish residents. The facility charges its patrons for admission to the park which consists of picnic grounds, campsites, baseball fields, a jogging trail, a driving range, and tennis courts.

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

ENTERPRISE FUNDS Combining Schedule of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

	REDUCTION AND TRANSFER FUND	SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	KEMPER WILLIAMS PARK FUND	<u>TOTAL</u>
Operating revenues				
Charges for services	\$1 ,357,408	\$43,145	\$81,704	\$1,482,257
Licenses and permits	1,610		156	1,766
Total operating revenues	1,359,018	43,145	81,860	1,484,023
Operating expenses				
Personal services	512,658	86,629	156,249	755,536
Contractual services	138,975	6,192	19,653	164,820
Supplies	16,820	7,808	1,272	25,900
Materials	212,780	•	4,516	217,296
Utilities	15,898	13,842	16,389	46,129
	80,165	1,307	10,059	91,531
Repairs and Mainterlance	(20,000)	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	1	(20,000)
Landfill Closure Costs	175,767	590	376	176,733
Equipment and Rentals	2,646	000	2,906	5,552
Miscellaneous	,	10.007	101.493	515,172
Depreciation	394,672	19,007	101,493	J 10,172
Total operating expenses	1,530,381	135,375	312,913	1,978,669
Operating loss	(171,363)	(92,230)	(231.053)	(494,646)
Non-operating revenues Interest earnings Insurance proceeds Gifts\Donations State Grant	2,527 3,174 33,000	276	510 61,413	3,313 3,174 61,413 33,000
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Total non-operating revenues	38,701	276	61,923	100,900
Loss before operating transfers	(132,662)	(91,954)	(169,130)	(393,746)
Operating transfers in General Fund Sales Tax Sinking Fund	25,044	121,227	91,999 6,500	238.270 6,500
Total operating transfers in	25,044	121,227	98,499	244,770
Net income (loss)	(107,618)	29,273	(70,631)	(148,976)
Depreciation of fixed assets acquired with with contributed capital	293,591	4,588	88,032	386,211
Net increase(decrease) in retained earnings	185,973	33,861	17,401	237,235
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) at beginning of year	(3,161,575)	54,048	186,327	(2,921,200)
Retained earnings (accumulated deficit) at end of year	(\$2,975,602)	\$87,909	\$203,728	(2,683,965)

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUNDS Combining Statement of Cash Flows For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents

	REDUCTION AND TRANSFER FUND	SMALL ANIMAL CONTROL FUND	KEMPER WILLIAMS PARK FUND	TOTA.
Cash flows from operating activities: Cash received from charges for services	\$1.322.701	\$42,963	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$1,447,385 (707,600)
Cash payments to suppliers for goods & services Cash payments to employees for services	(644.042) (512,658)	(29.431) (86.629)	(54,359) (156,249)	(727,832) (755,536)
Net cash flows (deficiency) from operating activities	166.001	(73.097)	(128,887)	(35.983)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities: Interest Contributions	2,527	276	510 61,413	3 313 61 413
Loans paid to other lunds	(210,728)		(51,826)	(2 62 554)
Operating grants received Operating transfers in from other funds Other	33,000 25,044 3,174	121.227	98,499	33 000 244 770 3 174
Net cash flows from noncapital financing activities	(146,983)	121,503	108,596	33 116
Cash flows from capital and related financial activities Fixed asset acquisitions	(17,234)	(69.971)	(13,221)	(100.426)
Net cash flows from capital and related financing activities	(17.234)	(69,971)	(13,221)	(100426
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1.784	(21,565)	(33,512)	(53.2.93)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	18.073	47.175	40.592	105 840
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$19.857 ====================================	<u>\$25.610</u>	\$7,080	\$52.547 ====
Reconciliation of operating loss to not cash, provided by operating activities. Operating loss	(\$171.363)	(\$92,230)	(\$231,053)	(\$494 € 46)
Adjustments to reconcile operating loss to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization Increase in accounts receivable	394,672 (36,318)	19,007 (182)	101,493 (139)	£15 172 (36 €39)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	(20,990)	308	812	(19.870)
Total adjustments	337,364	19,133	102,166	458 €€3
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	\$166.001	(\$73,097)	(\$128.887)	(\$35.983)

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL Compensation Paid Council Members and Parish President For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

The general supplementary information portion of this document contains information related to the compensation paid to Council Members and Parish President.

Robert Ayres Earl J. Bergeron	\$ 5,400 5,329
Larry J. Besse Steve Bierhorst	145 9,600
Wendell C. Bogan	1,994
William Cefalu	5,400
Albert Foulcard	10,192
Gerald A. Hebert	2,835
Harold A. Louviere	5,400
Lionel Metz	5,400
Paul Naquin, Jr.	5,400
Scott R. Ramsey, Jr.	145
Henry Steckler	258
Oray Rogers, Parish President	12,000
Tim Tregle	145
Kevin J. Voisin	5,255
Charles A. Walters	9,342
	\$ <u>84,240</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORTS ON FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, INTERNAL CONTROL, AND COMPLIANCE

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997. These primary government financial statements are the responsibility of the St. Mary Parish Council management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these primary government financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, Audits of State and Local Governments. Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the primary government financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the primary government financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the primary government financial statements. The information in that schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the primary government combining, individual fund, and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements taken as a whole.

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ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance For the Year Ended December 31, 1996

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR NAME/ PROGRAM TITLE U.S. Department of Agriculture	CFDA NUMBER	REVENUES	EXPENSES
Food and Nutrition Service Passed through Louisiana Department of Social Services Office of Eligibility Determination			
* Food Stamps	10.551	\$ 9,273,085	\$ 9,273,085
State Administrative Matching Grants for Food Stamp Program	10.561	50,790	50, 790
Passed through Louisiana Department of Education			
Summer Food Service Program for Children (Summer Feeding Program)	10.559	149,264	149,264
Forest Service Passed through Louisiana Department of Agriculture & Forestry			
Cooperative Forest Assistance	10.664	<u>25,577</u>	<u>14,</u> 516
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture		9,498,716	9,487,655
U.S. Department of Transportation			
Urban Mass Transportation Administration Passed through Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development			
Public Transportation for Nonurbanized Areas (Nonurbanized Formula Grants, Section 18)	20.509	35,400	31,352
Total U.S. Department of Transportation		\$ 35,400	\$ <u>31,35</u> 2

FEDERAL GRANTOR/ PASS-THROUGH GRANTOR NAME/ PROGRAM TITLE	CFDA NUMBER	REVENUES	EXPENSES
U.S. Department of the Interior Fish and Wildlife Service Passed through Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Sport Fish Restoration (Quintana Landing Improvements - Breaux-Wallop)	15.605	\$ 33,083	\$ 33,083
Total U.S. Department of the Interior		33,083	33,083
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Community Planning and Development Passed through the State of Louisiana's Division of Administration	ent		
Community Development Block Grants/(Small cities pro- gram)	14.219	25,607	25,607
Passed through Louisiana Department of Social Servi Office of Community Servic			
Emergency Shelter Grants	14.231	10,300	8,800
Total U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Developm	nent	<u>35,907</u>	34,407
Federal Emergency Management Agence Passed through the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs Office of Emergency Preparedne	3		
Civil Defense - State & Local			
Emergency Management Assistance	83.503	17,940	<u>17,940</u>
Total Federal Emergency Management Agency		17,940	<u>17,940</u>
<u>U.S. Dept. of Justice</u> Church Arson Prevention Grant	16.580	4,600	
Total U.S. Dept. of Justice		4,600	* * 1 *
Total Federal Financial Assistance		\$ <u>9,625,646</u>	\$ <u>9,604,437</u>
* denotes major program			

^{*} denotes major program

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this schedule. 74

ST. MARY PARISH COUNCIL

Note to Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance

Note 1 - FOOD STAMPS

The value of U.S.D.A. food stamps is not presented within the financial statements of the Council, because the Council merely receives the food stamps and passes them directly to the recipients.

Note 2 - <u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>- Drug Court Discretionary Grant

The Council also received \$110,766 of federal dollars for the purpose of supporting and establishing drug courts. These grant funds are being deferred for revenue recognition purposes on the Local Law Enforcement Fund's financial statements because no expenditures were incurred relating to this grant at December 31, 1996.

Note 3 - U.S. DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

The following schedule reconciles amounts received from the U.S. Department of Interior to amounts recognized at December 31, 1996 under Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) as shown on the Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance.

Total amount received 1/1/96 through 12/31/96

\$ 313,864

Less: Amount recognized at 1/1/95 through 12/31/95 according to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

(280,781)

Amount recognized as revenue at 12/31/96

\$ 33,083

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF PRIMARY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the primary government financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of the St. Mary Parish Council, is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization recorded properly to permit the preparation of primary government financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to th $\hat{\epsilon}$ risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the primary government financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, for the year ended December 31, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the primary government financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

We noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the primary government financial statements. A description of these reportable conditions are included in the material weaknesses section of this report.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the primary government financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we believe that the reportable conditions described in this report are material weaknesses.

A similar report issued by us dated April 30, 1996, for the year ended December 31, 1995, reported one reportable condition which is repeated this year.

This report is intended for the information of the Council, Federal regulatory agencies, and the Legislative Auditor and should not be used for any other purpose. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

MATERIAL WEAKNESSES

Fund Balance

Auditors' Comments

Condition: During the course of auditing the Parish's fund balances/retained earnings, certain differences were noted in those balances as compared to prior year audited fund balances/retained earnings.

Criteria: Generally accepted accounting principles state that only material corrections from prior periods should be debited or credited to fund balances or retained earnings balances.

Effect: Interim financial statements are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

<u>Cause</u>: Reversing prior year journal entries affects fund balances/retained earnings.

Management's Comments

GENERAL FUND - The General Fund reflected a difference in fund balance due to the time elapsed from the end of 1996 and the completion of the audit. An adjusting entry was made in reference to the Quintana Landing Improvements, Phase II and the Berwick Boat Launch Federal Grant Projects.

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - The Road Construction & Maintenance Fund reflected a difference of \$165 which was inadvertently posted to fund balance instead of fund balance res/ prior year encumbrance. The administration will review entries more closely in the future.

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS - The Cypremort Point & Vicinity Fund reflects a Community Development Block Grant cash balance from 1994 in the amount of \$1,797.10. The Community Development block Grant bookkeeping is provided by the St. Mary Parish CDBG administrator. The Capital Improvement Fund adjusting entry in the amount of \$89,546 changes an entry that was inadvertently posted to the fund balance instead of the expense account. The administration will avoid this in the future by closely following GAAP regulations.

ENTERPRISE FUNDS - The Reduction & Transfer Fund Reflects a difference of \$202 as a result of a 1993 adjusting entry to assets. This is due to a discrepancy between the amount of the asset and the amount in the adjusting entry.

FIXED ASSETS

Auditors' Comments

Condition: During the course of auditing the Parish's proprietary fund fixed assets, discrepancies were found between actual assets retired or disposed of and assets removed from the Parish's fixed asset accounting records. In addition, some asset purchases that should have been capitalized, were recorded by the Parish as expenses in the period under audit instead of additions to fixed assets.

Criteria: One of the objectives of an internal control structure is to provide management with reasonable assurance that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly. In addition, generally accepted accounting principles state that costs attributable to tangible assets, of a relatively permanent nature, used in operations, and not intended for resale are to be capitalized.

Effect: A complete listing of all capitalized assets is not maintained. In addition, interim financial statements are not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Cause: Failure to consistently capitalize costs for items with useful lives of several years.

Management's Comments

Several assets that were declared surplus property were deleted from inventory prior to the actual sale of assets. The administration will take steps to ensure than an asset has been sold or properly scrapped before removal from the fixed asset inventory system.

Several fixed assets were inadvertently not included on inventory when purchased. The administration will monitor this more closely in the future.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE USED IN ADMINISTERING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997. We have also audited the compliance of the St. Mary Parish Council, with requirements applicable to major federal financial assistance programs and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, Audits of State and Local Governments. Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the primary government financial statements are free of material misstatement and about whether the St. Mary Parish Council, complied with laws and regulations, noncompliance with which would be material to a major federal financial assistance program.

In planning and performing our audits of the year ended December 31, 1996, we considered the internal control structure of the St. Mary Parish Council, in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the primary government financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, and on the compliance of the St. Mary Parish Council with requirements applicable to major programs and to report on the internal control structure in accordance with OMB Circular A-128. This report addresses our consideration of internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to compliance with requirements applicable to federal financial assistance programs. We have addressed internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to our audit of the primary government financial statements in a separate report dated April 30, 1997.

The management of the St. Mary Parish Council, is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of primary government financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that federal financial assistance programs are managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors, irregularities, or instances of noncompliance may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures used in administering federal financial assistance programs in the following categories:

Internal Accounting Controls

General

Cash

Revenue and receivables

Expenditures/expenses for goods and services and accounts

payable

Payroll

Fund balance

Federal Program Administrative Controls

General Requirements

Political activity
Davis-Bacon Act
Civil rights
Cash management
Federal financial reports
Allowable costs/cost principles
Drug-Free Workplace Act
Administrative requirements

Specific Requirements

Types of services

Matching, level of effort, or earmarking requirements

Special reporting requirements

Monitoring subrecipients

Procedures for physical security over food stamps

Procedures followed by the food stamp issuing office

Claims for advances and reimbursements

Amounts claimed or used for matching

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and determined whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

During the year ended December 31, 1996, the St. Mary Parish Council, expended 97 percent of its total federal financial assistance under a major federal financial assistance program.

We performed tests of controls, as required by OMB Circular A-128, to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of internal control structure policies and procedures that we considered relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with specific requirements, general requirements, and requirements governing claims for advances and reimbursements and amounts claimed or used for matching that are applicable to the St. Mary Parish Council's major federal financial assistance program, which is identified in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance. Our procedures were less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these internal control structure policies and procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Our consideration of the internal control structure policies and procedures used in administering federal financial assistance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with laws and regulations that would be material to a federal financial assistance program may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

A similar report issued by us dated April 30, 1996, for the year ended December 31, 1995, reported no material weaknesses.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF PRIMARY GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the St. Mary Parish Council is the responsibility of the St. Mary Parish Council's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our audit of the primary government financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed instances of material noncompliance that are required to be reported herein under <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>. These instances of noncompliance are contained in the items of noncompliance section of this report.

We considered these instances of noncompliance in forming our opinion on whether the St. Mary Parish Council's 1996 primary government financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles, and this report does not affect our report dated April 25, 1997 on those primary government financial statements.

A similar report issued by us dated April 30, 1996, for the year ended December 31, 1995, reported similar instances of noncompliance. Similar comments are repeated this year for the similar prior year situations which were not corrected during 1996.

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I TEMS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

Budget Monitoring

Auditors' Comments

Condition: During the course of the audit for the year ended December 31, 1996, it was noted that several of the Parish's individual funds needed budget amendments that were not made.

Criteria: State and local law require that budgets be amended when certain conditions exist. These conditions are explained in detail below.

<u>Effect</u>: Failure to amend budgets to recognize anticipated shortfalls or surpluses in funds prevents the governmental body from effectively curtailing or expanding projects and/or services in accordance with actual available resources.

Cause: Although the cause of the above condition was not fully determined during the audit, two reasons appear to have a significant effect. First, in accordance with the local charter, a significant time lag exists between the proposal of budget amendments and the enactment of those amendments. As a result, the final proposed budget amendments in a fiscal year must be based on the most current available information which is several months before year end. Secondly, although the Parish makes accruals for payables and receivables at year end, adjustments are not made in the interim period. When significant differences exist between payables and receivables from year to year, the amount of funds that appear to be available or costs that appear to have been incurred can be distorted. Failure to recognize the effect of these differences can lead to variances between budgeted and actual activity.

A more detailed description of the conditions and criteria is presented below:

Auditors' Detailed Comments

Louisiana statutes require that the chief executive or administrative officer shall advise the governing authority in writing when revenues collected plus projected revenue collections for the remainder of the period, within a fund, are failing to meet estimated annual budgeted revenues by at least five percent or when actual expenditures plus projected expenditures for the remainder of the year within a fund exceed budgeted expenditures by at least five percent. Upon receiving notification, the governing authority is required to amend the budget.

Notification was not made and the following budgets were not amended although actual revenues failed to come within five percent of budgeted revenues:

<u>Fund</u>	Budgeted <u>Amount</u>	Actual <u>Amount</u>	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Special Revenue Fund Local Law Enforcement	\$110,766	-	\$110,687	99.93%
Debt Service Fund Paving Series M	12,256	11,487	769	6.27%
Capital Projects Fund Franklin & Vicinity Fund	35,306	23,158	12,148	34.40%

In the case of the Local Law Enforcement Fund, the grant funds had actually been received prior to year end; however, no services had been performed therefore the revenues were deferred.

Notification was not made and the following budgets were not amended although actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures by five percent or more:

<u>Fund</u>	Budgeted Amount	Actual <u>Amount</u>	Variance	Percent
Special Revenue Fund Wards 5 & 8	\$225,960	\$239,563	\$13,603	6. 00%

Failure to recognize and adjust for shortfalls in anticipated revenues or excesses over anticipated expenditures can lead to budget deficiencies. Budgets should be adjusted whenever actual revenues and future anticipated revenues fall short of budgeted revenues by five percent or more and when actual expenditures and anticipated expenditures exceed budgeted expenditures by five percent or more.

According to the budget ordinance, the Administration shall notify the Council within thirty days of a budget account fluctuation of five percent, up or down, in revenues or expenditures. The following actual revenues exceeded budgeted revenues by five percent or more at year end.

<u>Fund</u>	dgeted mount	Actual Amount	<u>Variance</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Special Revenue Fund Gaming Receipt Fund	\$ 290,716	\$ 329,114	\$ 38,398	13.21%
Debt Service Funds 3/4% Sales Tax Bond Reserve SMP Library General Obligation	74,346 63,101	91,854 47,396	17,508 15,705	23.55% 24.89%
Capital Projects Funds Capital Improvement Fund Cypremort Point & Vicinity Fund	82,869 72,848	165,460 94,946	82,591 22,098	103.28% 30.33%

The following actual expenditures were less than budgeted expenditures by five percent or more at year end.

Funds	Budgeted Amount	Actual <u>Amount</u>	<u>Variance</u>	Percent
Special Revenue Funds Boat Landing Fund Royalty Road	\$ 47,804	\$ 42,730	\$ 5,074	10.61%
(Texaco) Fund	388,181	1,197	386,984	99.69%
Capital Projects Fund Capital Improvement Fund	2,094,632	1,614,681	479,951	22.91%

Failure to apprise the Council of excess funds available due to excess revenues or under expenditures can result in the omission of additional projects or services which the government could have provided.

Management's Comments

REVENUES

Special Revenue Fund

Local Law Enforcement - 99.93%

The grant funds were received in 1996; however, since no funds were expended the revenues were classified as deferred through an adjusting entry. The Administration will consider these special circumstances in the future.

Debt Service Fund

Paving Series M - 6.27%

Anticipated paving assessment payments were not received as expected. The Administration will monitor this fund more closely in the future.

Capital Projects Fund

Franklin & Vicinity Fund - 34.40%

This deviation occurred due to a delay in the receipt of an invoice for operating expenses of the Franklin Sewer Plant. Once received, Sewer District No. 7 makes a reimbursement to this fund. Therefore, this revenue was not received in a timely manner. The Administration will follow this transaction more closely in the future.

Gaming Receipt Fund - 13.21%

Due to an underestimation of gaming revenues received from the State of Louisiana from its compact with Chitimacha Tribe of Louisiana, the revenues received were over the 5% deviation. The Administration will strive to work more closely with the state and tribe in order to estimate gaming revenues closer to actual.

EXPENDITURES

Special Revenue Fund

Wards 5 & 8 Fund - 6%

Administration intended to make notification through budget amendment; however, the deviation occurred as a result of an unintentional reversal of debit and credit to this fund. Proper debits and credits will be checked more carefully in future amendments.

Debt Service Funds

3/4% Sales Tax Bond Reserve - 23.55%

The interest earned on investments was more than anticipated and due to an adjustment in amortization of discounts, actual revenues exceeded budgeted amounts. The Administration will make every effort to allow for increases in interest earnings and to plan for adjusting effects to funds.

SMP Library General Obligation - 24.89%

A portion of ad valorem taxes for 1996 were received prior to the end of the year. A budget amendment did not reflect this revenue as the St. Mary Parish Tax Collector could not advise if funds from ad valorem taxes would be received before year end. The administration will continue to communicate with the tax collector in regards to future receipts of ad valorem taxes.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Improvement Fund - 103.28%

This deviation occurred due to the amortization on discounts through adjusting entries. The Administration will follow changes in amortization more closely in the future.

Cypremort Point & Vicinity - 30.33%

This deviation occurred due to the amortization on discounts through adjusting entries. The Administration will follow changes in amortization more closely in the future.

Special Revenue Funds

Boat Landing Fund - 10.61%

Actual expenditures on various boat landing projects were not incurred as anticipated by the end of 1996. The Administration will strive to gauge expenditures more carefully in the future.

Royalty Road (Texaco) Fund - 99.69%

The anticipated expenditure for the new jail kitchen did not take place by year end as expected. Due to a delay in planning and design, bids were not received when originally planned. The Administration will watch these issues more closely in order to more accurately reflect budgeted expenditures.

Capital Projects Funds

Capital Improvement Fund - 22.91%

Actual expenditures for various projects under construction were less than projected at the time of budget amendment. The Administration will work more closely with project coordinators to more accurately reflect expenditures in the future.

FUND_DEFICITS

Auditors' Comments

Condition: During the course of the audit it was noted that certain funds had deficit fund balances.

Criteria: State statute prohibits expending amounts in excess of fund balance, revenues, and other financing sources.

Effect: Violation of state statute.

Cause: For Capital Projects Funds, the Council expended amounts in excess of fund balance, revenues, and other financing sources. For the Enterprise Fund, the deficit resulted from adjustments necessary to comply with GASB 18, Accounting for Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs.

The following individual funds were in violation of state statutes and had deficit fund balances at year end:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Deficit Amount</u>
Capital Projects Funds Amelia and Vicinity Fund Wards 5 & 8 Franklin & Vicinity	\$(1,053,191) (1,498,527) (11,714)
Enterprise Fund Reduction & Transfer Fund	(2,975,602)
Management's Comments	
Capital Project Funds Amelia & Vicinity Fund Wards 5 & 8 Fund Franklin & Vicinity Fund	\$(1,053,191) (1,498,527) (11,714)

The deficits for these funds were derived as a result of events described in audit Note 2. The deficit amount in Wards 5 & 8 has slightly decreased due to the agreement between the Parish and Sewer Districts 2 & 8. The St. Mary Parish Council created Water & Sewer Commission No. 1 to address the Amelia & vicinity Fund. The Commission is currently evaluating several options to raise additional revenue through millages, user fee increases or a combination of both in order to address this fund balance deficit next year. It is anticipated that increased revenues from sales taxes will cover the deficit in the Franklin & Vicinity Fund. New funding sources, reallocating existing funds or combining existing fund operations will be considered in the future.

Enterprise Fund \$(2,975,602)

This deficit is explained in audit Note 2 (last paragraph). St. Mary parish will continue to evaluate options to address the matter of landfill closure costs and post closure care.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO MAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997.

We have also audited the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with the requirements governing special reporting requirements; procedures for physical security over food stamps; and procedures followed by the food stamp issuing office that are applicable to its major federal financial assistance program, which is identified in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance, for the year ended December 31, 1996. The management of the St. Mary Parish Council, is responsible for the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance with those requirements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance with those requirements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, <u>Audits of State and Local Governments</u>. Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the requirements referred to above occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with those requirements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The results of our audit procedures did not disclose any immaterial instances of noncompliance with the requirements referred to above.

In our opinion, the St. Mary Parish Council complied, in all material respects, with the requirements governing special reporting requirements; procedures for physical security over food stamps; and procedures followed by the food stamp issuing office that are applicable to its major federal financial assistance program for the year ended December 31, 1996.

A similar report issued by us dated April 30, 1996, for the year ended December 31, 1995, reported no instances of noncompliance.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997.

We have applied procedures to test the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with the following requirements applicable to its federal financial assistance programs, which are identified in the Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance, for the year ended December 31, 1996:

Political activity
Davis-Bacon Act
Civil rights
Cash management
Federal financial reports
Allowable costs/cost principles
Drug-Free Workplace Act
Administrative requirements

Our procedures were limited to the applicable procedures described in the Office of Management and Budget's <u>Compliance Supplement for Single Audits of State and Local Governments</u>. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with the requirements listed in the preceding paragraph. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with the requirements listed in the second paragraph of this report. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the St. Mary Parish Council, had not complied, in all material respects, with those requirements. Also, the results of our procedures did not disclose any immaterial instances of noncompliance with those requirements.

A similar report issued by us dated April 30, 1996, for the year ended December 31, 1995, reported no instances of noncompliance with the general requirements applicable to federal financial assistance programs.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NONMAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM TRANSACTIONS

April 25, 1997

Chairman and Members of the Council St. Mary Parish Franklin, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements and the combining and individual fund and account group financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated April 25, 1997.

In connection with our audit of the primary government financial statements of the St. Mary Parish Council, and with our consideration of the Council's control structure used to administer federal financial assistance programs, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-128, Audits of State and Local Governments, we selected certain transactions applicable to certain nonmajor federal financial assistance programs for the year ended December 31, 1996. As required by OMB Circular A-128, we have performed auditing procedures to test compliance with the requirements governing types of services allowed or unallowed; matching, level of effort, earmarking; special reporting requirements; monitoring subrecipients; review of claims for statutorily established percentages of allowable disaster assistance administrative expenses; claims for advances and reimbursements; and amounts claimed or used for matching that are applicable to those transactions. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the St. Mary Parish Council's compliance with these requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with the requirements listed in the preceding paragraph. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the St. Mary Parish Council had not complied, in all material respects, with those requirements.

A similar report issued by us dated April 30, 1996, for the year ended December 31, 1995, reported one immaterial instance of noncompliance which was corrected this year.

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