

## ACADIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

FINANCIAL REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 1998

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Ken Goss and the Board of Commissioners of the Acadia Parish Communications District Crowley, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Acadia Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1998, and for the year then ended as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

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In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Acadia Parish Communications District as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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The Honorable Ken Goss and the Board of Commissioners of the Acadia Parish Communications District

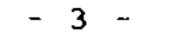
In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 19, 1999 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the Acadia Parish Communications District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

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



Crowley, Louisiana May 19, 1999



COMBINED BALANCE SHEET ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS December 31, 1998

Governmental Fund Types

ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	<u>General</u>	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Debt <u>Service</u>
Cash and cash equivalents Certificates of deposit Receivables Due from other governmental units Land, building, and equipment	\$127,694 75,000 23,320 1,500	\$ 79,346 260,000 2,502 - -	\$- - - -
Due from other funds Amount to be provided for retirement of general long-term debt	1,386	8,891	 

Total assets and other debits	<u>\$228,900</u>	<u>\$350,739</u>	<u>\$</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
LIABILITIES Due to other governmental units Capital lease payable	\$- - 9,386	\$- - 3,546	\$- - -
Accounts payable Due to other funds		10,277	
Total liabilities	<u>\$ 9,386</u>	<u>\$ 13,823</u>	<u>\$</u>
FUND EQUITY Investment in general fixed assets	\$-	\$-	\$ -
Fund balances: Reserved for grant expenditures Unreserved - undesignated Total fund equity	2,498 <u>217,016</u> <u>\$219,514</u>	<u>   336,916</u> \$336,916	- - \$
Total liabilities and fund equity	<u>\$228,900</u>	<u>\$350,739</u>	<u>\$</u>

See Notes to Financial Statements.

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Acc	<u>ount</u>	<u>Groups</u>			
Genera	1	Gene	ral	Tota	al
Fixed		Long-Term		<u>Memorandum Only</u>	
<u>Assets</u>	_	De	bt	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
\$	-	\$	-	\$207,040	\$208,307
	-		-	335,000	210,000
	-		-	25,822	25,583
	-		-	1,500	889
329,6	60		-	329,660	320,554
	-		-	10,277	-

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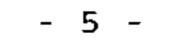
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<u>\$329,660</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$909,299</u>	<u>\$767.097</u>
\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 3,894
-		· -	1,764
_	-	12,932	-
		10,277	<b></b>
<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 23,209</u>	<u>\$ 5,658</u>
\$329,660	\$ -	\$329,660	\$320,554
-	-	2,498	3,633
	<u> </u>	<u>553,932</u>	<u>437,252</u>
<u>\$329,660</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$886,090</u>	<u>\$761,438</u>
<u>\$329,660</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$909,299</u>	<u>\$767,097</u>



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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended December 31, 1998

			Totals	
		Special	(Memorane	<u>dum Only)</u>
	General	Revenue	1998	<u>1997</u>
	<u></u>	<u></u>		
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$278,665	\$ 85,458	\$364,123	\$272,677
Intergovernmental	7,088	-	7,088	102,876
Interest	4,865	11,456	16,321	9,528
Other	<u>    2,538</u>	2,875	5,413	<u>11,500</u>
Total revenues	<u>\$293,156</u>	<u>\$ 99,789</u>	<u>\$392,945</u>	<u>\$396,581</u>
Expenditures:				
Current:				
Public works:				
Salaries	\$ 27,960	\$-	\$ 27,960	\$ 30,700
Employee benefits	2,200	_	2,200	2,713
Office	4,118	-	4,118	1,993
Insurance	4,451	-	4,451	6,657
Transportation	2,439	-	2,439	2,238
Collection fees	2,782	-	2,782	2,708
Equipment rental and repair	23,664	-	23,664	28,971
Contract services	86,018	-	86,018	83,186
Repairs and maintenance	3,138	+	3,138	1,719
E-911 line usage	59,542	-	59,542	56,970
Communications	4,344	-	4,344	2,877
Training and equipment	-	23,278	23,278	4,986
Other	25,032	-	25,032	13,602
Debt service:				
Principal retirements	1,765	-	1,765	2,437
Interest and fiscal charges	67		67	310
Total expenditures	<u>\$247,520</u>	<u>\$ 23,278</u>	<u>\$270,798</u>	<u>\$242,067</u>
Excess of revenues over				6154 514
expenditures	\$ 45,636	\$ 76,511	\$122,147	\$154,514
Other financing sources				
Transfers from other funds	-	8,891	8,891	-
Transfers to other funds	<del>_</del>	<u>(8,891</u> )	<u>(8,891</u> )	<u> </u>
Total other sources	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>
Excess revenues and other sources				
over expenditures and other				Anes rad
sources (totals forward)	<u>\$ 45,636</u>	<u>\$ 76,511</u>	<u>\$122,147</u>	<u>\$154,514</u>



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COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES (CONTINUED) Year Ended December 31, 1998

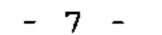
Totals <u>(Memorandum Only)</u> Special <u>General</u> <u>Revenue</u> <u>1998</u> <u>1997</u> Excess revenues and other sources over expenditures and other sources (totals forwarded) <u>\$ 45,636</u> <u>\$ 76,511</u> <u>\$122,147</u> <u>\$154,514</u> \$260,405 Fund balance, beginning \$180,480 \$440,885 \$286,371 Prior period adjustment <u>(6,602</u>) <u>(6,602</u>) \_ -\$260,405 Fund balance, beginning, restated <u>\$173,878</u> <u>\$434,283</u> <u>\$286,371</u> Fund balance, ending <u>\$219,514</u> \$336,916 \$556,430 <u>\$440,885</u>

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See Notes to Financial Statements.



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## COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL -ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u> </u>			Actual 1997
			Favorable	(Memorandum
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>	Only)
Revenues:				
Charges for services	\$274,800	\$278,665	\$3,865	\$271,554
Intergovernmental	6,000	7,088	1,088	3,169
Interest	4,300	4,865	565	3,285
Other	2,900	2,538	(362)	<u>    11,500</u>
Total revenues	\$288,000	<u>\$293,156</u>	<u>\$ 5,156</u>	<u>\$289,508</u>
	<u></u>			
Expenditures:				
Current: Public works:				
Salaries	\$ 33,700	\$ 27,960	\$ 5,740	\$ 30,700
Employee benefits	2,215	2,200	15	2,713
Office	3,500	4,118	(618)	1,993
	4,200	4,451	(251)	6,657
Insurance Professional fees	2,800	2,800	-	-
Transportation	3,000	2,439	561	2,238
Collection fees	-	2,782	(2,782)	2,708
Equipment rental and repair	18,800	23,664	(4,864)	28,971
Contract services	87,400	86,018	1,382	83,186
Repairs and maintenance	4,300	3,138	1,162	1,719
E-911 line usage	60,000	59,542	458	56,970
Communications	3,000	4,344	(1,344)	2,877
Training and equipment	-	-	_	-
Other	42,255	22,232	20,023	13,602
Debt service:	·			
Principal retirements	_	1,765	(1,765)	2,437
Interest and fiscal charges	-	67	(67)	310
Total expenditures	\$265,170	\$247,520	<u>\$ 17,650</u>	<u>\$237,081</u>
Deficiency of revenues over				
expenditures	<u>\$ 22,830</u>	<u>\$ 45,636</u>	<u>\$ 22,806</u>	<u>\$ 52,427</u>
Other financing sources (uses):	_	<b>.</b>	Ć .	\$-
Operating transfers in	\$ -	\$ -	\$-	¥ _
Operating transfers out	<u>-</u> \$	<u> </u>	\$	<u>\$</u>
Deficiency of revenues and other				
sources over expenditures and	\$ 22 830	\$ 45,630	6 \$ 22 <u>,806</u>	<u>\$ 52,427</u>

#### <u>\$ 52,427</u> other uses (subtotals forward) <u>\$ 22,830</u> <u>\$ 45,636</u> <u>\$ 22,806</u>

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l Revenue	Fundş	Actual
	Variance-	1997
	Favorable	(Memorandum
<u>Actual</u>	<u>(Unfavorable)</u>	Only)
- 11,456 <u>2,875</u>	\$(14,542) - 206 <u>2,875</u> \$(11,461)	\$ 1,123 99,707 6,243 - \$107,073
	<u>Actual</u> 85,458 - 11,456	Favorable   Actual (Unfavorable)   85,458 \$(14,542)   11,456 206   2,875 2,875

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24,906	23,278	1,628	4,986
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_	-	-	-
_			
\$ 24,906	\$ 23,278	<u>\$ 1,628</u>	\$ 4,986
<u>\$ 86,344</u>	<u>\$ 76,511</u>	<u>\$ (9,833</u> )	<u>\$102,087</u>
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u></u> ,	
\$ 10,200	\$ 8,891	\$ (1,309)	\$
(10,200)	<u>(8,891</u> )	<u>1,309</u>	т —
<u>(10,299</u> ) S -	<u>(0,021</u> ) \$ -	\$ -	\$ -
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## <u>\$ 86,344</u> <u>\$ 76,511</u> <u>\$ (9,833</u>) <u>\$102,087</u>

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#### ACADIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT ACADIA PARISH POLICE JURY

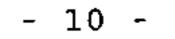
#### COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL -ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES (CONTINUED) Year Ended December 31, 1998

	General Fund			Actual
	Budget Ac	<u>Actual</u>	Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	1997 (Memorandum <u>Only)</u>
Deficiency of revenues and other sources expenditures and other uses (subtotals forwarded)	<u>\$ 22,830</u>	<u>\$ 45,636</u>	<u>\$ 22,806</u>	<u>\$ 52,427</u>
Fund balance, beginning	\$180,480	\$180,480	\$ -	\$128,053
Prior period adjustment		(6,602)	<u>(6,602</u> )	
Fund balance, beginning, restated	<u>\$180,480</u>	<u>\$173,878</u>	<u>\$ (6,602</u> )	<u>\$128,053</u>

Fund balance, ending

<u>\$203,310</u> <u>\$219,514</u> <u>\$16,204</u> <u>\$180,480</u>

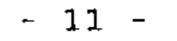
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<u>Budget</u>	<u>pecial Rever</u> <u>Actual</u>	ue Funds Variance- Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	Actual 1997 (Memorandum <u>Only</u> )		
<u>\$ 86,344</u>	<u>\$ 76,511</u>	<u>\$ (9,833</u> )	<u>\$102,087</u>		
\$260,405	\$260,405	\$-	\$158,318		
<u>\$260,405</u>	\$260,405	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$158,318</u>		

<u>\$346,749</u> <u>\$336,916</u> <u>\$ (9,833</u>) <u>\$260,405</u>



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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

#### Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Acadia Parish Communications District was created pursuant to the directions of an ordinance of the Acadia Parish Police Jury and was established for the purpose of creating and maintaining an enhanced 911 emergency service. The District is governed by seven commissioners. These seven commissioners are referred to as the Board of Commissioners and are appointed by the parish police jury. The Board of Commission members are not compensated.

In April of 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. Subsequently, GASB issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local government.

In conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the District is a component unit of the Acadia Parish Police Jury, the governing body of the parish and the governmental body with oversight responsibility. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the District and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, and other governmental units that comprise the governmental reporting entity.

A. Fund accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Resources are accounted for in these individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

#### Governmental Funds

General Fund:

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The General Fund is the general operating fund of the District. It

# accounts for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

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Special Revenue Funds:

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Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific sources (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Debt Service Fund:

The Debt Service Fund is used to account for the accumulation of resources for, and the payment of, general long-term obligation principal, interest, and related costs.

B. General fixed assets and general long-term debt

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in governmental funds. These assets are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. Public domain or infrastructures are not capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the general long-term debt account group, not in the governmental funds.

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

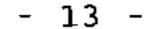
C. Basis of accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

#### Those revenues susceptible to accrual include the surcharges collected.



D. Budget practices

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Budgets and budgetary accounting:

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

- 1. The Secretary-Treasurer submits to the Board of Commissioners a proposed operating budget for the fiscal year commencing the following January 1. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.
- 2. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments.
- 3. The budget is then legally enacted through passage of an ordinance. During the year, amendments are also legally enacted through the passage of an ordinance.

- 4. Budgets are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
- 5. All budget appropriations lapse at year-end.
- 6. The budgets are amended by resolutions adopted by the Board of Commissioners.

The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

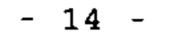
The budgets as presented for December 31, 1998 are as amended by the District.

E. Vacation and sick leave

The Acadia Parish Communications District does not have a formal policy on vacation and sick leave. No liability has been recorded in the financial statements.

F. Cash and cash equivalents

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include demand deposits and certificates of deposit with an original maturity of 90 days or less.



G. Total columns on 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. Cash and Cash Equivalents

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and certificates of deposit.

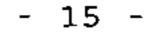
Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance

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 be equal to 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. The following is a summary of cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 1998, with the related federal deposit insurance and pledged securities:

	Bank <u>Balance</u>	FDIC <u>Insurance</u>	Balance <u>Uninsured</u>
Checking Certificates of deposit	\$130,337 <u>75,000</u> <u>\$205,337</u>	\$100,000 <u>75,000</u> <u>\$175,000</u>	\$ 30,337  \$ 30,337
Securities pledged and held by the custodial bank in the bank's name			

(Category III)	<u>502,187</u>
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(Excess) of FDIC insurance	plus pledged	
securities over cash		<u>\$471,850</u>



Note 3. Pension Plan

Plan description:

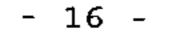
The Parochial Employee Retirement System of Louisiana (the System) is a multiple-employee, public employee retirement system (PERS) as established and provided for by R.S. 11:1731 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (LRS). The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the District are members of Plan A.

All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week who are paid wholly or in part from funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in the system. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of credited service, at or after age 55 with 25 years of credited service, or at any age with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final average compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of credited service stated previously and who do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified previously and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established by state statute.

The Parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplemental information. That report may be obtained by writing to Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana, 5420 Corporate Boulevard, Suite 103, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70808.

Funding policy:

Plan members are required to contribute 9.50 percent of their annual covered salary and the District is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 7.75 percent of annual covered payroll. The contribution requirements of plan members and the District are established and may be amended by the System's Board of Trustees. The District's contributions to the System for the years ended December 31, 1998, 1997 and 1996 were \$1,837, \$1,783 and \$1,631, respectively, equal to the required contribution for each year.



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Note 4. Changes in General Fixed Assets

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	Land and <u>Buildings</u>	<u>Equipment</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance, December 31, 1997	\$ 63,368	\$257,186	\$320,554
Additions Reductions	*- 	9,106	9,106
Balance, December 31, 1998	<u>\$ 63,368</u>	<u>\$266,292</u>	<u>\$329,660</u>

Note 5. Changes in General Long-Term Obligations

#### Note 6. Receivables

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1998:

	General <u>Fund</u>	Special <u>Revenue</u>	
Surcharge revenue	\$ 23,193	\$ 994	
Accrued interest Other	127 	1,508	
	<u>\$ 23,320</u>	<u>\$ 2,502</u>	

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Note 7. Operating Leases

In July 1994, the Acadia Parish Communications District entered into an agreement for the lease of alpha numeric pagers for a period of two years at \$10.55 per pager per month. In July 1996, the District entered into an agreement for the lease of alpha numeric pagers for a period of eighteen months at \$4.40 per pager per month. In January 1998, the District entered into an agreement for the lease of alpha numeric pagers for a period of thirty-six months at \$4.65 per pager per month. For the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, the related expense totaled \$19,869 and \$18,072, respectively.

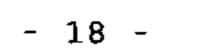
In August 1993, the District also entered into an agreement for the rental of a copier for \$153 per month. For the years ended December 31, 1998 and 1997, the related expense totaled \$1,836 and \$1,836, respectively.

Note 8. Grant

In January 1995, the Acadia Parish Communications District received a grant in the amount of \$9,500 through the Acadia Parish Police Jury from the Department of Federal Emergency Management Assistance which was passed through the Louisiana Department of Military Affairs. This RACES grant was for an amateur radio program to be used as a replacement in case of emergencies. At December 31, 1998, the District has expended \$7,002 in connection with this grant, leaving a balance of \$2,498 which is reserved for future expenditures.

Note 9. Prior Period Adjustment

The General Fund beginning fund balance was adjusted to reflect expenditures made in 1998 for items of accounts payable that should have been reported in 1997.



Note 10. Year 2000 Issue

The Year 2000 Issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data processing systems and other electronic equipment that may adversely affect the District's operations as early as fiscal year 1999.

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Acadia Parish Communications District is in the process of making changes to, converting or replacing existing computer systems and other electronic equipment that may be affected by the Year 2000 Issue and that are necessary to conducting the District's operations. Based upon this, the District is actually between the assessment and remediation stages. Once these stages are complete, validation and testing will be required.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 Issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the Year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure that the District is or will be Year 2000 ready, that the District's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part, or that parties with whom the District does business will be Year 2000 ready.

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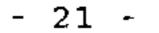
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. . SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

ROAD IDENTIFICATION FUND - to account for the proceeds and disbursements of grant revenues received from a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Rayne-Branch Hospital Service District of Acadia Parish.

TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FUND - to account for the proceeds and disbursements of grant revenues received from a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Rayne-Branch Hospital Service District of Acadia Parish.

WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY FUND - to account for the proceeds and disbursements of revenues received by collection of service charges from cellular and two-way telecommunications service subscribers.



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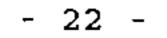
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET December 31, 1998

	Wireless Technology	Road Identification	Training and Equipment	Tot	als
ASSETS	Fund	Fund	Fund	1998	<u>1997</u>
Cash	\$ 33,614	\$ 21,033	\$ 24,699	\$ 79,346	\$ 50,405
Certificates of deposit	50,000	10,000	200,000	260,000	210,000
Accounts receivable	994	-	-	994	-
Due from other funds	3 -	8,891	_	8,891	-
Accrued interest receivable		<u> </u>	1,508	1,508	<u> </u>
Total					
assets	<u>\$ 84,608</u>	<u>\$ 39,924</u>	<u>\$226,207</u>	<u>\$350,739</u>	<u>\$260,405</u>

#### LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

#### LIABILITIES

Due to other funds	\$	-	\$	-	\$ 10,277	\$ 10,277 \$ -
Accounts payable		<u> </u>			3,546	3,546
Total liabilities	\$		\$	-	\$ 13,823	\$ 13,823 \$ -
FUND BALANCE	84,	608	39,	924		336,916 260,405
Total liabilities and fund						
balance	<u>\$ 84</u> ,	608	<u>\$ 39</u> ,	924	<u>\$226,207</u>	<u>\$350,739</u> <u>\$260,405</u>



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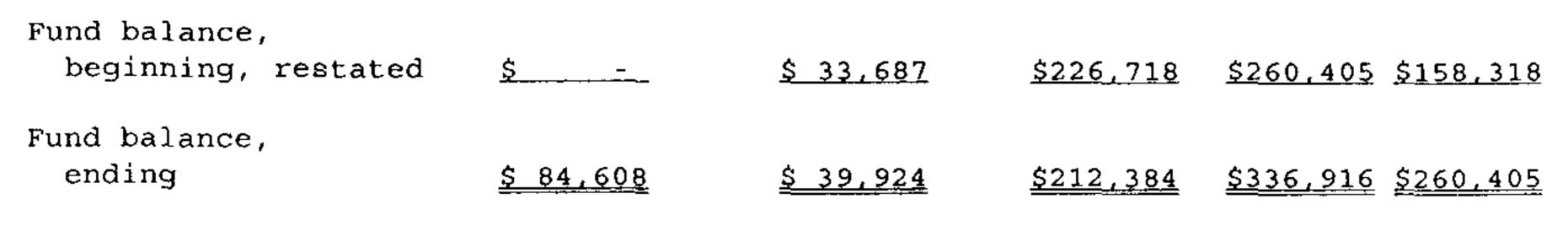
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Wireless Technology Fund	Road Identification Fund	Training and Equipment <u>Fund</u>	<u> </u>	<u>ls</u> _1997
Revenues: Charges for services Intergovernmental: Rayne-Branch	\$ 85,458	\$-	\$-	\$85,458 \$	1,123
Hospital grant		_	-	_	99,707
Interest	4	1,052	10,400	11,456	6,243
Other			<u> </u>	2,875	

	\$ 85,462	\$ 1,052	\$ 13,275	\$ 99,789 \$107,073
Expenditures: Current: Public works:				
Training and equipment	<u> </u>	3,706	<u>    18,718</u>	<u>    23,278     4,986</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>\$ 84,608</u>	<u>\$ (2,654</u> )	<u>\$ (5,443</u> )	<u>\$ 76,511 \$102,087</u>
Other sources: Transfers from				
other funds Transfers to	\$ -	\$ 8,891		\$ 8,891 \$ -
other funds Total other sources	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 8,891</u>	<u>(8,891</u> ) <u>\$ (8,891</u> )	<u>(8,891)</u>
Excess revenue and other sources over expenditures				
and other sources	\$ 84,608	\$ 6,237	\$(14,334)	\$ 76,511 \$102,087
Fund balance, beginning	_	28,865	231,540	260,405 158,318
Prior period entry	<u> </u>	4,822	<u>(4,822</u> )	<u> </u>



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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS ROAD IDENTIFICATION FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Varian Favora <u>(Unfavo</u>	ble	Actual 1997	
Revenues: Interest	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,052	\$	2	\$ 1,421	
Expenditures: Current:						

Public works:

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Training and equipment	3,706	3,706		
Excess of revenue over expenditures	\$ (2,656)	\$ (2,654)	\$2	\$ 1,421
Other sources: Transfers from other funds	<u>10,200</u>	<u>    8,891</u>	(1,309)	
Excess of revenues and other sources over expenditures and other sources	<u>\$ 7,544</u>	<u>\$ 6.237</u>	<u>\$ (1,307</u> )	<u>\$ 1,421</u>
Fund balance, beginning	\$ 28,865	\$ 28,865	\$-	\$ 27,444
Prior period entry	<del></del>	4,822	4,822	
Fund balance, beginning, restated	<u>\$ 28,865</u>	<u>\$ 33,687</u>	<u>\$ 4,822</u>	<u>\$ 27,444</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 36,409</u>	<u>\$ 39,924</u>	<u>\$ 3,515</u>	<u>\$ 28,865</u>

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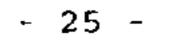
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#### SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS TRAINING AND EQUIPMENT FUND

## STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended December 31, 1998

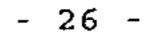
	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance - Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	Actual 1997
Revenues: Charges for services	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 1 ,123
Intergovernmental: Rayne-Branch Hospital grant Interest	- 10,200	10,400	- 200	99,707 4,822
Other	 \$ 10,200	<u>2,875</u> \$13,275	<u>2,875</u> \$3,075	<u>-</u> \$105,652
Expenditures: Current: Public works:				
Training and equipment	21,200	<u>    18,718</u>	2,482	4,986
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$(11,000)	\$ (5,443)	\$ 5,557	\$100,666
Other uses: Transfer to other funds	<u>(10,200</u> )	<u>(8,891</u> )	1,309	<u>.                                    </u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$(21,000</u> )	<u>\$(14,334</u> )	<u>\$ 6,866</u>	<u>\$100,666</u>
Fund balance, beginning	\$231,540	\$231,540	\$-	\$130,874
Prior period adjustment	<u>-</u>	4,822	4,822	<u></u>
Fund balance, beginning, restated	<u>\$231,540</u>	<u>\$236,362</u>	<u>\$ 4,822</u>	<u>\$130,874</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$210,340</u>	<u>\$222,028</u>	<u>\$ 11,688</u>	<u>\$231,540</u>



SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS WIRELESS TECHNOLOGY FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended December 31, 1998

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	Variance - Favorable <u>(Unfavorable)</u>	Actual 1997
Revenues: Interest Charges for services Expenditures: Current:	\$- 100,000	\$4 85,458	\$ 4 (14,542)	\$ - -
Public works: Training and equipment		854	<u>(854</u> )	<u>-</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	\$100,000	\$ 84,608	\$(15,396)	\$-
Other uses: Transfer to other funds				<u> </u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures and other uses	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ 84,608</u>	<u>\$(15,396</u> )	
Fund balance, eginning	\$ -	\$-	\$	\$ -
Prior period entry	<del></del>		<del></del>	
Fund balance, beginning, restated	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$100,000</u>	<u>\$ 84,608</u>	<u>\$(15,396</u> )	<u>\$ -</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH <u>GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS</u>

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The Honorable Ken Goss and the Board of Commissioners of the Acadia Parish Communications District Crowley, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Acadia Parish Communications District as of and for the year ended December 31,

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Rettred. Sidney L. Bronssard, CPA 1980 Leon K. Poche, CPA 1984 James H. Breanx, CPA 1987 Erma R. Walton, CPA 1988 George A. Lewis, CPA\* 1992 Geraldme J. Wimberly, CPA\* 1995 1998 and have issued our report thereon dated May 19, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

#### <u>Compliance</u>

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Acadia Parish Communications District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under <u>Government</u> <u>Auditing Standards</u> which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 98-1.

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The Honorable Ken Goss and the Board of Commissioners of the Acadia Parish Communications District

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Acadia Parish Communications District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgement, could adversely affect Acadia Parish Communications District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 98-2.

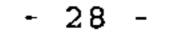
A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that

misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the 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 over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However we considered the reportable condition described above, Item 98-2, to be a material weakness.

This report is intended for the information of management and the Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

BROUSSARD, POCHE LEWIS & BREAVY, L.L.P.

Crowley, Louisiana May 19, 1999



#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

We have audited the financial statements of Acadia Parish Communications District as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 19, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government</u> <u>Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 1998 resulted in an unqualified opinion.

#### Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses <u>x</u> Yes <u>No</u> Reportable Conditions <u>x</u> Yes <u>No</u>

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements <u>x</u> Yes \_\_\_\_ No

#### b. Federal Awards

The District did not receive any federal awards for the year ended December 31, 1998.

#### Section II Financial Statement Findings

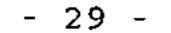
#### 98-1 <u>Budget Compliance</u>

Finding: For the year ended December 31, 1998, actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by more than 5% in the special revenue fund.

Cause: The budget was not adequately amended.

- Recommendation: Amend the budget to ensure that actual revenues do not fall short of budgeted revenues by more than five percent.
- Response: Although the Board amended the Budget for 1998, they will make sure that in the future the budget is amended properly.

Questioned costs: <u>\$-Q-</u>



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#### SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS (CONTINUED) For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

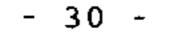
#### 98-2 <u>Segregation of Duties</u>

- Finding: In reviewing the internal control structure, we noted inadequate segregation of duties existed. The general accounting and general ledger function is not separate from custody and control over assets.
- Cause: Inadequate segregation of duties exists due to the limited number of personnel performing administrative functions.
- Recommendation and Response: The Board has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded the related costs versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it would require to establish an adequate segregation.

Questioned costs: <u>\$-0-</u>

#### Section III Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

The District did not receive any federal awards for the year ended December 31, 1998.



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SUMMARY SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

I. Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

1997 - Public Bid Law

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Finding: Support could not be found to indicate advertisement for receipt of sealed bids for a voice recording system (\$18,253).

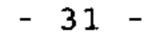
Current status: No items were found in the current year that required bids.

11. Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

The prior year's report did not disclose any findings relative to federal awards.

III. Management Letter

The prior year's report did not include a management letter.



ACADIA PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

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

98-1 Budget Compliance

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Finding: For the year ended December 31, 1998, actual revenues failed to meet budgeted revenues by more than five percent in the Special Revenue Fund.

Response: Although the board amended the budget for 1998, they will make sure that in the future the budget is amended properly.

#### 98-2 <u>Segregation of Duties</u>

Finding: In reviewing the internal control over financial reporting, we noted that there was an inadequate segregation of duties. The general accounting and general ledger function is not separate from custody and control over

- assets.
- Response: The Board has evaluated this inadequacy and concluded that the related costs versus benefits to be achieved does not justify the additional personnel it would require to establish an adequate segregation.

#### Section II. Internal Control and Compliance Material to Federal Awards

The District did not receive any federal awards for the year ended December 31, 1998.

#### Section III. Management Letter

The current years report does not include a management letter.

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