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General Purpose Financial Statements

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

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ACCOUNTANTS' COMPILATION REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission

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

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide and the provisions of state law, we have issued a report, dated June 9, 1999, on the results of our agreed-upon procedures.

Danieron, Wire & Martin

Minden, Louisiana

June 9, 1999

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Board of Commissioners of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission

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

Public Bid Law

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

For the year ended December 31, 1998, no expenditures were made for materials, supplies, or public works that were in violation of the public bid law.

Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees

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

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

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

There were no employees paid during the periods under examination.

the noted information.

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

This agreed-upon procedure is not applicable since there were no employees paid during the periods under examination.

Budgeting

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

Management provided us with a copy of the original 1998 budget. There was one amendment made to the 1998 budget.

6. Traced the budget adoption to the minute book.

We traced the adoption of the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on October 15, 1997, which indicated that the budget had been adopted by the commissioners of Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission. We traced one amendment to the original budget to the minutes of a meeting held on November 16, 1998.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues and expenditures for the year did not exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%, except the expenditures of the General Fund were 24% in excess of amounts budgeted for the year.

Accounting and Reporting

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

We examined supporting documentation for only four of the six selected disbursements. We found that payment for these four items were for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

(b) Determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

We examined supporting documentation for only four of the six selected disbursements. These four items were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) Determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six selected disbursements indicated no approval was received from the Board of Commissioners.

Meetings

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

The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission is only required to post a notice of each meeting and the accompanying agenda on the door of the Commission's office building. Although management has asserted that such documents were properly posted, we could find no evidence supporting such assertion other than an unmarked copy of the notices and agendas.

Debt

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

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

Advances and Bonuses

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

We noted no payments made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts. In addition, a reading of the minutes of the commission for the periods under examination indicated no approval for such payments.

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

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

Jamein, Wire & Montin

Minden, Louisiana June 9, 1999

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE (For Attestation Engagements of Government)

06/16/99 (Date Transmitte	eď)
Jamieson, Wise & Martin 601 Main Street Minden, LA 71055	 _ _ (Auditors)
In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of [d and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the Louisiana make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibilit following laws and regulation and the internal controls over compliance We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulat representations.	a Governmental Audit Guide, we ly for our compliance with the with such laws and regulations.
These representations are based on the information available to us as completion/representations).	of (date of
Public Bid Law	•
It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 3 regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
	Yes [L] No []
Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees	
It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-	e, whether in the form of a service RS 42:1101-1124. Yes [] No []
It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the government under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:11	nmental entity after April 1, 1980
Budgeting	
We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local (
39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.	Yes [UNO[]

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Accounting and Reporting

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:38.

Yes [Wo 1]

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92. as applicable. Yes [No I]

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513-Yes[L]No[]

Meetings

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12. Yes [4 No []

Debt

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louislana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65. Yes [No]

Advances and Bonuses

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII. Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729. Yes [4] No []

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

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the Issuance of your report.

> Secretary_ Treasurer_

President_

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WM. PEARCE JAMIESON, C.P.A. (1891)

MANAGEMENT LETTER

To the Board of Commissioners of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission

We have compiled the financial statements of Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998. The financial statements were compiled in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. In addition, we have performed that agreed-upon procedures, as agreed to by the Commission and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, to the representations contained in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire. Our report on the application of the agreed-upon procedures was performed in accordance with the Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements, issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and applicable provisions of Government Auditing Standards published by the United States Comptroller General.

In addition to our agreed upon procedures, we noted matters concerning the management of the commission that we submit for your consideration.

1. Deposits of public funds

As of December 31, 1998, it was noted that payments to register for a special event held by the Commission were paid for with credit cards. The registration fees paid by credit card were initially deposited to a personal account which was set up to receive credit card payments. It was noted that all payments were later transferred to the Commission's bank account.

We recommend that steps be taken to prevent the deposit of funds for the Webster Parish Convention and Visitor Commission to any account other than an account of the Commission. If the Commission considers credit cards as a viable method of receipt of future payments, then for proper internal controls, we suggest that the Commission consider setting up an account that will receive credit card payments. If an account is not set up for the receiving credit card payments, then we suggest procedures be established to not allow credit card payments to the Commission.

We recommend management address the foregoing issue as an improvement to operations and the administration of public programs. We are available to further explain the suggestions or help implement the recommendations.

Jameson, Wise & Wantin

Minden, LA June 9, 1999

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WEBSTER PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY Minden, Louisiana

Balance Sheet - All Fund Types and Account Groups December 31, 1998

		General Fund	•	Total morandum Only)
Assets:				
Cash	<u>\$</u>	20,287	\$	20,287
Total assets	\$	20,287	\$	20,287
Liabilities and Fund Balance: Fund balance				
Unreserved	\$	20,287	\$	20,287
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$	20,287	\$	20,287

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

WEBSTER PARISH CONVENTION AND VISITORS COMMISSION WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY Minden, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

	Ge	eneral		Total norandum
	<u>Fund</u>		Only)	
Revenues:				
Taxes - Occupancy	\$	38,606	\$	38,606
Intergovernmental revenue		52,126		52,126
Special events		10,062		10,062
Interest		393		393
Miscellaneous revenue	•	76		76
Total revenues		101,263		101,263
Expenditures:				
Operating management fees		54,100		54,100
Tax collection fees		600		600
Travel and seminars		7,866		7,866
Advertising and printing		15,399		15,399
Dues and subcriptions		989		989
Professional fees		1,549		1,549
Special events		12,948		12,948
Miscellaneous		247		247
Total expenditures		93,698		93,698
Excess of revenues over expenditures		7,565		7,565
Fund balance at beginning of year		12,722		12,722
Fund balance at end of year	\$	20,287	\$	20,287

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

WEBSTER PARISH CONVENTION & VISITORS COMMISSION WEBSTER PARISH POLICE JURY Minden, Louisiana

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - Budget (GAAP) and Actual All Governmental Fund Types For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

		General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues:				
Taxes - Occupancy	\$ 40,000	38,606	(1,394)	
Intergovernmental revenue	52,000	52,126	126	
Special events	_	10,062	10,062	
Interest	200	393	193	
Miscellaneous revenue		<u>76</u>	76	
Total revenues	92,200	101,263	9,063	
Expenditures:				
Operating management fees	52,900	54,100	(1,200)	
Audit fees	1,200	1,549	(349)	
Tax collection fees	600	600	_	
Travel and seminars	7,000	7,866	(866)	
Advertising and printing	13,000	15,399	(2,399)	
Dues and subcriptions	650	989	(339)	
Special events	-	12,948	(12,948)	
Miscellaneous	200	247	(47)	
Total expenditures	75,550	93,698	(18,148)	
Excess of revenues over expenditures	16,650	7,565	(9,085)	
Fund balance at beginning of year	12,722	12,722	<u></u>	
Fund balance at end of year	\$ 29,372	20,287	(9,085)	

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1998

INTRODUCTION

The Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission was created by Ordinance No. 859 of Webster Parish Police Jury in May, 1991. The purposes of the Commission are (1) to represent the business and civic community on an organized and non-profit basis for the solicitation and servicing of conventions and for the promotion of visitor activity within the Parish of Webster and (2) to present necessary facilities, equipment, and services to visitors and convention officials.

The governing authority of the Commission is a board of directors composed of seven members who shall serve without compensation. The directors are appointed by the Webster Parish Police Jury from nominations made by various governmental entities and other organizations within the Parish. The Directors are appointed to serve a term of three years.

The accounting and reporting practices of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the industry audit guide, <u>Audits of State and Local Governmental Units</u>, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, and to the applicable Louisiana Revised Statutes.

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

- A. <u>Basis of presentation</u> The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.
- B. <u>Reporting entity</u> The district is a component unit of the Webster Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The police jury is financially accountable for the district because it appoints a voting majority of the board and has the ability to impose its will on them.
 - The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Commission and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise that financial reporting entity.
- C. <u>Fund accounting</u> The accounts of the Webster Parish Convention and Visitors Commission 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, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources

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are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purpose for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The fund presented in the financial statement is described as follows:

General Fund - The General Fund is the general operating fund of the Commission. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

D. <u>Fixed assets and long-term liabilities</u> - Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund when purchased. All fixed assets are stated 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 fund.

At December 31, 1998, there were no fixed assets or long-term liabilities.

E. <u>Basis of accounting</u> - The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the Webster Parish Convention and visitors Commission. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets and expenditures are recognized when the liability occurs.

- F. <u>Budgets and budgetary accounting</u> The commission follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:
 - An annual budget of receipts and expenditures is prepared and adopted by the Board of Commissioners.
 - 2) Each annual budget of the Commission for the next fiscal year is filed with the Webster Parish Police Jury before the beginning of the current fiscal year.
 - The budget for the general fund is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).
 - 4) Appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- G. <u>Cash and cash equivalents</u> For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash and demand deposits. Under state law, the commission may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with state banks

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organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States.

H. <u>Total Columns on Statements</u> - The total columns on the 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.

2. Cash and cash equivalents

At December 31, 1998, the Commission has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$20,287, as follows:

Interest-bearing demand deposits

20,287

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 1998, the district has \$20,287, in collected bank balances. These deposits are secured from risk by \$20,287, of federal deposit insurance.

3. Hotel/Motel Occupancy Taxes

Funds for the Commission are derived from a two-percent (2%) occupancy tax leveled on hotel and motel rooms and over night camp facilities located within the Parish of Webster with the exception of the Methodist Conference Center.

4. Operating Agent

The Minden/South Webster Chamber of Commerce serves as operating agent for the Commission. The Chamber of Commerce is reimbursed for the Commission's share of expenses by a monthly operating management fee. This fee is set by the Commission.

5. Year 2000 Issue

Year 2000 is an issue arising from computers being programmed in prior years to use only two digits (under the assumption that the first two digits would always be 19) to identify the year when processing date-sensitive information. This method of identifying dates could cause problems when processing information with dates in the year 2000 or later. As a result, the systems that use only two digits to identify dates could process data incorrectly or

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stop functioning altogether. The effects of the Year 2000 issue is expected to extend beyond systems that produce financial information. It encompasses all computer systems and any equipment that is dependent on microchip technology.

The execution of activities involving the promotion of visitor services and the solicitation and servicing of conventions generally does not rely directly upon microchip technology, since these services are not automated in nature. However, the effect of the Year 2000 issue upon the Commission's vendors, revenue providers, grantors, and other entities with which it interacts has not been entirely determined. As a result, the effect of any of these entities' noncompliance with the Year 2000 issue upon the Commission has also not been determined.

For the year ended December 31, 1998, the Webster Parish Convention and Visitor Commission incurred no remediation costs concerning the Year 2000 issue. No significant loss due to impairment of equipment that is not Year 2000 compliant was recognized for the year ended December 31, 1998.

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Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

The following serve on the Board of Commissioners without compensation:

Gail Kennon
Anthony Manuel
Ann Demaline
Commissioner

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Summary Schedule of Prior Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Agreed-upon procedures findings

97-1 - Budgeting

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FYE finding initially occurred - 12/31/97

Finding - Actual revenues and expenditures exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Planned Corrective Action - Management intends to monitor revenues and expenditures more closely in order to make necessary amendments to the budget for unfavorable variances noted, as required by LSA-RS 39:1310.

Corrective Action Taken - Partially. During 1998, management made an effort to monitor and amend the budget as needed. However, in 1998, actual expenditures in the General Fund exceeded budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

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Minden, Louisiana
Corrective Action Plan for Current Year Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Agreed-upon procedures findings

The following details indicate management's response to the findings noted as a result of performing agreed-upon procedures on management's representations contained in the Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire:

98-1 - FINDING: Budgeting

Actual expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

Management's response:

Management intends to monitor revenues and expenditures more closely in order to make necessary amendments to the budget for unfavorable variances noted, as required by LSA-RS 39:1310.

98-2 - FINDING: Accounting & Reporting

No supporting documentation found for two of six selected disbursements. No formal approval found on any of the six selected disbursements.

Management's response:

Management intends to obtain supporting documentation and proper approval for all disbursements made by the Commission.

98-3 - FINDING: Deposits of public funds

As of December 31, 1998, it was noted that payments to register for a special event held by the Commission were paid for with credit cards. These registration fees paid by credit card were initially deposited to a personal account which was set up to receive credit card payments. It was noted that all payments were later transferred to the Commission's bank account.

Management's response:

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Management intends to address the issue of setting up an account of the Commission to receive credit card payments.