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**EAST FELICIANA PARISH ASSESSOR
CLINTON, LOUISIANA**

**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

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Release Date: JUL 08 1998

PHIL T. GRAHAM

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

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 CLINCH, LOUISIANA
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June 29, 1998

Independent Auditor's Report

Honorable Holice T. Jackson, Jr.
East Feliciana Parish Assessor
Clinton, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor as of December 31, 1997, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall component unit financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated June 29, 1998, on my consideration of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor as of December 31, 1997, and the results of operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.



GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
(OVERVIEW)

EAST LOUISIANA PARISH ASSessor
CLAYTON, LOUISIANA
BALANCE SHEET-ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 1997

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE GENERAL FUNDS	ACCOUNT GROUP GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	TOTAL MEMORANDUM ONLY
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 110,463		\$ 110,463
Revenues receivable:			
Assessor's compensation	266,036		266,036
Ad valorem taxes	266,772		266,772
State revenue sharing	57,991		57,991
Office furnishings and equipment		\$ 25,785	\$ 25,785
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 701,262	\$ 25,785	\$ 727,047
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY			
Liabilities:			
Due to:			
Other governments	189,718		189,718
Total Liabilities	189,718		189,718
Fund Equity:			
Investment in general fixed assets		25,785	25,785
Fund balances:			
Unreserved-undesignated	511,543		511,543
Total Fund Equity	511,543	25,785	537,328
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ 701,262	\$ 25,785	\$ 727,047

See accompanying notes and accountant's report

EAST FLOUJIANA PARISH ASSessor
CLINTON, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1991

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>
REVENUES	
Intergovernmental revenues:	
compensation from taxing bodies	\$ 266,036
Ad Valorem taxes	281,873
State revenue sharing	66,986
Other revenues:	
Administrative services	1,254
Total revenues	<u>\$ 616,149</u>
EXPENDITURES	
General governmental - taxation:	
Personal services and related benefits	289,285
Operating services	1,596
Office supplies and expense	12,896
Travel expense	4,619
Total expenditures	<u>308,396</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	307,753
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>84,311</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$ 511,543

see accompanying notes and accountant's report

EAST FELICIANA PARISH ASSessor
CLIFTON, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
BUDGET (BASE BASIS) AND ACTUAL
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2002

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>VARIANCE</u> <u>FAVORABLE</u> <u>(UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental Revenues:			
Compensation from taxing bodies	\$ 280,000	\$ 280,000	0
Ad valorem taxes	281,433	281,433	0
State revenue sharing	0	84,000	\$ 84,000
Use of Money and Property:			
Interest earnings	1,000	0	(1,000)
Other revenues:			
Administrative services	1,000	1,350	350
Total revenues	<u>563,433</u>	<u>646,823</u>	<u>83,390</u>
EXPENDITURES			
General governmental - taxation:			
Personal services and related benefits:			
Salaries:			
Assessor	60,000	60,000	0
Deputy and others	100,000	100,140	(140)
Employee group insurance	30,000	30,300	1,700
Employee retirement	0,000	0,240	(240)
Employee medicare	2,500	1,990	500
Operating services:			
Association dues	2,000	947	1,053
Security bond	0	250	(250)
Professional services	2,000	1,000	1,000
Office expenses and supplies:			
Office expense	10,000	8,499	4,301
Miscellaneous	10,000	40	9,960
Assessor's allowance	0,000	0,000	0
Travel	7,000	4,620	2,380
Capital outlay	20,000	0	20,000
Total Expenditures	<u>242,000</u>	<u>256,236</u>	<u>14,236</u>

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See accompanying notes and accountant's report

EAST FELICIANA PARISH ASSOCIATION
CLERMONT, LOUISIANA
 STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND
 CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
 BUDGET (BASED BASIS) AND ACTUAL
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1987
 (CONTINUED)

	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
<u>EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES</u>	\$ 308,488	\$ 427,432	\$ 118,944
<u>FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR</u>	<u>88,111</u>	<u>84,133</u>	<u>0</u>
<u>FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR</u>	<u>\$ 396,579</u>	<u>\$ 511,565</u>	<u>\$ 114,986</u>

See accompanying notes and accountant's report

**EAST FELICIANA PARISH ASSESSOR
CLINTON, LOUISIANA
NOTE TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1997**

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article VII, Section 24 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Assessor is elected by the voters of the parish and serves a four-year term. The Assessor assesses all real and movable property in the parish, subject to ad valorem taxation. The Assessor is authorized to appoint as many deputies as may be necessary for the efficient operation of the office and provide assistance to the taxpayers of the parish. The deputies are authorized to perform all functions of the office, but the Assessor is officially and pecuniarily responsible for the actions of the deputies.

The Assessor's office is located in Clinton, Louisiana. The Assessor employs four employees, including two deputies. In accordance with Louisiana law, the Assessor issues real and movable property assessments on conditions existing on January 1, of the tax year. The Assessor completes an assessment listing by May 1, of the tax year and submits the list to the parish governing authority and the Louisiana Tax Commission, as prescribed by law. Once the assessment listing is approved, the Assessor submits the assessment roll to the parish tax collector, who is responsible for the collection and distribution of taxes to the various taxing bodies.

At December 31, 1997, there are 21,707 real property and movable property assessments totaling \$48,008,358 and \$21,809,500, respectively. This represents an increase of 194 assessments totaling \$2,348,488 over the prior year, due primarily to the reassessment of land and public utilities.

NOTE #1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for established governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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B. REPORTING ENTITY

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

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

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

Because the Police Jury maintains and operates the parish Police Jury office in which the Assessor's office is located and provides funds for equipment and furniture of

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the Assessor's office, the Assessor was determined to be a component unit of the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the Assessor 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 the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Assessor 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 relating to certain governmental 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.

Funds of the Assessor are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the Assessor's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies and the acquisition of general fixed assets. Governmental funds of the Assessor include:

General Fund - the General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1806, is the principal fund of the Assessor and accounts for the operation of the Assessor's office. Compensation received from the various taxing bodies, prescribed by formula in Louisiana Revised Statutes 47:1807-1808 is accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied

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to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The general fund is 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. The operating statement of the General Fund presents increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the General Fund. The General Fund uses the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Compensation from taxing bodies is recorded in the year ad valorem taxes are assessed. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and are due on November 15 of each year. The compensation is generally received in December of the current year and January and February of the ensuing year.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when earned and available.

Other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

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

B. BUDGET PRACTICES

The Assessor prepares a budget at the beginning of each year based upon prior year expenditures and anticipated revenues for the budget year. The proposed budget is prepared on a modified accrual basis of accounting and is made available for public inspection no later than 15 days prior to the beginning of the budgeted year. The budget is then formally adopted by the Assessor prior to the beginning of the budgeted year. All appropriations lapse at year end. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1828, the Assessor carries forward into subsequent years any unexpended appropriation.

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Formal budget integration (within the accounting system) is not employed as a management control device. During the fiscal year, actual revenues and expenditures are compared to budgeted revenues and expenditures by the Assessor. If actual total revenues are falling short of budgeted total revenues by five per cent or more, or if actual total expenditures to date plus projected expenditures for the remainder of the year exceed the budgeted total expenditures by five per cent or more, the original budget is amended by the Assessor. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent amendments.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the Assessor may deposit funds within 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 Assessor may invest in certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 1987, the Assessor has a cash balance totaling \$110,443.

deposits by the Assessor are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be insured 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 deposits are held in the name of the pledging fiscal bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash (bank balances) at December 31, 1987, are secured as follows:

Bank Balance	<u>\$ 110,443</u>
Federal Deposit Insurance	<u>2,100,000</u>
Unsecured Balance	<u>2,12,882</u>

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G. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets used in governmental fund operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in the governmental funds. General fixed assets provided by the parish Police Jury are recorded within the Assessor's general fixed assets account group. Fixed assets are valued at historical cost. No depreciation has been provided on fixed assets. The account group is not a fund. It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

H. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

Employees earn from one to four weeks of vacation leave each year depending on length of service. Vacation leave cannot be accumulated. Employees are allowed seven days sick leave per year which cannot be accumulated. At December 31, 1997, there are no accumulated and vested benefits that require disclosure to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

I. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from the General Fund are reported in the general long-term obligations account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the General Fund when due.

There are no long-term obligations at December 31, 1997.

J. FUND EQUITY

1. Reserves - reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriate for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use.
2. Designated Fund Balance - designated fund balance represents tentative plans for future use of financial resources.
3. Fund Balance - unreserved, undesignated fund balance has a balance of \$511,543.

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K. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

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.

NOTE #2: LEVIED TAXES

The following public service businesses are the principal taxpayers for the parish:

<u>TAXPAYER</u>	<u>Assessed Valuation</u>	<u>Percentage of Total Assessed Valuation</u>
Colonial Pipeline	\$ 7,556,565	13%
Transcontinental	3,861,580	6%
Atalapp/MSU	3,727,820	6%
Dinic Electric	1,770,380	3%
Texasco Pipeline	1,770,520	3%
Bell South Telecom	1,306,350	2%
Misco, Inc.	976,500	2%
Marathon Pipeline	780,800	1%
Hawco Manufacturing	684,750	1%
Felicians Bank & Trust	<u>602,820</u>	<u>1%</u>
Total	<u>\$ 22,862,210</u>	<u>100%</u>

NOTE #3: CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets (office furnishings and equipment) follows:

Balance, January 1, 1997	\$ 26,180
Additions	-0-
Deductions	<u>0</u>
Balance, December 31, 1997	<u>\$ 26,180</u>

NOTE #4: PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisiana Assessors

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Retirement System. (System), a multiple-employer (cost-sharing), public employee retirement system (PERRO), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees.

All full-time employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment and are not drawing retirement benefits from any other public retirement system in Louisiana are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service or at or after age 60 with at least 30 years of creditable service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 1 percent of their final-average salary for each year of credited service, not to exceed 100 per cent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 10 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 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 System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Assessor's Retirement System, Post Office Box 1784, Shreveport, Louisiana 71165-1784, or calling (318) 425-4444.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 7.0 percent of their annual covered salary and the East Feliciana Parish Assessor is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 8.0 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System include one-fourth of one per cent (one per cent for Orleans Parish) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish, plus revenue sharing funds appropriated by the legislature. The contribution requirements of plan members and the East Feliciana Parish Assessor are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 11:109, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior

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fiscal year. The East Feliciana Parish Assessor's contributions to the System for the years ending December 31, 1987, 1988, and 1989, were \$20,878, \$14,288, and \$14,062, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

NOTE 15: POST-RETIREMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

The East Feliciana Parish Assessor provides continuing health care benefits for its retired employees. Substantially all of the Assessor's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the Assessor. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through an insurance company whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employees and the Assessor. The Assessor recognizes the cost of providing these benefits, \$4,982, as an expenditure when paid during the year.

NOTE 16: EXPENDITURES OF THE ASSESSOR NOT DECLARED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Certain operating expenditures of the Assessor's office are paid by the Parish Police Jury as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4713. These expenditures are summarized as follows and are not included in the accompanying financial statements:

Office utilities	\$ 2,882
Equipment rental and supplies	<u>18,078</u>
Total	<u>\$ 20,960</u>

NOTE 17: LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

There is no litigation pending against the Assessor's office as December 31, 1987.

NOTE 18: DEB TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS

As of December 31, 1987, the Assessor had loans payable to the East Feliciana Parish Police Jury and School Board in the amount of \$28,458 and \$161,269, respectively. These loans were liquidated in January, 1988.

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June 19, 1998

Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards

Honorable Wallace T. Jackson
East Feliciana Parish Assessor
Clinton, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the East Feliciana Parish Assessor, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1997. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the East Feliciana Parish Assessor's general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the East Feliciana Parish Assessor's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial

EXHIBIT A

Honorable Holies T. Jackson
June 28, 1958

statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. 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 general purpose 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record as its distribution is not limited.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be 'H. T. Jackson', is written in the lower right quadrant of the page.

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