

ST. HELENA PARISH ASSESSOR Greenburg, Loubinus

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND AUDITOR'S REPORTS

December 31, 1997

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Greenburg, Louisiana For the Year Ended December 31, 1997

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Wesley Blades St. Holosa Parish Assessor

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We have audited the accompanying general purpose functial statements of St. Helena Parish. Amenor, Greenburg, Louiston, a component unit of St. Helena Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year eddel Documber 31, 1997, as East in the table of contents. Those general purpose function temporals are for crossability of the St. Helena Parish Assessor. Our representability is to conven

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In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements, referred to above, present faithy, in all material respects, the financial position of \$0. Helma Farish Assessor's office as of December 31, 1997, and the results of its operations for the year than model in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

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Georabusg, Louisiana, a component unit of 5t. Helena Parish Paleo Jury, as of and for the year ended December 53, 1997, and have issued our super thermo- dated June 19, 1998. We have conducted our stalls in accordance with geometry accepted satisfies justedards and Generatural Arishing Georgeoic, issued by the Computation George of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining measurable sussence shout whether St. Belows Poids Automore's general purpose financial substancia are two of statestic instancianes; we prefer too since it's complication of the provision of lons, regulations, contacts and guidats, necessignment which levels locally have a direct and quantities of the color administration of the most internet assents. However, pursualizing modelates on compliance with these precisions we need on objective of or sold and, recoveringly, we do as requirement as an application. The measure of core made finally administracered by the properties of the properties

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December 31, 1997 (With comparative totals for December 21, 1996)

	Fund - General Durel	Fixed Assets	(Mersonene 1997	ni Iora Only)
ASSETS				
Cosh and cash equivalents	\$40,028	_	\$40,026	\$53,007
	50,000		\$50,000	
Ad volumen taxes receivable	197,275		197,275	197,494
Other receivables				10,000
	1,000			
Office funishings and equipment		\$71,229	71,329	71,322
TOTAL ASSETS	\$200,303	\$71,220	\$359,622	\$302,760
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY				
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Accounts provide	51,241	-	\$1,341	\$619

2.09 Total Liabilities 2,420 - 2,420 819 Equity:

Total Equity 264,803 71,329 359,212 331,941 \$255,305 \$71,009 \$359,602

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

ST. HELEKA PARISH ASSESSOR STATEMENT OF REVENUES INVESTMENT AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE. For the Year Caded December 31, 1997 (With comparative totals for December 31, 1990)

General Fund

\$284.883 \$268.612

State revenue sharing Pregaration of tax moniots Use of orposty and money - interest comings Macellaneous Total Revenues 224.283

Coneral government: Personal services and related benefits Total Fanandhams EXCESS IDEFICIENCY OF REVENUES OVER

FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR

EXPENDITURES.

See accompanying notes to financial statements.

STATEMENT OF REVEN CHANGES IN FUND BAL	UDS, EXPENDITURES AN ANCE - BUDGET AND AC
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Use of property and money - interest earnings Total Revenues

General government:

PUMD BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR

See accompanying notes to Snancini statements.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial stationness of the St. Holena paties Assessor have been plaquard in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (CAVE) as applied to governmental units. The Convernmental Accepting Stationards Desard (CAVE) is the accepted statisfied ording body for establishing governmental accepting statisfied principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing wallowing of the pariet, for reporting purposes, the St. Helman Parish Politics year, in the Staushing Importing settly for St. Helman Parish. The feweristin reporting entity consists of the (a) if the primary government (police) year, (b) coprelations for which the pirmany government is flassessistly accessables, and other operations of the proportional control of the propo

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C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The assessor used fixeds 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 all filteractal management by regregating transactions relating to artists operatment funditions or adulting.

A fails is a separate accounting empty with a ser-oranizing serior accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a firmfold importing device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the finish because they do not directly affect net expendable mostable financial resource.

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Funds of the assessor are dissilled as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the assessor's peneral activities, including the collection and collections are destinated or productions.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Conference)

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The General Fund, supposited by Lossians Reviews Statute 47:1005, is beginning in find of the assessor and accorate for the operation of the assessor's officer. Companisation received from the various briefly today, personable by formalia in Lossianse Rovinedi Estatute 47:1907-1906, and and valorers becomes authorized by Act 556 of 1969, is accounted for in this Act. Contract operating suppositions are past from this band.

General Floxic Assets Account Group

occurried for in the percent fixed assets account group, where then in the governmental fact. I had asset are valued at historical cost or stational historical cost if historical cost is not available. No depreciation has been provided on general flood assets.

The account group is not a fixed. His concerned only with the measurement.

of financial position and does not involve measurement of results of operations.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTS

The accounting and finencial reporting involunct applied to a land is determined by its measurement focus. The General Plant is accounted for using a current financial occurrent presentation, and control financial occurrent presentations, and control financial occurrent presentations, and control financial occurrent presents and control financial control financial control financial f

Revenues

Ad valorem toxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 50 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. They are necessed when assessed.

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in the year aid valorem taxes are assessed. The compensation is generally received

State Powerum Sharing authorized by Act 37 of 1994, is disbursed by the State no due dates exists for receipt of these payments from the Shoriff, they are recorded

Interest income on demand deposits is recorded when the interest is earned and Penervitures

Expenditures, including all salaries, office supplies and capital outby are convenily

properties under the modified account basis of accounting when the related fund

E. BUDGET

The assessor prepares a budget at the beginning of each calendar/fiscal year based upon prior year expenditures and anticipated inversions for the budget year The received hardest seen received on the startified account basis (CAAP) of formely adopted by the Assessor on December 20, 1996. The amended backet was formally adjusted on Decomber 8, 1997. All appropriations labor at year end

Formal budget integration (within the accounting system) is not employed as a management control device. During the frical year, actual revenues and expenditures are compared to budgeted revenues and expenditures by the or more or if actual expensions to date plus projected expensions for the remainder of the year access the budgeted expenditures by five percent of more. accompanying financial statements include the original adopted budget and all subsequent proordments.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and many market accounts. Under state line, the assessor may deposit fausts in demand deposits, retermed several deposits, retermed bearing demand deposits, money stated accounts, or firm deposits with date banks organized under Louisians law and national banks.

Under state line, the assessor may invest in United Statics bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. Those are disselled as investments if their original maturalies occed (O disys; however, if the original maturalies are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. Investments are stated at cost.

G. FIXED ASSETS Proof proof are recorded as expenditures of the time numbered, and the related

ossets are sported in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost. H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The assessor has the following policy relating to vacation and sick leave:

All felicities are drawn of the sessence's office arendones 10 to 15 days of countries

loave each year, depending on their length of service. Vacation leave current be accumulated. All full-firms employees aren 12 days of sick leave each year, not to exceed a currulative total of 30 days. Sick leave lepses at termination of employment. At December 31, 1997, there is no unused vacation leave.

The cost of current leave privileges, computed in accordance with GAS codification Section CEO is recognized as a current year expenditure in the General Fund when leaves in a reliable form.

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Greenburg, Louisiana NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Conference)

1 TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

The total columns on the statements are captioned Morrosanders Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operation in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such size companied to an opposituation.

TAYABLE PROPERTIES AND LEWED TAYES

Total totable property valuation was \$26,444,360 for the year ended December 31, 1997, a december of \$19,980 of property value from 1990. The authorized millage of 7.45 was locked in 1997, the same millage as locked in 1900. The following are the principal torpreses for the pasish (amounts expressed in thousands):

Texpeyer	Type of Dusiness	1996 Assessed Valuation	Percentage of Yotal Assessed Yakatifon
Transcentinental Gas Pipe-			
line Corporation	Pyblio USBy	\$3,716	14.0
Century Telephone	Public Utility	2,528	9.5
	Timber Company		7.7
			7.4
	Public UWW		6.1
	Energy Company		4.3
Wave hasser Company	Timber Company	1,067	4.0
Colonial Pipeline Company	Public Utility	946	3.6
Bank of Greensburg	Bank	941	36
		\$,20,738	_28.4

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Confinent)

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1997, the assessor has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) staling \$40,000, as follows:

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Even though the pledged securities are considered secolitisation and under the provisions of GAS Statement 1, containes Merked Statute Stat (25th imposes a statute) requirement on the custodial bank to advection and roll the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the assessor that the fluoril agent has fielded to pay deposited funds specified demand.

4. OTHER RECEIVABLES

At December 31, 1956, the assessor, Mr. Phillips, owed the Conomi Fund \$10,000 for a payment he made to Levis Ungledy for legal services. This receivable was paid in October, 1997, by Mr. Phillips and Mr. Ungledy. There was no balance secruted in Other Receivables as of Discember 31, 1997.

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Generatury, Louisiana NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)

5. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

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

6. PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the SL Nation Parish Assessor's office are members of the Louisians Assessor's Politiceant System (System), a suffice employer consistentially, public employee effectivent system (PERS), controlled and administrated by a separate board of trustees.

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The synthesi issued on annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Syntem. That report may be obtained by writing to the Logistone Assessment Parkineser (System, Post Office Box 1766, Shreesegort, Locisiama 71165-1755, or by calling (316) 425-4446.

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7. DEASES

The Assessor had one operating lease for an outo as of December 31, 1996, in the amount of \$543 per morath. This lease was terminated during 1997.

8. EXPENDITURES NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The St. Helene Parish Police Jury pays all utility expenses for the Assessor's office and those expenses are not included in the accompanying financial statements. The St. Helens Parish Assessor has determined this amount to be immotival to the operation of the assessor's office.

9. LITIGATION

There is no obligation pending against the assessor's office at December 31, 1997.

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Fiscal Year

Described	Description of Finding	Corrective Action Taken	Gerrective Action Taken
12/31/96	There was an absence of appropriate segregation of duties consistent with appropriate control objectives.	Partially	W. Blades, elected Assessor during 1997, is in the process of reorganizing staff and office procedures.
1201/96	Certain expensitures were not properly documented, i.e., credit certi charges, telephone, and travel,	Portolly	New America has decreased these occurrences dramatically since he took office.
12/31/06	Lack of documentation or understanding of the duties and responsibilities of staff	Yes	Procedures and policy manual has been set up, including job descriptions and duties detailed. All staff continues and detailed.

12/31/95 Assessor's 10% salary Yes palary was included in touchte weeks for 1967. 12/31/96 Travel and business A few ideas existed of hereinous

expenditures were not of 1997 Judges W. Plinter from office. Berry are now revealed 12/35/96 Contracted staff click cod house Job descriptions and duties are

now documented, along with accromists W-4 and W-9 forms.

Plarated Corrective

versus "employee."

CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1567

Description of Finding	Corrective Action Planned	Name of Contact Person	Anticipated Completion Date

control structure.

Several distansement Bons, No invoice or reinbursement Wealey Blades January, 1995

Bank reconciliations are being nesh reconciliations to insure the segregation of cludes within the soccurring staff. She will perform review and approval clubies for daily accounting

Under the old administration. month's payroll two weeks early. No compensation is paid in on a consistent basis, which is in advance to ANY exceluses

dak empassing and delegration Insurant office.

The Chief Dengty will propore. Wesley Blades. May, 1966.

The new Assessor has taken. Worsley Rhaden. January, 1900.

The Assessor will review all Wesley Stades Decomber, 1966