CITY COURT OF EUNICE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Terry Hoychick, Judge Eunice City Court Eunice, Louisiana 70535

Report on Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Eunice City Court, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free of material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not

for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities of the Eunice City Court, as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, thereof for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison and pension information listed in the table of contents be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide an assurance.

The Eunice City Court has omitted management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Eunice City Court's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and the judicial system

funding schedule, as listed in the table of contents, as required by the State of Louisiana, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to agency head, and the judicial system funding schedule, is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the schedule of compensation, benefits and other payments and the judicial system funding schedule is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated December 27, 2021, on our consideration of the Eunice City Court's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Eunice City Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Vige, Tujague & Noël Eunice, Louisiana December 27, 2021

GOVERNMENT WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

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CITY COURT OF EUNICE Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021

ASSETS

Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 121,593
Accounts Receivable	60,279
Total Current Assets	181,872
Non-Current Assets:	70.001
Furniture and Fixtures, Net	72,394
Total Non-Current Assets	72,394
Total Assets	254,266
DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions	51,291
LIABILITIES	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	1,076
Accrued Wages	12,540
Payroll Taxes Payable	4,873
Accrued Compensated Absences	5,778
Due to Other Government Agencies	60,599
Due to Other Funds	315
Total Current Liabilities	85,181
Longterm Liabilities:	
Due in More than One Year - Net Pension Liability	221,654
Total Liabilities	306,835
DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions	7,518
NET POSITION	
Invested in Capital Assets,	
Net of Related Debt	72,394
Unrestricted	(81,190)
Total Net Position	\$ (8,796)

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

		Progra	m Revenue	Reve	Expenses) nues and Net Position
	Expenses	Charges for Services	Capital and Operating Grant		rnmental tivities
Governmental Activities: General Government	\$ 561,888	\$ 593,887	<u> </u>		31,999
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 561,888	\$ 593,887	<u> </u>		31,999
5	eneral Revenue Other Income Investment E otal General Re	e amings			34,350 72 34,422
C	hange in Net P	osition			66,421
Ν	let Position - Ju	ine 30, 2020			(75,217)
N	let Position - Ju	ine 30, 2021		\$	(8,796)

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Balance Sheet Governmental Fund June 30, 2021

ASSETS

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Currents Assets	
Cash	\$ 121,593
Accounts Receivable	60,279
Total Current Assets	181,872
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE	
Current Liabilities:	
Accounts Payable	\$ 1,076
Accrued Wages	12,540
Payroll Taxes Payable	4,873
Accrued Compensated Absences	5,778
Due to Other Government Agencies	60,599
Due to Other Funds	315
Total Current Liabilities	85,181
Fund Balance:	
Unassigned	96,691
Total Fund Balance	96,691
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	\$ 181,872

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet To the Statement of Net Position June 30, 2021

Total Fund Balance for Governmental Funds at June 30, 2021		\$ 96,691
Total Net Position reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Net Position is different because:		
Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not Financial Resources and, therefore, are not Reported in the Funds. Those Assets consist of: Furniture and Fixtures, Net of \$65,932 Accumulated Depreciation		72,394
General long term debt of governmental activities is not payable from current resources and not reported in the funds: Net Pension Liability Deferred Outflows of Resources Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$ (221,654) 51,291 (7,518)	 (177,881)
Total Net Position of Governmental Activities at June 30, 2021		 (8,796)

CITY COURT OF EUNICE

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance - General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Revenues	
Court Fees	\$ 376,282
Less: Amounts Paid to other Government Agencies	(148,468)
Net Court Fees Earned	227,814
Interest Earned	72
Probation and Supervision Fees	110,161
On Behalf Payments	255,912
Other Income	34,350
Total Revenues	628,309
Expenditures	
Salaries and Related Benefits	
Salaries	335,220
Payroll Taxes and Retirement	106,421
Contracted Services	
Legal and Accounting	6,271
Dues and Subscriptions	13,251
Materials and Supplies	
Office Supplies	24,594
Other	
Repairs and Maintenance	14,614
Miscellaneous	7,738
Seminars	505
NSF Checks Paid	12,923
Training	6,312
Insurance	43,986
Total Expenditures	571,835
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	56,474
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	40,217
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 96,691

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Reconciliation of Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Total net changes in fund balance at June 30, 2021 per statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance		\$ 56,474
The change in net assets reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities is different because:		
 Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. Capital outlay which is considered expenditures on the statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance Depreciation expense for the year ended June 30, 2021 	\$ (25,150)	(25,150)
Net effect of pension liability recognition		35,097
Total changes in net position at June 30, 2021 per statement of activities		\$ 66,421

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Fiduciary Fund - Civil Fund Statement of Fiduciary Net Position June 30, 2021

	Custodial
Assets	Fund
Cash	\$ 20,807
Total Assets	20,807
Liabilities	
Deposits - Civil Suits	20,807
Total Liabilities	20,807
Net Position	
Restricted for:	
Civil Suits	
Total Net Position	\$ -

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CITY COURT OF EUNICE Fiduciary Fund - Civil Fund Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	С	ustodial Fund
Additions		
Contributions		
Civil deposits	\$	103,974
Total contributions		103,974
Total additions		103,974
Deductions		
Fees		73,442
Payroll and benefits		7,174
Training		6,312
Miscellaneous		17,046
Total deductions		103,974
Net increase (decrease) in fiduciary net position		-
Net position, beginning		-
Net position, ending	\$	-

INTRODUCTION

The City Court of Eunice, Louisiana was established under the Authority contained in R.S. 13:1872. The City Judge serves a six year term and is elected from Ward 6 of St. Landry Parish, which includes the City of Eunice, Louisiana. The Court presides over civil and criminal cases in Ward 6. It also has five employees.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of the City Court of Eunice, Louisiana have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America 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. GAAP includes all GASB pronouncements.

B. Reporting Entity

GASB Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the primary government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criterion includes:

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the primary government 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 primary government.
- 2. Organizations for which the primary government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the primary government.
- 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.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The criteria for determining whether an entity is a primary government are as follows:

- a. It has a separately elected governing body.
- b. It is legally separate.
- c. It is fiscally independent of other state and local governments.

City Court of Eunice, Louisiana is considered to be the primary government because:

- a. The city Judge is an independently elected official.
- b. City Court of Eunice possesses the corporate powers that would distinguish it as being legally separate from any other government.
- c. City Court of Eunice can set rates or changes without approval of any other government and it can issue bonded debt without approval of any other government.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the City Court and do not present information on other governmental units.

C. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the City Court as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the City Court. Information contained in these statements reflects the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

The statement of activities presents a comparison between direct expenses and program revenues for the City Court's governmental activities. Direct expenses are those that are specifically associated with a program or function and, therefore, are clearly identifiable to a particular function. Program revenues include (a) fees and charges paid by the recipients of services offered by the City Court, and (b) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirement of a particular program. Revenues that are not classified as program revenues are presented as general revenues.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

The City Court uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain City Court functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. The various funds of the City Court are classified into two categorics: governmental and fiduciary. The emphasis on fund financial statements is on major funds, each displayed in a separate column. A fund is considered major if it is the primary operating fund of the City Court or its total assets, liabilities, revenues, or expenditures of the individual governmental fund is at least 10 percent of the corresponding total for all governmental funds. The governmental fund of the City Court is considered to be a major fund. The funds of the City Court are described below:

Governmental Fund -

General Fund- This fund is the primary operating fund of the City Court and it accounts for the operations of the City Court's office. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to City Court policy.

Fiduciary Fund -

These funds are used to account for assets held by the City Court as an agent for individuals, private organizations, other governments, and/or other funds. Custodial funds are used to report activities activities carried out exclusively for the benefit of those outside of the government. The City Court operates one custodial fund, the Civil Fund.

D. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met. Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the current fiscal period. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Court's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Interest associated with the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual and has been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government or collected within 60 days.

E. Budgetary Accounting

The City Court is legally required to prepare a budget. The budget is prepared and adopted prior to the beginning of each fiscal year and amended prior to year end.

F. Compensated Absences

Employees of the Eunice City Court are allowed 12 days of sick leave per year. Any sick leave not taken by an employee is paid to that employee by December 31. Each employee is also allowed one to three weeks of vacation depending on years of service. Any vacation days not taken by December 31, are paid to that employee.

G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include furniture, fixtures, and equipment, are reported in the governmental activities columns of the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. The City Court maintains a threshold level of \$1,500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is recorded as an allocated expense in the statement of activities, with accumulated depreciation reflected in the statement of net position. Depreciation is provided over the assets estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The range of estimated useful lives by type of asset is as follows:



NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Furniture	5-10 years
Equipment	5-10 years

In the fund financial statements, capital assets used in government fund operations are accounted for as capital outlay expenditures of the governmental fund upon acquisition.

H. Equity Classifications

In the government-wide statements, equity is classified as net position and displayed in three components:

- 1. <u>Invested in capital assets, net of related debt</u> Consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowing that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- 2. <u>Restricted net position</u> Consist of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups, such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 3. <u>Unrestricted net position</u> All other net position that do not meet the definition of "restricted" or "invested in capital assets, net of related debt."

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amount for five classifications of fund balances based on the constraints imposed on the use of these resources. The nonspendable fund balance classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either (a) not in spendable form – prepaid items or inventories; or (b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

The spendable portion of the fund balance comprises the remaining for classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

- <u>Restricted fund balance</u>. This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either (a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 2. <u>Committed fund balance</u>. These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions or ordinances of the Judge the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts

NOTE 1 SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Judge removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment. This classification also includes contractual obligations to the extent that existing resources in the fund have been specifically committed for use in satisfying those contractual requirements.

- 3. <u>Assigned fund balance.</u> This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the Court's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. The City Court of Eunice and the Judge have the authority to assign amounts to be used for specific purposes. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.
- 4. <u>Unassigned fund balance</u>. This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

When an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted fund balance is available, the Court considers restricted funds to have been used first. When an expenditure is incurred for which committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available, the Court considers the amounts to have been spent first out of committed funds, then assigned funds, and finally unassigned funds, as needed, unless the Court has provided otherwise in its commitment or assignment actions.

1. Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources

The statement of financial position will often report a separate section for deferred outflows and (or) inflows of financial resources. Deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense/expenditures) until then. Deferred inflows of resources represent an acquisition of a net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time.

All of the Court's deferred outflows and inflows of resources on the statement of net position are related to pensions. See pension Note 7.

J. Pensions

The Court is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit plans as described in Note 7. For purposes of measuring the net pension liability, deferred outflow of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of each of the plans, and additions to/deductions from the plans' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plans. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized

when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

K. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Program Revenues:

Program revenues consist of fees, fines, and charges for services related to governmental fund activities.

Expenditures/Expenses:

In the government-wide financial statements, expenses are classified by function for governmental activities. In the fund financial statements, expenditures are classified by character.

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report expenditures of financial resources.

L. Fund Deficit:

As a result of the implementation of GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, the unrestricted net position resulted in a deficit of \$8,796. Net position was significantly affected by the recognition of the deferred outflow and inflow of resources and the net pension liability. The judge is studying ways to increase revenues and decrease expenses to correct this deficit.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The cash and cash equivalents of the City Court of Eunice are subject to the following risk:

Custodial Credit Risk: Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the City Court of Eunice will not be able to recover its deposits. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) 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 or exceed 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. Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the Court that the fiscal agent bank has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the Court's name.

NOTE 2 CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS (Continued)

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and savings accounts. The cash balance is covered by Federal Deposit Insurance. Cash and cash equivalents include those investments purchased with original maturities of 90 days or less. The balance of cash at June 30, 2021 is recorded in the amount of \$142,400, which includes \$20,807 of civil fund deposits.

NOTE 3 ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

Accounts receivable represents fines that are assessed but have not been collected until 60 days after the year end. The balance of accounts receivable at June 30, 2021 is recorded in the amount of \$60,279. Since this amount was collected the allowance for doubtful accounts is -0-.

NOTE 4 CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the year ended June 30, 2021 was as follows:

Furniture and Equipment	
Balance, 7/01/2020	\$ 138,327
Additions	in The
Deletions	
Balance, 6/30/2021	138,327
Less Accumulated Depreciation	
Balance, 7/01/2020	40,783
Additions	25,150
Deletions	<u> </u>
Balance, 6/30/2021	65,933
Governmental Activities.	
Capital Assets, Net	\$ 72,394

The land and building in which the City Court operates is owned by the City of Eunice.

NOTE 5 OTHER SUPPORT / CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The City Court receives other support from the City of Eunice. In addition to office space, the City of Eunice provides utilities, janitorial, telephone, payroll support and other expenditures. All court cases arise within Ward 6 of St. Landry Parish Louisiana.

NOTE 6 ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America that requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results could differ from those estimates

NOTE 7 PENSION PLANS

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Descriptions:

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

During the year ended June 30, 2015, the City Court adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System prepares their employer schedules in accordance with the Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68 – Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. GASB Statement No. 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources and expenses. It provides methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. It also provides methods to calculate participating employer's proportionate share of net pension liability, deferred inflows, deferred outflows, pension expense and amortization for deferred inflows and deferred outflows.

For purposes of measuring the Net Pension Liability, deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions, and pension expense, information about the fiduciary net position of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS) and additions to/deductions from LASERS' fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LASERS. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments are reported at fair value.

The Judge is a member of the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). LASERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit plan administered by the Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System (LASERS). Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) grants to LASERS Board of Trustees and the Louisiana Legislature the authority to review administration, benefit terms, investments, and funding of the plan. LASERS issues a publicly available financial report that can be obtained at www.lasersonline.org.

Benefits Provided:

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The following is a description of the plans and their benefits and is provided for general information purposes only. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement

The age and years of creditable service required in order for a member to retire with full benefits are established by statute, and vary depending on the member's hire date, employer, and job classification. The majority of LASERS rank and file members may either retire with full benefits at any age upon completing 30 years of creditable service or at age 60 upon completing five to ten years of creditable service depending on their plan. Additionally, members may choose to retire with 20 years of service at any age, with an actuarially reduced benefit. The basic annual retirement benefit for members is equal to 2.5% to 3.5% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service.

Average compensation is defined as the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 36 consecutive months of employment for members employed prior to July 1, 2006. For members hired July 1, 2006 or later, average compensation is based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. The maximum annual retirement benefit cannot exceed the lesser of 100% of average compensation or a certain specified dollar amount of actuarially determined monetary limits, which vary depending upon the member's age at retirement. Judges, court officers, and certain elected officials receive an additional annual retirement benefit equal to 1.0% of average compensation multiplied by the number of years of creditable service in their respective capacity. As an alternative to the basic retirement benefits, a member may elect to receive their retirement benefits payable throughout their life, with certain benefits being paid to their designated beneficiary after their death.

Act 992 of the 2010 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session, changed the benefit structure for LASERS members hired on or after January 1, 2011. This resulted in three new plans: regular, hazardous duty, and judges. The new regular plan includes regular members and those members who were formerly eligible to participate in specialty plans, excluding hazardous duty and judges. Regular members and judges are eligible to retire at age 60 after five years of creditable

service at age 55, 25 years of creditable service at any age or with a reduced benefit after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment for all three new plans. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, hazardous duty plan a 3.33% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate. The extra 1.0% accrual rate for each year of service for court officers, the governor, the lieutenant governor, legislators, House clerk, sergeants at arms, or Senate secretary, employed after January 1, 2011, was eliminated by Act 992. Specialty plan and regular members, hired prior to January 1, 2011, who are hazardous duty employees have the option to transition to the new hazardous duty plan.

Act 226 of the 2014 Louisiana Regular Legislative Session established new retirement eligibility for members of LASERS hired on or after July 1, 2015, excluding hazardous duty plan members. Regular members and judges under the new plan are eligible to retire at age 62 after five years of creditable service and, may also retire at any age, with a reduced benefit, after 20 years of creditable service. Average compensation will be based on the member's average annual earned compensation for the highest 60 consecutive months of employment. Members in the regular plan will receive a 2.5% accrual rate, and judges a 3.5% accrual rate, with the extra 1.0% accrual rate based on all years of service as a judge.

A member leaving employment before attaining minimum retirement age, but after completing certain minimum service requirements, becomes eligible for a benefit provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age, and does not withdraw their accumulated contributions.

The minimum service requirement for benefits varies depending upon the member's employer and service classification but generally is ten years of service.

Deferred Retirement Benefits

The State Legislature authorized LASERS to establish a Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP). When a member enters DROP, their status changes from active member to retiree even though they continue to work and draw their salary for a period of up to three years. The election is irrevocable once participation begins. During DROP participation, accumulated retirement benefits that would have been paid to each retiree are separately tracked. For members who entered DROP prior to January 1, 2004, interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero) will be credited to the retiree after participation ends. At that time, the member must choose among available alternatives for the distribution of benefits that have accumulated in the DROP account. Members who enter DROP on or after January 1, 2004, are required to participate in LASERS Self-Directed Plan (SDP), which is administered by a third-party provider. The SDP allows DROP participants to choose from a menu of investment options for the allocation of their DROP balances. Participants may diversify their investments by choosing from an approved list of mutual funds with different holdings, management styles, and risk factors.

Members eligible to retire and who do not choose to participate in DROP may elect to receive at the time of retirement an initial benefit option (IBO) in an amount up to 36 months of benefits, with an actuarial reduction of their future benefits. For members who selected the IBO option prior to January 1, 2004, such amount may be withdrawn or remain in the IBO account earning interest at a rate of one-half percent less than the System's realized return on its portfolio (not to be less than zero). Those members who select the IBO on or after January 1, 2004, are required to enter the SDP as described above.

Disability Benefits

All members with ten or more years of credited service who become disabled may receive a maximum disability retirement benefit equivalent to the regular retirement formula without reduction by reason of age. Upon reaching age 60, the disability retiree may receive a regular retirement benefit by making application to the Board of Trustees. For injuries sustained in the line of duty, hazardous duty personnel in the Hazardous Duty Services Plan will receive a disability benefit equal to 75% of final average compensation.

Survivor's Benefits

Certain eligible surviving dependents receive benefits based on the deceased member's compensation and their relationship to the deceased. The deceased member who was in state service at the time of death must have a minimum of five years of service credit, at least two of which were earned immediately prior to death, or who had a minimum of twenty years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor or handicapped child. Benefits are payable to an unmarried child until age 18, or age 23 if the child remains a full-time student. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirement is ten years for a surviving spouse with no minor children, and benefits are to be paid for life to the spouse or qualified handicapped child.

The deceased regular member hired on or after January 1, 2011, must have a minimum of five years of service credit regardless of when earned in order for a benefit to be paid to a minor child. The aforementioned minimum service credit requirements for a surviving spouse are 10 years, 2 years being earned immediately prior to death, and active state service at the time of death, or a minimum of 20 years of service credit regardless of when earned. A deceased member's spouse must have been married for at least one year before death.

A Hazardous Duty Services Plan member's surviving spouse and minor or handicapped or mentally incapacitated child or children are entitled to survivor benefits of 80% of the member's final average compensation if the member was killed in the line of duty. If the member dies in the line of duty as a result of an intentional act of violence, survivor benefits may be increased to 100% of the members final average compensation.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the System allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), that are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature.

Contributions

Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System

Contribution requirements of active employees are governed by Section 401 of Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes (La. R.S. 11:401) and may be amended by the Louisiana Legislature. Employee and employer contributions are deducted from a member's salary and remitted to LASERS by participating employers. The contribution rates in effect during the year ended June 30, 2016 for the plan for judges hired after July 1, 2015 were 13.0% for the employee and 39.6% for the employer. The Court's contractually required composite contribution rate for the year ended June 30, 2021 was 43.6% of annual payroll, actuarially determined as an amount that, when combined with employee contributions, is expected to finance the costs of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance any Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability. Contributions to the pension plan from the Agency were \$18,180 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Pension Liabilities, Pension Expense, and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to Pensions

At June 30, 2021, the Court reported a liability of \$221,654 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. For LASERS, the net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Court's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Court's long-term share of contributions to the pension plans relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the Court's proportion was .00268% for LASERS which was an increase of .00072% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2020.

For the year ended June 30, 2020, the Court recognized fund pension expense of \$18,180 for LASERS.

At June 30, 2020, the Court reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	L	ASERS
Deferred Outflows of Resources:		
Differences between expected and actual expense	\$	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		
on pension plan investments		32,402
Changes in proportion and differences between		
employer contributions and proportionate share		
of contributions		S - .
Changes in assumptions		709
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date		18,180
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	51,291
	L	ASERS
Deferred Inflows of Resources:		
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$	(2,129)
Changes in Assumptions		-3 - -,
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		
on pension plan investments		31 7 3
Changes in proportion and differences between		
employer contributions and proportionate share		
of contributions		(5,389)
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	\$	(7,518)

The Court reported a total of \$18,180 as deferred outflows of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2020, which will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

	LASERS
2022	\$ 4,127
2023	9,344
2024	10,013
2025	7,498
	\$ 30,982

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions:

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that

is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

The components of the net pension liability of the System's employers as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Measurement Date			
		<u>2019</u>		<u>2020</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$	663,938	\$	527,729
Plan Fiduciary Net Position		(417,756)		(306,075)
Employers' Net Pension Liabililty	\$	246,182	\$	221,654
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of				
Total Pension Liability		62.92%		58.00%

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Actuarial Assumptions: Expected Remaining Service Lives	2 years
Investment Rate of Return	7.55% per annum
Inflation Rate	2.3% per annum
Mortality	Non-disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP- 2000 Combined Healthy Mortality Table with mortality improvement projected to SCALE MP-2018. Disabled members - Mortality rates based on the RP-2000 Disabled Retiree Mortality Table, with no projection for mortality improvement.
Termination, Disability, and Retirement	Termination, disability, and retirement assumptions were projected based on a five-year (2014-2018) experience study of the System's members for 2019.

Salary Increases	Salary increases were projected based on a 2014-2018 experience study of the System's members. The salary increase ranges for specific types of members are:				
		Lower	Upper		
	Member Type	Range	Range		
	Regular	3.0%	12.8%		
	Judges	2.6%	5.1%		
	Corrections	3.6%	13.8%		
	Hazardous Duty	3.6%	13.8%		
	Wildlife	3.6%	13.8%		
Cost of Living Adjustments	The present value of fu benefits currently being previously granted cost benefit payments do no increases not yet autho	g paid by the Syste t of living increase at include provision	m and includes s. The projected ns for potential future		

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of pension plan investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation of 2.3% and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The resulting expected long term rate of return is 8.25% for 2020. Best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the System's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

Asset Class	2020
Cash	0.59%
Domestic Equity	4.79%
International Equity	5.83%
Domestic Fixed Income	1.76%
International Fixed Income	3.98%
Atlternative Investments	6.69%
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	4.20%
Total Fund	5.81%

Expected	Long	Term	Real	Rates	of	Return
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The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.55%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that employee contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions from participating employers and non-employer contributing entities will be made at actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the System's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

Sensitivity to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the current discount rate of 7.6%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower, or one percentage point higher than the current rate.

	Changes in Discount Rate					
	Current					
	1% Decrease 6.55%		Discount 7.55%		1% Increase 8.55%	
2020 Employer Net Pension Liability	\$	273,378	\$	221,654	\$	178,609

Change in Net Pension Liability

The changes in the net pension liability for the year ended June 30, 2021 were recognized as pension expense or benefit in the current reporting period except as follows:

Differences between Expected and Actual Experience

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The difference between expected and actual experience resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$0 for the year ended June 30, 2021. Remaining deferred inflows resulting from these differences recorded in prior years was \$4,257 as of June 30, 2021 with a pension benefit being recorded in the amount of \$(2,128) for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Differences between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings

Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-

year period. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$37,492 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Contributions - Proportionate Share/Change in Proportionate Share

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan.

Changes in the employer's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date are recognized in employer's pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

Estimates

The process of preparing the schedules of employer allocations and schedules of pension amount is in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires the use of estimates and assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

Retirement System Audit Reports

The Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System has issued stand-alone audit reports on their financial statements for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019. Access to the reports can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, <u>www.lla.la.gov</u> and the System's website, <u>http://www.lasersonline.org/site.php</u>.

NOTE 8 ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARIES

The St. Landry Parish Police Jury pays a portion of the Judges annual salary and expenses in the amount of \$16,865. The City of Eunice pays expenses on behalf of the City Court in the amount of \$9,443. The City of Eunice pays the Judge an annual salary and benefits in the amount of \$24,960. The City of Eunice also paid salaries and benefits to the employees in the amount of \$124,211. The Louisiana Supreme Court pays the Judge an annual salary and benefits in the amount of \$84,254.

The Civil Fund paid Judges Fees in the amount of \$33,856 and an amount to the Judges Supplemental Compensation Fund totaling \$7,174.

NOTE 9 ACCOUNTING PROUNOUNCEMENTS

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) has issued the following Statements which will become effective in futures years as shown below:

Statement No. 87, "Leases" increases the usefulness of governments' financial statements by requiring recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that previously were classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows of resources or outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. It establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. Under this Statement, a lessee is required to recognize a lease liability and an intangible right-to-use lease asset, and a lessor is required to recognize a lease receivable and a deferred inflow of resources, thereby enhancing the relevance and consistency of information about governments' leasing activities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal year 2021. Earlier application is encouraged. Management has not yet determined the effect of this Statement on the financial statements.

The City Court has implemented GASB Statement 84, "Fiduciary Activities." This statement requires fiduciary activities to be reported in the basic financial statements because (a) their assets are controlled by the government or (b) fiduciary component units have been identified through the component unit evaluation. This statement clarifies the definitions of the three existing fiduciary fund categories associated with trusts that meet specific criteria, and establishes a new custodial fund category for all other fiduciary activity not required to be reported within a trust fund. The City Court's previously reported fiduciary fund, the Civil Fund, meets the criteria of a custodial fund, therefore, no restatement was necessary.

NOTE 10 EVALUATION OF SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The project has evaluated subsequent events through December 27, 2021, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

CITY COURT OF EUNICE

Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	Original Budget			Variance- Favorable (Unfavorable)	
Revenues	¢ 000.000	S 240.000	¢ 37(303	¢ 27.000	
Court Fees	\$ 280,000	\$ 340,000	\$ 376,282	\$ 36,282	
Less: Amounts Paid to other	112.000	100.000	110.170	2.420	
Government Agencies	112,000	152,100	148,468	3,632	
Net Court Fees Earned	168,000	187,900	227,814	39,914	
Interest Earned	-		72	72	
Probation and Supervision Fees	62,000	110,200	110,161	(39)	
On Behalf Payments	229,000	178,100	255,912	77,812	
Other Income	86,000	86,000	34,350	(51,650)	
Total Revenues	545,000	562,200	628,309	66,109	
Expenditures					
Salaries and Related Benefits					
Salaries	340,000	319,000	335,220	(16,220)	
Payroll Taxes and Retirement	96,000	107,000	106,421	579	
Contracted Services					
Legal and Accounting	7,000	7,200	6,271	929	
Dues and Subscriptions	7,500	13,500	13,251	249	
Equipment Rent	1,000	1,000	-	1,000	
Materials and Supplies					
Office Supplies	26,000	19,200	24,594	(5,394)	
Other					
Repairs and Maintenance	1,000	14,000	14,614	(614)	
Miscellaneous	11,000	15,200	7,738	7,462	
Seminars	300	500	505	(5)	
NSF Checks Paid	7,000	13,000	12,923	77	
Bad Debts			6,312	(6,312)	
Insurance	35,000	45,000	43,986	1,014	
License & Permits	1,900	900	-	900	
Capital Outlay	62,000		•	-	
Total Expenditures	595,700	555,500	571,835	(16,335)	
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
over expenditures	(50,700)	6,700	56,474	49,774	
Fund Balance, Beginning of Year	22,468	40,217	40,217		
Fund Balance, End of Year	\$ 1,300	\$ 46,917	\$ 96,691	\$ 49,774	

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Notes to Required Supplementary Information June 30, 2021

Note 1. Basis of Accounting

The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Note 2. Budgetary Practices

The Judge prepares and adopts a budget in accordance with R.S. 39:1301 et seq. The annual budget for the General Fund is prepared in accordance with the basis of accounting used by that fund.

Neither encumbrance accounting nor formal integration of the budget into the accounting record is employed as a management control device. However, periodic comparisons of budget and actual amounts are performed.

Note 3. Stewardship, Compliance and Accountability

Excess of Expenditures over Appropriations. The following individual fund had actual expenditures in excess of appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2021:

	Original	Final		
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Excess
General Fund	\$ 595,700	\$ 555,500	\$ 571,835	\$ (16,335)

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Schedule of Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Employer Proportion of the Year Ended Net Pension June 30, Liability (Asset)		Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)		Employer's Covered Employee Payroll		Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Employee Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	
2021	0.00267%	\$	221,654	\$	41,697	188%	58.00%	
2020	0.00340%		246,182		54,501	221%	62.92%	
2019	0.00331%		225,467		64,669	349%	64.3%	
2018	0.00320%		225,031		70,058	311%	62.5%	
2017	0.50600%		397,182		66,046	601%	57%	
2016	0.00276%		187,654		77,030	244%	63%	
2015	0.23600%		147,756		39,284	376%	65%	
2014	2011				45,948	800	70	
2013	1993 1997		a a		41,249		Ē	
2012			-		36,311	8 4	-	
2011	-		-		51,769	ेल.		

This schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous year end of the plan.

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CITY COURT OF EUNICE Schedule of Employer Contributions Louisiana State Employees' Retirement System For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Year Ended June 30,	R	tractually equired utribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contribution		Contribution Deficiency (Excess)		Employer's Covered Employee Payroll		Contributions as a % of Covered Employee Payroll	
2021	\$	18,180	\$	18,180	\$	-	\$	41,697	43.60%	
2020		22,892		22,892		876		54,501	42.00%	
2019		25,609		25,609		÷		64,669	39.60%	
2018		27,743		27,743		-		70,058	39.60%	
2017		24,239		24,239		-		66,046	36.70%	
2016		30,548		30,548		•		77,030	39.65%	
2015		16,303		16,303		-		39,284	41.50%	
2014		16,679		16,679		-		45,948	36.30%	
2013		14,355		14,355		120		41,249	34.80%	
2012		15,973		15,973				36,311	31.80%	
2011		11,547		11,547		-		51,769	22.30%	

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CITY COURT OF EUNICE Notes to Required Supplementary Information For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Pension Plan:

Change of benefit terms

There were no changes of benefit terms for the year ended June 30, 2021.

Change of assumptions

Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining services lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. These assumptions include the rate of investment return, mortality of plan members, rate of salary increase, rates of retirement, rates of termination, rates of disability, and various other factors that have an impact on the cost of the plans.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Honorable Terry Hoychick, Judge Eunice City Court Eunice, Louisiana 70535

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities of Eunice City Court as of June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Eunice City Court's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2021.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Eunice City Court's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Eunice City Court's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Eunice City Court's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, as item #2021-001, that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Eunice City Court's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item #2021-001.

Eunice City Court's Response to Findings

Eunice City Court's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Eunice City Court's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is nor suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, others within the entity, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:513 and 44:6, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Vige, Tujague & Noël, CPA's Eunice, Louisiana December 27, 2021

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Schedule of Findings and Responses Year Ended June 30, 2021

We have audited the financial statements of Eunice City Court as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated December 27, 2021. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2021, resulted in an unmodified opinion.

Section I. Summary of Auditor's Reports

Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control Material Weaknesses ____ Yes X_No Significant Deficiencies X_Yes ____ No

Compliance Non Compliance Material to Financial Statement ____ Yes X_ No

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

#2021-001 Segregation of Accounting Functions

Condition: The Eunice City Court did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Criteria: SAS109, Understanding the Entity and its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement, AU314.43 defines internal control as follows:

"Internal control is a process, affected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations."

Additionally, Statements on Standards for Attestation Engagements (SSAE) AT501.03 states:

"An entity's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that pertain to an entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions embodied in either annual financial statements or interim financial statements, or both."

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Schedule of Findings and Responses (continued) Year Ended June 30, 2021

- Cause: The cause of the condition is the fact that the Court does not have a sufficient number of staff performing administrative and financial duties so as to provide adequate segregation of accounting and financial duties.
- Effect: Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.
- Recommendation: Due to the size of the operation and the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it may not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.
- Response: It is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting function. No corrective action is considered necessary.

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Responses Year Ended June 30, 2021

Section II. Financial Statement Findings

#2020-001 Segregation of Accounting Functions

Condition: The Eunice City Court did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

Criteria: SAS109, Understanding the Entity and its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement, AU314.43 defines internal control as follows:

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- Response: It is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting function. No corrective action is considered necessary.

Status: This finding is repeated.

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head or Chief Executive Officer Year Ended June 30, 2021

Terry Hoychick, Judge Period: 12 Months

Judges Supplemental Compensation	\$ 7,174
Salary/Fees	62,695
Retirement	30,754
Registration Fees	505
Other (Dues/Memberships)	300
	\$ 101,428

CITY COURT OF EUNICE

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session Cash Basis Presentation For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/20		Second Six Month Period Ended 06/30/21	
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	\$	94,633	\$	105,921
Add: Collections				
Civil Fees (including refundable amounts such as garnishments or				
advance deposits)		54,930		49,043
Bond Fees		4,712		13,969
Criminal Court Costs/Fees		108,182		232,923
Restitution		3,812		9,110
Probation/Parole/Supervision Fees		43,358		66,802
Subtotal Collections		214,994		371,847
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:				
Criminal Fines - Other				
St. Landry Parish Crime Lab		9,367		17,681
St. Landry Parish District Attorney		2,046		3,483
City of Eunice Fines		2,765		13,473
Indigent Defender Fund		6,985		12,155
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement		302		533
Eunice City Marshal		15,445		26,877
St. Landry Parish Council		2,067		3,691
LCLE Victim Fund		555		997
City of Eunice Witness Fees		1,152		2,285
Department of Public Safety		304		657
Eunice City Police		400		50
State of Louisiana-CMIS		918		1,635
LDHH-THSCI Trust Fund		295		288
Families in Need Services		2,000		2,000
St. Landry Crime Stoppers		584		1,080
Civil Fees				
St. Landry Parish Clerk of Court		8,780		11,195
Service and Mileage		4,140		4,315
Eunice City Marshal		5,576		4,038
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency				
Self-Disbursed Eunice City Court, Criminal Court Fees		71,705		154,596
Self-Disbursed Eunice City Court, Civil Fees		32,053		33,877

CITY COURT OF EUNICE Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity (continued) As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session Cash Basis Presentation For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Bond Fee Refunds	1,200	854
Other Disbursements to Individuals (additional detail is not required)	1,412	646
Probation Supervision Fees	33,655	51,855
Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	 203,706	348,261
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained (i.e.		
cash on hand)	\$ 105,921	\$ 129,507
Other Information: Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected (i.e.		
receivable balance)	\$ · ·	\$ 58,333