

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Jennings, Louisiana

Basic Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024
With Supplemental Information Schedules

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Kyle C. Miers
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff
Jennings, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff (Sheriff), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and aggregate fund information of the Sheriff, as of June 30, 2024, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinions

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 responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management 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, and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Sheriff's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 School Board's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the School Board's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted a management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information (pages 41 to 42), schedule of changes in OPEB liability and related ratios (page 43), and the additional pension/ retirement information (pages 44 to 46) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and, 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 any assurance.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents (pages 48 to 53), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying other supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the 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 30, 2024, on our consideration of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Mike B. Gillespie, CPA, APAC

Jennings, Louisiana
December 30, 2024

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**GOVERNMENT-WIDE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)**

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Statement A

ASSETS

Cash	\$ 3,053,096
Investments	7,893,158
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$0)	712,304
Capital and Right-to-use lease assets, net	3,349,271

TOTAL ASSETS	15,007,829
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DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred outflows-pension	2,893,998
Deferred outflows-other post employment benefits	1,327,070

TOTAL DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES	4,221,068
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LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	44,808
Payroll deductions, withholdings, and accrued salaries payable	285,648
Long-term obligations:	
Due within one year:	
Compensated absences	106,820
Lease liability	10,456
Due in more than one year:	
Compensated absences	215,285
Lease liability	22,071
Other post employment benefit payable	3,697,437
Net pension liability	4,912,233

TOTAL LIABILITIES	9,294,758
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DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES

Deferred inflows-pension	89,904
Deferred inflows-other post employment benefits	2,777,245

TOTAL DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES	2,867,149
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NET POSITION

Net investment in capital assets	3,316,744
Restricted for:	
Drug Enforcement	329,326
Sex offender compliance	20,051
Opioid abatement settlement	73,699
Unrestricted	3,327,170

TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 7,066,990
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Statement B

Functions/Programs	Expenses	Program Revenues		Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Position
		Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	
Governmental Activities:				
Public safety	\$ 10,062,158	\$ 1,127,283	\$ 1,160,695	\$ (7,774,180)
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 10,062,158	\$ 1,127,283	\$ 1,160,695	(7,774,180)

General Revenues:

Property taxes, levied for general purposes	3,450,391
Parish contribution to retirement fund	269,087
Sales taxes, levied for general purposes	3,177,424
State revenue sharing	67,577
State supplemental pay	406,800
Interest and investment earnings	430,144
Miscellaneous	131,290
Total General Revenues	7,932,713
Change in Net Position	158,533
Net Position -Beginning	6,908,457
Net Position -Ending	\$ 7,066,990

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (FFS)

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Balance Sheet
June 30, 2024

Statement C

	<u>General Fund</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 3,053,096
Investments	7,893,158
Receivables (net of allowance for uncollectibles of \$0)	712,304
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>11,658,558</u></u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	
Accounts payable	44,808
Payroll deduction, withholdings, and accrued salaries payable	285,648
Total Liabilities	<u>330,456</u>
FUND BALANCES	
Restricted:	
Drug enforcement	329,326
Sex offender compliance	20,051
Opioid abatement settlement	73,699
Assigned:	
Other Post Employment Benefits	7,000,000
Capital Projects	500,000
Unassigned	3,405,026
Total Fund Balances	<u>11,328,102</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES, DEFFERED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES, & FUND BALANCES	<u><u>\$ 11,658,558</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds
Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position
June 30, 2024

Statement D

Total Ending Fund Balances - Governmental Funds (Statement C) \$ 11,328,102

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net position are different because:

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial

Costs of capital assets	\$ 9,443,531	
Accumulated depreciation	(6,116,164)	
Cost of right-of-use lease assets	55,140	
Accumulated amortization	<u>(33,236)</u>	
		3,349,271

Long-term liabilities are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported as liabilities in the governmental funds. Long-term liabilities at year-end consist of:

Compensated absences payable	\$ (322,105)	
Other post employment benefit payable	(3,697,437)	
Net pension liability	(4,912,233)	
Lease liability	<u>(32,527)</u>	
		(8,964,302)

Deferred outflow and inflow of resources associated with pension and retirement are not current financial resources or uses and therefore are not reported in the governmental funds.

Deferred outflows-pension	\$ 2,896,574	
Deferred outflows-other post employment benefits	1,327,070	
Deferred inflows-pension	(92,480)	
Deferred inflows-other post employment benefits	<u>(2,777,245)</u>	
		1,353,919

Net Position (Statement A) \$ 7,066,990

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Statement E

	<u>General Fund</u>
REVENUES	
Taxes:	
Property taxes	\$ 3,450,391
Sales taxes	3,177,424
Parish contribution to retirement fund	137,237
Intergovernmental revenues:	
State sources:	
State grants	14,399
State supplemental pay	406,800
State revenues sharing	67,577
Other	102,203
Local sources:	
District attorney - LACE	53,795
Parish - 911 District	285,533
Parish - Corrections/Jail salary	806,968
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:	
Commissions on licenses, taxes, etc.	157,082
Civil and criminal fees	204,567
Court attendance	8,540
Transporting prisoners	37,502
Feeding and keeping prisoners	207,883
Commissary commissions	73,118
Commissions on fines and other forfeitures	53,153
Security detail services	148,867
Other	119,828
Fines and Forfeitures:	
Bond, fines and other forfeitures	15,575
Use of money and property:	
Interest	430,144
Commissions on phones	101,168
Miscellaneous	25,163
Total Revenues	<u>10,084,917</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
Personal services and related benefits	7,126,032
Operating services	885,717
Materials and supplies	447,616
Other	64,890
Intergovernmental:	
Retirement deducted from tax collections	52,783
Debt service	
Principal - lease	10,652
Interest	1,541
Capital outlay	1,316,475
Total Expenditures	<u>9,905,706</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>179,211</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):	
Compensation for loss or damage of assets	3,928
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>3,928</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	183,139
FUND BALANCES BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>11,144,963</u>
FUND BALANCES END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 11,328,102</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF**Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance of Governmental Funds to the Statement of Activities
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024****Statement F**

Total Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Funds (Statement E) **\$ 183,139**

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different because:

In statement of activities pension expense is based on proportionate share computation based on changes in total net pension liability, and in governmental funds pension expense is measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially employer contribution paid). (865,277)

Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which depreciation expense exceeds capital outlays in the period:

Depreciation expense	(505,936)	
Capital outlays	1,316,474	
Amortization expense	<u>(12,975)</u>	
		797,563

The net effect of various transactions involving capital assets (ie., sales, trade-ins, and contributions) is to decrease net assets

Long-term debt proceeds provide current financial resources to governmental funds, but issuing debt increases long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Repayment of long-term debt is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the statement of net position. Post-employment benefits are not reported in governmental fund financial statements. The net amount of these transactions for the current year were as follows:

Change in other post employment benefit liability	(32,823)	
Payments to lease liability	<u>10,652</u>	
		(22,171)

In the statement of activities, certain operating expenses - compensated absences (vacations and other absences) - are measured by the amounts earned during the year. In the governmental funds, however, expenditures for these items are measured by the amount of financial resources used (essentially, the amounts actually paid):

Change in compensated absences payable	65,279
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Change In Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement B) **\$ 158,533**

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2024**

Statement G

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 525,352
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>525,352</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION	
Restricted - Unsettled balances due to others	437,673
Restricted - Inmate personal funds	14,063
Restricted - Seizures held in evidences	73,616
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>\$ 525,352</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Statement H

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
ADDITIONS	
Sheriff's sales, suits, and seizures	\$ 289,927
Fines	645,317
Cash bonds	130,630
Bond fees	160,397
Interest	2,510
Garnishments	217,148
Other deposits	415,619
Taxes, fees, etc., paid to tax collector	30,386,288
Total additions	<u>32,247,836</u>
DEDUCTIONS	
State of Louisiana	50,465
Pension funds	786,580
Sheriff's general fund	3,676,443
Police jury and districts	13,088,796
School board	10,109,069
Assessor	720,217
Municipalities	1,969,320
District attorney	117,949
District court expense funds	11,618
Clerk of court	103,096
Indigent defender board	153,127
Attorneys, appraisers, litigants, etc.	548,710
Coroner	12,410
Other settlements	846,479
Protested taxes & interest distributed to taxing bodies & others	
Total deductions	<u>32,194,279</u>
Change in Fiduciary Net Position	53,557
Net Position - Beginning	471,795
Net Position - Ending	<u><u>\$ 525,352</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff (Sheriff) serves a four-year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The Sheriff administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, and serving subpoenas.

As the chief law enforcement officer of the parish, the Sheriff has the responsibility for enforcing state and local laws and ordinances within the territorial boundaries of the parish. The Sheriff provides protection to the residents of the parish through on-site patrols and investigations and serves the residents of the parish through the establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, et cetera. In addition, when requested, the Sheriff provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within the parish.

As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the Sheriff is responsible for collecting and distributing ad valorem property taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying basic financial statements of the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with governmental accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared in conformity with GASB Statement 34, *Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments*, issued in June 1999.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

GASB Statement 14, *The Financial Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the Sheriff is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government, the Sheriff is independently elected, is a legally separate entity, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement 14, fiscally independent entity is defined as being able to determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt without the approval or consent of another governmental entity. Other than certain operating expenditures of the Sheriff's office that are paid or provided by the Parish Police Jury as required under Louisiana law, the Sheriff is financially independent. The Sheriff also has no component units, defined by GASB Statement 14 as other legally separate organizations for which the Sheriff is financially accountable.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Sheriff 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 Sheriff functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds account for all or most of the sheriff's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Notes to the Financial Statements
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Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Sheriff. The following are the Sheriff's governmental funds:

General Fund – the primary operating fund of the Sheriff and it accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds. The General Fund is available for any purpose provided it is expended or transferred in accordance with state and federal laws and according to Sheriff policy.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held by the Sheriff as an agent for individuals, private organizations, and other governmental units. The funds accounted for in this category are Custodial Funds.

These funds are used to account for assets held in a trustee capacity. The Sheriff's Custodial Funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, etc. Disbursements from these funds are made to various parish agencies, litigants in suits, etc., in the manner prescribed by law. The accounts of the Tax Collector Agency Fund are established to reflect the collections imposed by law, distributions pursuant to such law, and unsettled balances due various taxing bodies and others. The Custodial Funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not present results of operations or have a measurement focus.

D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

The amounts reflected in the General Fund, of Statements C and E, are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach is then reconciled, through adjustment, to a government-wide view of the Sheriff's operations.

The amounts reflected in the General Fund, of Statements C and E, use the modified accrual basis of accounting. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). Measurable means the amount of the transaction can be determined and available means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. The Sheriff considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Revenues

Property taxes are recorded as revenues in the year for which they are levied under the susceptible to accrual concept. Property taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis, become due on November 15 of each year, and become delinquent on December 31. The taxes are generally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year. Sales taxes are recorded as revenues in the same period the assets are recognized, which is when the exchange transaction on which the tax is imposed occurs or when the resources are received. Grants are recorded when the Sheriff is entitled to the funds. Other intergovernmental revenues and fees, charges, and commissions for services are recorded when the Sheriff is entitled to the funds. Interest earnings on time deposits are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

Expenditures

Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for unmatured interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources.

Other Financing Sources

Proceeds from the sale of fixed assets are accounted for as other financial sources and are recognized when received. Fixed assets acquired through capital leases are recorded as expenditures and other financing sources at the time of acquisition.

The following practices are used in recording additions and deductions within the Fiduciary Funds:

Additions – The majority of additions are not susceptible to accrual because they are not measurable until received in cash.

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

Government-Wide Financial Statements (GWFS)

The Statement of Net Position (Statement A) and the Statement of Activities (Statement B) display information about the Sheriff as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of all of the funds of the Sheriff, except the fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds and Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position - Fiduciary Funds at the fund financial statement level. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. The Sheriff does not allocate indirect expenses. 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 non-exchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Non-exchange Transactions*.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from users as a fee for services; program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the Sheriff's general revenues.

E. CASH

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. Under state law, the Sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law or any other state of the United States, or under the laws of the United States. Tax collections must be deposited in a bank domiciled in the parish where the funds are collected.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The sheriff maintains a threshold level of \$2,500 or more for capitalizing assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS Statement of Net Position. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings and building improvements	5 – 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 – 15 years
Vehicles	5 years
Software	10 years

G. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

All employees who have completed twelve months of service receive ten (10) days vacation leave each year. Vacation leave does not accumulate or vest. Employees can accumulate compensatory time in lieu of payment for overtime. The Sheriff's standard policy is that sick leave does not accumulate or vest. However, each instance of sick leave is handled on an individual basis at the discretion of the Sheriff. No liability is reported for unpaid accumulated sick leave.

In the FFS, vacation and compensatory time that is expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources is reported as an expenditure and a fund liability of the general fund. The amount not expected to be paid with current resources is not reported in the FFS. The entire compensated absence liability is reported in the GWFS.

H. NET POSITION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For government-wide statement of net position, net position is classified into three components. These classifications are defined as follows:

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt – This component of net position consists of capital assets net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any related debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are significant unspent proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds is not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Instead, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds.

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Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints placed on net position through external restrictions imposed by creditors (e.g., debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws, or regulations of other governments. This component would also include constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – This component of net position consists of net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt”. Generally, these net position represent those financial resources that are available to meet any future obligations that might arise.

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

I. FUND EQUITY OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

In the FFS, funds can report aggregate amounts 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 can be comprised of the remaining four classifications: restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned defined as follows:

Restricted fund balance - 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.

Committed fund balance - These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Sheriff’s highest level of decision-making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Sheriff passes a motion that removes or changes 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.

Assigned fund balance - This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the organization’s “intent” to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted or committed. The Sheriff has 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.

Unassigned fund balance - This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

Flow Assumptions – When both restricted and unrestricted amounts of fund balance are available for use for expenditures incurred, it is the Sheriff’s policy to use restricted amounts first and then unrestricted amounts as they are needed. For unrestricted amounts of fund balance, it is the Sheriff’s policy to use fund balance in the following order: (1) Committed, (2) Assigned, (3) Unassigned.

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J. USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues, expenditures, and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. INTERFUND TRANSACTIONS

Transactions that constitute reimbursements to a fund for expenditures initially made from it that are properly applicable to another fund are recorded as expenditures in the reimbursing fund and as reductions of expenditures in the fund that is reimbursed. All other interfund transactions are reported as operating transfers in the FFS.

L. SALES TAX

Sales taxes are collected on a monthly basis by the Jeff Davis Parish School Board's Sales Tax Department. The Sheriff's Office receives sales tax revenue from the following sales taxes:

An ordinance dated July 21, 2007, which was approved by the voters of the parish authorizes the Sheriff's Office to collect, for an indefinite period beginning January 1, 2008, a 1/2% sales and use tax to be dedicated and used for the purposes of (a) paying the salaries and benefits of deputies, (b) acquiring, operating and maintaining vehicles and communications equipment, and (c) providing additional funding for operations and training.

M. PENSION/ RETIREMENT

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 Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund (LSPRF), and additions to/deductions from LSPRFs' and fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by LSPRF. 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. LSPRF uses the accrual basis of accounting.

N. DEFERRED OUTFLOW/ INFLOW OF RESOURCES

In addition to assets the statement of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, 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/expenditure) until then. All of the items that qualify for reporting in this category are related to pension amounts. See pension/ retirement footnote for further details of these items. No deferred outflows of resources affect the governmental funds financial statements in the current year.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position and or balance sheet will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue or reduction in expense) until that time.

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All of the items that qualify for reporting in this category in the statement of net position are related to pension amounts. See pension/ retirement footnote for further details of these items. The governmental funds has only one item that qualifies for reporting in this category. Accordingly, the item, deferred revenue, is reported only in the governmental funds balance sheet. These amounts are deferred and recognized as an inflow of resources in the period that the amounts become available.

O. ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

GASB has issued statements that will become effective in future years. The Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff is evaluating the requirements of the statements below and the impact on reporting. These statements are as follows:

GASB Statement No. 101, Compensated Absences - this Statement is to better meet the information needs of financial statement users by updating the recognition and measurement guidance for compensated absences. That objective is achieved by aligning the recognition and measurement guidance under a unified model and by amending certain previously required disclosures. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2023.

GASB Statement No. 102, Certain Risk Disclosures - State and local governments face a variety of risks that could negatively affect the level of service they provide or their ability to meet obligations as they come due. Although governments are required to disclose information about their exposure to some of those risks, essential information about other risks that are prevalent among state and local governments is not routinely disclosed because it is not explicitly required. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about risks related to a government's vulnerabilities due to certain concentrations or constraints. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2024.

GASB Statement No. 103, Financial Reporting Model Improvements - The objective of this Statement is to improve key components of the financial reporting model to enhance its effectiveness in providing information that is essential for decision making and assessing a government's accountability. This Statement also addresses certain application issues. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025.

GASB Statement No. 104, Disclosure of Certain Capital Assets - State and local governments are required to provide detailed information about capital assets in notes to financial statements. Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments, requires certain information regarding capital assets to be presented by major class. The objective of this Statement is to provide users of government financial statements with essential information about certain types of capital assets. The requirements of this Statement are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2025.

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2. EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS

The following funds had actual expenditures over budgeted appropriations for the year ended June 30, 2023:

<u>Fund</u>	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Unfavorable Variance</u>
None	-	-	-	-

3. LEVIED TAXES

The Sheriff levies taxes on real and business personal property located within Jefferson Davis Parish's boundaries. Property taxes are levied by the Sheriff on property values at January 1 assessed by the Jefferson Davis Parish Tax Assessor and approved by the State of Louisiana Tax Commission upon submission of the tax roll.

The Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff Tax Collector's Office bills and collects property taxes for the Sheriff.

<u>Property Tax Calendar</u>	
Assessment date	January 1 st
Levy date	Not later than June 1 st
Tax bills mailed	On or about November 15 th
Due date	December 31 st
Penalties and interest are added	January 1 st
Lien date	January 1 st
Tax sale – delinquent property	During June

Assessed values are established by the Jefferson Davis Parish Tax Assessor each year on a uniform basis at the following ratios of assessed value to fair market value:

10% land	15% machinery
10% residential improvements	15% commercial improvements
15% industrial improvements	25% public service properties, excluding land

A revaluation of all property is required to be completed no less than every four years. The last revaluation was completed for the roll of January 1, 2020. Total assessed value was \$343,178,355 for the calendar year 2023. Louisiana State law exempts the first \$75,000 of assessed value of a taxpayer's primary residence from parish property taxes. This homestead exemption was \$56,402,013 of the assessed value in calendar year 2023.

The following is a summary of authorized and levied (tax rate per \$1,000 assessed value) ad valorem taxes:

	<u>Authorized Millage</u>	<u>Levied Millage</u>	<u>Expiration Date</u>
Law enforcement:			
Legislative	6.20	6.20	NONE
Special	5.95	5.95	2030

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4. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Bank Deposits

At current year-end, the Sheriff has deposits (book balances) as follows:

Cash on hand	\$	1,800
Checking-non-interest bearing		689,708
Checking- interest bearing		2,830,323
Savings deposits		33,976
Certificates of deposits		22,641
	\$	<u>3,578,448</u>

Cash and cash equivalents are reported in the basic financial statements as follows:

Governmental Funds	\$	3,053,096
Fiduciary Funds		525,352
	\$	<u>3,578,448</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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 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.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the Sheriff's deposits may not be returned to the Sheriff. The Sheriff's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires that all uninsured deposits must be secured with acceptable collateral as defined in LRS 39:1221 valued at market. As of June 30, 2024, the Sheriff had deposits (collected bank balances) totaling \$3,610,355 which includes \$582,006 in fiduciary funds. As of yearend the Sheriff had deposits of \$3,610,355 that were either insured by FDIC coverage or collateralized by securities held by the pledging financial institution's agent in the name of the Sheriff's Office.

Investments

At current year-end, the Sheriff had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Investment Maturities (in Years) Less Than 1
Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP)	\$ 7,893,158	\$ 7,893,158
Totals	\$ <u>7,893,158</u>	\$ <u>7,893,158</u>

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments.

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The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA – R.S. 33:2955.

GASB Statement No. 40 Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is an investment pool that, to the extent practical, invest in a manner consistent with GASB Statement No. 79. The following facts are relevant for investment pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest rate risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 56 days as of June 30, 2024.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable in a 2a7 like pools.

The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the net asset value of the pool shares.

LAMP, Inc. is subject to the regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP is not registered with the SEC as an investment company.

LAMP issues financial reports which can be obtained by writing: LAMP, Inc., 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, LA 70130 or on its website at www.lamppool.com.

5. RECEIVABLES

The receivables at current year-end, consisted of the following:

<u>Class of Receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Total</u>
Intergovernmental :		
State	\$ 28,704	28,704
Local	647,708	647,708
Other	35,892	35,892
Allowance for uncollectibles	-	-
Total	<u>\$ 712,304</u>	<u>712,304</u>

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6. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets is a follows:

	Balance Beginning	Reclasses/ Adjustments	Additions	Dispositions	Balance Ending
Capital assets not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 69,265	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 69,265
Construction in Progress	60,592	(800,892)	740,300	-	-
Total capital assets not being depreciated	129,857	(800,892)	740,300	-	69,265
Capital assets being depreciated:					
Buildings and improvements	1,389,725	800,892	-	-	2,190,617
Furniture and equipment	3,956,127	-	143,086	-	4,099,213
Vehicles	2,325,875	-	423,598	-	2,749,473
Software	325,473	-	9,490	-	334,963
Total capital assets being depreciated	7,997,200	800,892	576,174	-	9,374,266
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings and improvements	273,094	-	41,265	-	314,359
Furniture and equipment	3,400,248	-	191,866	-	3,592,114
Vehicles	1,645,955	-	258,630	-	1,904,585
Software	290,931	-	14,175	-	305,106
Total accumulated depreciation	5,610,228	-	505,936	-	6,116,164
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	2,386,972	-	70,238	-	3,258,102
Right-to-use Leased Assets:					
Equipment	55,140	-	-	-	55,140
Total right-to-use leased assets	55,140	-	-	-	55,140
Less accumulated amortization for:					
Equipment	20,261	-	12,975	-	33,236
Total accumulated Amortization	20,261	-	12,975	-	33,236
Total right-of-use leased assets being amortized, net	34,879	-	(12,975)	-	21,904
Capital and Right-to-use leased assets, net	\$ 2,551,708	\$ -	\$ 797,563	\$ -	\$ 3,349,271

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7. PENSION/ RETIREMENT

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description

The Louisiana Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund (LSPRF) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 11:2171 to provide retirement, disability and survivor benefits to employees of sheriff's offices throughout the State of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association and the Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund's office.

Benefits Provided

The following is a description of the plan and its benefits and is provided for general informational purposes only. LSPRF provides normal retirement, disability benefits, survivor's benefits, deferred benefits, and back deferred retirement option plan (DROP) benefits. Participants should refer to the appropriate statutes for more complete information.

Retirement Benefits:

A. Normal Retirement

For members who become eligible for membership on or before December 31, 2011: Members with twelve years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five; members with thirty years of service may retire regardless of age. The retirement allowance is equal to three and one-third percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Active, contributing members with at least ten years of creditable service may retire at age sixty. The accrued normal retirement benefit is reduced actuarially for each month or fraction thereof that retirement begins prior to the member's earliest normal retirement date assuming continuous service.

For members whose first employment making them eligible for membership in the system began on or after January 1, 2012: Members with twelve years of creditable service may retire at age sixty-two; members with twenty years of service may retire at age sixty; members with thirty years of creditable service may retire at age fifty-five. The benefit accrual rate for such members with less than thirty years of service is three percent; for members with thirty or more years of service; the accrual rate is three and one-third percent. The retirement allowance is equal to the benefit accrual rate times the member's average final compensation multiplied by his years of creditable service, not to exceed (after reduction for optional payment form) 100% of average final compensation. Members with twenty or more years of service may retire with a reduced retirement at age fifty.

For a member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the system began on or before June 30, 2006, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest thirty-six consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the thirty-six month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

For a member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the system began after June 30, 2006 and before July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted. The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty month period shall not exceed 125% of the preceding twelve-month period.

For a member whose first employment making him eligible for membership in the system began on or after July 1, 2013, final average compensation is based on the average monthly earnings during the highest sixty consecutive months or joined months if service was interrupted.

The earnings to be considered for each twelve-month period within the sixty month period shall not exceed 115% of the preceding twelve-month period.

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B. Disability Benefits

A member is eligible to receive disability benefits if he has at least ten years of creditable service when a non-service related disability is incurred; there are no service requirements for a service related disability. Disability benefits shall be the lesser of 1) a sum equal to the greatest of 45% of final average compensation or the members' accrued retirement benefit at the time of termination of employment due to disability, or 2) the retirement benefit which would be payable assuming continued service to the earliest normal retirement age. Members who become partially disabled receive 75% of the amount payable for total disability.

C. Survivor Benefits

Survivor benefits for death solely as a result of injuries received in the line of duty are based on the following. For a spouse alone, a sum equal to 50% of the member's final average compensation with a minimum of \$150 per month. If a spouse is entitled to benefits and has a child or children under eighteen years of age (or over said age if physically or mentally incapacitated and dependent upon the member at the time of his death), an additional sum of 15% of the member's final average compensation is paid to each child with total benefits paid to spouse and children not to exceed 100%. If a member dies with no surviving spouse, surviving children under age eighteen will receive monthly benefits of 15% of the member's final average compensation up to a maximum of 60% of final average compensation if there are more than four children. If a member is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death, the surviving spouse receives an automatic Option 2 benefit. The additional benefit payable to children shall be the same as those available for members who die in the line of duty. In lieu of receiving Option 2 benefit, the surviving spouse may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions. All benefits payable to surviving children shall be extended through age twenty-two, if the child is a full time student in good standing enrolled at a board approved or accredited school, college, or university.

D. Deferred Benefits

The Fund does provide for deferred benefits for vested members who terminate before being eligible for retirement. Benefits become payable once the member reaches the appropriate age for retirement.

E. Back Deferred Retirement Option Plan (Back-DROP)

In lieu of receiving a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who has more than sufficient service for a regular service retirement may elect to receive a "Back-DROP" benefit. The Back-DROP benefit is based upon the Back-DROP period selected and the final average compensation prior to the period selected. The Back-DROP period is the lesser of three years or the service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. For those individuals with thirty or more years, the Back-DROP period is the lesser of four years or service accrued between the time a member first becomes eligible for retirement and his actual date of retirement. At retirement the member's maximum monthly retirement benefit is based upon his service, final average compensation and plan provisions in effect on the last day of creditable service immediately prior to the commencement of the Back-DROP period. In addition to the monthly benefit at retirement, the member receives a lump-sum payment equal to the maximum monthly benefit as calculated above multiplied by the number of months in the Back-DROP period. In addition, the member's Back-DROP account will be credited with employee contributions received by the retirement fund during the Back-DROP period. Participants have the option to opt out of this program and take a distribution, if eligible, or to rollover the assets to another qualified plan.

Cost of Living Adjustments

Cost of living provisions for the Fund allows the board of trustees to provide an annual cost of living increase of 2.5% of the eligible retiree's original benefit if certain funding criteria are met.

Members are eligible to receive a cost of living adjustment once they have attained the age of sixty and have been retired at least one year. Funding criteria for granting cost of living adjustments is dependent on the funded ratio.

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Contributions

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2023, the actual employer contribution rate was 11.50% with an additional 0% allocated from the Funding Deposit Account. Employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$500,536.

In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem taxes, insurance premium taxes and state revenue sharing funds. These additional sources of income are used as employer contributions and are considered support from non-employer contributing entities, but are not considered special funding situations. Non-employer contributions are recognized as revenue and excluded from pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2024. Non-employer contributions for the year ended June 30, 2024 were \$269,087.

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

At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff reported a liability of \$4,912,233 for its proportionate share of the Net Pension Liability. The Net Pension Liability was measured as of June 30, 2023 and the total pension liability used to calculate the Net Pension Obligation was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Sheriff's proportion of the Net Pension Liability was based on the employer's projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year as compared to the total of all employers' projected contribution effort to the plan for the next fiscal year. At June 30, 2023 (the measurement date), the Sheriff's proportion was .558985%, which was an increase of .002159% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2022.

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Sheriff recognized pension expense of \$1,497,029 plus/(less) employer's amortization of change in proportionate share and differences between employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions of \$32,020.

At current year-end, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflow of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 911,592	\$ 89,904
Changes of assumptions	377,570	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	981,282	-
Changes in proportion and difference between Employer contributions and proportionate share of contributions	123,026	-
Employer contribution subsequent to the measurement date	500,528	-
Total	\$ <u>2,893,998</u>	\$ <u>89,904</u>

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\$500,528 reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the pension resulting from the Sheriff's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the Net Pension Liability in the year ended June 30, 2024. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:		
2025	\$	699,481
2026		404,771
2027		1,138,713
2028		60,601
2029		-
Thereafter		-

Deferred outflow/inflow resource amounts, except for net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments, are being recognized in employer's pension expense/(benefit) 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. Deferred amounts related to net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments is being recognized in pension expense/(benefit) using the straight-line method amortization method over a closed five-year period.

A summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2024 are as follows:

Valuation Date	June 30, 2023
Actuarial cost method	Individual Entry Age Normal Method
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return	6.85% net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
Discount Rate	6.85%
Projected salary increases	5.00% (2.50% Inflation, 2.50% Merit)
Mortality Rates	<p>RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Employees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for active members, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p> <p>RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p> <p>RP-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Disabled Retirees multiplied by 120% for males and 115% for females for disabled annuitants, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.</p>

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Expected Remaining Service Lives	2023 5 years; 2022 5 years; 2021 5 years; 2020 6 years; 2019 6 years; 2018 6 years; 2017 -7 years; 2016 -7 years
Cost-of-living adjustments	The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The present values do not include provisions for potential future increase not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively automatic.

The mortality rate assumptions were set after reviewing an experience study performed over the period July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2019. The data was then assigned credibility weighting and combined with a standard table to produce current levels of mortality. This mortality was then projected forward to a period equivalent to the estimated duration of the Fund's liabilities. Annuity values calculated based on this mortality were compared to those produced by using a setback of standard tables. The result of the procedure indicated that these tables would produce liability values approximating the appropriate generational mortality tables used.

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.

Estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class based on the Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 were as follows:

Asset Class	Expected Rate of Return	
	Target Asset Allocation	Real Return Arithmetic Basis
Equity Securities	62 %	6.69 %
Fixed Income	25	4.92
Alternative Investments	13	5.77
Totals	100 %	6.13 %
Inflation		2.49
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Return		8.62 %

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.85% for the measurement period ending June 30, 2023. In the prior period this rate was 6.85%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund'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.

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Sensitivity of the Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate

The following presents the Sheriff's net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.85%, as well as what the employers' net pension asset 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 as of June 30, 2023:

	1% Decrease 5.85%	Current Discount Rate 6.85%	1% Increase 7.85%
Net Pension Liability (Asset)	\$ 8,704,559	\$ 4,912,233	\$ 1,749,499

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

The Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund has issued a stand-alone audit report on their financial statements for the year ended June 30, 2023. Access to the report can be found on the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's website, www.lla.la.gov. The plan's basis of accounting is accrual basis. The plan's fiduciary net position was also determined using the accrual basis of accounting.

Payables to the Pension Plan

As of current year-end, the Sheriff owed \$104,670 in legally required contributions to LSPRF.

8. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Summary of the long-term liability transactions during the year:

	Balance Beginning	Additions	Reductions	Balance Ending	Due Within One Year
Other Obligations:					
Compensated absences	\$ 387,383	106,820	172,098	322,105	106,820
Lease liability	43,178	-	10,651	32,527	10,456
Net pension liability	4,525,805	386,428	-	4,912,233	-
Other post-employment benefits	4,600,624	-	903,187	3,697,437	-
Total long-term liabilities	\$ 9,556,990	493,248	1,085,936	8,964,302	117,276

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The Sheriff has entered into lease agreements involving printing and imaging equipment. The total of the Sheriff's right-to-use leased assets are recorded at a cost of \$55,140 less accumulated amortization of \$33,236.

The future minimum lease payments under lease agreements are as follows:

Year Ending June 30,	Leases		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2025	\$ 10,456	\$ 1,114	\$ 11,570
2026	7,747	742	8,489
2027	8,062	426	8,488
2028	6,262	105	6,367
2029	-	-	-
2030-2034	-	-	-
2035-2039	-	-	-
2040-2044	-	-	-
	<u>\$ 32,527</u>	<u>\$ 2,387</u>	<u>\$ 34,914</u>

9. RESTRICTED FUND BALANCE

A portion of the fund balance of the General Fund, \$423,076 has been restricted for specific use. A portion of the restricted fund balance, \$329,325 has been restricted for drug law enforcement. This balance represents seizures from criminal activities. Louisiana Revised Statute 40:2616.B(3.a) requires such proceeds to be used in drug law enforcement. Another portion of the restricted fund balance of the General Fund, \$20,051 has been restricted for sex offender registration and compliance. The Code of Criminal Procedure 895.1(F) provides funding that is to be used to improve the overall effectiveness and efficiency of the sex offender and child predator registration process. A final portion of the restricted fund balance of the General Fund, \$73,699 has been restricted for the opioid abatement settlement. The Louisiana State-Local Government Opioid Litigation Memorandum of Understanding is an agreement between the State of Louisiana and participating local governments that will govern the current and future settlement of the opioid abatement settlement funds.

10. CONTINGENCIES

Litigation. The Sheriff is involved in various lawsuits and pending claims. Management believes the ultimate resolution of these suits would not create a material liability to the Sheriff in excess of existing insurance coverage. Accordingly, no provision for losses, exceeding available insurance coverage, has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements.

Grant Disallowances. The Sheriff participates in a number of state and federal financial assistance programs. These programs are subject to further financial and compliance audits by grantor agencies. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by granting agencies cannot be determined at this time. Based on prior experience the Sheriff feels such amounts, if any, to be immaterial to the financial statements.

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**11. EXPENDITURES OF THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE PAID BY THE
PARISH POLICE JURY**

Certain operating expenditures of the Sheriff's office are paid by the parish police jury, as required under Louisiana law, and are not included in the accompanying financial statements.

Specifically the police jury maintains and operates the parish courthouse in which the Sheriff's office is located and occasionally provides funds for equipment and furniture of the Sheriff's office. The total amount of these expenditures were not available for disclosure.

12. ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS FOR FRINGE BENEFITS AND SALARIES

Retirement plan payments in the amount of \$137,237 were made by the Sheriff, acting in his capacity as Ex-Officio Tax Collector, to the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Retirement System of the State of Louisiana on behalf of the Sheriff's Office. These remittances represent a portion of the ad valorem taxes and state revenue sharing collections which are statutorily set aside for payment to the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Retirement System on behalf of the Sheriff. These on-behalf payments have been recorded in the accompanying financial statements as revenues and expenditures in the General Fund.

13. TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST

The unsettled balances due to taxing bodies and others in the agency funds at June 30, 2024, includes \$0 of taxes paid under protest. These funds, totaling \$0, are held pending resolution of the protest and are accounted for in the Tax Collector Agency Fund.

14. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sheriff is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. Effective September 1, 1998, the Sheriff's Office became a participant in the Louisiana Sheriff's Law Enforcement Program (LSLEP), a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for approximately 45 Louisiana Sheriffs. The Sheriff pays an annual premium to the LSLEP for its law enforcement professional liability insurance coverage. The Sheriff is allowed to select the level of coverage during the process of annual enrollment. The risk retained by LSLEP is managed with the intent to be self-sustaining through participant member premiums. Varying levels of excess coverage, if requested by the Sheriff during the enrollment period, are reinsured through commercial insurance companies. As of June 30, 2024, the Sheriff is covered for individual claims and up to \$2,800,000 with an annual aggregate cap of \$2,800,000. The Sheriff has retained the risk in excess of this limit. The Sheriff estimates claims, for risk retained, based on the requirements of GASB Statement 10, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues*, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable that a liability has been incurred at the date of the financial statements and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. As of June 30, 2024, the Sheriff has no carrying amount recorded in the financial statements of liabilities for unpaid claims and there are no outstanding amounts of claims liabilities for which annuity contracts have been purchased. No payments for claims were made during fiscal year ending June 30, 2024.

The Sheriff also participates in the Louisiana Sheriff's Association Group Benefits Plan (LSAGP) which provides employee health and life insurance benefits. Neither the LSAGP nor the Sheriff assumes any liability for charges not meeting the Plan's definitions of covered expenses. Health insurance claims are administered by a major health insurance company while the life insurance is underwritten with a commercial life insurance company.

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The Sheriff continues to carry commercial insurance for risk of loss concerning auto liability and collision. Risk of loss for Courthouse and Jail building contents and equipment is covered principally by the Police Jury through a commercial insurance company. The Sheriff carries property insurance for risk of loss for its administration building.

The Sheriff does not maintain insurance coverage for risk of loss related to a building owned separately in the name of the Law Enforcement District which is used to house the Criminal Investigative Division. Under Louisiana Revised Statutes 23:1034, the Sheriff is exempt from workers compensation coverage and any risk of loss with respect to himself and commissioned deputies. Settled claims resulting from the aforementioned risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years.

15. POST-EMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

General Information about the OPEB Plan

Plan description – The Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff’s Office (the Sheriff) provides certain continuing health care and life insurance benefits for its retired employees. The Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff’s OPEB Plan (the OPEB Plan) is a single-employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Sheriff. The authority to establish and/or amend the obligation of the employer, employees and retirees rests with the Sheriff. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

Benefits Provided – Benefits are provided through comprehensive plans and are made available to employees upon actual retirement. Employees retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: attainment of 30 years of service at any age, or age 55 and 12 years of service if earlier; or, for employees hired after January 1st, 2012, the earliest of age 55 and 30 years of service, age 60 and 20 years of service, and age 62 with 12 years of service. Notwithstanding this there is a minimum service requirement of 15 years for benefits. Notwithstanding this, for employees hired on or after July 1st, 2018 there is also a minimum requirement of age 55 including at least fifteen years of service with the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff’s Office.

Life insurance coverage is provided to retirees and 100% of the blended rate (active and retired) is paid by the employer for the amount \$10,000. The amount of insurance coverage while active may be continued after retirement, but insurance coverage amounts are reduced to 75% of the original amount at age 65, then to 50% at age 70, though not below amount \$10,000.

Employees covered by benefit terms – At June 30, 2024, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	10
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active employees	<u>90</u>
	<u><u>100</u></u>

Total OPEB Liability

The Sheriff’s total OPEB liability of \$3,697,437 was measured as of June 30, 2024 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date.

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Actuarial Assumptions and other inputs – The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2024 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation	3.0%
Salary increases	3.0%, including inflation
Prior Discount rate	3.65%
Discount rate	3.93%
Healthcare cost trend rates	Gretzen model, with an initial trend of 5.5%
Mortality	Pub-2010 /2021

The discount rate was based on the average of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General Obligation municipal bond index as of June 30, 2018, the end of the applicable measurement period.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2024 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2024.

Changes in the Total OPEB Liability

Balance at June 30, 2023	\$ 4,600,624
Changes for the year:	
Service cost	219,255
Interest	171,924
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,111,038)
Changes in assumptions	(94,251)
Benefit payments and net transfers	(89,077)
Net changes	(903,187)
Balance at June 30, 2024	\$ 3,697,437

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (2.93%) or 1-percentage-point higher (4.93%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease (2.93%)	Current Discount Rate (3.93%)	1.0% Increase (4.93%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 4,453,538	\$ 3,697,437	\$ 3,108,773

Sensitivity of the total OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Sheriff, as well as what the Sheriff's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower (4.5%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.5%) than the current healthcare trend rates:

	1.0% Decrease (4.5%)	Current Trend (5.5%)	1.0% Increase (6.5%)
Total OPEB liability	\$ 3,174,942	\$ 3,697,437	\$ 4,371,227

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OPEB Expense and Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources Related to OPEB

For the year ended June 30, 2024, the Sheriff recognized OPEB expense of \$121,899. At June 30, 2024, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$594,811	\$ (1,556,139)
Changes in assumptions	732,259	(1,221,106)
Total	<u>\$1,327,070</u>	<u>\$ (2,777,245)</u>

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB will be recognized in OPEB expense as follows:

Years ending June 30:	
2025	(269,280)
2026	(269,280)
2027	(269,280)
2028	(269,280)
2029	(269,280)
Thereafter	(103,775)

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16. TAXES COLLECTED ON BEHALF OF OTHERS

Ad Valorem Taxes Collected

The amount of cash on hand at year-end was \$108,175, of which \$9 was held under protest (\$0 on taxes, and \$9 in interest earnings). The amount of taxes collected for the current year by taxing authority was:

	Unprotected Taxes Collected	Protested Taxes Collected	Total Collected
Jefferson Davis Parish Government	\$ 4,193,447	-	4,193,447
Jefferson Davis Parish Library	1,635,127	-	1,635,127
Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Abatement	2,195,242	-	2,195,242
Jefferson Davis Parish Law Enforcement	3,437,144	-	3,437,144
Jefferson Davis Parish Assessor	710,054	-	710,054
Jefferson Davis Parish School Board	10,118,634	-	10,118,634
Jefferson Davis Parish Water and Sewer	545,056	-	545,056
Jefferson Davis Parish Fire Districts	2,594,484	-	2,594,484
Jefferson Davis Parish Drainage Districts	1,631,155	-	1,631,155
City of Jennings	1,431,734	-	1,431,734
Town of Lake Arthur	276,274	-	276,274
Town of Welsh	127,568	-	127,568
Village of Fenton	11,930	-	11,930
Town of Elton	26,957	-	26,957
Department of Agriculture and Forestry	4,615	-	4,615
Louisiana Tax Commission	46,355	-	46,355
	<u>\$ 28,985,776</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,985,776</u>

The amount of taxes assessed and uncollected, and the reason for the failure to do so is as follows:

	Supplemental Homestead Exemptions	LTC Reductions (Additions)	Adjudica- tions	No Property Found	Bank- ruptcy	Unpaid
Jefferson Davis Parish Government	-	15,353	1,220	-	-	49,160
Jefferson Davis Parish Library	-	5,862	1,000	-	-	16,834
Jefferson Davis Parish Mosquito Abatement	-	7,870	1,343	-	-	22,600
Jefferson Davis Parish Law Enforcement	-	12,321	2,102	-	-	35,386
Jefferson Davis Parish Tax Assessor	-	2,545	434	-	-	7,310
Jefferson Davis Parish School Board	-	35,472	6,693	-	-	101,306
Jefferson Davis Parish Water & Sewer	-	4,908	23	-	-	12,171
Jefferson Davis Parish Fire Districts	-	9,106	422	-	-	31,534
Jefferson Davis Parish Drainage Districts	-	5,507	547	-	-	18,546
City of Jennings	-	35	2,137	-	-	21,740
Town of Lake Arthur	-	1,184	922	-	-	855
Town of Welsh	-	67	178	-	-	5,602
Village of Fenton	-	14	-	-	-	-
Town of Elton	-	16	44	-	-	389
LA Dept of Ag and Forestry	-	2	-	-	-	-
Louisiana Tax Commission	-	(4)	-	-	-	-
	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>100,258</u>	<u>17,065</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>323,433</u>

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Other Taxes Collected

Act 711 of the 2010 Louisiana Legislative Session amended LRS24:51(B) to provide required footnote disclosure in the financial statements for local governments that collect tax for other taxing jurisdictions. Listed below are current year State Revenue Sharing and parish license collections and distributions to parish governmental agencies during the fiscal year:

	State Revenue Sharing	Parish Licenses
Beginning balance due taxing authorities	\$ -	6,857
Additions:		
State revenue sharing	633,575	-
Insurance licenses collections	-	192,655
Occupational licenses collections	-	134,172
Alcohol licenses collections	-	2,790
Interest, penalties, and other collections	-	13
Total additions	633,575	329,630
Reductions:		
Taxes distributed to others		
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury	137,238	271,429
Jefferson Davis Parish Library	30,751	
Jefferson Davis Parish Tax Assessor	10,000	
Jefferson Davis Parish School Board	303,972	
Jefferson Davis Parish Fire Districts	2,026	
Jefferson Davis Parish Gravity Drainage	12,622	
City of Jennings	27,351	
Town of Welsh	10,649	
Village of Fenton	2,666	
Town of Elton	4,645	
Town of Lake Arthur	8,762	
Pension Funds	15,316	
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office General Fund	67,577	49,444
Total reductions	633,575	320,873
Ending balance due taxing authorities	\$ -	15,614

The ending balance due taxing authorities represents unpaid amounts pending distribution for subsequent month.

17. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Sheriff has evaluated subsequent events through the date that the financial statements were available to be issued December 30, 2024, and determined that other than as described below, no events occurred that would require additional disclosure.

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18. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During fiscal year ending in June 30, 2024 the Jefferson Davis Police Jury paid the Sheriff's Office the following for services provided:

<u>Service Provided</u>		<u>Amount</u>
911 Dispatch Services	\$	285,533
Jail and Correction Services		806,968
Prisoner Transport		37,502
Court Attendance		8,540

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
GENERAL FUND
Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Schedule 1A

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual Amounts	Variance With Final Budget Positive (Negative)
	Original	Final		
REVENUES				
Property taxes	\$ 3,200,000	\$ 3,391,233	\$ 3,450,391	\$ 59,158
Sales taxes	2,800,000	2,907,080	3,177,424	270,344
Parish contribution to retirement fund	-	-	137,237	137,237
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State sources:				
State grants	-	-	14,399	14,399
State supplemental pay	400,000	400,000	406,800	6,800
State revenue sharing	-	-	67,577	67,577
Other	198,410	202,237	102,203	(100,034)
Local sources:				
District attorney - LACE	15,000	45,000	53,795	8,795
Parish - 911 District	270,000	255,000	285,533	30,533
Parish - Corrections/Jail salary	650,000	768,569	806,968	38,399
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Commissions on licenses, taxes, etc.	140,000	144,000	157,082	13,082
Civil and criminal fees	150,000	165,000	204,567	39,567
Court attendance	5,000	7,000	8,540	1,540
Transporting prisoners	14,000	26,000	37,502	11,502
Feeding and keeping prisoners	150,000	183,000	207,883	24,883
Commissary commissions	45,000	68,000	73,118	5,118
Commissions on fines and other forfeitures	35,000	46,000	53,153	7,153
Security detail services	30,000	139,000	148,867	9,867
Other	135,700	138,900	119,828	(19,072)
Fines and Forfeitures:				
Drug related fines and forfeitures	1,500	13,874	13,875	1
Bond, fines and other forfeitures	5,000	2,000	1,700	(300)
Use of money and property:				
Interest	150,000	379,000	430,144	51,144
Commissions on phones	75,000	75,000	101,168	26,168
Miscellaneous	35,000	25,000	25,163	163
Total Revenues	<u>8,504,610</u>	<u>9,380,893</u>	<u>10,084,917</u>	<u>704,024</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
Public safety:				
Personal services and related benefits	7,693,410	7,699,383	7,126,032	573,351
Operating services	843,500	975,923	885,717	90,206
Materials and supplies	571,000	641,866	447,616	194,250
Other	60,000	80,000	64,890	15,110
Intergovernmental:				
Retirement deducted from tax collections	52,000	52,782	52,783	(1)
Debt service				
Principal - lease	-	-	10,652	(10,652)
Interest	-	-	1,541	(1,541)
Capital outlay	950,000	1,631,479	1,316,475	315,004
Total Expenditures	<u>10,169,910</u>	<u>11,081,433</u>	<u>9,905,706</u>	<u>1,175,727</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	<u>(1,665,300)</u>	<u>(1,700,540)</u>	<u>179,211</u>	<u>1,879,751</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES):				
Compensation for loss or damage of assets	-	2,837	3,928	1,091
Total Other Financing Sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>2,837</u>	<u>3,928</u>	<u>1,091</u>
NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	(1,665,300)	(1,697,703)	183,139	1,880,842
FUND BALANCES BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>7,067,993</u>	<u>9,487,926</u>	<u>11,144,963</u>	<u>1,657,037</u>
FUND BALANCES END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 5,402,693</u>	<u>\$ 7,790,223</u>	<u>\$ 11,328,102</u>	<u>\$ 3,537,879</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Notes to Budgetary Comparison Schedule
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

A. BUDGETARY PRACTICES

General Budget Practices The Sheriff follows the following procedures in establishing budgetary data reported in the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule:

Pursuant to the Louisiana Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-1314), the Sheriff is required to adopt an annual budget no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

Each year prior to June 15th, the Director of Finance and the Sheriff develop a proposed annual budget for the general fund and all special revenue funds. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them. The proposed budget is advertised as available for public inspection at least 10 days prior to final adoption simultaneously with a notice of the date of public hearing. The public hearing is conducted during a finance committee meeting in order to obtain public input. The budget is subsequently adopted by the Sheriff through a formal budget resolution.

General fund appropriations (unexpended budget balances) lapse at end of fiscal year.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is not employed.

Formal budget integration (within the accounting records) is employed as a management control device. All budgets are controlled at the object level. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original budget and all subsequent amendments. All budget revisions are approved by the Sheriff.

Budget Basis of Accounting All governmental funds budgets are prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Legally, the Sheriff cannot budget total expenditures and other financing uses which would exceed total budgeted revenues and other financing sources including beginning fund balance. State statutes require the Sheriff to amend the budgets to prevent overall projected revenues, expenditures, or beginning fund balance from causing an adverse budget variance of five percent or more in an individual fund. The Sheriff approves budgets at the object level and management is allowed to transfer amounts between line items within an object.

B. EXCESS OF EXPENDITURES OVER APPROPRIATIONS IN INDIVIDUAL MAJOR FUNDS

The following budgeted major funds had actual expenditures over budgeted expenditures for the fiscal year:

Major Fund	Final Budget	Actual	Unfavorable Variance
None	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Reason for unfavorable variance: Not applicable.

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS
YEAR ENDED JUNE 30,**

	<u>2024</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Total OPEB Liability:							
Service cost	\$ 219,255	219,375	281,205	274,343	243,164	149,839	154,449
Interest	171,924	152,144	137,183	122,833	153,074	137,963	132,767
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	(1,111,038)	209,759	(630,017)	450,602	(426,772)	257,342	33,301
Changes of assumptions	(94,251)	(79,687)	(1,726,194)	50,106	1,302,102	73,386	-
Benefit payments	(89,077)	(89,126)	(84,479)	(108,296)	(102,650)	(102,795)	(97,436)
Net change in total OPEB liability	(903,187)	412,465	(2,022,302)	789,588	1,168,918	515,735	223,081
Total OPEB liability- beginning	4,600,624	4,188,159	6,210,461	5,420,873	4,251,955	3,736,220	3,513,139
Total OPEB liability- ending	\$ 3,697,437	4,600,624	4,188,159	6,210,461	5,420,873	4,251,955	3,736,220
Covered payroll	\$ 3,638,704	4,064,714	3,946,324	3,276,938	3,181,493	2,919,913	2,834,867
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	101.61%	113.18%	106.13%	189.52%	170.39%	145.62%	131.80%
Notes to Schedule:							
Benefit Changes	None	None	None	None	None	None	None
Discount Rate	3.93%	3.65%	3.54%	2.16%	2.21%	3.50%	3.62%
Mortality	Pub-2010/2021	RP-2014	RP-2014	RP-2014	RP-2014	RP-2000	RP-2000
Trend	Getzen model	4.5%-5.5%	4.5%-5.5%	4.5%-5.5%	Variable	5.5%	5.5%

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

JEFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
ADDITIONAL PENSION/ RETIREMENT INFORMATION
Schedule of Employer's Proportionate Share of Net Pension Liability
For the Year Ended June 30,

Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund:

Measurement Date Year Ending June 30th	Employer's proportion of net pension liability (asset)	Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	Covered payroll	Employer's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
2023	0.558985%	4,912,233	4,480,902	109.62%	83.94%
2022	0.556826%	4,525,805	4,130,573	109.57%	83.90%
2021	(0.532217%)	(263,740)	3,877,436	(6.80%)	101.04%
2020	0.515184%	3,565,667	3,804,245	93.73%	84.73%
2019	0.488812%	2,312,193	3,415,738	67.69%	88.91%
2018	0.476548%	1,827,394	3,279,948	55.71%	90.41%
2017	0.494208%	2,140,056	3,369,310	63.52%	88.49%
2016	0.510874%	3,242,464	3,490,463	92.89%	82.10%
2015	0.480554%	2,142,078	3,186,147	67.23%	86.61%
2014	0.443431%	1,755,989	2,969,653	59.13%	87.34%

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JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
ADDITIONAL PENSION/ RETIREMENT INFORMATION
Schedule of Employer Contributions
For the Year Ended June 30,

Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund:

Financial Statement Year Ending Date	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractually Required Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
2024	\$ 500,536	\$ 500,536	\$ -	\$ 4,352,481	11.50%
2023	\$ 515,308	\$ 515,308	\$ -	\$ 4,480,902	11.50%
2022	\$ 505,988	\$ 505,988	\$ -	\$ 4,130,573	12.25%
2021	\$ 474,988	\$ 474,988	\$ -	\$ 3,877,436	12.25%
2020	\$ 466,022	\$ 466,022	\$ -	\$ 3,804,245	12.25%
2019	\$ 418,429	\$ 418,429	\$ -	\$ 3,415,738	12.25%
2018	\$ 418,193	\$ 418,193	\$ -	\$ 3,279,948	12.75%
2017	\$ 446,434	\$ 446,434	\$ -	\$ 3,369,310	13.25%
2016	\$ 479,740	\$ 479,740	\$ -	\$ 3,490,463	13.75%
2015	\$ 454,026	\$ 454,026	\$ -	\$ 3,186,147	14.25%

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**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
ADDITIONAL PENSION/ RETIREMENT INFORMATION
Notes to Required Supplementary Information
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund:

Changes of Benefit Terms. None.

Changes of Assumptions. The Discount Rate changed from 6.85% to 6.85% for the year ended June 30, 2023, the measurement period. The investment rate of return changed from 6.85% to 6.85%.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Jennings, Louisiana

COMBINING FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FIDUCIARY FUNDS-CUSTODIAL FUNDS

TAX COLLECTOR FUND

Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that the Sheriff will serve as the collector of state and parish taxes, licenses and fees. The Tax Collector Fund is used to collect and distribute these taxes, licenses and fees to the appropriate taxing bodies.

SHERIFF'S FUND:

CIVIL FUND

The Civil Fund accounts for funds held in civil suits, Sheriff's sales, and garnishments and payments of these collections to the recipients in accordance with applicable law.

CLEARING FUND

The Clearing Fund accounts for miscellaneous funds collecting pending distribution to various interested parties.

BONDS AND FINES FUND

The Bonds and Fines Fund accounts are for the collection of bonds, fines, costs and payments of these collections to the Sheriff's General Fund and other recipients in accordance with applicable law.

OTHER CUSTODIAL FUNDS:

INMATE FUND

The Inmate Fund accounts for individual prisoner account balances. Funds are deposited in the name of the prisoner and are payable upon request. Balances in the individual prisoner accounts are returned upon completion of their jail sentences.

PRISONER WORK RELEASE FUND

The Prisoner Work Release Fund accounts for the collection of inmate wages and the disbursement of those collections in accordance with R.S. 15:711 to 15:711.1.

EVIDENCE ROOM FUND

The Evidence Room Fund accounts for the collection of cash confiscated during arrests that is being held as evidence in a trial.

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Custodial Funds Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position
June 30, 2024

Schedule 2

	Tax Collector Fund			Sheriff's Fund						
	Ad Valorem	State Revenue Sharing	Parish Licenses	Civil	Clearing	Bonds and Fines	Inmate	Prisoner Work Release	Evidence Room	Total
ASSETS										
Cash	\$ 108,175	-	15,613	60	864	312,961	14,063	-	73,616	525,352
Due from other funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 108,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,613</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>312,961</u>	<u>14,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,616</u>	<u>525,352</u>
LIABILITIES										
Due to other funds	\$ -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
NET POSITION										
Unsettled balances										
due to others	108,175	-	15,613	60	864	312,961	-	-	-	437,673
Protest Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inmate personal funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	14,063	-	-	14,063
Seizures held in evidences	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73,616	73,616
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>108,175</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>15,613</u>	<u>60</u>	<u>864</u>	<u>312,961</u>	<u>14,063</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>73,616</u>	<u>525,352</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
FIDUCIARY FUNDS
Custodial Funds - Combining Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024
Schedule 3

	Tax Collector Fund			Sheriff's Fund						
	Ad Valorem	State Revenue Sharing	Parish Licenses	Civil	Clearing	Bonds and Fines	Inmate	Prisoner Work Release	Evidence Room	Total
ADDITIONS										
Sheriff's sales, suits, and seizures	\$ -	-	-	289,927	-	-	-	-	-	289,927
Fines	-	-	-	-	-	645,317	-	-	-	645,317
Cash bonds	-	-	-	-	-	130,630	-	-	-	130,630
Bond fees	-	-	-	-	-	160,397	-	-	-	160,397
Interest	-	-	13	-	-	2,497	-	-	-	2,510
Garnishments	-	-	-	217,148	-	-	-	-	-	217,148
Other deposits	-	-	-	107,094	93,773	73.00	196,487	-	18,192	415,619
Taxes, fees, etc., paid to tax collector	29,423,096	633,575	329,617	-	-	-	-	-	-	30,386,288
Total additions	29,423,096	633,575	329,630	614,169	93,773	938,914	196,487	-	18,192	32,247,836
DEDUCTIONS										
State of Louisiana	50,465	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	50,465
Pension funds	771,264	15,316	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	786,580
Sheriff's general fund	3,441,696	67,577	49,445	15,521	-	102,204	-	-	-	3,676,443
Police jury and districts	12,382,212	182,637	271,429	-	-	252,518	-	-	-	13,088,796
School board	9,805,097	303,972	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,109,069
Assessor	710,217	10,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	720,217
Municipalities	1,915,247	54,073	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,969,320
District attorney	-	-	-	-	-	117,949	-	-	-	117,949
District court expense funds	-	-	-	-	-	11,618	-	-	-	11,618
Clerk of court	-	-	-	49,908	-	53,188	-	-	-	103,096
Indigent defender board	-	-	-	-	-	153,127	-	-	-	153,127
Attorneys, appraisers, litigants, etc.	-	-	-	548,710	-	-	-	-	-	548,710
Coroner	-	-	-	-	-	12,410	-	-	-	12,410
Other settlements	368,152	-	-	-	101,534	124,600	211,746	-	40,447	846,479
Protested taxes & interest distributed to taxing bodies & others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total deductions	29,444,350	633,575	320,874	614,139	101,534	827,614	211,746	-	40,447	32,194,279
Change in Fiduciary Net Position	(21,254)	-	8,756	30	(7,761)	111,300	(15,259)	-	(22,255)	53,557
Net Position - Beginning	129,429	-	6,857	30	8,625	201,661	29,322	-	95,871	471,795
Net Position - Ending	\$ 108,175	-	15,613	60	864	312,961	14,063	-	73,616	525,352

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head
or Chief Executive Officer
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024****Schedule 4**

Agency Head Name: Ivy J. Woods, Sheriff

Salary	\$	196,454
Benfits- health insurance		12,133
Benefits- retirement		22,269
Benefits- life insurance		3,469
Cell Phone		747
Dues		21,621
Travel		2,383
Registration fees		640
Other (gas)		3,575
	\$	<u>263,291</u>

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Governmental fund - General Fund
Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity as required by
Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

Schedule 5

Identifying Information		
Entity Name: Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff		
LLA Entity ID#: 3090		
Date that reporting period ended: 6/30/24		
	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/23	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/24
Cash Presentation		
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected	\$ 201,691	\$ 286,117
Add: Collections		
Civil Fees	216,716	108,606
Bond Fees	261,930	181,541
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	85,517	205,296
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	206,765	286,180
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	597	1,900
Subtotal Collections	<u>771,525</u>	<u>783,523</u>
Less: Disbursements to Governments & Nonprofits		
Civil Fees-		
Jefferson Davis Parish Clerk of Court	24,990	24,978
Bond Fees-		
Jefferson Davis Parish Clerk of Court	384	450
Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney	17,789	21,363
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury	16,445	19,788
Southwest Louisiana Crime Lab	384	450
Thirty-first Judicial District Public Defender	16,829	20,238
Asset Forfeiture/Sale-		
Acadia Parish Clerk of Court	90	63
Allen Parish Sheriff's Office	73	16
Avoyelles Parish Clerk of Court	-	12
Calcasieu Parish Clerk of Court	90	90
Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Office	247	178
East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff Office	388	204
Jefferson Parish Sheriff Office	90	30
Lafayette Parish Sheriff's Office	96	-
Orleans Parish Sheriff Office	180	120
Ouachita Parish Sheriff Office	218	326
Plaquemines Parish Clerk of Court	35	-
Rapides Parish Clerk of Court	30	-
St Landry Parish Sheriff Office	86	-
St Martin Parish Clerk of Court	6	-
St Martin Parish Sheriff Office	20	-

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Governmental fund - General Fund
Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity as required by
Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

	Schedule 5 (Concluded)	
	First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/23	Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/24
Criminal Court Costs/Fees-		
Jefferson Davis Parish Clerk of Court	23,603	28,751
Jefferson Davis Parish District Attorney	35,775	43,022
Jefferson Davis Parish Police Jury	102,171	126,523
Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement	195	355
 Louisiana Department of Health & Hospitals	 3,282	 3,994
Louisiana State Police	658	792
Louisiana State Treasurer	6,485	8,038
Louisiana Supreme Court	516	621
Southwest Louisiana Crime Lab	29,349	34,603
Thirty-first Judicial District Court	5,283	6,335
Thirty-first Judicial District Public Defender	52,672	63,387
 Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		
Civil Fees	63,536	59,163
Bond Fees	19,709	23,613
Asset Forfeiture/Sale	46,271	29,564
Criminal Court Costs/Fees	25,203	30,005
Interest Earnings on Collected Balances	596	1,898
 Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies		
Civil Fee Refunds	1,554	2,552
Other Disbursements to Individuals	191,771	205,097
 Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage	<u>687,099</u>	<u>756,619</u>
Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained	\$ <u>286,117</u>	\$ <u>313,021</u>
 Other Information:		
Ending Balance of Total Amounts Assessed but not yet Collected	\$ -	\$ -

**OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENTAL AUDITING STANDARDS**

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**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S 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**

Honorable Kyle C. Miers
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff
Jennings, Louisiana

We have audited, in accordance with the 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, the major fund, and aggregate fund information of the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff (Sheriff), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 30, 2024.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Sheriff'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 a 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 identified a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2024-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Sheriff's financial statements are free of 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 statements. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Sheriff's Response to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Sheriff's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. The Sheriff's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

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 Sheriff'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 Sheriff's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Mike B. Gillespie, CPA, APAC

Certified Public Accountant
Jennings, Louisiana
December 30, 2024

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Jennings, Louisiana
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION I – SUMMARY OF AUDITOR’S RESULTS

Financial Statements

1. Type of report issued: unmodified opinion on the basic financial statements
2. Internal control over financial reporting:
 - Material weakness(es) identified? - No
 - Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? – Yes
3. Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? – No
4. Was a management letter issued? - No

Federal Awards

5. Internal control over major programs:
 - Material weakness(es) identified? – No
 - Significant deficiencies identified? – None reported
6. Type of auditor’s report issued on compliance for major programs: N/A
7. Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR section 200.516(a)? – No
8. The programs tested as major programs included:

<u>CFDA No.</u>	<u>Cluster Title or Program Name</u>
N/A	N/A

9. The dollar threshold used for distinguishing between Type A and B programs was: \$750,000
10. Did auditee qualify as a low-risk auditee? – N/A

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
Jennings, Louisiana
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT FINDINGS

2024-001 Allegations of Improper Wage Payments/Fraud

Criteria: According to the Sheriff's Policy and Procedure Manual, employees are required to accurately report hours worked. Submitting falsified timesheets constitutes a violation of both internal policies and state laws pertaining to fraud and the theft of public funds.

Condition: It has been alleged that Mr. Brant Lee Duplechain, a former employee of the Sheriff's Office, engaged in payroll fraud between September 2023 and December 2023. Upon discovery, management formally notified the District Attorney of the Thirty-First Judicial District and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor in compliance with La. R.S. 24:523. Charges have since been filed, and Mr. Duplechain was arrested on January 26, 2024. His court appearance is scheduled for January 2025.

Cause of Condition: Management was informed of potential misconduct by another employee. Upon further investigation of this allegation, it was noted that a supervisor failed to properly review and approve associated timesheets. In addition, it was also discovered that the payroll department personnel failed to review and validate the payroll exception reports generated by the payroll system. Current estimates indicate that approximately \$43,000 in wages may have been improperly paid as a result of this situation. Mr. Duplechain was arrested on January 26, 2024, and is set to appear in court in January of 2025.

Potential Effect of Condition: The potential improper payment of approximately \$43,000 has been identified. As of December 30, 2024, restitution has not been made.

Recommendation: Management should implement procedures to ensure supervisors are properly trained to document review and approval of employee timesheets before submission for payroll processing. In addition, the payroll department should document review of the payroll exception reports during each payroll processing period to identify anomalies such as overpayment warnings and implement a procedure for documenting the resolution of exceptions identified in the report. The person in charge of review and approvals should be required to document performance by initialing and dating that required procedures were performed via electronic or other means.

Management's Response: We agree with the recommendations, and we will work to strengthen the design, enhance the implementation and ensure the timelessness of internal controls over reviewing and approving timesheets. The employee has been terminated, we made timely notice of allegations as required under Louisiana laws, and we are currently in the process of pursuing legal action in this matter.

SECTION III – MAJOR FEDERAL AWARD PROGRAMS AUDIT FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings reported.

**JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
MANAGEMENT'S STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024**

SECTION I – FINANACIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

No findings reported.

SECTION II – FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings reported.

SECTION III – MANAGEMENT LETTER FINDINGS

No findings reported.

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THIS STATUS OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS HAS BEEN PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT

JEFFERSON DAVIS PARISH SHERIFF
MANAGEMENT’S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN FOR CURRENT YEAR AUDIT
FINDINGS
For the Year Ended June 30, 2024

SECTION I – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

2024-001 Allegations of Improper Wage Payments/Fraud

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SECTION II – FEDERAL AWARDS FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No findings reported.

SECTION III – MANAGEMENT LETTER

No findings reported.

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THIS CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED BY MANAGEMENT

STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF Jefferson Davis

AFFIDAVIT

Kyle C. Miers (Sheriff's Name), Sheriff of Jefferson Davis (Parish)

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, Kyle C. Miers (Name), the sheriff of Jefferson Davis Parish, State of Louisiana, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:


The following information is true and correct:

\$ 108,175 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector account on 06/30/2024 (Date);

He further deposed and said:

All itemized statements of the amount of taxes collected for tax year 2023, by taxing authority, are true and correct.

All itemized statements of all taxes assessed and uncollected, which indicate the reasons for the failure to collect, by taxing authority, are true and correct.


Signature

Sheriff of Jefferson Davis
(Parish)

SWORN to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 30th day of December 2024 in my office in the Terrace, Louisiana.
(City/Town)

 (Signature)

SUSETTE MOUTON (Print), # 13207
Notary Public

Til Death (Commission)

Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Finding Template for Reporting Fraud and Misappropriations

AGENCY NAME: Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff's Office

EXHIBIT – SUPPORTING AUDIT FINDING 2024-001

FISCAL YEAR END: June 30, 2024

#	ELEMENT OF FINDING	RESPONSE
1	A general statement describing the fraud or misappropriation that occurred.	An employee falsified their timesheet by claiming work hours on their timesheet that included off-duty details and filling in for open shifts when deputies were out sick or on vacation. The false claims occurred over several months in 2023 when he did not work or left the security detail before its completion.
2	A description of the funds or assets that were the subject of the fraud or misappropriation (ex., utility receipts, petty cash, computer equipment).	Payroll expenses
3	The amount of funds or approximate value of assets involved.	Approximately \$43,000
4	The department or office in which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	General Fund, Payroll
5	The period of time over which the fraud or misappropriation occurred.	September 2023 to December 2023
6	The title/agency affiliation of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation.	Sheriff Deputy (Supervisor of a patrol shift)
7	The name of the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation, if formal charges have been brought against the person and/or the matter has been adjudicated.	Brant Lee Duplechain Formal charges have been brought and he is supposed to go to court in January 2025.
8	Is the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud still employed by the agency?	No
9	If the person who committed or is believed to have committed the act of fraud is still employed by the agency, do they have access to assets that may be subject to fraud or misappropriation?	N/A
10	Has the agency notified the appropriate law enforcement body about the fraud or misappropriation?	Yes, on 01/22/2024

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11	What is the status of the investigation at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	Formal charges have been brought and he is supposed to go to court in January 2025.
12	If the investigation is complete and the person believed to have committed the act of fraud or misappropriation has been identified, has the agency filed charges against that person?	Yes, charges have been filed against the person.
13	What is the status of any related adjudication at the date of the auditor's/accountant's report?	Court date is schedule for January 2025.
14	Has restitution been made or has an insurance claim been filed?	The insurance policy did not cover the employee on payroll fraud. No restitution has been made at this point.
15	Has the agency notified the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney in writing, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:523 (Applicable to local governments only)	Yes, both were notified by letter on 01/22/2024.
16	Did the agency's internal controls allow the detection of the fraud or misappropriation in a timely manner?	No. Management became aware of this issue from another employee who overheard a discussion.
17	If the answer to the last question is "no," describe the control deficiency/significant deficiency/material weakness that allowed the fraud or misappropriation to occur and not be detected in a timely manner.	Lack of supervisor reviewing and approving timesheet.
18	Management's plan to ensure that the fraud or misappropriation does not occur in the future	In process of implementing changes to the manner in which timesheets are reviewed and approved.

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Honorable Kyle C. Miers,
Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff
and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's (LLA's) Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

The Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff (JDSO) has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of the engagement, which is to perform specified procedures on the C/C areas identified in LLA's SAUPs for the fiscal period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purposes.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

1) Written Policies and Procedures

- A. Obtain and inspect the entity's written policies and procedures and observe whether they address each of the following categories and subcategories if applicable to public funds and the entity's operations:
 - i. ***Budgeting***, including preparing, adopting, monitoring, and amending the budget.
 - ii. ***Purchasing***, including (1) how purchases are initiated, (2) how vendors are added to the vendor list, (3) the preparation and approval process of purchase requisitions and purchase orders, (4) controls to ensure compliance with the Public Bid Law, and (5) documentation required to be maintained for all bids and price quotes.
 - iii. ***Disbursements***, including processing, reviewing, and approving.
 - iv. ***Receipts/Collections***, including receiving, recording, and preparing deposits. Also, policies and procedures should include management's actions to determine the completeness of all collections for each type of revenue or agency fund additions (e.g., periodic confirmation with outside parties, reconciliation to utility billing after cutoff procedures, reconciliation of traffic ticket number sequences, agency fund forfeiture monies confirmation).

- v. ***Payroll/Personnel***, including (1) payroll processing, (2) reviewing and approving time and attendance records, including leave and overtime worked, and (3) approval process for employee rates of pay or approval and maintenance of pay rate schedules.
- vi. ***Contracting***, including (1) types of services requiring written contracts, (2) standard terms and conditions, (3) legal review, (4) approval process, and (5) monitoring process.
- vii. ***Travel and Expense Reimbursement***, including (1) allowable expenses, (2) dollar thresholds by category of expense, (3) documentation requirements, and (4) required approvers.
- viii. ***Credit Cards (and debit cards, fuel cards, purchase cards, if applicable)***, including (1) how cards are to be controlled, (2) allowable business uses, (3) documentation requirements, (4) required approvers of statements, and (5) monitoring card usage (e.g., determining the reasonableness of fuel card purchases).
- ix. ***Ethics***, including (1) the prohibitions as defined in Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 42:1111-1121, (2) actions to be taken if an ethics violation takes place, (3) system to monitor possible ethics violations, and (4) a requirement that documentation is maintained to demonstrate that all employees and officials were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy.
- x. ***Debt Service***, including (1) debt issuance approval, (2) continuing disclosure/EMMA reporting requirements, (3) debt reserve requirements, and (4) debt service requirements.
- xi. ***Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity***, including (1) identification of critical data and frequency of data backups, (2) storage of backups in a separate physical location isolated from the network, (3) periodic testing/verification that backups can be restored, (4) use of antivirus software on all systems, (5) timely application of all available system and software patches/updates, and (6) identification of personnel, processes, and tools needed to recover operations after a critical event.
- xii. ***Prevention of Sexual Harassment***, including R.S. 42:342-344 requirements for (1) agency responsibilities and prohibitions, (2) annual employee training, and (3) annual reporting.

2) Board or Finance Committee – (This section is NOT Applicable)

- A. Obtain and inspect the board/finance committee minutes for the fiscal period, as well as the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or equivalent document in effect during the fiscal period, and
 - i. Observe that the board/finance committee met with a quorum at least monthly, or on a frequency in accordance with the board's enabling legislation, charter, bylaws, or other equivalent document.
 - ii. For those entities reporting on the governmental accounting model, observe whether the minutes referenced or included monthly budget-to-actual comparisons on the general fund, quarterly budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on proprietary funds, and semi-annual budget-to-actual, at a minimum, on all special revenue funds. *Alternatively, for those entities reporting on the not-for-profit accounting model, observe that the minutes referenced or included financial activity relating to public funds if those public funds comprised more than 10% of the entity's collections during the fiscal period.*

- iii. For governmental entities, obtain the prior year audit report and observe the unassigned fund balance in the general fund. If the general fund had a negative ending unassigned fund balance in the prior year audit report, observe that the minutes for at least one meeting during the fiscal period referenced or included a formal plan to eliminate the negative unassigned fund balance in the general fund.
- iv. Observe whether the board/finance committee received written updates of the progress of resolving audit finding(s), according to management's corrective action plan at each meeting until the findings are considered fully resolved.

3) Bank Reconciliations

- A. Obtain a listing of entity bank accounts for the fiscal period from management and management's representation that the listing is complete. Ask management to identify the entity's main operating account. Select the entity's main operating account and randomly select 4 additional accounts (or all accounts if less than 5). Randomly select one month from the fiscal period, obtain and inspect the corresponding bank statement and reconciliation for each selected account, and observe that:
 - i. Bank reconciliations include evidence that they were prepared within 2 months of the related statement closing date (e.g., initialed and dated or electronically logged);
 - ii. Bank reconciliations include written evidence that a member of management or a board member who does not handle cash, post ledgers, or issue checks has reviewed each bank reconciliation within 1 month of the date the reconciliation was prepared (e.g., initialed and dated, electronically logged); and
 - iii. Management has documentation reflecting it has researched reconciling items that have been outstanding for more than 12 months from the statement closing date, if applicable.

4) Collections (excluding electronic funds transfers)

- A. Obtain a listing of deposit sites for the fiscal period where deposits for cash/checks/money orders (cash) are prepared and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 deposit sites (or all deposit sites if less than 5).
- B. For each deposit site selected, obtain a listing of collection locations and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one collection location for each deposit site (e.g., 5 collection locations for 5 deposit sites), obtain and inspect written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if there are no written policies or procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties) at each collection location, and observe that job duties are properly segregated at each collection location such that
 - i. Employees responsible for cash collections do not share cash drawers/registers;
 - ii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for preparing/making bank deposits, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling collection documentation (e.g., pre-numbered receipts) to the deposit;

- iii. Each employee responsible for collecting cash is not also responsible for posting collection entries to the general ledger or subsidiary ledgers, unless another employee/official is responsible for reconciling ledger postings to each other and to the deposit; and
 - iv. The employee(s) responsible for reconciling cash collections to the general ledger and/or subsidiary ledgers, by revenue source and/or agency fund additions, is (are) not also responsible for collecting cash, unless another employee/official verifies the reconciliation.
- C. Obtain from management a copy of the bond or insurance policy for theft covering all employees who have access to cash. Observe that the bond or insurance policy for theft was in force during the fiscal period.
- D. Randomly select two deposit dates for each of the 5 bank accounts selected for Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A (select the next deposit date chronologically if no deposits were made on the dates randomly selected and randomly select a deposit if multiple deposits are made on the same day). *Alternatively, the practitioner may use a source document other than bank statements when selecting the deposit dates for testing, such as a cash collection log, daily revenue report, receipt book, etc.* Obtain supporting documentation for each of the 10 deposits and:
- i. Observe that receipts are sequentially pre-numbered.
 - ii. Trace sequentially pre-numbered receipts, system reports, and other related collection documentation to the deposit slip.
 - iii. Trace the deposit slip total to the actual deposit per the bank statement.
 - iv. Observe that the deposit was made within one business day of receipt at the collection location (within one week if the depository is more than 10 miles from the collection location or the deposit is less than \$100 and the cash is stored securely in a locked safe or drawer).
 - v. Trace the actual deposit per the bank statement to the general ledger.

5) *Non-Payroll Disbursements (excluding card purchases, travel reimbursements, and petty cash purchases)*

- A. Obtain a listing of locations that process payments for the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 locations (or all locations if less than 5).
- B. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain a listing of those employees involved with non-payroll purchasing and payment functions. Obtain written policies and procedures relating to employee job duties (if the agency has no written policies and procedures, then inquire of employees about their job duties), and observe that job duties are properly segregated such that
- i. At least two employees are involved in initiating a purchase request, approving a purchase, and placing an order or making the purchase;
 - ii. At least two employees are involved in processing and approving payments to vendors;
 - iii. The employee responsible for processing payments is prohibited from adding/modifying vendor files, unless another employee is responsible for periodically reviewing changes to vendor files;
 - iv. Either the employee/official responsible for signing checks mails the payment or gives the signed checks to an employee to mail who is not responsible for processing payments; and

- v. Only employees/officials authorized to sign checks approve the electronic disbursement (release) of funds, whether through automated clearinghouse (ACH), electronic funds transfer (EFT), wire transfer, or some other electronic means.
- C. For each location selected under procedure #5A above, obtain the entity's non-payroll disbursement transaction population (excluding cards and travel reimbursements) and obtain management's representation that the population is complete. Randomly select 5 disbursements for each location, obtain supporting documentation for each transaction, and
- i. Observe whether the disbursement, whether by paper or electronic means, matched the related original itemized invoice and supporting documentation indicates that deliverables included on the invoice were received by the entity, and
 - ii. Observe whether the disbursement documentation included evidence (e.g., initial/date, electronic logging) of segregation of duties tested under procedure #5B above, as applicable.
- D. Using the entity's main operating account and the month selected in Bank Reconciliations procedure #3A, randomly select 5 non-payroll-related electronic disbursements (or all electronic disbursements if less than 5) and observe that each electronic disbursement was (a) approved by only those persons authorized to disburse funds (e.g., sign checks) per the entity's policy, and (b) approved by the required number of authorized signers per the entity's policy. Note: If no electronic payments were made from the main operating account during the month selected the practitioner should select an alternative month and/or account for testing that does include electronic disbursements.

6) Credit Cards/Debit Cards/Fuel Cards/Purchase Cards (Cards)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all active credit cards, bank debit cards, fuel cards, and purchase cards (cards) for the fiscal period, including the card numbers and the names of the persons who maintained possession of the cards. Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete.
- B. Using the listing prepared by management, randomly select 5 cards (or all cards if less than 5) that were used during the fiscal period. Randomly select one monthly statement or combined statement for each card (for a debit card, randomly select one monthly bank statement). Obtain supporting documentation, and
- i. Observe whether there is evidence that the monthly statement or combined statement and supporting documentation (e.g., original receipts for credit/debit card purchases, exception reports for excessive fuel card usage) were reviewed and approved, in writing (or electronically approved) by someone other than the authorized card holder (those instances requiring such approval that may constrain the legal authority of certain public officials, such as the mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality, should not be reported); and
 - ii. Observe that finance charges and late fees were not assessed on the selected statements.
- C. Using the monthly statements or combined statements selected under procedure #7B above, excluding fuel cards, randomly select 10 transactions (or all transactions if less than 10) from each statement, and obtain supporting documentation for the transactions (e.g., each card should have 10 transactions subject to inspection). For each transaction, observe that it is supported by (1) an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased, (2) written documentation of the business/public purpose, and (3) documentation of the individuals participating in meals (for meal charges only). For

missing receipts, the practitioner should describe the nature of the transaction and observe whether management had a compensating control to address missing receipts, such as a "missing receipt statement" that is subject to increased scrutiny.

7) Travel and Travel-Related Expense Reimbursements (excluding card transactions)

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all travel and travel-related expense reimbursements during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing or general ledger is complete. Randomly select 5 reimbursements and obtain the related expense reimbursement forms/prepaid expense documentation of each selected reimbursement, as well as the supporting documentation. For each of the 5 reimbursements selected
- i. If reimbursed using a per diem, observe that the approved reimbursement rate is no more than those rates established either by the State of Louisiana or the U.S. General Services Administration (www.gsa.gov);
 - ii. If reimbursed using actual costs, observe that the reimbursement is supported by an original itemized receipt that identifies precisely what was purchased;
 - iii. Observe that each reimbursement is supported by documentation of the business/public purpose (for meal charges, observe that the documentation includes the names of those individuals participating) and other documentation required by Written Policies and Procedures procedure #1A(vii); and
 - iv. Observe that each reimbursement was reviewed and approved, in writing, by someone other than the person receiving reimbursement.

8) Contracts

- A. Obtain from management a listing of all agreements/contracts for professional services, materials and supplies, leases, and construction activities that were initiated or renewed during the fiscal period. *Alternatively, the practitioner may use an equivalent selection source, such as an active vendor list.* Obtain management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 contracts (or all contracts if less than 5) from the listing, excluding the practitioner's contract, and
- i. Observe whether the contract was bid in accordance with the Louisiana Public Bid Law (e.g., solicited quotes or bids, advertised), if required by law;
 - ii. Observe whether the contract was approved by the governing body/board, if required by policy or law (e.g., Lawrason Act, Home Rule Charter);
 - iii. If the contract was amended (e.g., change order), observe that the original contract terms provided for such an amendment and that amendments were made in compliance with the contract terms (e.g., if approval is required for any amendment, the documented approval); and
 - iv. Randomly select one payment from the fiscal period for each of the 5 contracts, obtain the supporting invoice, agree the invoice to the contract terms, and observe that the invoice and related payment agreed to the terms and conditions of the contract.

9) Payroll and Personnel

- A. Obtain a listing of employees and officials employed during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 employees or officials, obtain related paid salaries and personnel files, and agree paid salaries to authorized salaries/pay rates in the personnel files.
- B. Randomly select one pay period during the fiscal period. For the 5 employees or officials selected under procedure #9A above, obtain attendance records and leave documentation for the pay period, and
 - i. Observe that all selected employees or officials documented their daily attendance and leave (e.g., vacation, sick, compensatory);
 - ii. Observe whether supervisors approved the attendance and leave of the selected employees or officials;
 - iii. Observe that any leave accrued or taken during the pay period is reflected in the entity's cumulative leave records; and
 - iv. Observe the rate paid to the employees or officials agrees to the authorized salary/pay rate found within the personnel file.
- C. Obtain a listing of those employees or officials that received termination payments during the fiscal period and management's representation that the list is complete. Randomly select two employees or officials and obtain related documentation of the hours and pay rates used in management's termination payment calculations and the entity's policy on termination payments. Agree the hours to the employee's or official's cumulative leave records, agree the pay rates to the employee's or official's authorized pay rates in the employee's or official's personnel files, and agree the termination payment to entity policy.
- D. Obtain management's representation that employer and employee portions of third-party payroll related amounts (e.g., payroll taxes, retirement contributions, health insurance premiums, garnishments, workers' compensation premiums, etc.) have been paid, and any associated forms have been filed, by required deadlines.

10) Ethics

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A obtain ethics documentation from management, and
 - i. Observe whether the documentation demonstrates that each employee/official completed one hour of ethics training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:1170; and
 - ii. Observe whether the entity maintains documentation which demonstrates that each employee and official were notified of any changes to the entity's ethics policy during the fiscal period, as applicable.
- B. Inquire and/or observe whether the agency has appointed an ethics designee as required by R.S. 42:1170.

11) Debt Service – (This section is NOT Applicable)

- A. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes and other debt instruments issued during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all debt instruments on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that State Bond Commission approval was obtained for each debt instrument issued as required by Article VII, Section 8 of the Louisiana Constitution.
- B. Obtain a listing of bonds/notes outstanding at the end of the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select one bond/note, inspect debt covenants, obtain supporting documentation for the reserve balance and payments, and agree actual reserve balances and payments to those required by debt covenants (including contingency funds, short-lived asset funds, or other funds required by the debt covenants).

12) Fraud Notice

- A. Obtain a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. Select all misappropriations on the listing, obtain supporting documentation, and observe that the entity reported the misappropriation(s) to the legislative auditor and the district attorney of the parish in which the entity is domiciled as required by R.S. 24:523.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted, on its premises and website, the notice required by R.S. 24:523.1 concerning the reporting of misappropriation, fraud, waste, or abuse of public funds.

13) Information Technology Disaster Recovery/Business Continuity

- A. Perform the following procedures, **verbally discuss the results with management, and report "We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management."**
 - i. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has backed up its critical data (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for backing up critical data) and observe evidence that such backup (a) occurred within the past week, (b) was not stored on the government's local server or network, and (c) was encrypted.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- ii. Obtain and inspect the entity's most recent documentation that it has tested/verified that its backups can be restored (if there is no written documentation, then inquire of personnel responsible for testing/verifying backup restoration) and observe evidence that the test/verification was successfully performed within the past 3 months.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- iii. Obtain a listing of the entity's computers currently in use and their related locations, and management's representation that the listing is complete. Randomly select 5 computers and observe while management demonstrates that the selected computers have current and active antivirus software and that the operating system and accounting system software in use are currently supported by the vendor.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- B. Randomly select 5 terminated employees (or all terminated employees if less than 5) using the list of terminated employees obtained in procedure #9C. Observe evidence that the selected terminated employees have been removed or disabled from the network.

We performed the procedure and discussed the results with management.

- C. Using the 5 randomly selected 5 employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain cybersecurity training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates that the following employees/officials with access to the agency's information technology assets have completed cybersecurity training as required by R.S. 42:1267. The requirements are as follows:

- Hired before June 9, 2020 – completed the training; and
- Hired on or after June 9, 2020 – completed the training within 30 days of initial service or employment.

We performed the procedure and verbally discussed the results with management.

14) Prevention of Sexual Harassment

- A. Using the 5 randomly selected employees/officials from Payroll and Personnel procedure #9A, obtain sexual harassment training documentation from management, and observe that the documentation demonstrates each employee/official completed at least one hour of sexual harassment training during the calendar year as required by R.S. 42:343.
- B. Observe that the entity has posted its sexual harassment policy and complaint procedure on its website (or in a conspicuous location on the entity's premises if the entity does not have a website).
- C. Obtain the entity's annual sexual harassment report for the current fiscal period, observe that the report was dated on or before February 1, and observe that the report includes the applicable requirements of R.S. 42:344:
- i. Number and percentage of public servants in the agency who have completed the training requirements;
 - ii. Number of sexual harassment complaints received by the agency;
 - iii. Number of complaints which resulted in a finding that sexual harassment occurred;
 - iv. Number of complaints in which the finding of sexual harassment resulted in discipline or corrective action; and
 - v. Amount of time it took to resolve each complaint.

Exceptions:

No exceptions were noted as a result of applying the procedures listed above except for the following findings:

Credit cards/Debit cards/Fuel cards/Purchase cards (Cards)

1. One of the five credit card statements selected included assessed finance charges.

Ethics

1. We could not obtain documentation demonstrating one hour of ethics training was completed during the fiscal year for one out of the five employees selected.

Fraud Notice

1. We obtained a listing of misappropriations of public funds and assets during the fiscal period and management's representation that the listing is complete. There was a misappropriation of payroll funds by a patrol deputy. Management provided us with supporting documentation and we observed that the Sheriff reported the misappropriation of public funds to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor and the District Attorney of Jefferson Davis Parish.

Prevention of Sexual Harassment

1. We could not obtain documentation demonstrating one hour of sexual harassment training was completed during the fiscal year for one of the five employees selected.

Management's Overall Response:

Management concurs with the exceptions noted and is working to address deficiencies identified.

We were engaged by the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. We were not engaged to and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively, on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion or conclusion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the Jefferson Davis Parish Sheriff and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely to describe the scope of testing performed on those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs, and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on control or compliance. Accordingly,

this report is not suitable for any other purpose. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the LLA as a public document.

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