FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF Winnsboro, Louisiana

Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 2023

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Kevin Cobb Franklin Parish Sheriff Winnsboro, Louisiana

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities of the Franklin Parish Sheriff, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 of the Franklin Parish Sheriff, as of June 30, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in accordance 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 my report. I am required to be independent of the Franklin Parish 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 the 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 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 Franklin Parish 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.

The Honorable Kevin Cobb Franklin Parish Sheriff Winnsboro, Louisiana

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the 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 exits. 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 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 of the effectiveness of the Sheriff'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 Franklin Parish Sheriff'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

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

The Honorable Kevin Cobb Franklin Parish Sheriff Winnsboro, Louisiana

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 the 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 assurances.

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

Other Information

The accompanying Sheriff Affidavit, Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency Head, and the Justice System Funding Schedules are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic 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 information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated December 18, 2023 on our consideration of the Franklin Parish 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 the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Governmental Auditing Standards in considering the Franklin Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

West Monroe, Louisiana December 18, 2023 GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Statement of Net Position June 30, 2023

	Governmental Activities
<u>Assets</u>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 19,728,991
Accounts Receivable	869,189
Internal Balances	44,869
Inventory	83,124
Capital Assets:	
Non-Depreciable	90,000
Depreciable	3,715,596
Total Assets	24,531,769
<u>Deferred Outflows of Resources</u>	
Resources Related to Pensions	4,295,475
OPEB Related	3,449,445
<u>Liabilities</u>	
Accounts Payable	429,892
Long-Term Liabilities	209,618
Net Post Employment Benefit Obligation	3,643,733
Net Pension Liability	5,539,634
Total Liabilities	9,822,877
Deferred Inflows of Resources	
OPEB Related	3,069,403
Resources Related to Pensions	(2,710,165)
Net Position	
Net Investment in Capital Assets	3,805,596
Net Position - Unrestricted	18,288,978
Total Net Position	\$ 22,094,574

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Statement of Activities For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	 Expenses	(Charges for Services	Gı	perating rants and ntributions	Grai	npital nts and ributions	R (et (Expense) evenue and Thanges in let Position
Governmental Activities: Public Safety	\$ 18,157,842	\$	11,100,778	\$	148,665	\$			(6,908,399)
Total Governmental Activities	 18,157,842		11,100,778	\$	148,665	\$			(6,908,399)
				_					
					l Revenues:	1.0 11		ďΣ	1.042.266
				-	erty tax levied	-	•	\$	1,043,366 1,635,857
					tax levied fo Revenue Sha	-	arety		71,187
				Other		umg			595,779
					est Earned				301,518
					tal General Ro	evenues			3,647,707
				Chang	ges in Net Pos	ition			(3,260,692)
				Net Po	osition - Begin	nning			25,355,266
				NET P	POSITION - E	ENDING		_\$	22,094,574

FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Balance Sheet, Governmental Funds June 30, 2023

		General Fund
Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	19,728,991
Accounts Receivable		869,189
Due from Other Funds		44,869
Inventories		83,124
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	20,726,173
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Accounts Payable		429,892
Total Liabilities		429,892
Fund Balance		
Nonspendable		83,124
Unassigned		20,213,157
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND		
FUND BALANCE	-\$	20,726,173

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA JUNE 30, 2023

Reconciliation of the Balance Sheet of the Governmental Funds to the Statement of Net Position

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Net Position are different because:

Fund Balance, Governmental Funds:	\$ 20,296,281
Capital assets used in governmental activities are not financial resources and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental	2 805 507
funds.	3,805,596
Net pension liability does not require the use of current financial resources	
and therefore is not reported in the funds.	(5,539,634)
Long-term obligations are not due and payable in the current period	
and therefore are not reported in the fund statements:	
Current Portion of Long Term Debt	(40,036)
Long term Portion of Long Term Debt	(236,190)
Net OPEB obligation	(3,643,733)
The net effect of deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of	
resources related to pensions do not require the use of current financial	
resources and therefore are not reported in the funds.	 10,455,085
Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 22,094,574

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

	General Fund
Revenues	
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 1,043,366
Sales Taxes	1,635,857
Intergovernmental Revenue	
Federal	148,665
State	61,151
Local	-
State Revenue Sharing	71,187
Fees, Charges & Services	
Commissions	683,413
Civil & Criminal Fees	230,868
Housing Prisoners	9,599,808
State Supplemental Pay	525,538
Use of Money - Interest Earning	301,518
Other	280,644
TOTAL REVENUES	14,582,015
Expenditures	
Public Safety:	
Personnel Services and Related Benefits	8,132,910
Operating Services	3,940,970
Materials and Supplies	1,903,231
Travel and Other Charges	49,189
Capital Outlay	243,704
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	14,270,004
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over	
Expenditures	312,011
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year	19,984,270
FUND BALANCE - END OF THE YEAR	\$ 20,296,281

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances of Governmental Funds To the Statement of Activities

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

Net change in fund balances - total governmental funds	\$	312,011
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Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures, however, in the statement of activities, the cost of those assets is depreciated over their estimated useful lives.

Expenditures for capital assets	278,678	
Less disposal of fully depreciated assets	(214,892)	
Less current year depreciation	(475,058)	
		(411 070)

(411,272)

Payments of long-term debt, including contributions to the OPEB obligation, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, these amounts are a reduction of long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and are not reflected in the Statement of Activities:

Change in compensated absences payable	67,356
Change in OPEB obligation	(391,902)
Nonemployer contributions to pension plan	736,633
Pension Expense	(3,573,518)

Changes in net position of governmental activities \$ (3,260,692)

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LA FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE – AGENCY FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS

These funds account for assets held by the sheriff department in a trust or agency capacity.

LICENSE FUND

The License Fund is a depository for occupational licenses. Payments are made from the fund to the Sheriff's General Fund and the Franklin Parish Police Jury.

CRIMINAL FUND

The Criminal Fund is a depository for fines, forfeitures, and costs in criminal cases. Payments are made from the fund to the Sheriff's General Fund, Police Jury, District Attorney, Clerk of Court, and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

CIVIL FUND

The Civil Fund is a depository for collection of funds in civil suits, sheriff's sales, and garnishments. Payments of these collections to recipients are made in accordance with applicable laws.

WORK RELEASE PROGRAM FUND

The Work Release Program Fund accounts for funds paid to the Sheriff's office for the Work Release Program. The funds are then disbursed to the inmates or the Inmate Trust Fund and the Sheriff's General Fund.

TAX COLLECTION 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 and fees. The Tax Collection Fund accounts for the collection and distribution of these taxes and fees to the appropriate taxing bodies.

INMATE TRUST FUND

The Inmate Trust Fund accounts for funds of inmates that are used for personal items purchased by the inmates at the concessions store located at the detention center. Remaining balances to the credit of a prisoner are refunded upon release or transfer to another prison.

RETIRED EMPLOYEES INSURANCE TRUST FUND

The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office's administers the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Retired Employees Insurance Fund (FREIF) to fund payment of the premium costs for eligible retired employees. The medical benefits are provided through a fully insured medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement.

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities June 30 , 2023

	License Fund	 Criminal Fund	 Civil Fund	k Release rogram Fund
ASSETS Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 107,398	\$ 186,521	\$ 17,799	\$ 84,736
TOTAL ASSETS	 107,398	 186,521	 17,799	 84,736
LIABILITIES Deposits Due Others	107,398	186,521	17,799	84,736
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 107,398	\$ 186,521	\$ 17,799	\$ 84,736

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Statement of Fiduciary Assets and Liabilities (Continued) June 30, 2023

Tax Collection Fund	Inmate Trust Fund	Total	Retired Employees Insurance Trust Fund
\$ 1,411,820	\$ 212,891	\$ 2,021,165	\$ 1,489,257
1,411,820	212,891	2,021,165	1,489,257
1,411,820	212,891	2,021,165	1,489,257
\$ 1,411,820	\$ 212,891	\$ 2,021,165	\$ 1,489,257

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF

WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES - AGENCY FUNDS STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

DUE TO TAXING BODIES AND OTHERS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

		License Fund	 Criminal Fund	 Civil Fund	ork Release Program Fund
BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$	7,640	\$ 167,611	\$ 14,132	\$ 38,885
<u>ADDITIONS</u>					
Deposits:					
Licenses		246,128	-	-	-
Fines and Costs		-	537,671	-	-
Sheriff's Sales		-	-	49,630	-
Garnishments		-	-	53,274	-
Other Deposits		-	620	358,087	-
Taxes, Fees, Etc. paid to Tax Collector		-	-	-	-
Work Release Income		-	-	-	621,521
Interest Earned and Unrealized Gain		74	496	72	124
Inmate Deposits		-	-	-	-
TOTAL ADDITIONS		246,202	 538,787	461,063	 621,645
TOTAL AVAILABLE		253,842	706,398	475,195	660,530
REDUCTIONS					
Taxes, Fees, Etc. Distributed		-	-	-	-
Deposits Settled To:					
Sheriff's General Fund		21,967	83,759	54,813	300,518
Police Jury		124,477	4,238	-	-
District Attorney		-	198,592	-	-
Clerk of Court		-	19,203	47,160	-
Indigent Defender Board		-	49,265	-	-
Attorneys, Appraisers, Etc.		-	-	354,525	-
Other Settlements		-	164,820	898	523
Withdrawals by/for Inmates		-	-	-	274,753
TOTAL REDUCTIONS		146,444	 519,877	457,396	 575,794
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	_\$	107,398	\$ 186,521	\$ 17,799	\$ 84,736

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF

WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPES - AGENCY FUNDS

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION - CONTINUED DUE TO TAXING BODIES AND OTHERS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

 Tax Collection Fund	Inmate Trust Fund	Total	E Is	Retired imployees insurance rust Fund
\$ 994,788	\$ 153,811	\$ 1,376,867	\$	1,393,684
		247, 120		
-	-	246,128		-
-	-	537,671		-
-	-	49,630 53,274		-
_	-	358,707		-
12,713,559	_	12,713,559		_
12,713,337	_	621,521		_
3,212	351	4,329		103,371
5,212	1,825,742	1,825,742		-
12,716,771	1,826,093	16,410,561		103,371
13,711,559	1,979,904	17,787,428		1,497,055
12,298,856	299	12,299,155		7,798
_	-	461,057		-
-	-	128,715		-
-	-	198,592		-
-	-	66,363		-
-	-	49,265		-
-	-	354,525		-
883	-	167,124		-
 -	 1,766,714	 2,041,467	***********	-
12,299,739	1,767,013	15,766,263		7,798
 1,411,820	\$ 212,891	\$ 2,021,165	\$	1,489,257

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the 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 establishment of neighborhood watch programs, anti-drug abuse programs, etc. In addition, when requested, the Sheriff provides assistance to other law enforcement agencies within Franklin and surrounding parishes.

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

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Franklin 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 No. 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 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 Franklin Parish Sheriff is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected official, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As described in GASB Statement No. 14, fiscally independent means that the Sheriff may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges, and issue bonded debt. The Sheriff also has no component units, as other legally separate organizations for which the Sheriff is financially accountable. There are no other primary governments with which the Sheriff has a significant relationship.

For financial reporting purposes, in conformance with GASB Codification Section 2100, the Sheriff includes all funds, account groups, and activities that are controlled by the Sheriff as an independently elected official. As such, the Sheriff is solely responsible for the operations of his office, which include the hiring and retention of employees, authority over budgeting, responsibility for deficits, and the receipt and disbursement of funds. This report only includes all funds which are controlled by or dependent upon the Franklin Parish Sheriff.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT - WIDE STATEMENTS

The Government-Wide Financial Statements include the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities. These statements report financial information for the Sheriff as a whole.

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the reporting government as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Sheriff, except for fiduciary funds. Fiduciary funds are reported only in the Statement of Fiduciary of Assets and Liabilities at the fund financial statement level.

In the Statement of Net Position, governmental activities are presented on a consolidated basis and are presented on a full accrual, economic resource basis, which recognizes all long-term assets and receivables as well as long-term obligations. Net position is reported in three parts; net investment in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net position; and unrestricted net position.

D. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The financial transactions of the Sheriff are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities. Fund financial statements report detailed information about the Sheriff. The focus of governmental fund financial statements is on major funds rather than reporting funds by type. Each major fund is presented in a separate column.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenditures. Funds are classified into two categories; governmental and fiduciary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types". Governmental funds are used to account for a government's general activities, where the focus of attention is on the providing of services to the public. Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held for others. The Sheriff's current operations require the use of only governmental and fiduciary funds. The governmental and fiduciary fund types used by the Sheriff are described as follows:

Government Fund Types

General Fund - The General Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:781, is the principal fund of the Sheriff and is used to account for the operations of the Sheriff's office. The various fees and charges due to the Sheriff's office are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund. The general fund is the only fund classified as a major fund.

Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Funds

The agency funds are used as depositories for civil suits, cash bonds, taxes, fees, et cetera. Disbursements from the funds are made to various parish agencies, litigants in suits, et cetera, in the manner prescribed by law. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

E. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements were prepared using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from exchange or exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions.

Fund Financial Statements

Governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the Balance Sheet. 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 differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds and the agency fund 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 Franklin Parish Sheriff considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Those revenues susceptible to accrual include ad valorem taxes, state revenue sharing, interest revenue, commissions, and charges for services. Federal, state and local aid and grants are recorded when the Sheriff is entitled to the funds

Other intergovernmental revenues are accrued, when their receipt occurs soon enough after the end of the accounting period so as to be both measurable and available. All miscellaneous revenues are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred except that principal and interest on general long-term debt is recognized when due.

F. BUDGETARY ACCOUNTING

Formal budgetary accounting is employed as a management control. The Franklin Parish Sheriff prepares and adopts a budget each year for its general fund in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statutes. The operating budget is prepared based on prior year's revenues and expenditures and the estimated increase therein for the current year, using the modified accrual basis of accounting. The budget is legally adopted and amended, as necessary, by the Sheriff. All Budget appropriations lapse at year end. Budget amounts included in the accompanying financial statements include the original budget and all subsequent amendments.

G. SALES AND USE TAX

The Franklin Parish Sheriff is authorized to collect a one percent sales and use tax within Franklin Parish. The proceeds of the tax, after payment of costs for collecting and administering the tax, are dedicated to constructing, maintaining and operating a jail facility and offices for the Franklin Parish Sheriff, including the payment of salaries for the operation of the jail facilities. The tax was approved for an indefinite time period; however, on March 10,1993, the voters approved a referendum changing the indefinite expiration date to June 1, 2010. On July 21, 2007, the voters approved a one-half percent sales and use tax within Franklin Parish. The proceeds of the tax, after payment of costs for collection and administering the tax, are dedicated for general operations. On April 24, 2021, the tax was renewed for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2027.

H. ENCUMBRANCES

Encumbrance accounting is not used in the Sheriff's operations.

I. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash and cash equivalents include amounts in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits. Under state law, the sheriff must deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. Tax collections must be deposited in a bank domiciled in the parish where the funds are collected.

J. INVENTORY

Inventory at June 30, 2023, consists of commissary items purchased during preceding months. Inventory items are valued at unit prices established by purchase prices paid for purchased items. Amounts are recorded as expenditures under the consumption method using the First-In, First-Out (FIFO) cost flow assumption.

K. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated 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 \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the Sheriff, 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:

<u>Depreciation</u> <u>Estimated Lives</u>

Vehicles 5 Years Furniture & Fixtures 10-20 Years Buildings 40 Years

L. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Sheriff's office is exposed to various risks related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

Louisiana law provides that the Sheriff may join with other Sheriffs to form an interlocal risk management agency for the development and administration of an interlocal risk management program. The Franklin Parish Sheriff has joined together with other Sheriffs to form the Louisiana Sheriff's Risk Management Program, a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for Louisiana Sheriffs. The Sheriff pays an annual premium to the pool for its general and professional liability insurance coverage.

In addition to the above, the Sheriff has obtained commercial insurance for all the aforementioned risks and settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

M. COMPENSATORY TIME

Compensatory Time (K-time) represents a one and one-half credit for each hour of overtime worked. The maximum for law enforcement personnel (deputies, detectives and guards) is 480 K-time hours which represent not more than 320 hours of actual overtime worked. Employees may take K-time as compensated time-off. An employee shall upon termination be paid for the unused K-time at a rate of compensation not less than: a) the average regular rate received by such employee during the last three years of employment or b) the final regular rate, whichever is higher. All overtime work in excess of K-time limits must be paid in the period earned.

N. BAD DEBTS

Uncollectible accounts receivable are charged directly against earnings when they are determined to be uncollectible. Use of this method does not result in a material difference from the valuation method required by generally accepted accounting principles. Management feels all receivables at year end are collectable and no allowance for bad debts is necessary.

O. ESTIMATES

The preparation of the 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.

P. BUDGET PRACTICES

The proposed budget for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023, was made available for public inspection on June 14, 2022. The proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, was published in the official journal as required prior to the public hearing, which was held at the Franklin Parish Sheriff's office June 14, 2022, for comments from taxpayers.

P. BUDGET PRACTICES - Continued

All expenditure appropriations lapse at year end. Unexpended appropriations and any excess of revenues over expenditures are carried forward to the subsequent year as beginning fund balances.

Q. INVESTMENTS

Under state law, the Sheriff may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days; however, if the original maturities are 90 days or less, they are classified as cash equivalents. The Sheriff reports United States Treasury bills and notes as investments.

R. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

Employees earn two weeks of vacation leave and one week of sick leave each year. Employees may carry over two days of leave to the next year, up to a maximum of five days. There are no accumulated or vested benefits relating to vacation and sick leave that require accrual or disclosure to conform with generally accepted accounting principles.

S. EQUITY CLASSIFICATIONS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

Net position represents the difference between assets and deferred outflows of resources less liabilities and deferred inflows of resources. The Sheriff reports three categories of net position, as follows:

- Net Investment in capital assets consists of net capital assets reduced by outstanding balances of any related debt obligations and deferred inflows of resources attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets and increase by balances of deferred outflows of resources related to those assets.
- Restricted net position net position is considered restricted if their use is constrained to a particular purpose. Restrictions are imposed by external organizations such as federal or state laws or buyers of the Sheriff's bonds. Restricted net position is reduced by liabilities and deferred inflows of resources related to the restricted assets.
- **Unrestricted net position** consists of all other net position that does not meet the definition of the above two components and is available for general use by the Sheriff.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, management applies unrestricted net position first, unless a determination is made to use restricted net position. The Sheriff's policy concerning which to apply first varies with the intended use and legal requirements. Management typically makes this decision on a transactional basis at the incurrence of the expenditure.

T. FUND EQUITY OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Accounting standards require governmental fund balances to be reported in as many as five classifications as listed below:

<u>Nonspendable</u> - represents amounts that are not expected to be converted to cash because they are either not in spendable form or legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

T. FUND EQUITY OF FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - Continued

<u>Restricted</u> - represents balances where constraints have been established by parties outside the Sheriff's office or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

<u>Committed</u> - represents balances that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Sheriff's highest level of decision-making authority.

<u>Assigned</u> - represents balances that are constrained by the Sheriff's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are not restricted nor committed.

<u>Unassigned</u> - represents balances that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, the Sheriff's office reduces restricted amounts first, followed by unrestricted amounts. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned and unassigned amounts are available, the Sheriff's office reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

U. PENSION PLANS

The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office is a participating employer in a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan as described in Note 6. 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 each of the plans, and additions to/deductions for the plan's fiduciary net position have been determined on the same basis as they are reported by the plan. For this purpose, benefit payments (including refunds of employee contributions) are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the benefit terms. Investments have been reported at fair value within the plan.

V. OTHER POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The sheriff follows GASB Statement No. 75 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions", which requires the accrual of other postemployment benefits for retired employees. The sheriff has recorded a liability for other postemployment benefits (see Note 7). In the government-wide financial statements, the other postemployment benefits liability is recorded as an expense and non-current liability and allocated on a functional basis. In the fund financial statements, other postemployment benefit expenditures are recognized in the amount contributed to the plan or expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. Expendable available financial resources generally refer to other postemployment benefit payments due and payable as of the end of the year.

NOTE 2 - LEVIED TAXES

Act 689 of the regular session of the Louisiana Legislature of 1976 provided initial financing authorization for the levy of an ad valorem tax millage for the law enforcement district. Voters of the district subsequently approved an increase in the ad valorem tax beyond initial authorization. The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

		Authorized	Levied
	<u>Expiration</u>	<u>Millage</u>	<u>Millage</u>
Law Enforcement District	Indefinite	9.25	9.25

NOTE 3 - CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For the purpose of these financial statements, the Sheriff considers cash and cash equivalents to be amounts held in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, and time deposits.

At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$21,750,157 as follows:

		Statement of	
	Statement of	Fiduciary Asset	
	Net Position	& Liabilities	<u>Total</u>
Petty Cash	\$ 1,800	\$ -	\$ 1,800
Demand Deposits	19,727,191	2,021,165	21,748,356
TOTAL	<u>\$ 19,728,991</u>	\$ 2,021,165	\$ 21,750,156

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 bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff has \$22,204,034 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$876,602 of federal deposit insurance and \$17,915,278 of securities held by pledging banks in the Sheriff's name. The deposits held in LAMP are not collateralized.

NOTE 4 - RECEIVABLES

The receivables at June 30, 2023, are as follows:

	General	Agency	
Class of Receivable	<u>Fund</u>	<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fees, Charges, and Commissions for Services	\$ 40,938	\$ -	\$ 40,938
Grant Funding	56,561	-	56,561
State Supplemental Pay	41,400	-	41,400
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,232	-	1,232
Other	3,861	-	3,861
Feeding and Keeping of Prisoners	<u>725,197</u>		725,197
TOTAL	<u>\$ 869,189</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 869,189

NOTE 5 - CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in capital assets for the year ended June 30, 2023 follows:

	Balance			Balance
	June 30,			June 30,
	<u>2022</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>2023</u>
Capital Assets				
Construction in Progress	\$ 38,724	\$ -	\$(38,724)	\$ -
Equipment	2,681,828	239,954	(176,168)	2,745,614
Buildings	9,436,421	38,724	-	9,475,145
Land	90,000			90,000
	\$12,246,973	\$ 278,678	<u>\$ (214,892)</u>	\$12,310,759
Accumulated Depreciation				
Equipment	\$ (2,375,092)	\$ (400,096)	\$ 176,168	\$(2,599,020)
Buildings	<u>(5,831,181)</u>	(74,962)		(5,906,143)
	(8,206,273)	(475,058)	<u>176,168</u>	(8,505,163)
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$4,040,700</u>	<u>\$ (196,380)</u>	\$ (38,724)	<u>\$ 3,805,596</u>

Depreciation expense of \$475,058 is included in public safety expenses of the primary government on the statement of activities.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's office are members of the Louisiana Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund (the System), a multiple-employer (cost sharing), public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension and Relief Fund, 6554 Florida Boulevard, Suite 215, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, or by calling (800) 586-9049.

Plan Description:

The Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund was established for the purpose of providing retirement benefits for employees of sheriffs' offices throughout the State of Louisiana, employees of the Louisiana Sheriffs' Association, and the employees of the Fund. The projection of benefit payments in the calculation of the total pension liability includes all benefits to be provided to current active and inactive employees through the Fund in accordance with the benefit terms and any additional legal agreements to provide benefits that are in force at the measurement date.

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

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

Retirement Benefits:

Members who become eligible for membership on or before December 31, 2011, may retire at age 55 years, with twelve years of creditable service or may retire at any age with thirty years of service. The retirement allowance is equal to three and one-third percent of their final average compensation for each year 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 60. 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.

Members who joined the system on or after January 1, 2012, may retire at or after age 62 years with at least twelve years of creditable service, or may retire at age 60 years with twenty years of creditable service, or may retire at age 55 years with thirty years of creditable service. The retirement allowance for 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 members' final average compensation multiplied by his years of 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 50 years.

For a member who joined the system 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.

Disability Benefits:

A member is eligible to receive disability benefits if the member has at least 10 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.

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 is paid equal to 50% of the members final average compensation with a minimum of \$150 per month. If a spouse is entitled to benefits and has a child or children under 18 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 members 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 4 children. If a member is eligible for normal retirement at the time of death, the surviving spouse receives an automatic option 2 benefit

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

Disability Benefits (continued):

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-three, if the child is a full-time student in good standing enrolled at a board approved or accredited school, college, or university.

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.

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. A member elects Back-DROP at the time of separation of employment (retirement). 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 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.

Permanent Benefit Increases/Cost-of-Living Adjustments:

As fully described in Title 11 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, the Fund allows for the payment of permanent benefit increases, also known as cost-of-living adjustments (COLAs), which are funded through investment earnings when recommended by the Board of Trustees and approved by the State Legislature. Cost-of-living provisions for the Fund allows the board of trustees to provide an annual cost of living raise 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.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

Employer 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%. 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, 2023.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 10.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the Franklin Parish Sheriff is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.50% of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-half of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish and funds as required and available from insurance premium taxes. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Franklin Parish Sheriff are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statue 11:103, the employer contributions are determined by actuarial valuation and are subject to change each year based on the results of the valuation for the prior fiscal year. The Franklin Parish Sheriff's contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2022, and 2023 were \$603,280, \$619,344, and \$618,832, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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

At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff reported a liability of \$5,539,634 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability of the system. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2022 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Sheriff's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Sheriff's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2022, the Sheriff's proportion was .681561% which was a decrease of .0005595% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2021. For the year ended June 30, 2023, the Sheriff recognized pension expense of \$591,079 representing its proportionate share of the system's net expense, including amortization of deferred amounts. At June 30, 2023, the Sheriff reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows	Deferred Inflows
	of Resources	of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$ 254,829	\$ (275,243)
Changes of assumptions	827,451	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings		
on pension plan investments	2,398,313	-
Changes in proportion and differences between Employer		
contributions and proportionate share of contributions -	196,050	2,985,408
Employer contributions subsequent to the measurement date	<u>618,832</u>	
Total	<u>\$4,295,475</u>	<u>\$2,710,165</u>

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

The Sheriff reported a total of \$618,832 as deferred outflow of resources related to pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement period of June 30, 2022 which will be recognized as a reduction in net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2023.

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	
2024	\$918,980
2025	753,906
2026	398,461
2027	1,299,163
	\$ 3,370,515

Actuarial Assumptions

A Summary of the actuarial methods and assumptions used in determining the total pension liability as of June 30, 2022 is as follows:

Valuation Date June 30, 2022

Actuarial Cost Method Entry Age Normal Method

Actuarial Assumptions:

Investment Rate of Return 6.85%, net of investment expense

Discount Rate 6.85%

Projected Salary Increases 5.0% (2.5% inflation, 2.5% merit)

Mortality Pub-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.

Pub-2010 Public Retirement Plans Mortality Table for Safety Below-Median Healthy Retirees multiplied by 120% males and 115% females for annuitants and beneficiaries, each with full generational projection using the appropriate MP2019 scale.

Pub-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.

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

Expected Remaining Service Lives	2021 - 5 years
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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 System and includes previously granted cost of living increases. The projected benefit payments do not include provisions for potential future increases not yet authorized by the Board of Trustees as they were deemed not to be substantively

automatic.

Changes in Valuation The discount rate was lowered from 6.90% to 6.85% for

Methods and Assumptions the year ended June 30, 2022.

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 weighing the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation and an adjustment for the effect of rebalancing/diversification. The target allocation and best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the pension plan's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2022 are summarized in the following table:

	Real Return	Long-Term Expected	
Asset Class	Target Allocation	Arithmetic Basis	Real Rate of Return
Equity Securities	62%	6.61%	4.10%
Fixed Income	23%	4.92%	1.23%
Alternative Investments	<u> 15%</u>	6.54%	<u>0.85%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>		6.18%
Inflation			<u>2.25%</u>
Expected Arithmetic Nominal Retu	ırn		<u>8.43%</u>

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLAN - Continued

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability 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 pension plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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

The following table presents the Sheriff's proportionate share of the net pension liability (NPL) using the discount rate of each Retirement System as well as what the Sheriff's proportionate share of the NPL 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 used by each of the Retirement Systems:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount Rate	1.0% Increase
LSPRF			
Rates	5.85%	6.85%	7.85%
FPSO Share of NPL	\$9,809,467	\$5,539,634	\$1,979,340

Change in Net Pension Liability

The differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the pension liability, changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors, and changes in the employer's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability and collective deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources since the prior measurement date were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan.

NOTE 7 – DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Sheriff offers its employees participation in the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Plan adopted by the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Commission, and established in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code Section 457. Employees are eligible to participate in the Plan. The Plan allows employees to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The Sheriff makes matching contributions of employee's elective deferral. Contributions made by the Sheriff for the year ended June 30, 2023 were \$153,783

NOTE 8 - CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended June 30, 2023:

					Amounts
	Balance			Balance	Due
	June 30,			June 30,	Within
	2022_	Additional	Reductions	2023_	<u>Year</u>
Compensated Absences	142,262	69,097	(1,741)	209,618	-

NOTE 9 - ON - BEHALF PAYMENTS

The Sheriff's office is located in the parish courthouse annex. Expenditures for operation and maintenance of the courthouse annex, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4715, are paid by the Franklin Parish Police Jury, except for the jail as set forth in the intergovernmental agreement discussed in Note 12.

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS

Other Post-Employment Benefits (OPEB) Plan Disclosures

Plan Description

Plan Administration – The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office's administers the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Retired Employees Insurance Fund (FREIF) to fund payment of the premium costs for eligible retired employees. The medical benefits are provided through a fully insured medical plan and are made available to employees upon actual retirement.

Management of the Plan is vested in the Plan's Board of Trustees, which consists of the Sheriff or his designee, one retired sheriff or retired deputy sheriff of the department, and one active deputy sheriff of the department.

Plan Membership – At June 30, 2023, the Plan's membership consisted of the following:

Inactive plan members or beneficiaries currently receiving benefit payments	13
Inactive plan members entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	-
Active plan members	95
	108

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 there is also a minimum requirement of at least twenty four years of service with the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office.

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - Continued

Contributions – The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office has the authority to establish and amend the contribution requirements of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office and the plan members. Plan members are not required to contribute to their post-employment benefits costs.

Investments

Investment policy – The OPEB Trust was funded on January 10, 2022. As of June 30, 2023, the funds were not invested. The board is in the process of selecting an investment advisor for the OPEB Trust. An investment policy has been established, however, the asset allocation policy will be determined once the investment advisor has been selected:

Asset Class	Target Allocation
Total Fixed Income	48%
Total Equity Based	50%
Money Market/CD/Cash	2%

Concentrations – The Trust has over 5% invested in the following funds; American Funds Europacific Growth F2, 7.49%, American Funds Growth Fund of American F2, 7.55%, Blackrock Strategic Income, 9.59%, Blackrock Total Return Bond, 6.36%, Dodge and Cox Income I, 6.55%, Hartford World Bond I, 9.64%, PGIM Short Term Corporate Bond, 6.65%, T. Rowe Price Equity Income, 6.38%, Vanguard 500 Index Admiral, 7.27%.

Asset Class	Actual Asset Allocation
Total Fixed Income	47.80%
Total Equity Based	50.00%
Money Market/CD/Cash	2.20%

Rate of Return – For the year ended June 30, 2023, the annual money-weighted rate of return on investments, net of investment expense, was 6.14%. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

Net OPEB Liability of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office

The components of the net OPEB liability of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office at June 30, 2023, were as follows:

Total OPEB liability Plan fiduciary net position	\$ 5,132,990 1,489,257
Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office's net OPEB liability	\$ 3,643,733
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability	29.01 %

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - Continued

Actuarial Assumptions – The total OPEB liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2022, using the following actuarial assumptions applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation 3.0%

Salary increases 3.0%, including inflation

Discount rate 5.00% annually (Beginning of Year to Determine ADC)

5.00% annually (As of End of Year Measurement Date)

Healthcare cost trend rates 5.5% annually until year 2032, then 4.5%

The RP-2014 combined mortality table has been used. Projected future mortality improvement has not been used since it is our opinion that this table contains a substantial conservative margin for the population involved in this valuation.

The actuarial assumptions used in the July 1, 2022 valuation were based on the results of ongoing evaluations of the assumptions from July 1, 2006 to June 30, 2023 in addition to the OGB assumptions.

The long-term expected rate of return on OPEB 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 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. Best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the target asset allocation as of June 30, 2023 are summarized in the following table:

	Long-Term
	Expected Real
Asset Class	Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	7.0%
Corporate Bonds	4.5%
Certificates of Deposit	2.0%
Cash	1.0%

Discount Rate – This plan is a defined benefit OPEB plan which meets the requirements of paragraph 4 of GASB Statement No. 75 as of the beginning of the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. However, a trust was established during 2018 and an initial contribution was made during that year but funding and investment policies have not yet been fully implemented. We have therefore used the discount rates which would be applicable to an unfunded plan; namely, 5.00%, which is the value of the Bond Buyers' 20 Year General obligation municipal bond index as of June 30, 2023, the measurement date at the end of the applicable measurement period and 5.00% as of, June 30, 2022, the measurement date at the end of the immediately preceding measurement period.

NOTE 10 - POSTEMPLOYMENT HEALTH CARE AND LIFE INSURANCE BENEFITS - Continued

Changes in the Net OPEB Liability

	Increases (Decreases)					
	Total OPEB	Plan Fiduciary	Net OPEB			
	Liability	Net Position	Liability			
	<u>(a)</u>	(b)	(a)-(b)			
Balances at 6/30/2022	4,645,515	1,393,684	3,251,831			
Service Cost	74,261	1,000,004	74,261			
Interest Cost at 5.00%	234,132		234,132			
Difference between expected						
and actual experience	256,262		256,262			
Employer contributions						
Trust	-	-	-			
Net investment income	-	-	-			
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-			
Benefit payments						
a. From Trust	-	95,573	(95,573)			
b. Direct	(77,181)	-	(73,157)			
Administrative expense						
a. From Trust						
b. Direct	-	-	-			
Net changes:	487,475	95,573	391,902			
Balances at 6/30/2023	5,132,990	1,489,257	3,643,733			

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the discount rate – The following represents the net OPEB liability of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, as well as what the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office's net OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (4.00%) or 1-percentage-point higher (6.00%) than the current discount rate:

	1.0% Decrease	Current Discount	1.0% Increase
	(4.00%)	Rate (5.00%)	(6.00%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 6.056,105	\$ 3,643,733	\$ 4,395,597

Sensitivity of the net OPEB liability to changes in the healthcare cost trend rates – The following represents the net OPEB liability of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office, as well as what the Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office's net 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	Current Discount	1.0% Increase
	(4.5%)	Rate (5.5%)	(6.5%)
Net OPEB liability	\$ 4,371,161	\$ 3,643,733	\$ 6,086,567

NOTE 11 - TAXES PAID UNDER PROTEST

Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1576 provides that taxpayers, at the time of payment of all taxes due, give notice to the tax collector of their intention to file suit for recovery of all or a portion of the total taxes paid. Upon receipt of this notice, the amount paid is segregated and held by the tax collector for a period of 30 days. If suit is filed within the 30-day period for recovery of such amounts, the funds are held pending outcome of the suit. If the taxpayer prevails, the tax collector refunds the amount due, with interest at the rate of 2 percent per annum from the date the funds were received by the tax collector. The following is a summary of changes in the taxes paid under protest as recorded in the Tax Collector Agency Fund:

Balance, June 30, 2022	\$	954,827
Additions:		
Taxes		443,129
Interest		1,770
Settlements to Taxing Bodies and Others		(4,673)
Balance, June 30, 2023	<u>\$</u>	1,395,053

NOTE 12 – INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1324, the Franklin Parish Sheriff has entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the Franklin Parish Police Jury to assume all liabilities and responsibilities of the jail operations within Franklin Parish effective May 1, 1989, and perpetually thereafter, so long as the Franklin Parish Law Enforcement District sales tax remains in force and in effect. The liabilities assumed by the Sheriff include utilities, maintenance and upkeep, feeding and keeping of prisoners, salaries and cost of jail operations, and construction of a new jail. The intergovernmental agreement also states that the parish of Franklin relinquishes, transfers, and assigns to the Franklin Parish Sheriff and the Law Enforcement District of Franklin Parish all jurisdiction, responsibility, and control over the present and any future jail within Franklin Parish.

NOTE 13 LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At June 30, 2023, the sheriff has no pending or threatened litigation which would adversely affect the financial status of the Franklin Parish Sheriff's office.

NOTE 14 - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions that came to our attention.

NOTE 15 – EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

The amount of cash on hand at June 30, 2021 was \$998,883. The unsettled balances of the Tax Collector Fund at June 30, 2021 consist of:

Collection of current and prior

year taxes not yet settled \$ 16,767

Protested Taxes \$ 1,395,053
\$1,411,820

The amount of taxes collected for the current year by taxing authority was as follows:

Taxing Authority	Taxes Collected
Franklin Parish Police Jury	\$ 3,705,080
Franklin Parish School Board	2,666,909
Franklin Medical Center	1,360,877
Franklin Parish Sheriff	1,105.237
Franklin Parish Library	841,122
Franklin Parish Tax Assessor	791,077
Tensas Basin Levee District	369,546
Franklin Parish Council on Aging	216,194
Franklin Parish Fire District II	211,819
Franklin Parish Fire District V	155,981
Teacher's Retirement Fund	122,222
Franklin Parish Fire District I	107,354
Franklin Parish Fire District IV	106,342
Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund	61,112
Franklin Parish Fire District III	60,946
Assessor's Retirement Fund	38,831
Franklin Parish Clerk of Court Retirement	30,556
Municipal Employees	30,556
Parochial Employees	30,556
Franklin Parish District Attorney Retirement	24,445
Louisiana Tax Commission	13,551
Registrar of Voters Retirement Fund	7,640
La Agriculture & Forestry Commission	5,770
City of Winnsboro	494
Town of Wisner	93
	\$ 12,064,310

NOTE 15 - EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR- Continued

There were no taxes uncollected due to bankruptcies. The amount of collection on behalf of other taxing authorities is as follows:

	Franklin	Commission	
	Parish	paid to Franklin	
	Police	Parish	Final
Taxing Authority	Jury	Sheriff	Distribution
Occupational License	<u>\$ 124,477</u>	<u>\$ 21,967</u>	<u>\$ 146,444</u>

The Franklin Parish Sheriff's Office does not collect sales tax, hotel/motel tax, tax incremental finance district, public utility insurance premiums or any other taxes other than ad valorem tax and occupational licenses for tax authorities.

NOTE 15- FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

The Sheriff participated in the following federal assistance programs during the year ended June 30, 2023:

Federal Agency	ALN Number	Expenditures
Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness SHSP/EMPG	97,067/97.042	56,256
Disaster Grants – Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Di	saster) 97.036	35,421
United States Department of Justice Passed through the Louisiana Commission on Law Enforceme Bureau of Justice Assistance (Office of Justice Programs) Street Sales Disruption (Grant ID 6621/6170)	ent 16.738	10,882
United States Department of Justice Victims of Criminal Acts (Grant ID 5726/6260)	16.575	59,297
TOTAL FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		<u>\$ 161,856</u>

NOTE 16 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Management has evaluated subsequent events through the date the financial statements were available to be issued, December 18, 2023, and determined that there are no events that require disclosure.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance Budget to Actual General Fund For the Year Ended June 30, 2023

		Budgeted	l Amo	unts	Ac	tual Amounts	ariance With		
	***************************************	Original		Final		dgetary Basis	Over(Under)		
Operating Revenue									
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$	1,034,000	\$	1,050,000	\$	1,043,366	\$ (6,634)		
Sales Taxes		1,560,000		1,640,000		1,635,857	(4,143)		
Intergovernmental Revenue									
Federal		117,745		119,300		148,665	29,365		
State		9,000		27,000		61,151	34,151		
Local		67,500		184,500		-	(184,500)		
State Revenue Sharing		70,000		71,150		71,187	37		
Fees, Charges, & Services									
Commissions		607,000		734,250		683,413	(50,837)		
Civil and Criminal Fees		187,000		211,000		230,868	19,868		
Housing Prisoners		9,095,375		9,618,000		9,599,808	(18,192)		
State Supplemental Pay		445,000		530,000		525,538	(4,462)		
Use of Money - Interest Earning		80,000		276,500		301,518	25,018		
Other		66,000		183,730		280,644	96,914		
Total Operating Revenues		13,338,620		14,645,430		14,582,015	(63,415)		
Operating Expenditures									
General Government									
Personnel Services		8,030,205		8,087,550		8,132,910	(45,360)		
Operating Services		4,589,210		5,394,052		3,940,970	1,453,082		
Materials and Supplies		231,500		276,950		1,903,231	(1,626,281)		
Travel and Other Charges		26,500		46,500		49,189	(2,689)		
Capital Outlay		440,000		395,000		243,704	151,296		
Total Expenditures		13,317,415		14,200,052		14,270,004	(69,952)		
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over									
Expenditures	\$	21,205	\$	445,378	\$	312,011	\$ 6,537		
Fund Balance - Beginning of the Year		19,984,270		19,984,270		19,984,270			
FUND BALANCE - END OF THE YEAR	_\$	20,005,475	\$	20,429,648	\$	20,296,281	\$ 6,537		

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this financial statement.

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA NOTES TO THE BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULES FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

General Budget Practices

The Sheriff follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

The chief administrative deputy prepares a proposed budget for the General Fund and submits it to the Sheriff for the fiscal year no later than fifteen days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.

A summary of the proposed budget is published, and the public is notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection. At the same time, a public hearing is called.

A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.

After holding the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is legally adopted prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for the which the budget is being adopted.

Appropriations (unexpended budget balances) lapse at year-end.

Encumbrances

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

Budget Basis of Accounting

The budget is prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Budgeted amounts are originally adopted or amended by the Sheriff. Such amendments were not material in relation to original appropriations.

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF'S CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

(b) (a) Contributions Statutorily in relation to the (a-b) Agency's Contributions Fiscal required statutorily required Contribution covered as a percentage of contribution contribution deficiency covered payroll Year payroll 2015 \$ 531,592 \$ 531,592 \$ \$ 3,731,059 14,25% \$ \$ 2016 531,940 \$ 531,940 \$ 3,868,737 13.75% 2017 \$ \$ \$ \$ 4,029,123 13.25% 533,853 533,853 \$ 2018 \$ 546,629 \$ \$ 12.75% 546,629 4,286,378 2019 \$ 540,459 \$ 540,459 \$ \$ 4,411,703 12.25% \$ \$ 2020 570,513 570,513 \$ \$ 4,657,415 12.25% \$ \$ 2021 603,280 \$ 603,280 \$ 4,928,600 12.24% 2022 \$ 619,344 \$ 619,344 \$ \$ 5,055,874 12.25% 2023 \$ \$ \$ \$ 618,832 618,832 5,381,141 11.50%

Amounts presented were determined as of the end of the fiscal year. Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF SHERIFF PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

						Agency's	
						proportionate share	Plan fiduciary
	Agency's		Agency's			of the net pension	net position
	proportion of	propo	proportionate share		Agency's	liability (asset) as a	as a percentage
Fiscal	the net pension		of the net pension		covered	percentage of its	of the total
<u>Year</u>	liability (asset)	lial	biltiy (asset)		payroll	covered payroll	pension liability
2015	56,0699%	\$	2,220,371	\$	3,731,059	59.5105%	87.3447%
2016	56.5756%	\$	2,521,867	\$	3,868,737	65,1858%	86,6065%
2017	56,5824%	\$	3,591,225	\$	4,029,123	89.1317%	82.0969%
2018	58.1696%	\$	2,518,903	\$	4,286,378	58.7653%	88.4876%
2019	62.2792%	\$	2,388,188	\$	4,411,703	54.1330%	90.4106%
2020	63.1369%	\$	2,986,520	\$	4,657,415	64.1240%	88.9085%
2021	63.0856%	\$	4,366,251	\$	4,928,600	88.5901%	84.7289%
2022	67.5966%	\$	(334,975)	\$	5,055,874	-6.6255%	101.0387%
2023	68.1561%	\$	5,539,634	\$	5,381,141	102.9453%	83.8973%

Amounts presented were determined as of the measurement date (previous fiscal year end). Schedule is intended to show information for 10 years. Additional years will be displayed as they become available.

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN NET OPEB LIABILITY AND RELATED RATIOS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

					Fiscal year e	nded	6/30 of				
Total OPEB Liability		2018	2019		<u>2020</u>		<u>2021</u>		2022		<u>2023</u>
Service cost	S	60,309	\$ 44,992	S	47,882	S	71,700	\$	73,903	\$	74,261
Interest		108,766	113,755		125,500		126,939		144,200		234,132
Changes of benefit terms		-	-		-		-		-		-
Differences between expected and actual exper	ķ	83,587	298,131		423,088		770,840		1,660,883		256,262
Changes of assumptions		-	66,260		1,635,753		52,221		(3,799,266)		-
Benefit payments		(77,024)	 (81,260)		(86,012)		(90,743)		(73,157)		(77,181)
Net change in total OPEB liability		175,638	441,878		2,146,211		930,957		(1,993,437)		487,475
Total OPEB liability - beginning	_	2,944,268	3,119,906	_	3,561,784		5,707,995	_	6,638,952	_	4,645,515
Total OPEB liability - ending (a)		3,119,906	 3,561,784		5,707,995		6,638,952		4,645,515		5,132,990
Plan Fiduciary Net Position											
Contributions - employer	S	-	\$ -	S	-	\$	-	\$	1,500,000	\$	-
Contributions - member		-	-		-		-		(106,316)		-
Net investment income		-	-		-		-		-		-
Benefit payments		-	-		-		-		-		95,573
Administrative expense		-	 -		-		-		-		-
Net change in plan fiduciary net position		-	-		-		-		1,393,684		95,573
Plan fiduciary net position - beginning		-	 -		-		-				1,393,684
Plan fiduciary net position - ending (b)			 -	<u>\$</u>	-		-		1,393,684		1,489,257
Net OPEB liability - ending (a) - (b)		3,119,906	 3,561,784		5,707,995		6,638,952	<u>S</u>	3,251,831		3,643,733
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total OPEB liability		0.00%	0.00%		0.00%		0.00%		30.00%		29.01%
Covered-employee payroll	\$	3,764,743	\$ 3,877,685	\$	4,111,457	\$	4,234,801	\$	4,234,802	S	4,361,846
Net OPEB liability as a percentage of covered-employee payroll		82.87%	91.85%		138.83%		156.77%		76.79%		83.54%
Notes to Schedule:											
Discount Rate:		3.62%	3.50%		2.21%		2.16%		5.00%		5.00%
Mortality:		RP-2000	RP-2000		RP-2014		RP-2014		RP-2014		RP-2014
Trend:		5.50%	5.50%	4.:	5% to 5.5%	4.5	5% to 5.5%	4.5	5% to 5.5%	4.5	% to 5.5%

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

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION



SHERIFF AND EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

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STATE OF LOUISIANA, PARISH OF FRANKLIN

AFFIDAVIT

KEVIN COBB, Sheriff of FRANKLIN PARISH

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, KEVIN COBB the sheriff of FRANKLIN Parish, State of Louisiana, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

The following information is true and correct:

\$1,411,820 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector fund on JUNE 30, 2023;

He further deposed and said:

All itemized statements of the amount of taxes collected for tax year 2022, 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.

Kevin W. Cobb

Sheriff of Franklin Parish

SWORN to and subscribed before me, Notary, this **19th** day of **December 2023**, in my office in the **Winnsboro**, Louisiana.

David Wm. Rigdon, Bar Roll #32228

Notary Public, Commission Expires upon death

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF COMPENSATION, BENEFITS AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD OR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER JUNE 30, 2023

Agency Head: Kevin Cobb, Sheriff

<u>Purpose</u>	Amount				
Salary	\$	189,811			
Benefits - Insurance		19,956			
Travel, Registrations and Related Expenses	_	956			
Total	_\$	210,723			

Justice System Funding Schedule - Collecting/Disbursing Entity

As Required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session

Entity NameFranklin Parish SheriffLLA Entity ID#3085Date that reporting period endedJune 30, 2023

Cash Basis Presentation		x Month Period ed 12/31/22	Second Six Month Period Ended 06/30/23	
Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected (i.e. cash on hand)	S	181,743		
Collections				
Civil Fees		279,446	298,024	
Bond Fees		49,400	88,655	
Cash Bonds		1,500	3,000	
Criminal Seizures		3,833	9,579	
Fines, Fees Court Cost		178,996	358,275	
Subtotal Collections	\$	513,175	\$ 757,533	
Less: Disbursements To Governments & Nonprofits:				
Bond Fees-5th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund		11,165	19,921	
Bond Fees- Clerk of Court		316	398	
Bond Fees- Crime Lab		316	398	
Bond Fees- 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office		11,165	19,921	
Bond Fees- 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office		1,106	1,393	
Bonds Fees- Indigent Defender Board		316	398	
Bond Fees - Indigent Defender Board		11,165	19,921	
Criminal Seizures - 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office		738	1,837	
Criminal Seizures - 5th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund		738	1,837	
Criminal Seizures - Franklin Parish Clerk of Court		100	300	
Criminal Seizures - DART		38	96	
Restitution		11,220	9,807	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Indigent Defender Board		8,087	9,166	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Clerk of Court		8,914	10,439	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Franklin Parish Coroner		990	1,228	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- North Louisiana Crime Lab		21,615	25,880	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- 5th Judicial District Attorney's Office		16,150	21,263	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Louisiana State Police		273	378	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- 5th Judicial District Judicial Expense		1,420	1,896	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Louisiana Commission on Law Enforcement		4,701	5,997	
Fnes, Fees Court Cost - Village of Baskin (Commission)		· <u>-</u>	510	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- 5th Judicial District Criminal Court Fund		68,461	102,021	
Clerk of Court, Sheriff Sale Fees		7,969	129,409	
Property Taxes Collected, Sheriff Sales		477	837	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- NELSA		2,229	1,361	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Louisiana Supreme Court		581	760	
Fines, Fees Court Cost- Franklin Parish Police Jury (Witness Fees)		1,933	3,528	
·		,	,	
Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency		20.011	22.540	
Civil Fees		20,811	33,549	
Bond Fees		13,851	23,304	
Criminal Seizures		2,219	5,510	
Cash Bonds Still Held		240	43,943	
Interest		248	248	
Fines, Fees Court Cost		20,894	20,777	
Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party Collection or Processing Agencies Cash Bond Distributions				
Civil, Garnishments to Attorney of Record		19,240	30,854	
Civil Fees, Appraisal Fees		2,870	1,200	
Civil Fees, Advertisements		1,120	1,125	
Civil Fees, Payments Due to Attorney of Record Sheriff Sales		156,837	101,021	
Civil Fees, Disbursed to Owners		70,122	-	
Civil Fees, Other Agencies			30	
Trust trus, Same Agenera			50	

Entity Name LLA Entity ID # Date that reporting period ended Franklin Parish Sheriff 3085 June 30, 2023

First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/22		Second Six Month Period Ended 06/30/23	
500,395	\$	652,459	
	\$	299,598	
_			

Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed

Justice System Funding Schedule - Receiving Entity

	First Six Month	Second Six Month
Cash Basis Presentation	Period Ended 12/31/22	Period Ended 06/30/23
Receipts From:		
Franklin Parish Sheriff, Service and Collection Fees	16,418	38,395
Franklin Parish Sheriff, Criminal Fines - Other	36,931	46,828
Subtotal Receipts	36,931	85,223
Ending Balance of Amounts Assessed but Not Received (only applies to those agencies that assess on behalf of themselves, such as courts)	_	_

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION – COMPLIANCE REQUIREMENTS

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

To the Honorable Kevin Cobb Franklin Parish Sheriff Winnsboro, 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 of Franklin Parish Sheriff, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, 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 18, 2023.

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) to determine the 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, detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Sheriff'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. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

To the Honorable Kevin Cobb Franklin Parish Sheriff Winnsboro, Louisiana

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Franklin Parish Sheriff's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended for the use of management of Franklin Parish Sheriff and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

West Monroe, Louisiana
December 18, 2023

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

To the Honorable Kevin Cobb Franklin Parish Sheriff Winnsboro, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Franklin Parish Sheriff as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated December 18, 2023. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of June 30, 2023, resulted in an unqualified opinion.

Section I- Summary of Auditor's Results

A.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements				
	Internal Control yes X no Material Weakness yes X no Significant Deficiencies not considered to be Material Weaknesses yes X no				
	Compliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements yes _X_no				
B.	Federal Awards – N/A				
	Material Weakness Identifiedyesno Significant Deficiencies not considered to be Material Weaknessesyesno				
	Type of Opinion on Compliance For Major Programs (No Major Programs) Unqualified Qualified Disclaimer Adverse				
	Are there findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510 (a)? N/A				
C.	Identification of Major Programs: N/A				
	Name of Federal Program (or cluster) CFDA Number(s) N/A				
	Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs. N/A				
	Is the auditee a "low-risk" auditee, as defined by OMB Circular A-133? N/A				

FRANKLIN PARISH SHERIFF WINNSBORO, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023

Section I - <u>Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements</u>

No findings under this section.

Section II - Financial Statement Findings

No findings under this section.

Section III - <u>Management Letter</u>

No management letter was issued.

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

To the Franklin Parish Sheriff and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor:

We have performed the procedures enumerated below, which were agreed to by the Franklin Parish Sheriff (the Entity) and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor (LLA), on the control and compliance (C/C) areas identified in the LLA's Statewide Agreed-Upon Procedures (SAUPs) for the fiscal period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. The Entity's management is responsible for those C/C areas identified in the SAUPs.

Franklin Parish Sheriff 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, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Additionally, LLA has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purposes. This report may not 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 related exceptions obtained are described in the attachment to this report.

We were engaged by the Franklin 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 Franklin 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.

West Monroe, Louisiana Davol M. Hart, (PS (SPSC)

December 18, 2023

- 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

- 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.
 - 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.

This section not applicable.

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 (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 eash collections do not share eash 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.

[Note: Findings related to controls that constrain the legal authority of certain public officials (e.g., mayor of a Lawrason Act municipality) should not be reported.]

- 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.

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

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.

No exceptions noted.

11) Debt Service

- 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).

This section not applicable.

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.

No exceptions noted.

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.
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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 procedures and 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.