

**WASHINGTON PARISH CLERK OF COURT  
Franklinton, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Statements  
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Honorable Johnny D. Crain, Jr.  
Washington Parish Clerk of Court  
Franklinton, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington Parish Clerk of Court as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

### Auditor's Responsibility

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

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, I express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington Parish Clerk of Court as of June 30, 2021, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Matters**

### Required Supplementary Information

Management has omitted the 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 part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), 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. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Budgetary Comparison Information (page 40), Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios (page 41), Schedule of the Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (page 42) and Schedule of Employer Contributions (page 43) 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. I 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 my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

### Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Clerk's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 A(3), and the Justice System Schedules as prescribed by Act 87 of the Legislative Session are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits, and Other Payments to Agency Head and Justice system funding schedules are 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*, I have also issued my report dated December 22, 2021 on my consideration of the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my 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 Washington Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Robert A. Neilson, CPA, LLC

Bogalusa, Louisiana  
December 22, 2021

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2021**

	<u><b>Governmental Activities</b></u>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 533,333
Investment	663,470
Receivables	50,191
Due from other funds	8,096
Capital assets (net)	<u>59,882</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,314,972</u></u></b>
<b>DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension Related	684,722
OPEB Related	<u>266,901</u>
<b>Total Deferred Outflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 951,623</u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,784
Due to other funds	3,423
Payroll Taxes Payable	2,112
Compensated Absences Payable	5,436
Capital Lease	8,107
Long Term Liabilities	
Capital Lease	6,080
OPEB Obligation	1,887,389
Pension Liability	<u>1,578,629</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 3,509,959</u></u></b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>	
Pension Related	64,867
OPEB Related	<u>794,070</u>
<b>Total Deferred Inflows of Resources</b>	<b><u>\$ 858,937</u></b>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	\$ 45,695
Unrestricted	<u>(2,147,997)</u>
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b><u><u>\$ (2,102,302)</u></u></b>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Statement of Activities**  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u>			<u>Net (Expenses) Revenue and Changes in Net Position</u>
		<u>Fees, Fines, &amp; Charges for Services</u>	<u>Operating Grants &amp; Contributions</u>	<u>Capital Grants &amp; Contributions</u>	<u>Governmental Activities</u>
<b>Governmental Activities:</b>					
<b>Judicial</b>	\$ 1,650,609	\$ 1,786,299	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 135,690
<b>Interest on Long Term Debt</b>	7,036	-	-	-	(7,036)
<b>Total</b>	<u>\$ 1,657,645</u>	<u>\$ 1,786,299</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>128,654</u>
<b>General Revenues</b>					
					2,577
					96,897
					<u>99,474</u>
					<b>228,128</b>
					<b>\$ (2,330,430)</b>
					<b>\$ (2,102,302)</b>



**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
Governmental Fund-General Fund  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2021

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 533,333
Investment	663,470
Receivables	50,191
Due from other funds	<u>8,096</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,255,090</u></u></b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Accounts Payable	\$ 18,784
Due to other funds	3,423
Payroll Taxes Payable	2,112
Compensated Absences Payable	<u>5,436</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 29,756</u></u></b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>	
Unassigned	<u>\$ 1,225,335</u>
<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u><u>\$ 1,225,335</u></u></b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund**  
**Balance Sheet to the Statement of Net Position**  
**June 30, 2021**

<b>Fund Balance- Governmental Fund</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>1,225,335</b>
<p>Amounts reported for governmental activities in the</p> <p>Capital Assets used in governmental activities are not</p>		
Governmental Assets		747,218
Less Accumulated Depreciation		(687,336)
<p>The deferred outflows of expenditures for the Clerk of Court's Retirement and Relief Fund and Other Post Employment Benefits are not a use of current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.</p>		
Deferred Outflows related to pensions		684,722
Deferred Outflows related to OPEB obligations		266,901
<p>Long Term Liabilities are not due and payable in the current year and therefore not reported in the governmental fund:</p>		
Capital Leases		(14,187)
OPEB Obligation		(1,887,389)
Pension Liability		(1,578,629)
<p>The deferred inflows of contributions for the Clerk of Court's Retirement and Relief Fund are not available current resources, and therefore, are not reported in the fund financial statements.</p>		
Deferred Inflows related to pensions		(64,867)
Deferred Inflows related to OPEB obligations		(794,071)
<b>Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b><u>(2,102,302)</u></b>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Governmental Fund-General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

<b>Revenues</b>	
Recordings	\$ 661,574
Cancellations	59,324
Mortgage certificates	17,180
Certified copies	18,906
Court attendance	6,490
Criminal fees	44,209
Civil Suits	650,170
Elections	6,288
Notarial Fees	1,540
Marriage Licenses	6,710
Interest	2,577
Miscellaneous	313,909
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<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,788,877</b>
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<b>Expenditures</b>	
Personal services	\$ 814,759
Employee Benefits	364,812
Travel	11,830
Operating Services	236,729
Supplies	35,940
Debt Service	
Principal	8,107
Interest & Other Charges	7,036
Capital Outlay	-
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<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,213</b>
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<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 309,664</b>
<b>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>915,671</b>
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<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,335</b>
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**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and**  
**Changes in Fund Balance to the Statement of Activities**  
**Governmental Fund**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

<b>Net Changes in Governmental Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ 309,664</b>
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as	
Capital Outlay	0
Depreciation Expense	(18,955)
Repayment of debt principal is an expenditure in the governmental fund, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	8,107
Some expenses reported in the statement of activities do not require the use of current financial resources and, therefore, are not reported as expenditures in the governmental funds:	
OPEB expense is not reported in the governmental fund	(36,864)
Clerk's Portion of Retiree Insurance	27,781
Pension Expense is not reported in the governmental fund	(303,903)
Pension contributions made subsequent to the measurement date	145,401
Non-employer pension contributions	75,941
Non-employer OPEB contributions	20,956
<b>Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities</b>	<b>\$ 228,128</b>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**June 30, 2021**

	<u>Advance Deposit</u>	<u>Registry of Court</u>	<u>Civil Jury</u>	<u>Total</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
Cash	<u>\$ 923,508</u>	<u>\$ 993,649</u>	<u>\$ 3,829</u>	<u>\$ 1,920,986</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 923,508</u>	<u>\$ 993,649</u>	<u>\$ 3,829</u>	<u>\$ 1,920,986</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>				
Due to Salary Fund	<u>\$ 3,011</u>	<u>\$ 187</u>	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ 3,268</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$ 3,011</u>	<u>\$ 187</u>	<u>\$ 70</u>	<u>\$ 3,268</u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>				
Fiduciary Net Position- held for litigants and others	<u>\$ 920,497</u>	<u>\$ 993,462</u>	<u>\$ 3,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,718</u>
<b>Net Position</b>	<u>\$ 920,497</u>	<u>\$ 993,462</u>	<u>\$ 3,759</u>	<u>\$ 1,917,718</u>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Fiduciary Funds**  
**Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	<b>Advance Deposit Fund</b>	<b>Registry of Court Fund</b>	<b>Civil Jury Fund</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>ADDITIONS</b>				
Deposits	\$ 930,684	\$ 407,634	\$ -	\$ 1,338,318
Interest Earned		463	-	463
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>930,684</b>	<b>408,097</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,338,781</b>
<b>DEDUCTIONS</b>				
Distributions to litigants	97,548	87,888	-	185,436
Distributions to the Salary Fund	650,710			650,710
Distributions to others	179,584			179,584
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>927,842</b>	<b>87,888</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1,015,730</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>2,842</b>	<b>320,209</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>323,051</b>
<b>Net Position, beginning</b>	<b>917,655</b>	<b>673,253</b>	<b>3,759</b>	<b>1,594,667</b>
<b>Net Position, ending</b>	<b>\$ 920,497</b>	<b>\$ 993,462</b>	<b>\$ 3,759</b>	<b>\$ 1,917,718</b>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
Notes to the Financial Statements  
As of and for the Year Ended June 30, 2021

**INTRODUCTION**

As provided by Article V, Section 28 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the Clerk of Court serves as the ex-officio notary public; the recorder of conveyances, mortgages, and other acts; and has other duties and powers provided by law. The Clerk of Court is elected for a four-year term.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

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

**B. REPORTING ENTITY**

The Clerk of Court is an independently elected official. The Washington Parish Government has determined that the Clerk is not a component unit of Parish Government utilizing criteria established by GASB Statement 14.

The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the clerk of court and do not present information on the Washington Parish Government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

**C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Washington Parish Clerk of Court uses funds to maintain its financial records during the year. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid management by segregating transactions related to certain clerk functions and activities. A fund is defined as a separate fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts.

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**C. FUND ACCOUNTING (continued)**

**Governmental Funds**

Governmental funds account for most of the clerk's general activities. These funds focus on the sources, uses, and balances of current financial resources. Expendable assets are assigned to the various governmental funds according to the purposes for which they may be used. Current liabilities are assigned to the fund from which they will be paid. The difference between a governmental fund's assets and liabilities is reported as fund balance. In general, fund balance represents the accumulated expendable resources which may be used to finance future period programs or operations of the Clerk of Court. The following is the clerk's governmental fund:

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

**Fiduciary Funds**

Fiduciary fund reporting focuses on net position and changes in net position. The only funds accounted for in this category are agency funds. The Clerk of Court has agency funds of Advance Deposit, Registry of Court, and Civil Jury which act as agents for litigants pending court action. Agency funds are custodial in nature (assets equal liabilities) and do not involve measurement of results of operations. Consequently, the agency funds have no measurement focus, but use the accrual basis of accounting.

**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

**Fund Financial Statements(FFS)**

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 balance 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.



**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
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**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)**

**Fund Financial Statements(FFS) (continued)**

Governmental funds and agency funds 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 Washington Parish Clerk of Court considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

**Revenues**

Fees for certified copies, cancellations, mortgage certificates, recording legal documents, and criminal fees are recorded in the year they are earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

**Expenditures**

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

**Other Financing Sources/(Uses)**

Transfers between funds that are not expected to be repaid (or any other types, such as capital lease transactions, sale of fixed assets, debt extinguishment, long-term debt proceeds, et cetera) are accounted for as other financing sources/(uses). These other financing sources/(uses) are recognized at the time the underlying events occur.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements(GWFS)**

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities display information about the Clerk as a whole. These statements include all the financial activities of the Washington Parish Clerk of Court.

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).

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**D. MEASUREMENT FOCUS/BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (continued)**

**Government-Wide Financial Statements(GWFS) (continued)**

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*. Fiduciary activities are not included in the government-wide financial statements. In the Statement of Activities, program revenues consist primarily of the normal day to day fees charged by the Clerk including fees from civil suits, recordings, and cancellations. Since there is only one function/program with the Clerk of Court, indirect expenses are all allocated to the judicial program. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function.

**E. BUDGETS**

The Washington Parish Clerk of Court follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

1. In accordance with the Local Government Budget Act of the State of Louisiana, the Washington Parish Clerk of Court prepares operating budgets for the general and special revenue funds at least fifteen days prior to the commencement of the budgetary fiscal year. The operating budgets include proposed expenditures and the means of financing them for the upcoming year.
2. The budgets are available for public inspection for a fifteen day period prior to a public hearing held to obtain taxpayer comment.
3. The budgets are adopted at the public hearing and are authorized for implementation on the first day of the fiscal year.
4. The budgets are prepared on a basis consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).
5. The budgets may be revised during the year as estimates regarding revenues and expenditures change.
6. All budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.

**F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

Under state law, the Clerk may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts or time deposits with state banks organized under state law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana. In accordance with Louisiana Statutes, the Clerk maintains deposits at those depository banks authorized by the Clerk. All such depositories are members of the Federal Reserve System.

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**G. INTERFUND ACTIVITIES**

The Clerk of Court transfers interest earned on deposits of the Agency Funds to the General Fund to be utilized by the General Fund in its operations. In those cases where the physical transfer of assets has not taken place as of year end, or where repayment is expected, these amounts are accounted for through the various due to and due from accounts.

**H. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost. The clerk maintains a threshold level of \$500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

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

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Equipment under capital lease	5-8 years
Building improvements	25 years
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	5-20 years
Vehicles	5 years

**I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

Employees receive annual vacation days on July 1st of each year, depending upon length of service. All employees are allowed to carry over 5 unused annual days per year. Upon resignation or termination, employees are paid for up to 5 days of unused vacation time.

After completing one year of service employees receive up to 10 days of sick leave on July 1st of each year. Earned but unused sick leave has not been accrued as a liability because no payments will be made at resignation or termination of employment.

**J. NET POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

For the government-wide statement of net position, the net position amount is classified and displayed in three components:

- Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those capital assets.

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**J. NET POSITION IN THE GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS *(continued)***

- **Restricted net position** – This component consists of net position with constraints placed on the use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, laws, regulations, of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- **Unrestricted net position** – This component consists of all other net position that do not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets”.

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

**K. FUND BALANCE**

In the governmental fund financial statements, fund balances may be classified as follows:

- **Nonspendable** – Amounts that cannot be spent either because they are in a nonspendable form or because they are legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.
- **Restricted** – Amounts that can be spent only for specific purposes because of state or federal laws, or externally imposed conditions by grantors or creditors.
- **Committed** – Amounts that can be used only for specific purposes determined by a formal action by the Clerk.
- **Assigned** – Amounts that are designated by the Clerk for a specific purpose but are neither restricted nor committed.
- **Unassigned** – All amounts not included in other spendable classifications.

When expenditures are incurred for the purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available, the Clerk of Court uses restricted amounts first, followed by unrestricted amounts. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which committed, assigned, and unassigned amounts are available, the entity reduces committed amounts first, followed by assigned amounts and then unassigned amounts.

R.S. 13:785 requires that every four years (at the close of the term of office) the Clerk of Court must pay the Parish Treasurer the portion of the General Fund’s fund balance that

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**K. FUND BALANCE (continued)**

exceeds one-half of the revenues of the clerk's last year of his term of office. At June 30, 2021, there was no amount due the parish treasurer as this was not the last year of the clerk's four-year term of office, and no determination of the amount that will be due, if any, can be made at this time.

**L. ESTIMATES**

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

**M. NEW GASB PRONOUNCEMENTS**

The GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, in June 2017. The Statement addresses the recognition of certain lease assets and liabilities for leases that were previously classified as operating leases and recognized as inflows and outflows of resources based on the payment provisions of the contract. This Statement would have been effective for the Clerk of Court's office for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021; however due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it has been extended 18 months with the effective date for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

**2. CASH**

At June 30, 2021, the Washington Parish Clerk of Court had cash (book balances) totaling \$2,454,319 as follows:

	Primary Government	Fiduciary Funds	Total
Demand deposits	\$433,333	\$1,576,381	\$2,009,714
Certificates of Deposit	100,000	344,605	444,605
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$533,333</u></b>	<b><u>\$1,920,986</u></b>	<b><u>\$2,454,319</u></b>

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that in the event of the failure of a depository financial institution, the Clerk of Court's deposits may not be recovered or the collateral

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**2. CASH (continued)**

securities that are in the possession of an outside party will not be recovered. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates fair value. 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 by a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. As of June 30, 2021, bank balances in the amount of \$2,654,413 were as follows:

Bank Balances	\$2,654,413
Federal Deposit Insurance	2,406,636
Pledged Securities	<u>247,777</u>
Total	<u>\$2,654,413</u>

**3. INVESTMENTS**

An investment of \$663,470, which is stated at cost and approximates market at June 30, 2021, is invested in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP). LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local governments having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA - R.S. 33:2955.

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

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

- Credit risk: LAMP is rated AAAm by Standard & Poor's.
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.

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**3. INVESTMENTS (continued)**

- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the 5 percent disclosure requirement.
- Interest Rate Risk: LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. LAMP prepares its own interest rate risk disclosure using the weighted average maturity (WAM) method. The WAM of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days or 762 days for U.S. Government floating/variable rate investments. The WAM for LAMP's total investments is 82 days as of June 30, 2021.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable.

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

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

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the LAMP administrative office at 800-249-5267.

**4. RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$50,191 at June 30, 2021, consist of various fees and charges for services rendered and employee related receivables.

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**5. CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021 is as follows:

	<b>Equipment Under Capital Lease</b>	<b>Building Improvements</b>	<b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Capital Assets 6/30/20	\$40,534	\$212,564	\$494,121	\$747,219
Additions				
Deletions				
Capital Assets 6/30/21	\$40,534	\$212,564	\$494,121	\$747,219
Accumulated Depreciation 6/30/20	\$18,241	\$173,211	\$476,930	\$668,382
Additions	8,107	7,378	3,470	18,955
Deletions				
Accumulated Depreciation 6/30/21	\$26,348	\$180,589	\$480,400	\$687,337
<b>Capital Assets, Net of Accumulated Depreciation, 6/30/21</b>	<b><u>\$14,186</u></b>	<b><u>\$31,975</u></b>	<b><u>\$13,721</u></b>	<b><u>\$59,882</u></b>

Accumulated amortization for capital lease equipment is included in the accumulated depreciation for all capital assets.

**5. PENSION PLAN**

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (Fund) is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established in accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 11:1501 to provide regular, disability, and survivor benefits for clerks of court, their deputies and other employees, and the beneficiaries of such clerks of court, their deputies, and other employees.

**SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

The Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund prepared its employer schedules in accordance with Governmental Accounting Statement No. 68- Accounting and Financial



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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES: (continued)

Reporting for Pensions- an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27. GASB Statement No. 68 established standards for measuring and recognizing liabilities, deferred outflows of resources, deferred inflows of resources, and expenses/expenditures. It provides methods and assumptions that should be used to project benefit payments, discount projected benefit payments to their actuarial present value, and attribute that present value to periods of employee service. It also provides methods to calculate participating employers' proportionate share of net pension liability, deferred inflows and deferred outflows.

PLAN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

Plan fiduciary net position is a significant component of the Fund's collective net position liability. The Fund's plan fiduciary net position was determined using the accrual basis of accounting. The Fund's assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses were recorded with the use of estimates and assumptions in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements and estimates over the determination of the fair market value of the Fund's investments. Accordingly, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

PLAN DESCRIPTION:

The Fund was established for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits as stated under the provisions of R.S. Title 11:1501 for eligible employees of the clerk of the supreme court, each of the district courts, each of the courts of appeal, each of the city and traffic courts in cities having a population in excess of four hundred thousand at the time of entrance into the Fund, the Louisiana Clerks' of Court Association, the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Fund, 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.

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

PLAN DESCRIPTION: (continued)

**RETIREMENT BENEFITS:**

A member or former member shall be eligible for regular retirement benefits upon attaining twelve or more years of credited service, attaining the age of fifty-five years or more and terminating employment. Regular retirement benefits, payable monthly for life, equal 3 1/3 percent of the member's average final compensation multiplied by the number of years of credited service, not to exceed one hundred percent of the monthly average final compensation. Monthly average final compensation is based on the highest compensated thirty-six consecutive months, with a limit of increase of 10% in each of the last three years of measurement. For those members hired on or after July 1, 2006, compensation is based on the highest compensated sixty consecutive months with a limit of 10% increase in each of the last six years of measurement. Act 273 of the 2010 regular session applied the sixty consecutive months to all members. This Act has a transition period for those members who retire on or after January 1, 2011 and before December 31, 2012. Additionally, Act 273 of the 2010 regular session increased a member's retirement to age 60 with an accrual rate of 3% for all members hired on or after January 1, 2011.

A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age but after completing twelve years' credited service becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

**DISABILITY BENEFITS:**

Effective through June 30, 2008, a member who has been officially certified as totally and permanently disabled by the State Medical Disability Board shall be paid disability retirement benefits determined and computed as follows:

- 1) A member who is totally and permanently disabled solely as the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties shall be paid monthly benefits equal to the greater of one-half of his monthly average final compensation or, at the option of the disability retiree, two and one-half percent of his monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of his years of credited service; however, such monthly benefit shall not exceed twenty-five dollars for each year of his credited service or two-thirds of his monthly average final compensation, whichever is less.

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

DISABILITY BENEFITS: (continued)

- 2) A member who has ten or more years of credited service and who is totally and permanently disabled due to any cause not the result of injuries sustained in the performance of his official duties shall be paid monthly benefits equal to three percent of his monthly average final compensation multiplied by the number of his years of credited service; however, such monthly benefit shall not exceed thirty-five dollars for each year of his credited service or eighty percent of his monthly average final compensation, whichever is less.

The following is effective for any disability retiree whose application for disability retirement is approved on or after July 1, 2008. The provisions related to the calculation of benefits will apply to any disability retiree whose application for disability retirement was approved before July 1, 2008, for benefits due and payable on or after January 1, 2008.

A member is eligible to receive disability retirement benefits from the Fund if he or she is certified to be totally and permanently disabled pursuant to R.S. 11:218 and one of the following applies:

- 1) The member's disability was caused solely as a result of injuries sustained in the performance of their official duties.
- 2) The member has at least ten years of service credit.

A member who has been certified as totally and permanently disabled will be paid monthly disability retirement benefits equal to the greater of:

- 1) Forty percent of their monthly average final compensation.
- 2) Seventy-five percent of their monthly regular retirement benefit computed pursuant to R.S. 11:1521(c).

A member leaving covered employment before attaining early retirement age but after completing twelve years' credited service becomes eligible for a deferred allowance provided the member lives to the minimum service retirement age and does not withdraw his or her accumulated contributions.

**SURVIVOR BENEFITS:**

If a member who has less than five years of credited service dies, his accumulated contributions are paid to his designated beneficiary. If the member has five or more years of credited service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse. These

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

**SURVIVOR BENEFITS: (continued)**

benefits are based on the retirement benefits accrued at the member's date of death with option factors used as if the member had continued in service to earliest normal retirement age. Benefit payments are to commence on the date a member would have first become eligible for normal retirement assuming continued service until that time. In lieu of a deferred survivor benefit, the surviving spouse may elect benefits payable immediately with benefits reduced 1/4 of 1% for each month by which payments commence in advance of member's earliest normal retirement age. If a member has no surviving spouse, the surviving minor children under 18 or disabled children shall be paid 1/2 of the member's accrued retirement benefit in equal shares. Upon the death of any former member with 12 or more years of service, automatic Option 2 benefits are payable to the surviving spouse with payments to commence on the member's retirement eligibility date. In lieu of periodic payments, the surviving spouse or children may receive a refund of the member's accumulated contributions.

**DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN:**

In lieu of terminating employment and accepting a service retirement allowance, any member of the Fund who is eligible for a service retirement allowance may elect to participate in the Deferred Retirement Option Plan (DROP) for up to thirty-six months and defer the receipt of benefits. During the year ended June 30, 2007 participants had to have been an active contributing member for one full year before becoming eligible for DROP. Upon commencement of participation in the plan, active membership in the Fund terminates and the participant's contributions cease; however, employer contributions continue. Compensation and creditable service remain as they existed on the effective date of commencement of participation in the plan.

The monthly retirement benefits that would have been payable, had the member elected to cease employment and receive a service retirement allowance, are paid into the Deferred Retirement Option Plan account.

Upon termination of employment at the end of the specified period of participation, a participant in the program may receive, at his option, a lump sum payment from the Fund. If employment is not terminated at the end of the participation period, payments into the account cease and the member resumes active contributing membership in the Fund. Upon termination, the member receives a lump sum payment from the DROP fund equal to the payments made to that fund on his behalf, or a true annuity based on his account (subject to approval by the Board of Trustees). The monthly benefit payments that were being paid into the DROP fund are paid to the retiree and an additional benefit based on his additional service rendered since termination of DROP participation is calculated using the normal method of benefit computation.

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

DEFERRED RETIREMENT OPTION PLAN: *(continued)*

The average compensation used to calculate the additional benefit is that used to calculate the original benefit unless his period of additional service is at least thirty-six months. In no event can the entire monthly benefit amount paid to the retiree exceed 100% of the average compensation used to compute the additional benefit. If a participant dies during the period of participation in the program, a lump sum payment equal to his account balance is paid to his named beneficiary or, if none, to his estate.

**COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENTS:**

The Board of Trustees is authorized to provide a cost of living increase to members who have been retired for at least one full calendar year. The increase cannot exceed the lesser of 2.5% of the retiree's benefit or an increase of forty dollars per month. The Louisiana statutes allow the Board to grant an additional cost of living increase to all retirees and beneficiaries over age 65 equal to 2% of the benefit paid on October 1, 1977 or the member's retirement date if later.

In order to grant any cost of living increase, the Fund must meet criteria as detailed in the Louisiana statutes related to funding status.

In lieu of granting a cost of living increase as described above, Louisiana statutes the board to grant a cost of living increase where the benefits shall be calculated using the number of years of service at retirement or at death plus the number of years since retirement or death multiplied by the cost of living amount which cannot exceed \$1.

**EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS:**

According to state statute, contribution requirements for all employers are actuarially determined each year. For the year ending June 30, 2020, the actual employer contribution rate was 19%.

In accordance with state statute, the Fund receives ad valorem 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.

**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS:**

The schedule of employer allocations reports the required projected employer contributions in addition to the employer allocation percentage. The required employer contributions are

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS: (continued)

used to determine the proportionate relationship of each employer to all employers of Louisiana Clerks' of Court Retirement and Relief Fund. The employer's proportion was determined on a basis that is consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension plan are determined. The allocation percentages were used in calculating each employer's proportionate share of the pension amounts.

The allocation method used in determining each employer's proportion was based on each employer's contributions to the Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 as compared to the total of all employers' contributions received by the Fund during the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS:

At June 30, 2021, the Clerk reported a liability of \$1,578,629 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2020 and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability as determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The Clerk's proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the Clerk's long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating employers, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2020, the Clerk's proportion was 0.65615%, which was a decrease of 0.02725% from its proportion measured as of June 30, 2019.

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Clerk recognized pension expense of \$303,903. At June 30, 2021, the Clerk reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

PENSION LIABILITIES, PENSION EXPENSE, AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO PENSIONS: (continued)

	<u>Deferred Outflows Of Resources</u>	<u>Deferred Inflows Of Resources</u>
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$19,724	\$19,527
Change of assumptions	140,010	0
Change in proportion and differences between the employer's contributions and the employer's proportionate share of contributions	41,249	45,340
Net differences between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	338,338	0
Contributions subsequent to the measurement date	145,401	0
Total	<u>\$684,722</u>	<u>\$64,867</u>

Deferred outflows of resources of \$145,401 related to pensions resulting from the Clerk's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended June 30, 2022. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
2022	\$133,291
2023	133,291
2024	133,291
2025	<u>74,580</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$474,453</u>

**SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER:**

The schedule of pension amounts by employer displays each employer's allocation of the net pension liability. The schedule of pension amounts by employer was prepared using the allocations included in the schedule of employer allocation.

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

**ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS:**

The net pension liability was measured as the portion of the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan to current active and inactive employees that is attributed to those employees' past periods of service, less the amount of the pension plan's fiduciary net position.

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

	<u>2020</u>
Total Pension Liability	\$862,128,293
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	<u>621,541,786</u>
Total Net Pension Liability	<u>\$240,586,507</u>

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

Valuation Date	June 30, 2020
Actuarial Cost Method	Entry Age Normal
Investment rate of return	6.75% (net of investment expense)
Projected Salary Increases	1-5 years of service- 6.2%
	5 years or more- 5%
Inflation Rate	2.50%
Mortality rates	Pub- 2010 Public Retirement Plans multiplied by 120%. Mortality Table with full generational projection using the appropriate MP-2019 improvement scale.
Expected Remaining Service Lives	2020-5 years
	2019-5 years
	2018-5 years
	2017-5 Years
	2016-5 years



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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS: (continued)

**Cost of Living Adjustments** The present value of future retirement benefits is based on benefits currently being paid by the Fund and included previously granted cost of living increases. The present values 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.

The actuarial assumptions used are based on the assumptions used in the 2020 actuarial funding valuation which (with the exception of mortality) were based on results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2019, unless otherwise specified. In cases where benefit structures were changes after the experience study period, assumptions were based on future experiences.

The mortality rate assumption used was verified by combining data from this plan with two other statewide plans which have similar workforce composition in order to produce a credible experience. 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 set back 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 -estimates 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 were 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. The long term expected rate of return was 6.18% as of June 30, 2020. The best estimates of geometric real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Fund's target asset allocation as of June 30, 2020 are summarized in the following table:

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS: (continued)

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Target Allocations</u>	<u>Long-term expected portfolio real rate of return</u>
Fixed Income:		
Domestic bonds	20.0%	2.50%
International bonds		3.50%
Domestic Equity	33.0%	7.50%
International Equity	22.0%	8.50%
Real estate	15.0%	4.50%
Hedge funds	10.0%	6.59%
Total	<u>100.00%</u>	

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rates and that contributions from participating employers will be made at the actuarially determined rates approved by PRSAC taking into consideration the recommendation of the Fund's actuary. Based on those assumptions, the Fund's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

**SENSITIVITY TO CHANGES IN DISCOUNT RATE:**

The following presents the net pension liability of the participating employers calculated using the discount rate of 6.75%, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower 5.75% or one percentage point higher 7.75% than the current rate as of June 30, 2020.

	1% Decrease 5.75%	Current Discount Rate 6.75%	1% Increase 7.75%
Net Pension Liability	<u>\$2,202,939</u>	<u>\$1,578,629</u>	<u>\$1,052,394</u>

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

**CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY:**

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

*Differences between Actual and Expected Experiences:*

Differences between expected and actual experience with regard to economic or demographic factors in the measurement of the total pension liability were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. The difference between expected and actual experience resulted in deferred outflow of resources of \$19,724 and deferred inflow of resources of \$19,527 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

*Differences between Actual and Projected Investment Earnings:*

Differences between projected and actual investment earnings on pension plan investments were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed five-year period. The difference between projected and actual investment earnings resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$338,338 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

*Changes of Assumptions and Other Inputs:*

Changes of assumptions about future economic or demographic factors or of other inputs were recognized in pension expense using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. Changes of assumptions or other inputs resulted in a deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$140,010 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

*Change in Proportion:*

Changes in the employer's proportionate shares 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 employer's pension expense (benefit) using the straight-line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided pensions through the pension plan. Changes in proportion resulted in deferred outflow of resources in the amount of \$41,002 and deferred inflow of resources of \$45,340 for the year ended June 30, 2021.

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**5. PENSION PLAN (continued)**

CHANGE IN NET PENSION LIABILITY: (continued)

CONTRIBUTIONS – PROPORTIONATE SHARE:

Differences between contributions remitted to the System and the employer's proportionate share are recognized in pension expense (benefit) using the straight line amortization method over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with a pension through the pension plan. The resulting deferred inflow/outflow and amortization is not reflected in the schedule of employer amounts due to differences that could arise between contributions reported by the Fund and contributions reported by the participating employer.

FUNDING POLICY:

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.25% of their annual covered salary and the Clerk of Court is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The rate as of June 30, 2021 was 21.00% of annual covered payroll. Effective July 1, 2013, the Clerk of Court has elected to pay the member's share of the required contribution equal to 8.25% of their annual covered salary. Contributions to the Fund also include one-fourth of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Clerk of Court are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by R.S. 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 Clerk of Court's contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 2021, 2020, and 2019 were \$145,401, \$123,616, and \$126,775.

Additional information can be obtained in the annual publicly-available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund, 11745 Bricksome Avenue, Suite B1, Feliciana, Louisiana 70816, by calling 225-293-1162, or obtained on the website- [www.laclerksofcourt.org](http://www.laclerksofcourt.org).

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**6. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN**

The Clerk offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code 457. The plan is administered by the Louisiana Deferred Compensation Commission. The plan, available to all full-time employees of the Clerk, permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years.

All amounts of compensation deferred, all property and rights purchased, and all income, property, or rights are (until paid or made available to the employee or other beneficiary) held in trust by Great West Life & Annuity Insurance Co. for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries.

Participants may contribute up to 100% of their salary with the Clerk matching up to 10% of compensation. Maximum annual contributions for participants under age 50 and for participants age 50 and older may not exceed \$19,500 and \$26,000 respectively. All contributions are immediately vested. The Clerk contributed \$16,800 to the plan during the year ended June 30, 2021.

**7. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS**

**PLAN DESCRIPTION**

The Clerk's defined benefit post-employment health care plan provides OPEB to eligible retired employees and their beneficiaries. The plan provides OPEB for permanent full time employees of the Clerk. The Clerk's OPEB plan is a single employer defined benefit OPEB plan administered by the Clerk. Benefits are provided through the Louisiana Clerks of Court Insurance Trust ("LCCIT"), a multiple employer healthcare plan administered by the Louisiana Clerks of Court Association. Louisiana Revised Statute 13:783 grants the authority to establish and amend the benefit terms and financing requirements. No assets are accumulated in a trust that meets the criteria in paragraph 4 of Statement 75. The premium rates are established and may be amended by the LCCIT board of trustees, with the Clerk determining the contribution requirements of the retirees.

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
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**7. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

BENEFITS PROVIDED

The Clerk provides medical, dental, vision, and life insurance benefits for retirees and their dependents. The benefit terms provide for payment of 100% of retiree and 25% of dependent pre-Medicare health, Medicare Supplement, vision, and dental insurance premiums. The plan also provides for payment of 100% of retiree life insurance premiums.

At January 1, 2020, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

Inactive employees currently receiving benefits payments	9
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefit payments	0
Active Employees	<u>16</u>
TOTAL	<u>25</u>

TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

The Clerk's total OPEB liability of \$1,887,388 was measured as of June 30, 2021 and was determined by an actuarial valuation as of January 1, 2020. The total OPEB liability was updated from the actuarial valuation date to the measurement date using standard actuarial roll-forward techniques.

ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND OTHER INPUTS

The total OPEB liability in the June 30, 2020 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions and other inputs, applied to all periods included in the measurement, unless otherwise specified:

Inflation:	2.40%
Salary Increases, including inflation:	3.25%
Discount Rate:	1.92%
<u>Health Care Cost Trend Rates:</u>	
Medical:	4.95% for 2021, 6.25% for 2022, decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 5% for 2027 and later years
Medicare Advantage:	0% for 2021, 4.75% for 2022, decreasing 0.25% per year to an ultimate rate of 3.0% for 2029 and later years. Includes 2% per year for aging.
Dental:	3.0% annual trend
Vision	3.0% annual trend

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
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**7. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

*ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND OTHER INPUTS (continued)*

Retirees; Share of Benefit Related

Costs:

Medical:	0% for retirees and 75% for dependents
Medicare Supplement:	0% for retirees and 75% for dependents
Dental:	0% for retirees and 75% for dependents
Vision	0% for retirees and 75% for dependents
Basic Life Insurance	0%

The discount rate was based on the 6/30/2021 Fidelity General Obligation AA 20-Year Yield.

Mortality rates for active employees were based on the PubGH-2010 Employee mortality table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2020 for males or females, as appropriate.

Mortality rates for retired employees were based on the PubGH-2010 Healthy Retiree mortality table, Generational with Projection Scale MP-2020 for males or females, as appropriate.

The actuarial assumptions used in the valuation were based on those used in the Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund valuation and actuarial experience.

CHANGES IN THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY

	<b><u>Total OPEB</u></b>
	<b><u>Liability</u></b>
Balance at 6/30/20	\$1,747,758
<u>Changes for the year:</u>	
Service Cost	50,272
Interest	43,455
Differences between expected and actual experience	9,787
Changes in Assumptions/Inputs	84,853
Changes in Benefit Terms	0
Benefit Payments	(48,737)
Administrative Expense	0
Net Changes	<u>\$139,630</u>
<b>Balance at 6/30/21</b>	<b><u>\$1,887,388</u></b>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
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**7. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

**SENSITIVITY OF THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY TO CHANGES IN THE DISCOUNT RATE:**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk, as well as what the Clerk's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1-percentage-point lower (0.92 percent) or 1-percentage-point higher (2.92 percent) than the current discount rate:

	1% Decrease 0.92%	Current Discount Rate 1.92%	1% Increase 2.92%
Total OPEB Liability	\$2,209,965	\$1,887,388	\$1,589,675

**SENSITIVITY OF THE TOTAL OPEB LIABILITY TO CHANGES IN THE HEALTHCARE COST TREND RATES:**

The following presents the total OPEB liability of the Clerk, as well as what the Clerk's total OPEB liability would be if it were calculated using healthcare cost trend rates that are 1-percentage-point lower or higher than the current healthcare cost trend rates:

	1% Decrease	Trend Rate	1% Increase
Total OPEB Liability	\$1,647,303	\$1,887,388	\$2,188,567

**OPEB EXPENSE AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES RELATED TO OPEB**

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the Clerk recognized an OPEB Expense of \$36,863. At June 30, 2021, the Clerk reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to OPEB from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual experience	\$17,368	\$410,392
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	\$249,533	\$383,678
Total	\$266,901	\$794,070



**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
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**7. OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS (continued)**

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

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	
2022	(\$56,863)
2023	(\$56,863)
2024	(\$56,863)
2025	(\$56,863)
2026	(\$59,003)
Thereafter	(\$240,710)

**8. CAPITAL LEASE OBLIGATIONS**

The Clerk of Court records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements.

	<u>Capital Lease Obligations</u>
June 30, 2020 Balance	\$22,294
Additions	0
Deductions	<u>(8,107)</u>
<b>June 30, 2021 Balance</b>	<b><u>\$14,187</u></b>

The following is a schedule of future minimum lease payments under capital leases, together with the present value of the net minimum lease payments, as of 1:

<u>Years Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Minimum Lease Commitments</u>
2022	15,143
2023	<u>11,357</u>
Total Minimum Lease Payments	\$26,500
Amounts Representing Interest	<u>(12,313)</u>
<b>Present Value of Minimum Lease Payments</b>	<b><u>\$14,187</u></b>

The Clerk of Court does not have any noncancellable operating leases at June 30, 2021.

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**9. EXPENDITURES FOR THE CLERK NOT INCLUDED IN THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Certain operating expenditures of the Clerk's office are paid by the Washington Parish Government as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4713. The Clerk's office is located in the Washington Parish Courthouse, and the upkeep and maintenance of the courthouse are paid by the Washington Parish Government. These expenditures are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements, with the exception of copier lease payments. These expenditures are offset by income so that leases can be accounted for correctly.

**10. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Washington Parish Clerk of Court is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered, in part, by commercial insurance. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the Clerk of Court. Settlements have not exceeded insurance coverage in each of the past three years.

**11. LITIGATION & CLAIMS**

The Clerk of Court has no pending litigation or claims as of June 30, 2021.

**12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

Subsequent events were evaluated through December 22, 2021 which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization classified the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, based on the rapid increase in infection rates globally. The impact of the COVID-19 outbreak continues to evolve as of the date of the release of these financial statements. As such, the full impact that the pandemic will have on the Clerk's operations and financial reporting is unknown at this time.

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Governmental Fund-General Fund**  
**Schedule of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget vs. Actual**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

	<b>Original Budget</b>	<b>Final Budget</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)</b>
<b>Revenues</b>				
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Recordings	\$ 610,000	\$ 625,000	\$ 661,574	\$ 36,574
Cancellations	35,000	56,000	59,324	3,324
Mortgage certificates	18,000	15,900	17,180	1,280
Certified copies	25,000	17,800	18,906	1,106
Court attendance	6,800	5,000	6,490	1,490
Criminal fees	35,000	42,000	44,209	2,210
Civil Suits	610,000	630,000	650,170	20,170
Elections	7,000	6,000	6,288	288
Notarial Fees	3,500	800	1,540	740
Marriage Licenses	6,500	7,000	6,710	(289)
Interest	9,000	2,500	2,577	77
Miscellaneous	234,900	260,400	313,909	53,509
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,700</b>	<b>\$ 1,668,400</b>	<b>\$ 1,788,877</b>	<b>\$ 120,477</b>
<b>Expenditures</b>				
Judiciary:				
Personal services	\$ 786,500	\$ 700,700	\$ 814,759	\$ 114,059
Employee Benefits	392,600	357,500	364,812	7,312
Travel	16,000	7,000	11,830	4,830
Operating Services	302,600	262,200	236,729	(25,471)
Supplies	66,000	35,400	35,940	540
Debt Service	-	-	0	-
Principal	-	-	8,107	8,107
Interest & Other Charges	-	-	7,036	7,036
Capital Outlay	37,000	500	0	(500)
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ 1,600,700</b>	<b>\$ 1,363,300</b>	<b>\$ 1,479,213</b>	<b>\$ 115,913</b>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over (Under) Expenditures</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 305,100</b>	<b>\$ 309,664</b>	<b>\$ 4,564</b>
<b>Net Change in Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 305,100</b>	<b>\$ 309,664</b>	<b>\$ 4,564</b>
<b>Fund Balance at Beginning of Year</b>	<b>915,671</b>	<b>915,671</b>	<b>915,671</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Fund Balance at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 915,671</b>	<b>\$ 1,220,771</b>	<b>\$ 1,225,335</b>	<b>\$ 4,564</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the financial statements.

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Schedule of Changes in Total OPEB Liability and Related Ratios**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

<u>Total OPEB Liability</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
Service Cost	\$ 56,417	\$ 57,600	\$ 40,715	\$ 50,272
Interest	83,881	74,635	82,047	43,455
Changes of benefit terms	-	-	-	-
Differences between expected and actual experience	17,119	(81,965)	(448,955)	9,787
Changes in assumptions or other inputs	-	277,068	(479,598)	84,853
Benefit payments	(89,212)	(93,286)	(54,065)	(48,737)
Net Change in Total OPEB Liability	<u>\$ 68,206</u>	<u>\$ 234,052</u>	<u>\$ (859,856)</u>	<u>\$ 139,630</u>
Total OPEB Liability-Beginning	<u>\$ 2,305,356</u>	<u>\$ 2,373,562</u>	<u>\$ 2,607,614</u>	<u>\$ 1,747,758</u>
<b>Total OPEB Liability-End</b>	<b><u>\$ 2,373,562</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 2,607,614</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,747,758</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 1,887,388</u></b>
Covered Employee Payroll	\$ 622,637	\$ 642,873	TBD	TBD
Total OPEB Liability as a percentage of	381.2%	405.6%	TBD	TBD

Notes:

Benefit Changes: None

Assumption Changes:

Changes of assumptions and other inputs reflect the effects of changes in the discount

2018	3.62%
2019	3.13%
2020	2.45%
2021	1.92%

Mortality Rates

2018 RPH-2014 Employee and Healthy Annuity  
Generational with MP-2018

2019 PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Annuitant,  
Generational with MP-2018

2020 PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Annuitant,  
Generational with MP-2019

2021 PubG.H-2010 Employee and Healthy Annuitant,  
Generational with MP-2020

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

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Schedule of Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021\***

Year End	Employer Proportion of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Employer's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability (Asset) as a Percentage of its Covered Payroll	Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability
2015	0.644277%	\$ 869,041	\$ 614,609	141.4%	79.37%
2016	0.679363%	\$ 1,019,052	\$ 595,926	171.0%	78.13%
2017	0.652896%	\$ 1,207,842	\$ 595,419	202.9%	74.17%
2018	0.660010%	\$ 998,555	\$ 599,034	166.7%	79.69%
2019	0.638070%	\$ 1,061,309	\$ 666,782	159.2%	79.07%
2020	0.683400%	\$ 1,241,060	\$ 650,613	190.8%	77.93%
2021	0.656154%	\$ 1,578,629	\$ 692,389	228.0%	72.09%

\*The amounts presented have a measurement date of the previous fiscal year end.

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**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Schedule of Employer Contributions**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

Year End	Contractually Required Contribution	Contributions in Relation to Contractual Required Contributions	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Employer's Covered Payroll	Contributions as a % of Covered Payroll
2015	\$ 116,780	\$ 116,780	\$ -	\$ 614,609	19.00%
2016	\$ 113,226	\$ 113,226	\$ -	\$ 595,926	19.00%
2017	\$ 113,130	\$ 113,130	\$ -	\$ 595,419	19.00%
2018	\$ 113,811	\$ 113,811	\$ -	\$ 599,034	19.00%
2019	\$ 126,775	\$ 126,775	\$ -	\$ 666,782	19.01%
2020	\$ 123,616	\$ 123,616	\$ -	\$ 650,613	19.00%
2021	\$ 145,401	\$ 145,401	\$ -	\$ 692,389	21.00%

Note: Covered payroll used is during the measurement period.

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**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
Notes to the Required Supplementary Information  
June 30, 2021

**Budget and Budgetary Accounting**

The Clerk of Court follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. Management prepares a proposed budget and is made available for public inspection no later than 15 days prior to the beginning of the fiscal year in accordance with state law.
2. The Clerk of Court is responsible for adopting the budget in an open meeting before the end of the fiscal year in accordance with state law.
3. The original budget is prepared based on historical data and projections.
4. Due to the high cost of publications, the budget is only amended once per year, if revenues or expenditures have an unfavorable variance of 5% or greater. That determination is made based on year to date information provided by the outside accountant and any known, upcoming expenditures not yet recorded.

**Excess Expenditures over Appropriations**

For the year ended June 30, 2021, the general fund had actual revenues in excess of budgeted amounts of \$120,477. Also, actual expenditures exceeded budgeted expenditures in the amount of \$115,913 due to unexpected costs in June 2021. The actual expenditures exceeded the budgeted amounts by more than 5%, which resulted in a noncompliance finding. See the Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

**Pension Plan**

No changes occurred during the year that would significantly affect trends in the amounts reported.

See independent auditor's report.

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
Schedule of Compensation, Reimbursements, Benefits,  
and Other Payments to Agency Head  
June 30, 2021

Schedule Required by State Law LSA RS 24: 513A(1)(a)(3)

**Agency Head Name:**

**Johnny D. Crain, Jr.**

<u>Purpose</u>		<u>Amount</u>
Salary	\$	119,241
Salary-Other		2,100
Salary Supplemental Compensation		26,630
Benefits-Health and Life Insurance		8,855
Retirement Benefits- Employer portion		31,128
Deferred Compensation- Employer portion		6,000
Travel and Meetings		5,714
Expense Allowance		14,587
Auto Expense		22,234
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>236,490</b>
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**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
Justice System Funding Schedule-Receipts  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

*This schedule was prescribed by the Legislative Auditor's Office as required by Act 87 of the 2020 Regular Legislative Session.*

	<b>First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/20</b>		<b>Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/21</b>
<u>Receipts from:</u>			
Criminal Fees (other)	\$ 19,401	\$	24,808
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 19,401</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>24,808</b>

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
Justice System Funding Schedule-Collecting/Disbursing  
For the Year Ended June 30, 2021

*This schedule was prescribed by the Legislative Auditor's Office as required by Act 87 of the 2020  
Regular Legislative Session.*

	<b>First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/20</b>	<b>Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/21</b>
<b>Beginning Balance of Amounts Collected</b>	<b>\$ 920,316</b>	<b>\$ 957,884</b>
<b>Add: Collections</b>		
Civil Fees	449,725	480,959
<b>Subtotal Collections</b>	<b>\$ 449,725</b>	<b>\$ 480,959</b>
<b>Less: Disbursements To Governments &amp; Nonprofits:</b>		
<u>Civil Fees-</u>		
<i>Ascension Parish Sheriff</i>	\$ 100	\$ -
<i>Bossier Parish Sheriff</i>	-	95
<i>Caddo Parish Sheriff</i>	-	35
<i>Calcasieu Parish Sheriff</i>	-	31
<i>Concordia Parish Sheriff</i>	-	144
<i>Davis County Sheriff</i>	68	-
<i>East Baton Rouge Sheriff</i>	964	590
<i>Iberia Parish Sheriff</i>	-	70
<i>Iberville Parish Sheriff</i>	54	-
<i>Jefferson Parish Sheriff</i>	300	420
<i>Judicial Expense Fund</i>	7,620	8,355
<i>Lafayette Parish Sheriff</i>	242	219
<i>Lafourche Parish Sheriff</i>	46	-
<i>Lasalle Parish Sheriff</i>	-	190
<i>LCRAA</i>	929	873
<i>Livingston Parish Sheriff</i>	173	138
<i>Louisiana State Treasurer- Judges Supp Comp Fund</i>	12,974	14,281
<i>Louisiana Supreme Court- La Judicial College</i>	245	276
<i>Louisiana Supreme Court-Insurance</i>	175	205
<i>Orleans Parish Sheriff</i>	540	540
<i>Quachita Parish Sheriff</i>	-	255
<i>Rapides Parish Sheriff</i>	35	36
<i>St. Bernard Parish Sheriff</i>	-	88
<i>St. Helena Parish Sheriff</i>	77	-
<i>St. James Parish Sheriff</i>	53	-
<i>St. Mary Parish Sheriff</i>	-	57
<i>St. Tammany Parish Sheriff</i>	614	437
<i>Tangipohoa Sheriff</i>	1,350	1,679
<i>Terrbone Parish Sheriff</i>	-	38
<i>Washington Parish Government- Police Jury</i>	9,234	9,847
<i>Washington Parish Sheriff</i>	28,602	31,379
<i>Webster Parish Sheriff</i>	60	-

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Justice System Funding Schedule-Collecting/Disbursing**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

*This schedule was prescribed by the Legislative Auditor's Office as required by Act 87 of the 2020  
Regular Legislative Session.*

	<b>First Six Month Period Ended 12/31/20</b>	<b>Second Six Month Period Ended 6/30/21</b>
<i>West Baton Rouge Sheriff</i>	-	46
<i>West Feliciana Parish Sheriff</i>	217	-
<b>Less: Amounts Retained by Collecting Agency</b>		
Civil Fees, Washington Parish Clerk of Court	318,083	332,345
<b>Less: Disbursements to Individuals/3rd Party</b>		
Civil Fee Refunds to Individuals	9,099	88,449
Other Disbursements to Individuals	20,305	23,591
<b>Subtotal Disbursements/Retainage</b>	<u>\$ 412,157</u>	<u>\$ 514,708</u>
<b>Total: Ending Balance of Amounts Collected but not Disbursed/Retained</b>	<u>\$ 957,884</u>	<u>\$ 924,135</u>
<b>Ending Balance of "Partial Payments" Collected but not Disbursed</b>	-	-

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

Honorable Johnny D. Crain, Jr.  
Washington Parish Clerk of Court  
Franklinton, Louisiana

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Washington Parish Clerk of Court, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated December 22, 2021.

### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph 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.

### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Washington Parish Clerk of Court's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I 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, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of

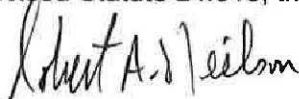
noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying corrective action plan for current year findings as items 2021-1, 2021-2 and 2021-3.

#### **Washington Parish Clerk of Court's Response to Findings**

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

#### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of my 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. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.



Robert A. Neilson, CPA, LLC

Bogalusa, Louisiana

December 22, 2021

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs**  
**For the Year Ended June 30, 2021**

**Section I - Summary of Auditor's Results**

Financial Statements

Type of Auditor's Report Issued		Unmodified
*Material Weakness Identified	_____ Yes	___ <u>X</u> ___ No
*Significant Deficiency identified that are not considered material weaknesses?	_____ Yes	___ <u>X</u> ___ No
*Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	___ <u>X</u> ___ Yes	_____ No

**Section II - Findings Affecting the Financial Statements**

Compliance

<b><u>2021-1</u></b>	<b>Noncompliance with R.S. 13:842- Repeat Finding</b>
Criteria	State Law R.S. 13:842 requires that each suit's unused balance in the Clerk's Advance Deposit Fund be refunded to the person who made the original deposit after five years of inactivity.
Condition	The Clerk of Court has suits that are five years or greater in their system.
Cause	The Clerk of Court lacks the personnel to research suits that have been dormant for five years or more on a consistent basis and perform related account reconciliations.
Effect	The Clerk is not in compliance with state law.
Recommendation	The Clerk of Court should research all inactive suits of five years or greater and refund these deposits to the individual who made the original deposit and perform account reconciliations monthly.
Corrective Action Plan	The Clerk's office is currently developing policies and procedures specifically for the Advance Deposit Fund to ensure these 5 year inactive cases are being researched and refunded.

<b><u>2021-2</u></b>	<b>Noncompliance with R.S. 9:151 et seq.- Repeat Finding</b>
Criteria	The Unclaimed Property law R.S. 9:151 et seq.requires that if the Clerk is unable to locate the person who made the original deposit in the Advance Deposit fund five or more years ago, then they must remit those funds to the state treasury.
Condition	Since the Clerk's office is not actively researching dormant suits of five years or more on a regular basis, they can not determine which funds should be sent to the state treasury.
Cause	The Clerk of Court lacks the personnel to research suits regularly that have been dormant for five years or more.
Effect	The Clerk is not in compliance with state law.

**Recommendation** The Clerk of Court should research all inactive suits of five years or greater and if the individual, who made the original deposit, cannot be located, then these funds should be remitted to the state treasury.

**Corrective Action Plan** The Clerk's office is currently developing policies and procedures specifically for the Advance Deposit Fund to ensure these 5 year inactive cases are being researched and refunded. If any inactive case cannot be refunded, then those funds will be sent to the State Treasury according to the law.

**Internal Control Matters**

**2021-3**

**Budget Amendments**

**Criteria** Louisiana Revised Statute RS 39:1311 requires the amendment of a budget when revenues and expenditures vary unfavorably by 5% of greater.

**Condition** The Washington Parish Clerk of Court did not appropriately amend the budget as needed.

**Cause** Management inaccurately reduced budgeted expenditures in the adopted amended budget.

**Effect** Although the Clerk's office did amend the budget once during the fiscal year, the expenditures varied unfavorably by more than 5% at the end of the fiscal year.

**Recommendation** Management should monitor the budget to actual financial statements more closely and make amendments as needed.

**Corrective Action Plan** Budget to actual comparisons are reviewed monthly and the budget is amended as necessary. However, additional expenditures were incurred in June 2021 of the fiscal year that were unexpected, causing an unfavorable 5% variance. We will ensure that once our fiscal year has ended, budget to actual comparisons are reviewed once more and will make any necessary amendments.

**Washington Parish Clerk of Court**  
 Summary of Prior Year Findings  
 For the Year Ended June 30, 2020

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**Section II - Findings Affecting the Financial Statements**

Compliance

**2020-1**

**Noncompliance with R.S. 13:842- Repeat Finding**

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Condition	The Clerk of Court has suits that are five years or greater in their system.
Cause	The Clerk of Court lacks the personnel to research suits that have been dormant for five years or more on a consistent basis and perform related account reconciliations.
Effect	The Clerk is not in compliance with state law.
Recommendation	The Clerk of Court should research all inactive suits of five years or greater and refund these deposits to the individual who made the original deposit and perform account reconciliations monthly.
Corrective Action Plan	There is an employee designated to research old cases and issue refunds. However, this is not her only duty as an employee with the Clerk's office, and the Clerk does not have the funds to hire additional personnel to perform tasks related specifically to Advance Deposit.
STATUS	Unresolved

**2020-2**

**Noncompliance with R.S. 9:151 et seq.- Repeat Finding**

Criteria	The Unclaimed Property law R.S. 9:151 et seq.requires that if the Clerk is unable to locate the person who made the original deposit in the Advance Deposit fund five or more years ago, then they must remit those funds to the state treasury.
Condition	Since the Clerk's office is not actively researching dormant suits of five years or more on a regular basis, they can not determine which funds should be sent to the state treasury.
Cause	The Clerk of Court lacks the personnel to research suits regularly that have been dormant for five years or more.
Effect	The Clerk is not in compliance with state law.
Recommendation	The Clerk of Court should research all inactive suits of five years or greater and if the individual, who made the original deposit, cannot be located, then these funds should be remitted to the state treasury.



**Corrective Action Plan** There is an employee designated to research old cases and issue refunds. However, this is not her only duty as an employee with the Clerk's office, and the Clerk does not have the funds to hire additional personnel to perform tasks related specifically to Advance Deposit.

**STATUS** Unresolved

**Internal Control Matters**

**2020-3** **Payroll Liabilities Reconciliation- Repeat Finding**

**Criteria** AU Section 325 of the Professional Standards issued by the Auditing Standards Board states that internal controls should be designed to provide reasonable assurance that the entity's objectives regarding financial reporting are being met. One of the objectives is accuracy of reported payroll liabilities and related expenses. Adopted policies and procedures to reconcile amounts with billings of amounts withheld and following up with related vendors helps accomplish this objective.

**Condition** The Washington Parish Clerk of Court remitted the incorrect benefits for employees with incorrect withholdings.

**Cause** No one is reconciling payroll liabilities or reviewing related benefit invoices.

**Effect** Benefits are not being paid correctly, thus creating due from/to accounts from benefit agencies and employees.

**Recommendation** The outside accountant should reconcile payroll liabilities on a monthly basis, and management should review benefit invoices to ensure no benefits are paid without the proper withholdings.

**Corrective Action Plan** The outside accountant will reconcile the payroll liabilities and the Chief Deputy Clerk will be reviewing the benefit invoices in greater detail.

**STATUS** Resolved