

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
June 30, 2013
With Supplemental Information Schedules

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Independent Auditor's Report

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF

St. Joseph, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund of the Tensas Parish Sheriff, a component unit of the Tensas Parish Police Jury, as of June 30, 2013, and for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Sheriff'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 *Government 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 Tensas Parish Sheriff'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 Tensas Parish Sheriff'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.

**TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
Independent Auditor's Report,
June 30, 2013**

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position and major fund of the Tensas Parish Sheriff as of June 30, 2013, and the respective changes in financial position for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 7 through 11, the budgetary comparison information on pages 37 through 39, and the schedule of funding progress for the retiree healthcare plan on page 40 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 managements'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.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Tensas Parish Sheriff's office basic financial statements. The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for the purpose of additional analysis and are not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplemental information schedules listed in the table of contents is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

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June 30, 2013

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated December 17, 2013, on my consideration of the Tensas Parish Sheriff'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 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 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 Tensas Parish Sheriff's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



West Monroe, Louisiana
December 17, 2013

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I**

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2013

As management of the Tensas Parish Sheriff, I offer readers of the Tensas Parish Sheriff's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Tensas Parish Sheriff for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. Please read it in conjunction with the basic financial statements and the accompanying notes to the financial statements.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This Management Discussion and Analysis document introduces the Sheriff's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities (Government-wide Financial Statements) provide information about the financial activities as a whole and illustrate a longer-term view of the Sheriff's finances. The Balance Sheet and Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund (Fund Financial Statements) tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending. Fund Financial Statements also report the operations in more detail than the Government-Wide Financial Statements by providing information about the most significant funds. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the basic financial statements themselves.

Our auditor has provided assurance in her independent auditor's report that the Basic Financial Statements are fairly stated. The auditor, regarding the Required Supplemental Information and the Supplemental Information is providing varying degrees of assurance. A user of this report should read the independent auditor's report carefully to ascertain the level of assurance being provided for each of the other parts in the Financial Section.

Government-wide financial statements. The *government-wide financial statements* are designed to provide readers with a broad overview of the Tensas Parish Sheriff's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net position* presents information on all of the Tensas Parish Sheriff's assets and liabilities, with the difference between the two reported as *net position*. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Tensas Parish Sheriff is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net position changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net position are reported as soon as the underlying event giving rise to the change occurs, regardless of timing of related cash flows. Thus, revenues and expenses are reported in this statement for some items that will only result in cash flows in future fiscal periods (for example, earned, but unused, sick leave).

Fund financial statements. A *fund* is a grouping of related accounts that is used to maintain control over resources that have been segregated for specific activities or objectives. The Tensas Parish Sheriff, like other state and local governments, uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. All of the funds of the Tensas Parish Sheriff can be divided into two categories: governmental funds and fiduciary (agency) funds.

Governmental funds. Governmental funds are used to account for essentially the same functions reported as governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. However, unlike the government-wide financial statements, governmental fund financial statements focus on near-term inflows and outflows of spendable resources, as well as on balances of spendable resources available at the end of the fiscal year. Such information may be useful in evaluating a government's near-term financing requirements.

Because the focus of governmental funds is narrower than that of the government-wide financial statements, it is useful to compare the information presented for governmental funds with similar information presented for governmental activities in the government-wide financial statements. By doing so, readers may better understand the long-term impact of the government's near-term financing decisions. Both the governmental fund balance sheet and governmental fund statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances provide a reconciliation to facilitate this comparison between governmental funds and governmental activities.

The Tensas Parish Sheriff maintains 3 individual governmental funds. Information is presented separately in the governmental funds balance sheet and in the governmental funds statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances for the General Fund, and the Detention Center special revenue fund, which are considered to be a major funds. The Commissary Fund data for the non-major governmental fund is provided in a separate column for non-major governmental fund.

The Tensas Parish Sheriff adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund and the special revenue funds. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major funds to demonstrate compliance with this budget.

Fiduciary funds. Fiduciary (agency) funds are used to account for resources held for the benefit of parties outside the government. Since these resources are not available to support the Tensas Parish Sheriff's programs, Fiduciary (agency) funds are not reflected in the government-wide financial statement.

Notes to the financial statements. The notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide and fund financial statements.

Other Information in addition to the basic financial statements and accompanying notes, this report also presents certain *required supplementary information* concerning the Tensas Parish Sheriff's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net position may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, liabilities of the Tensas Parish Sheriff exceeded assets by \$507,764. The largest portion of the Tensas Parish Sheriff's net position reflects its investment

in capital assets (furniture and equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are not available for future spending. Although the investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources.

The balance in unrestricted net position is affected by two factors: 1) resources expended, over time, by the Tensas Parish Sheriff to acquire capital assets from sources other than internally generated funds (i.e., debt), and 2) required depreciation on assets having been included in the statement of net position.

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

	2013	2012
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,211,993	\$600,455
Receivables	496,923	752,011
Prepaid expenses	14,587	16,532
Due from other funds	3,620	3,578
Inventory	14,473	26,908
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	237,271	328,888
TOTAL ASSETS	\$1,978,867	\$1,728,372
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	\$322,122	\$228,524
Salaries payable	59,416	47,379
Withholdings payable	87,964	44,927
Bank loan payable	1,130,000	1,250,000
Due to other funds		137
Due to Sheriff	52,761	39,057
Net OPEB obligation	698,368	587,498
Long-term liabilities:		
Due within one year	32,000	63,740
Due in more than one year	104,000	136,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES	2,486,631	2,397,262
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	237,271	295,148
Unrestricted	(745,035)	(964,038)
TOTAL NET POSITION	(\$507,764)	(\$668,890)

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2013	2012
Public safety:		
Personal services	\$3,713,006	\$3,802,243
Operating services	1,275,024	1,407,961
Materials and supplies	1,148,426	933,587
Travel	19,848	58,825
Debt service - interest	810,778	423,438
Depreciation expense	120,036	184,323
Total Program Expenses	\$7,087,118	\$6,810,377
Program revenues:		
Commissions on license and taxes	30,279	44,059
Civil and criminal fees	108,385	106,330
Court attendance	1,836	1,666

Feeding prisoners	\$4,974,758	\$5,078,893
Other revenues	<u>484,682</u>	<u>332,279</u>
Total program revenues	<u>5,599,940</u>	<u>5,563,227</u>
Net Program Expenses	<u>(1,487,178)</u>	<u>(1,247,150)</u>
General revenues:		
Taxes		
Ad valorem	1,120,006	1,042,860
Sales tax	147,965	125,320
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:		
Federal sources	26,179	11,752
State sources:		
State revenue sharing (net)	33,549	33,639
State supplemental pay	79,312	82,500
Other state grants	115,823	117,230
Local sources	7,145	37,702
Use of money and property	115,575	9,798
Special items:		
Proceeds from insurance		8,183
Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets	<u>2,750</u>	<u>2,357</u>
Change in Net Position	161,126	224,191
Net Position - Beginning of year	<u>(668,890)</u>	<u>(893,081)</u>
Net Position - End of year	<u>(\$507,764)</u>	<u>(\$668,890)</u>

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the Tensas Parish Sheriff uses fund accounting to ensure and demonstrate compliance with finance-related legal requirements. The focus of the governmental funds is to provide information on near-term inflows, outflows, and balances of expendable resources. Such information is useful in assessing the financing requirements. In particular, unreserved fund balance may serve as a useful measure of a government's net resources available for spending at the end of the fiscal year.

As of June 30, 2013, combined governmental fund balance of \$89,333 showed an increase in fund balance of \$299,873 over June 30, 2012. The General Fund's portion of the unreserved, undesignated fund balance of \$177,223 shows an increase (of approximately \$189,431) from the prior year amount. The Detention Center portion of the unreserved, undesignated fund deficit is (\$196,620), and shows an increase in fund balance (of approximately \$30,877) from the prior year amount.

General Fund and Major Fund Budgetary Highlights

Differences between expenditures of the original budget and the final budget for the General Fund were due primarily to an increase in personal services, operating services, materials and supplies, travel and other charges, and debt service. The difference in original and final budgeted revenues in the general fund were due to an increase in ad valorem taxes, sales taxes, civil and criminal fees, feeding and keeping prisoners, other revenues, and other financing sources and decreases in supplemental pay, other state grants and commissions on taxes and licenses.

Differences between expenditures of the original budget and the final budget for the Detention Center Fund were due primarily to an increase in personal services and decreases in materials and supplies, travel and other charges and debt service. The difference in original and final budgeted revenues in the general fund were due to an increase in local grant, use of money and property and miscellaneous revenue and decreases in feeding and keeping prisoners.

There was no budget amendment in the commissary fund.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The Tensas Parish Sheriff's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2013, amounts to \$237,271 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes furniture, equipment, and weapons. There were increases of \$37,094 in capital assets for the year. There were deletions of \$46,203 for the year.

Long-term debt. At the end of the fiscal year, Tensas Parish Sheriff had total debt outstanding in the form of certificates of indebtedness of \$136,000. During the year ended June 30, 2013, \$30,000 of debt was paid in accordance with the debt agreement. The Tensas Parish Sheriff contributes to a single-employer defined benefit healthcare plan ("the Retiree Health Plan"). The plan provides lifetime healthcare insurance for eligible retirees through the sheriff's group health insurance plan. Net OPEB obligation associated with the Retiree Health Plan at June 30, 2013 is \$698,368.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the Tensas Parish Sheriff's finances for all those with an interest in the government's finances. Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional financial information should be addressed to the Tensas Parish Sheriff, Courthouse Building, St. Joseph LA 71282.

December 17, 2013

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
June 30, 2013

ASSETS

Cash and cash equivalents	\$1,211,993
Receivables	496,923
Prepaid expenses	14,587
Due from other funds	3,620
Inventory	14,473
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>237,271</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$1,978,867</u>

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable	\$322,122
Salaries payable	59,416
Withholdings payable	87,964
Bank loan payable	1,130,000
Due to Sheriff	52,761
Net OPEB obligation	698,368
Long-term liabilities:	
Due within one year	32,000
Due in more than one year	<u>104,000</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>2,486,631</u>

NET POSITION

Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	237,271
Unrestricted	<u>(745,035)</u>
TOTAL NET POSITION	<u>(\$507,764)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 30, 2013

Public safety:	
Personal services	\$3,713,006
Operating services	1,275,024
Materials and supplies	1,148,426
Travel and other	19,848
Interest expense	810,778
Depreciation expense	<u>120,036</u>
Total Program Expenses	<u>7,087,118</u>
Program revenues:	
Commissions on licenses and taxes	30,279
Civil and criminal fees	108,385
Court attendance	1,836
Feeding and keeping prisoners	4,974,758
Other revenues	<u>484,682</u>
Total program revenues	<u>5,599,940</u>
Net Program Expenses	<u>(1,487,178)</u>
General revenues:	
Taxes:	
Ad valorem	1,120,006
Sales tax	147,965
Grants and contributions not restricted to specific programs:	
Federal sources	26,179
State sources:	
State revenue sharing (net)	33,549
State supplemental pay	79,312
Other	115,823
Local sources	7,145
Use of money and property	115,575
Special items-	
Gain (Loss) on disposal of assets	<u>2,750</u>
Change in Net Position	161,126
NET POSITION	
Beginning of year	<u>(668,890)</u>
End of year	<u>(\$507,764)</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet, June 30, 2013

MAJOR FUNDS.....		OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND COMMISSARY	TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	DETENTION CENTER FUND		
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$605,588	\$524,990	\$81,415	\$1,211,993
Receivables	54,580	412,758	29,585	496,923
Prepaid expenses	14,587			14,587
Due from other funds	234,345			234,345
Inventory			14,473	14,473
TOTAL ASSETS	\$909,100	\$937,748	\$125,473	\$1,972,321
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$52,593	\$252,786	\$16,743	\$322,122
Salaries payable	15,315	44,101		59,416
Withholdings payable	86,208	1,756		87,964
Bank Loan payable	525,000	605,000		1,130,000
Due to Sheriff	52,761			52,761
Due to other funds		230,725		230,725
Total Liabilities	731,877	1,134,368	16,743	1,882,988
Fund equity (deficit):				
Restricted public safety			108,730	108,730
Unassigned	177,223	(196,620)		(19,397)
Total fund equity (deficits)	177,223	(196,620)	108,730	89,333
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$909,100	\$937,748	\$125,473	\$1,972,321

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2013 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)		\$89,333
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2013	\$1,084,443	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2013	<u>(847,172)</u>	237,271
Long-term liabilities:		
Certificate of indebtedness payable	(136,000)	
Net OPEB obligation	<u>(698,368)</u>	(834,368)
Elimination of interfund assets and liabilities:		
Due from other funds	230,725	
Due to other funds	<u>(230,725)</u>	
Net Position at June 30, 2013 (Statement A)		<u><u>(\$507,764)</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

MAJOR FUNDS.....		OTHER GOVERNMENTAL FUND - COMMISSARY	TOTAL
	GENERAL FUND	DETENTION CENTER		
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem	\$1,120,006			\$1,120,006
Sales tax	147,965			147,965
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Federal grants	26,179			26,179
State grants:				
State revenue sharing (net)	33,549			33,549
State supplemental pay	79,312			79,312
Other	115,823			115,823
Local grants		\$7,145		7,145
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Commissions on licenses and taxes	30,279			30,279
Civil and criminal fees	108,385			108,385
Court attendance	1,836			1,836
Feeding and keeping of prisoners	14,308	4,960,450		4,974,758
Use of money and property	2,546	113,029		115,575
Other	52,020	3,252	\$429,410	484,682
Total revenues	<u>1,732,208</u>	<u>5,083,876</u>	<u>429,410</u>	<u>7,245,494</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety:				
Current:				
Personal services and related benefits	1,227,162	2,374,974		3,602,136
Operating services	265,997	1,004,487	4,540	1,275,024
Materials and supplies	166,883	740,682	240,861	1,148,426
Travel and other charges	19,848			19,848
Debt service	30,670	843,848		874,518
Capital outlay	37,094			37,094
Total expenditures	<u>1,747,654</u>	<u>4,963,991</u>	<u>245,401</u>	<u>6,957,046</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	(15,446)	119,885	184,009	288,448
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USE):				
Proceeds from insurance	11,425			11,425
Transfer in	193,452	104,444		297,896
Transfer out		(193,452)	(104,444)	(297,896)
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>204,877</u>	<u>(89,008)</u>	<u>(104,444)</u>	<u>11,425</u>

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TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
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 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
 Changes in Fund Balance

MAJOR FUNDS.....		OTHER	
	GENERAL	DETENTION	GOVERNMENTAL	TOTAL
	FUND	CENTER	FUNDS	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USE	\$189,431	\$30,877	\$79,565	\$299,873
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	(12,208)	(227,497)	29,165	(210,540)
FUND BALANCE (DEFICIT) AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$177,223</u>	<u>(\$196,620)</u>	<u>\$108,730</u>	<u>\$89,333</u>

(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
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Reconciliation of Governmental Funds
Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes
in Fund Balances to the Statement of Activities

For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement D)	\$299,873
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Repayment of lease principal is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position.	33,740
The payments on the certificates are treated in governmental activities as other financing sources and uses, whereas those transactions are not reported in the government wide statement of activities but are carried to the statement of net position.	30,000
Payments of long-term debt, including contributions to OPEB obligation, are reported as expenditures in governmental funds. However, those amounts are a reduction of long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Position and are not reflected in the Statement of Activities.	(110,870)
Governmental funds do not report gain or loss on disposition of assets. In the Statement of Activities, gain on disposition of assets increased when the asset is disposed.	(8,675)
Capital outlays are reported in governmental funds as expenditures. However, in the statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which capital outlay exceeds depreciation in the period.	<u>(82,942)</u>
Change in net position of governmental activities (Statement B)	<u><u>\$161,126</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
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Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets - Agency Funds

June 30, 2013

	<u>CIVIL FUND</u>	<u>CRIMINAL FUND</u>	<u>INMATE FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$3,145	\$50,302	\$16,785	\$70,232
	<u>\$3,145</u>	<u>\$50,302</u>	<u>\$16,785</u>	<u>\$70,232</u>
LIABILITIES				
Unsettled deposits due to:				
Accounts payable	\$3,145			\$3,145
Other funds		\$1,257	\$2,363	3,620
Others		49,045	14,422	63,467
Total Liabilities	<u>\$3,145</u>	<u>\$50,302</u>	<u>\$16,785</u>	<u>\$70,232</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article V, Section 27 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the sheriff serves a four year term as the chief executive officer of the law enforcement district and ex-officio tax collector of the parish. The sheriff also administers the parish jail system and exercises duties required by the parish court system, such as providing bailiffs, executing orders of the court, serving subpoenas, et cetera. As the ex-officio tax collector of the parish, the sheriff is responsible for the collection and distribution of ad valorem property taxes, parish occupational licenses, state revenue sharing funds, and fines, costs, and bond forfeitures imposed by the district court.

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

The accompanying financial statements of the Tensas Parish Sheriff have been prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. 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.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Tensas Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Tensas Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Tensas Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial responsibility. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury maintains and operates the building in which the sheriff's office is located and provides partial funding for equipment, furniture and supplies of the sheriff's office, the sheriff was determined to be a component unit of the Tensas Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the sheriff and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the Tensas Parish financial reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

The sheriff's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the sheriff as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the sheriff's major fund). Both government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. All activities of the sheriff are classified as governmental.

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

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

The government-wide financial statements are 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

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when the exchange occurs (regardless of when cash is received or disbursed). Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets and liabilities resulting from nonexchange transactions are recognized in accordance with the requirements of GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*.

Program Revenues - Program revenues included in the Statement of Activities (Statement B) are derived directly from parties outside the sheriff's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the sheriff's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The sheriff reports all direct expenses by function in the Statement of Activities (Statement B). Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a function. Indirect expenses of other functions are not allocated to those functions but are reported separately in the Statement of Activities. Depreciation expense, which can be specifically identified by function, is included in the direct expenses of each function. Interest on general long-term debt is considered an indirect expense and is reported separately on the Statement of Activities.

C. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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

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

Governmental Fund Types

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

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Special Revenue Funds - The Special Revenue Funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources such as grants and state and parish funds for maintaining state and parish prisoners. Those revenues are restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Funds

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

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

Basis of accounting refers to the point at which revenues or expenditures/expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurement made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

1. Accrual:

Both governmental and business type activities in the government-wide financial statements are presented on the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

2. Modified Accrual:

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on the modified accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. The statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances reports on the sources (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and uses (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) of current financial resources. This approach differs from the manner in which the governmental activities of the government-wide financial statements are prepared. Governmental fund financial statements therefore include a reconciliation with brief explanations to better identify the relationship between the government-wide statements and the statements for governmental funds.

Governmental funds and the fiduciary type 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 sheriff considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year

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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

Ad valorem taxes and the related state revenue sharing are recorded in the year the taxes are due and payable. Ad valorem taxes are assessed on a calendar year basis and attach as an enforceable lien and become due and payable on the date the tax rolls are filed with the recorder of mortgages. Louisiana Revised Statute 47:1993 requires that the tax roll be filed on or before November 15 of each year. Ad valorem taxes become delinquent if not paid by December 31. The taxes are normally collected in December, January, and February of the fiscal year.

Intergovernmental revenues and fees, charges, and commissions for services are recorded when the sheriff is entitled to the funds.

Interest income on time deposits is recorded when the time deposits have matured and the income is available.

Substantially all other revenues are recognized when received by the sheriff.

Based on the above criteria, intergovernmental revenue and fees, charges, and commissions for services are treated as susceptible to accrual.

Expenditures

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

E. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Under state law, the sheriff may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At June 30, 2013, the sheriff has cash and equivalents, net of cash overdrafts (book balances) totaling \$1,282,225 as follows:

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Demand deposits	\$1,281,925
Petty cash	<u>300</u>
Total	<u><u>\$1,282,225</u></u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at June 30, 2013, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$1,339,294</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$392,535
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	<u>2,827,647</u>
Total	<u><u>\$3,220,182</u></u>

Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than in the name of the sheriff, they are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Codification C20.106; however, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the sheriff that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand. Further, LRS 39:1224 states that securities held by a third party shall be deemed to be held in the sheriff's name.

F. CAPITAL ASSETS

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

Capital assets are recorded in the GWFS, but are not reported in the FFS. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the sheriff, no salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	<u>Estimated</u>
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

G. RISK MANAGEMENT

The sheriff is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets and errors and omissions. To handle such risk of loss, the sheriff maintains commercial insurance policies covering his automobiles and surety bond coverage. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amounts. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the year ended June 30, 2013.

H. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

All employees are granted from 10 days of vacation leave each year, depending on length of service. Vacation leave must be taken in the year granted and may not be accumulated and carried forward to succeeding years. Sick leave is granted on a case-by-case basis, at the discretion of the sheriff.

I. SALES AND USE TAXES

On October 18, 1997, voters of the parish approved a one-half of one percent (1/2%) sales and use tax to be collected indefinitely. The proceeds of the tax, after paying reasonable and necessary costs of collection, is dedicated to operation of the law enforcement district. The Tensas Parish School Board acts as the collecting agent for the purpose of administration and collection of the tax. For its services, the school board receives reasonable and necessary costs of collection. Every agency that the school board collects a tax for pays a pro-rata share of the collection agency's expenses based on the amount of tax actually collected for them.

2. RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$496,923 at June 30, 2013, are as follows:

<u>Class of receivables:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Detention Center</u>	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes - Sales and use	\$13,426			\$13,426
Intergovernmental revenues -				
Federal grants	20,883			20,883
Other state grants	1,829			1,829
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Civil and criminal fees	1,373			1,373
Court attendance	68			68

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<u>Class of receivables:</u>	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Detention Center</u>	<u>Other Governmental</u>	<u>Total</u>
Feeding and keeping prisoners	\$9,930	\$411,758		\$421,688
Miscellaneous	7,071	1,000	\$29,585	37,656
Total	\$54,580	\$412,758	\$29,585	\$496,923

3. DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS

Individual balances due from/to other funds at June 30, 2013, are as follows:

	<u>Due To</u>	<u>Due From</u>
General Fund:		
Detention Center Fund		\$159,845
Detention Center Fund - Payroll		70,880
Criminal Fund		1,257
Inmate Fund		2,363
Detention Center Fund:		
General Fund	\$159,845	
General Fund - Payroll	70,880	
Criminal Fund - General Fund	1,257	
Inmate Fund - General Fund	2,363	
Total	\$234,345	\$234,345

4. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in office furnishings and equipment for the year ended June 30, 2013, follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deletions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
General Fund				
Vehicles	\$644,954	\$37,094	(\$46,203)	\$635,845
Weapons	9,387			9,387
Equipment	43,621			43,621
Sub-total General Fund	697,962	37,094	(46,203)	688,853
Detention Center Vehicles				
Buildings	80,000			80,000
Vehicles	315,590			315,590
Sub-total Detention Center	395,590	NONE	NONE	395,590
Total assets	1,093,552	NONE	(46,203)	1,084,443
Less accumulated depreciation	764,665	120,036	(37,529)	847,172
Net capital assets	\$328,887	(\$120,036)	(\$8,674)	\$237,271

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5. PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the Tensas Parish Sheriff's office are members of the Louisiana Sheriff's Pension and Relief Fund (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

All sheriffs and all deputies who are 18 years or older at the time of original employment, who earn not less than \$400 per month if employed after September 4, 1979 and before January 1, 1991; \$550 if employed between January 1, 1991 and December 31, 1999; and \$800 if employed after January 1, 2000 are required to participate in the System. Employees are eligible to retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service and receive a benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3.33 percent of their final-average salary for each year of credited service. The retirement benefit cannot exceed 100 per cent of their final-average salary. Final-average salary is the employee's average salary over the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least 12 years of service and do not withdraw their employee contributions may retire at or after age 55 and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination as indicated previously. Employees who terminate with at least 20 years of credited service are also eligible to elect early benefits between ages 50 and 55 with reduced benefits equal to the actuarial equivalent of the benefit to which they would otherwise be entitled at age 55. The System also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established or amended by state statute.

The System issues an annual publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the System. That report may be obtained by writing to the Louisiana Sheriffs Pension and Relief Fund, 6554 Florida Blvd., Suite 215, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70806, or by calling (800) 586-9049.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 10 percent of their annual covered salary and the Tensas Parish Sheriff is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 13.25 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-half of one percent of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish and funds as required and available from insurance premium taxes. The contribution requirements of plan members and the Tensas Parish Sheriff are established and may be amended by state statute. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 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 Tensas Parish Sheriff's contributions to the System for the years ended June 30, 2013, 2012, and 2011 were \$144,325, \$197,065, and \$345,772, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

6. POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS OTHER THAN PENSIONS

Plan Description. The Tensas Parish Sheriffs Office's medical and life insurance benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement.

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The employer pays 100% of the medical coverage for the retiree (not dependents). Employees are covered by a retirement system whose retirement eligibility (D.R.O.P. entry) provisions are as follows: 30 years of service at any age, or, age 55 and 15 years of service.

The employer pays 100% of the cost of the first \$10,000 of life insurance after retirement. The retiree may elect to continue additional voluntary insurance amounts in force at time of retirement, subject to an age-related reduction formula (reducing to 75% at age 65 and 50% at age 70. The retiree pays for the additional voluntary insurance but both that cost and the employer cost are based on the blended active/retired rate and there is thus an implied subsidy. Since GASB 45 requires the use of “unblended” rates, we have used the 94GAR mortality table described above to “unblend” the rates so as to reproduce the composite blended rate overall as the rate structure to calculate the actuarial valuation results for life insurance. All of the assumptions used for the valuation of the medical benefits have been used except for the trend assumption; zero trend was used for life insurance. We have assumed that 60% of currently active employees will elect to continue the voluntary additional life insurance after retirement.

Contribution Rates. Employees do not contribute to their post employment benefits costs until they become retirees and begin receiving those benefits. The plan provisions and contribution rates are contained in the official plan documents.

Fund Policy. Until 2009, the Tensas Parish Sheriff’s Office recognized the cost of providing post-employment medical and life benefits (Tensas Parish Sheriff’s Office’s portion of the retiree medical and life benefit premiums) as an expense when the benefit premiums were due and thus financed the cost of the post-employment benefits on a pay-as-you-go basis. In 2013 and 2012, the Tensas Parish Sheriff’s Office’s portion of health care and life insurance funding cost for retired employees totaled \$12,281 and \$24,015, respectively.

Effective July 1, 2009, the Tensas Parish Sheriff’s Office implemented Government Accounting Standards Board Statement Number 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post employment Benefits Other than Pensions* (GASB 45). This amount was applied toward the Net OPEB Benefit Obligation as shown in the following table.

Annual Required Contribution. The Tensas Parish Sheriff’s Office’s Annual Required Contribution (ARC) is an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB 45. The ARC is the sum of the Normal Cost plus the contribution to amortize the Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL). A level dollar, open amortization period of 30 years (the maximum amortization period allowed by GASB 43/45) has been used for the post-employment benefits. The total ARC for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2012 is \$133,626.

Net Post-employment Benefit Obligation OPEB (Asset). The table below shows Tensas Parish Sheriff’s Office’s Net Other Post-employment Benefit (OPEB) Obligation (Asset) for the fiscal year ending June 30:

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2012</u>
Beginning Net OPEB Obligation	\$587,498	\$391,856
Annual required contribution	133,626	211,820

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Interest on net OPEB obligation	\$23,500	\$7,837
ARC Adjustment	(33,975)	NONE
Annual OPEB cost (expense)	123,151	219,657
Contributions made	(12,281)	(24,015)
Increase in net OPEB obligation	110,870	195,642
Net OPEB obligation at end of year	<u>\$698,368</u>	<u>\$587,498</u>

The following table shows Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office annual post employment benefits (PEB) cost, percentage of the cost contributed, and the net unfunded post employment benefits (PEB) liability for last year and this year:

<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>	<u>Annual OPEB Cost</u>	<u>Percentage of Annual Cost Contributed</u>	<u>Net OPEB Liability (Asset)</u>
June 30, 2013	\$ 123,151	9.97%	\$698,368
June 30, 2012	\$ 219,657	10.93%	\$587,498

Funded Status and Funding Progress. In 2013 and 2012, Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office made no contributions to its post employment benefits plan. The plan is not funded, has no assets, and hence has a funded ratio of zero. As of July 1, 2012 actuarial valuation, the most recent valuation, the Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) at the end of the year June 30, 2013 was \$986,593, which is defined as that portion, as determined by a particular actuarial cost method (the Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office uses the Projected Unit Credit Cost Method), of the actuarial present value of post employment plan benefits and expenses which is not provided by normal cost.

Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	\$986,593
Actuarial Value of Plan Assets (AVP)	NONE
Unfunded Act. Accrued Liability (UAAL)	\$986,593
Funded Ratio (AVP/AAL)	0.00%
Covered Payroll (active plan members)	\$2,771,019
UAAL as a percentage of covered payroll	35.60%

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions. Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of events far into the future. The actuarial valuation for post employment benefits includes estimates and assumptions regarding (1) turnover rate; (2) retirement rate; (3) health care cost trend rate; (4) mortality rate; (5) discount rate (investment return assumption); and (6) the period to which the costs apply (past, current, or future years of service by employees). Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared to past expectations and new estimates are made about the future.

The actuarial calculations are based on the types of benefits provided under the terms of the substantive plan (the plan as understood by the Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office and its employee plan members) at the time of the valuation and on the pattern of sharing costs between the Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office and its plan

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members to that point. The projection of benefits for financial reporting purposes does not explicitly incorporate the potential effects of legal or contractual funding limitations on the pattern of cost sharing between the Tensas Parish Sheriff's Office and plan members in the future. Consistent with the long-term perspective of actuarial calculations, the actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce short-term volatility in actuarial liabilities and the actuarial value of assets.

Actuarial Cost Method - The ARC is determined using the Projected Unit Credit Cost Method. The employer portion of the cost for retiree medical care in each future year is determined by projecting the current cost levels using the healthcare cost trend rate and discounting this projected amount to the valuation date using the other described pertinent actuarial assumptions, including the investment return assumption (discount rate), mortality and turnover.

Actuarial Value of Plan Assets. There are not any plan assets. It is anticipated that in future valuations, should funding take place, a smoothed market value consistent with Actuarial Standards Board ASOP 6, as provided in paragraph number 125 of GASB Statement 45.

Turnover Rate. An age-related turnover scale based on actual experience has been used. The rates, when applied to the active employee census, produce a composite average annual turnover of approximately 10%. In addition to the age-specific turnover, an additional turnover of 50% has been applied to employees with less than three years of service.

Post employment Benefit Plan Eligibility Requirements. Historically, most employees have not retired until 25 to 30 years of service. We have therefore assumed that employees retire three years after the earliest of the following: 30 years of service at any age; age 55 and 25 years of service; or, age 60 and 15 years of service. The three years is to accommodate the D.R.O.P. period. Medical benefits are provided to employees upon actual retirement.

Investment Return Assumption (Discount Rate). GASB Statement 45 states that the investment return assumption should be the estimated long-term investment yield on the investments that are expected to be used to finance the payment of benefits (that is, for a plan which is funded). Based on the assumption that the ARC will not be funded, a 4% annual investment return has been used in this valuation.

Health Care Cost Trend Rate. The expected rate of increase in medical cost is based on a graded schedule beginning with 8% annually, down to an ultimate annual rate of 5.0% for ten years out and later.

Mortality Rate. The 1994 Group Annuity Reserving (94GAR) table, projected to 2002, based on a fixed blend of 50% of the unloaded male mortality rate and 50% of the unloaded female mortality rates, is used. This is a recently published mortality table which has been used in determining the value of accrued benefits in determining the value of accrued benefits in defined benefit pension plans. Projected future mortality improvement has not been used since it is our opinion that this table contains sufficiently conservative margin for the population involved in this valuation.

Method of Determining Value of Benefits. The "value of benefits" has been assumed to be the portion of the premium after retirement date expected to be paid by the employer for each retiree and has been used

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as the basis for calculating the actuarial present value of OPEB benefits to be paid. The employer pays 100% of the cost of the medical benefits for the retiree only (not dependents). The medical rates provided are “blended” rates for active and retired before Medicare eligibility. We have therefore estimated the “unblended” rates as required by GASB 45 for valuation purposes to be 130% of the blended rates prior to Medicare eligibility. The unblended rates applicable after Medicare eligibility have been used.

Inflation Rate. Included in both the Investment Return Assumption and the Healthcare Cost Trend rates above is an implicit inflation assumption of 2.50% annually.

Projected Salary Increases. The assumption is not applicable since neither the benefit structure nor the valuation methodology involves salary.

Post-retirement Benefit Increases. The plan benefit provisions in effect for retirees as of the valuation date have been used and it has been assumed for valuation purposes that there will not be any changes in the future.

7. LEASE PURCHASE PAYABLE

In September, 2009, the sheriff entered into a lease purchase agreement for seven vans and one bus. The lease agreement requires 36 monthly payments of \$7,336. The lease paid out during the current audit year. The following is a summary of changes in lease transactions for the year ended June 30, 2013:

Balance at June 30, 2012	\$33,740
Additions	NONE
Reductions	<u>(33,740)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2013	<u><u>NONE</u></u>

8. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of long-term debt transactions for the year ended June 30, 2013:

	<u>Certificate of Indebtedness</u>
Long-term debt payable at June 30, 2012	\$166,000
Additions	NONE
Reductions	<u>(30,000)</u>
Long-term debt payable at	<u><u>\$136,000</u></u>

Long-term debt payable at June 30, 2013, is comprised of the following individual issues:

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\$300,000 - Certificates of indebtedness issued November 16, 2007, are due in annual installments from \$25,000 to \$36,000 through March 1, 2017, with interest at 4.75 per cent per annum.

\$136,000

The annual requirements to amortize all outstanding debt at June 30, 2013 is as follows:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Certificates of Indebtedness</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2014	\$32,000	\$6,460	\$38,460
2015	33,000	4,940	37,940
2016	35,000	3,373	38,373
2017	36,000	1,710	37,710
Total	<u>\$136,000</u>	<u>\$16,483</u>	<u>\$152,483</u>

9. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

A summary of changes in agency fund balances due to taxing bodies and others follows:

	<u>Tax Collector Fund</u>	<u>Civil Fund</u>	<u>Criminal Fund</u>	<u>Inmate Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at June 30, 2012	\$8,275	\$885	\$39,558	\$15,068	\$63,786
Additions	5,118,997	\$54,768	437,826	550,223	6,161,814
Reductions	<u>(5,127,272)</u>	<u>(55,653)</u>	<u>(428,339)</u>	<u>(550,869)</u>	<u>(6,162,133)</u>
Balance at June 30, 2013	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$49,045</u>	<u>\$14,422</u>	<u>\$63,467</u>

10. TAX COLLECTOR ENDING CASH BALANCE

At June 30, 2013, the tax collector has cash and equivalents (book balances) of zero.

11. AD VALOREM TAXES COLLECTED

The tax collector has collected and disbursed the following taxes for the year ended June 30, 2013, by taxing body as follows:

Louisiana Forestry Service	\$7,519
Louisiana Tax Commission	1,880
Tensas Parish Assessor	294,580
Tensas Parish Police Jury	1,299,964
Tensas Parish School Board	1,632,922
Tensas Parish Sheriff	1,108,373

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Fifth District Levee Board	\$125,691
Fire District No. 1	316,677
Lake Bruin Recreation & Water	<u>12,510</u>
Total	<u>\$4,800,116</u>

12. TAX UNCOLLECTED AND UNSETTLED

The tax collector has no uncollected taxes for the year ended June 30, 2013.

13. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

At June 30, 2013, the Tensas Parish Sheriff is not involved in any lawsuits. The Emerald Management Company was operating the detention center and at that time there was an agreement with the sheriff's office to pay the debt payment on the certificates of indebtedness. They did not make the payments for the three years ended 2010, 2011 and 2012. The legal council is in the process of filing a lawsuit for the amount of the debt service payments in the amount of \$106,161.

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

The Tensas Parish Sheriff's office is located in the parish courthouse. The cost of maintaining and operating the courthouse, as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:4715, is paid by the Tensas Parish Police Jury.

15. LOUISIANA STATE POLICE INVESTIGATION

The Louisiana State Police has an on going investigation of the Tensas Parish Sheriff, which started in 2007, involving possible theft by an employee and the outcome has not been determined.

16. FUND DEFICIT

At June 30, 2013, the Detention Center Fund has a deficit fund balance of \$196,620. The deficit will be eliminated by reducing expenditures and the sheriff is working to increase the number of prisoners to increase revenues.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES				
Taxes				
Ad valorem	\$1,000,000	\$1,120,000	\$1,120,006	\$6
Sales tax	115,000	135,000	147,965	12,965
Intergovernmental revenues:				
Federal grants	12,000	11,000	26,179	15,179
State grants:				
State revenue sharing (net)	32,000	33,000	33,549	549
State supplemental pay	90,000	78,000	79,312	1,312
Other	123,600	117,600	115,823	(1,777)
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Commissions on licenses and taxes	43,000	30,000	30,279	279
Civil and criminal fees	90,000	103,575	108,385	4,810
Court attendance	2,400	1,500	1,836	336
Feeding and keeping of prisoners	25,000	30,000	14,308	(15,692)
Use of money and property	200	600	2,546	1,946
Other	11,750	23,900	52,020	28,120
Total revenues	<u>1,544,950</u>	<u>1,684,175</u>	<u>1,732,208</u>	<u>48,033</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Public safety:				
Current:				
Personal services and benefits	1,056,403	1,281,000	1,227,162	53,838
Operating services	286,150	310,000	265,997	44,003
Materials and supplies	128,500	185,000	166,883	18,117
Travel and other charges	15,290	25,000	19,848	5,152
Debt service	33,500	40,000	30,670	9,330
Capital outlay			37,094	(37,094)
Total expenditures	<u>1,519,843</u>	<u>1,841,000</u>	<u>1,747,654</u>	<u>93,346</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	<u>25,107</u>	<u>(156,825)</u>	<u>(15,446)</u>	<u>141,379</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES				
Proceeds form insurance	8,000	30,000	11,425	(18,575)
Transfers in		157,110	193,452	36,342
Total Other Financing Sources	<u>8,000</u>	<u>187,110</u>	<u>204,877</u>	<u>17,767</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER EXPENDITURES				
	33,107	30,285	189,431	159,146
FUND BALANCES (Deficit) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR				
	<u>50,000</u>	<u>(12,208)</u>	<u>(12,208)</u>	<u>NONE</u>
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR				
	<u><u>\$83,107</u></u>	<u><u>\$18,077</u></u>	<u><u>\$177,223</u></u>	<u><u>\$159,146</u></u>

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St. Joseph, Louisiana

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
DETENTION CENTER
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	<u>ORIGINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>FINAL BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)</u>	<u>VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)</u>
REVENUES				
Local grant		\$7,000	\$7,145	\$145
Fees, charges, and commissions for services -				
Feeding and keeping of prisoners	\$5,784,000	4,971,718	4,960,450	(11,268)
Use of money and property	40,000	103,000	113,029	10,029
Miscellaneous revenue		3,251	3,252	1
Total revenues	<u>5,824,000</u>	<u>5,084,969</u>	<u>5,083,876</u>	<u>(1,093)</u>
EXPENDITURES				
Personal services and benefits	2,068,700	2,395,966	2,374,974	20,992
Operating services	983,200	983,200	1,004,487	(21,287)
Materials and supplies	840,500	790,500	740,682	49,818
Travel and other charges	65,000			
Debt service	<u>1,909,000</u>	<u>1,135,725</u>	<u>843,848</u>	<u>291,877</u>
Total expenditures	<u>5,866,400</u>	<u>5,305,391</u>	<u>4,963,991</u>	<u>341,400</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(42,400)	(220,422)	119,885	340,307
OTHER FINANCING SOURCE (USE)				
Transfer in	50,000	68,500	104,444	35,944
Transfer out			<u>(193,452)</u>	<u>(193,452)</u>
Total Other Financing Source (Use)	<u>50,000</u>	<u>68,500</u>	<u>(89,008)</u>	<u>(157,508)</u>
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCE OVER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USE	7,600	(151,922)	30,877	182,799
FUND BALANCES (Deficit) AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>50</u>	<u>(227,497)</u>	<u>(227,497)</u>	
FUND BALANCES (Deficit) AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$7,650</u>	<u>(\$379,419)</u>	<u>(\$196,620)</u>	<u>\$182,799</u>

(Concluded)

**TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana**

**NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013**

A proposed budget, prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, is published in the official journal at least ten days prior to the public hearing. A public hearing is held at the Tensas Parish Sheriff's office during the month of June for comments from taxpayers. The budget is then legally adopted by the sheriff and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the sheriff at the object level of expenditure. Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended.

Formal budgetary integration is employed as a management control device during the year. Budgeted amounts included in the accompanying budgetary comparison schedule include the original adopted budget amounts and all subsequent amendments.

**Tensas Parish Sheriff
Retiree Healthcare Plan
June 30, 2013**

Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liability (UAAL)	Funded Ratio	Covered Payroll	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll
June 30, 2009	\$0	\$1,168,265	\$1,168,265	0.00%	\$3,037,939	38.46%
June 30, 2012	\$0	\$986,593	\$986,593	0.00%	\$2,771,019	35.60%

Note:

Generally accepted governmental accounting principles (GASB Codification Po50.131-132) require that the schedule present information from the last three actuarial valuations. Because the requirements of GASB 45 were implemented starting with the year ended June 30, 2010, only two valuations are available. Additional information will be added after the next valuation. Subsequent to that, information will be presented for the latest three valuations.

STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF TENSAS

**AFFIDAVIT
RICKY A. JONES, SHERIFF OF TENSAS PARISH**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally came and appeared, RICKY A. JONES, SHERIFF OF TENSAS PARISH, State of Louisiana, who after being duly sworn, deposed and said:

The following information is true and correct:

\$0 is the amount of cash on hand in the tax collector account on June, 30, 2013.

He further deposed and said:


All itemized statements of the amount of taxes collected for the tax year, 2012, by taxing authority, are true and correct.

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



RICKY A. JONES, SHERIFF
SHERIFF & EX-OFFICIO TAX COLLECTOR

SWORN to and subscribed before me, Notary, this 17th day of December, 2013, in my office in St. Joseph, Louisiana.



NECCI R. GREGORY, NOTARY PUBLIC #59418
TENSAS PARISH, LOUISIANA

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES
As of and For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS

TAX COLLECTOR FUND

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

CIVIL FUND

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

CRIMINAL FUND

The Criminal Fund is a depository for fines, forfeitures, and costs in criminal cases. Payments are made from the fund to the Sheriff's General Fund, police jury, district attorney, clerk of court, and other recipients in accordance with applicable laws.

INMATE FUND

The Inmate Fund accounts for funds of inmates that are used for personal items purchased by the inmates at the concessions store located at the detention center.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS
Combining Schedule of Changes in Balances
Due to Taxing Bodies and Others
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

	<u>TAX COLLECTOR FUND</u>	<u>CIVIL FUND</u>	<u>CRIMINAL FUND</u>	<u>INMATE FUNDS</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
UNSETTLED BALANCES DUE TO TAXING BODIES AND OTHERS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>\$8,275</u>	<u>\$885</u>	<u>\$39,558</u>	<u>\$15,068</u>	<u>\$63,786</u>
ADDITIONS					
Deposits :					
Fines, bond forfeitures and costs			437,826		437,826
Suits and seizures		14,270			14,270
Garnishments		34,866			34,866
Taxes, fees, etc. paid to tax collector	5,118,997				5,118,997
Other additions		5,632		550,223	555,855
Total additions	<u>5,118,997</u>	<u>54,768</u>	<u>437,826</u>	<u>550,223</u>	<u>6,161,814</u>
Total	<u>5,127,272</u>	<u>55,653</u>	<u>477,384</u>	<u>565,291</u>	<u>6,225,600</u>
REDUCTIONS					
Deposits, taxes, fees, etc. settled to:					
Tensas Parish:					
Sheriff's General Fund	1,169,455	17,572	68,391		1,255,418
Clerk of Court	175	1,784	42,041		44,000
Police jury	1,346,672		119,022		1,465,694
School board	1,676,099				1,676,099
Assessor	309,567				309,567
Louisiana Department of Agriculture	7,524				7,524
Louisiana Tax Commission	1,891				1,891
Levee district	135,135				135,135
District Attorney			74,449		74,449
Indigent defender board			71,846		71,846
Judicial Expense fund			7,946		7,946
Fire district no. 1	320,830				320,830
Attorneys, appraisers, etc.		1,250			1,250
Litigants		34,123			34,123
Northwest Louisiana Crime Lab			26,303		26,303
Commission on Law Enforcement			5,838		5,838
LTHSP			6,155		6,155
CMIS			4,774		4,774
Pension funds	142,745				142,745
Other reductions	17,179	924	1,574	550,869	570,546
Total reductions	<u>5,127,272</u>	<u>55,653</u>	<u>428,339</u>	<u>550,869</u>	<u>6,162,133</u>
UNSETTLED BALANCES DUE TO TAXING BODIES AND OTHERS AT END OF YEAR	<u>NONE</u>	<u>NONE</u>	<u>\$49,045</u>	<u>\$14,422</u>	<u>\$63,467</u>

**REPORTS REQUIRED BY
GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS
PART IV**

**Independent Auditor's Report Required
by *Government Auditing Standards***

The following independent Auditor's report on compliance with laws, regulations and contracts, and internal control over financial reporting is presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

**Independent Auditors Report on Internal Control Over Financial
Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed
in Accordance *Government Auditing Standards***

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, 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, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tensas Parish Sheriff, a component unit of the Tensas Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013 and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Tensas Parish Sheriff's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated December 17, 2013.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF

St. Joseph, Louisiana

Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance

And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.

June 30, 2013

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

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 Tensas Parish Sheriff's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Tensas Parish Sheriff's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



West Monroe, Louisiana

December 17, 2013

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The Auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the basic financial statements of the Tensas Parish Sheriff.
2. One instance of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the Tensas Parish Sheriff was disclosed during the audit.
3. No significant deficiencies relating to the audit of the financial statements were reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

13-01 Need to Comply With Budget Act

Finding: The sheriff's office did not comply with the Local Government Budget Act. LSA-R.S. 39:1310(B) requires that in no event shall a budget amendment be adopted proposing expenditures which exceed the total of estimated funds available for the fiscal year. The sheriff's office amended the detention center budget for total expenditures that were greater than estimated funds available which left a deficit fund balance.

Recommendation: Management must monitor budget amendments to ensure that budget amendments do not cause a deficit ending fund balance.

TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF
St. Joseph, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2013

12-01 Need to Comply With Budget Act

Finding: The sheriff's office did not comply with the Local Government Budget Act. LSA-R.S. 39:1310(B) requires that in no event shall a budget amendment be adopted proposing expenditures which exceed the total of estimated funds available for the fiscal year. The sheriff's office amended the detention center budget for total expenditures that were greater than estimated funds available which left a deficit fund balance.

Recommendation: Management must monitor budget amendments to ensure that budget amendments do not cause a deficit ending fund balance.

Conclusion: This finding has not been resolved and is repeated as finding 13-01.

RICKEY A. JONES
Sheriff & Tax Collector



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TENSAS PARISH SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
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December 17, 2013

Mr. Daryl Purpera
Office of the Legislative Auditor
P. O. Box 94397
Baton Rouge, La. 70804

Dear Mr. Purpera:

As Sheriff of Tensas Parish, I work very hard everyday to try to overcome the deficit incurred. The Tensas Parish Detention Center is a big part of the deficit due to the high debt payment and the lack of either Louisiana Department of Correction inmates or Immigration Control Enforcement detainees.

But the detention center is important to our parish because it employs 100 people and Tensas Parish is one of the most impoverished parishes in the state. And, due to the aggressive nature of the business, if the detention center closes, chances are it would never reopen. That's the reason why I am fighting so hard to make it work.

I understand that corrections is not my primary concern as Sheriff. However, if we can get our numbers up it would be easier to service the debt payment of our facility, reduce our deficit, and supplement the operation of our department. At the beginning of this fiscal year, we anticipated an increase in I.C.E. detainees but it didn't materialize.

Since this time, I have met with the investors of the facility and they appear to be willing to help make it work even if the debt service of the facility is reduced. Also, I just received good news from I.C.E. They are having to move all of their long term I.C.E. detainees from the Federal facility in Oakdale, La.

This movement has to take place before the end of the year. Our facility will receive around 200 I.C.E. detainees. On 12/16/13, we transported 35 I.C.E. detainees to our facility. We are hopeful, since these will be long term, that this will help reduce our deficit over time.

Sincerely,



Sheriff Rickey A. Jones
Tensas Parish, Louisiana

RAJ:nrg