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TENSAS PARISH POLICE JURY St. Joseph, Louisiana

Primary Government Financial Statements And Independent Auditor's Reports As of December 31, 2004 With Supplemental Information Schedules

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# Annual Financial Statements As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004 With Supplemental Information Schedules

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#### **INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

Members of the Police Jury Tensas Parish, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tensas Parish Police Jury (Police Jury) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, which collectively comprise the financial statements of the parish's primary government as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Police Jury's management. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinions.

Management has not adopted a methodology for classifying expenditures by function in the general fund and accordingly, has not presented expenditures by function in the accompanying financial statements. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require expenditures to be presented by function in the statement of activities and the statement of revenues, expenditures and changes in fund balances of the governmental funds. The amount by which this departure would affect the expenses of the governmental activities is not reasonably determinable.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of the Police Jury. The primary government consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments and offices that comprise the Parish's legal entity. The financial statements do not include financial data for certain legally separate component units which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial data of the Parish's primary government. As a result, the primary government financial statements do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the reporting entity of Tensas Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Members of the Police Jury Page two

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the third paragraph, the primary government financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of Tensas Parish Police Jury as of December 31, 2004, and the respective changes in financial position thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 12 the Tensas Parish Police Jury has implemented a new financial reporting model as required by the provisions of GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements and Management's Discussion and Analysis for States and Local Governments, effective December 31, 2003.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated September 22, 2005, on our consideration of Tensas Parish Police Jury's internal control over financial reporting and our test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

The management's discussion and analysis and budgetary comparison information on pages 4 through 7 and pages 35 through 41, are not a required part of the financial statements but are supplementary information required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

Ferriday, Louisiana September 22, 2005

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# REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A)

As management of the Tensas Parish Police Jury we offer readers of the Tensas Parish Police Jury's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the Police Jury for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information found within the body of the audit.

This is the first year the Police Jury has presented its financial statements under the reporting model required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34. This reporting model changes the presentation of financial data, and also the manner in which the information is recorded. We encourage readers to consider the information presented here in conjunction with additional information presented throughout this report.

#### FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,009,429
- Total revenues exceeded expenditures by \$388,048
- The Police Jury had net capital assets of \$3,487,067 and has a \$367,392 debt associated with capital assets

#### **OVERVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This discussion and analysis is intended to serve as an introduction to the Tensas Parish Police Jury's financial statements. The Police Jury's financial statements comprise three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements. This report also contains other supplementary information in addition to the financial statements themselves.

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

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

The statement of activities presents information showing how the Police Jury's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year.

The government-wide financial statements outline functions of the Police Jury that are principally supported by property taxes and intergovernmental revenues (governmental activities). Fixed assets and related debt is also supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues.

The government-wide financial statements can be found on pages 9 - 10 of this report.

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 governmental fund financial statements can be found on pages 12 - 16 of this report.

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. The notes to the financial statements can be found on pages 17 - 33 of this report.

#### **GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL ANALYSIS**

Net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. In the case of the Police Jury assets exceeded liabilities by \$5,009,429 as of December 31, 2004.

#### Net Assets for the period ending December 31, 2004

The current year's financial statements are dramatically different from past years as a result of implementing GASB 34. Attempting to compare this year's data with last year would be misleading to the reader; however the Police Jury looks forward to offering comparative data in the future.

Current Assets	\$ 3,142,423
Restricted Assets	296,144
Capital Assets	3,487,067
Total Assets	6,925,634
Current Liabilities	239,883
Long-term Liabilities	1,676,322
Total Liabilities	1,916,205
Net Assets	
Investment in capital assets, net of related debt	3,119,675
Restricted	296,144
Unrestricted	1,593,610
Total Net Assets	5,009,429
The following is a summary of the statement of activities:	
Revenues	
Program revenues	775,086
General revenues	2,651,340

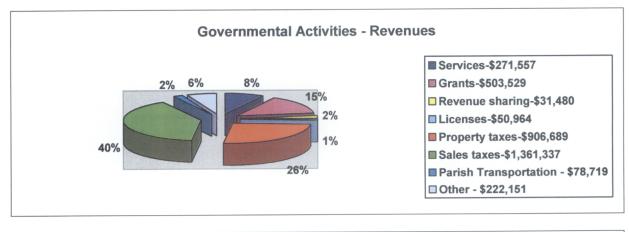
General revenues Total Revenues

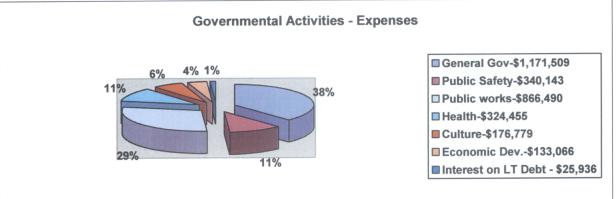
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Expenses:	
General government	\$ 1,171,509
Public safety	340,143
Public works	866,490
Health and welfare	324,455
Culture and recreation	176,779
Economic development	133,066
Interest on long-term debt	25,936
Total expenses	3,038,378
Increase (decrease) in net assets	388,048
Net assets December 31, 2003	4,621,381
Net assets December 31, 2004	\$ 5,009,429

The following are a graphical representation of information presented in the Statement of Activities for Governmental Activities.





The notes to the financial statements have additional information presented that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the government-wide financial statements.

#### **Comments on General Fund Comparisons**

The Police Jury's budget was amended once during the last year. The final budgeted expenditures were \$3,201,898 and revenues were budgeted at \$3,564,222.

Actual revenues were under budgeted amounts by over \$137,796 and actual expenditures were less than the budgeted amounts by over \$36,841. The budget was amended to primarily reflect grant revenues and expenditures that were not received or made in this year.

#### CAPITAL ASSETS

As of December 31, 2004, the Police Jury had \$3,487,067 invested in capital assets net of accumulated depreciation. This year there were additions of \$415,993 and additions were as follows:

General fund:		
Tensas Market Building	\$	200,888
Dodge Ram		5,400
Air conditioner-Fire House		4,736
Paperless Imaging System		17,196
Radio & Installation		849
Lo Boy Trailer		65,494
2004 Bookmobile		96,113
Library Books		25,317
Total additions	<u>\$</u>	415,993

Infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) are not included in capital assets.

#### **REQUEST FOR INFORMATION**

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the Police Jury's finances and to show the Police Jury's accountability for the money it receives. Any questions about this report or request for additional information may be directed to Cathy Darden, Secretary-Treasurer, 205 Hancock Street, St Joseph, LA 71366.

# GOVERNMENT-WIDE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (GWFS)

# STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Statement A

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,129,050
Receivables	1,013,373
Amounts held by trustee for landfill closure	1,015,575
and postclosure care costs	293,334
Restricted assets	2,810
Capital assets, net	3,487,067
TOTAL ASSETS	6,925,634
LIABILITIES	
Accounts, salaries and other payables	156,063
Intergovernmental payables	27,338
Long-term liabilities	
Due within one year	56,482
Due in more than one year	1,676,322
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,916,205
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,119,675
Restricted for:	
Debt service	2,810
Landfill closure	293,334
Unrestricted	1,593,610
TOTAL NET ASSETS	\$ 5,009,429

The following notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### Statement B

		Program Revenues									
	Expenses		8		Operating Grants and		Grants and Grants and		rants and	Re Cl	(Expense) venue and hanges in et Assets
FUNCTIONS/PROGRAMS											
Primary Government: Governmental Activities:											
General government:											
Judicial	\$ 130,532	\$	74,429	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(56,103)		
Finance and administrative	44,322		-		-		-		(44,322)		
Other general administrative	996,655		-		-		-		(996,655)		
Public safety	340,143		89,532		212,649		23,844		(14,118)		
Public works	866,490		107,596		10,554		39,034		(709,306)		
Health and welfare	324,455		•		29,500		-		(294,955)		
Culture and recreation	176,779		-		57,895		100,000		(18,884)		
Economic development	133,066		-		30,053		-		(103,013)		
Interest on long-term debt	25,936		-		-		-		(25,936)		
TOTAL GOVERNMENTAL ACTIVITIES	<u>\$3,038,378</u>	<u>\$</u>	271,557	\$	_340,651	\$	162,878	_(	2,263,292)		
	General revent Taxes: Ad valorem								906,689		

Seneral revenues:	
Taxes:	
Ad valorem	906,689
Sales	1,361,337
Other taxes	167,760
Licenses and permits	50,964
State funds:	
Parish transportation funds	78,719
State revenue sharing	31,480
Fire insurance rebates	17,722
Interest income	24,925
Other revenues	11,744
Total general revenue	2,651,340
Changes in net assets	388,048
Net assets, beginning of year	4,621,381
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 5,009,429</u>

Fund Financial Statements (FFS)

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# GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Balance Sheet December 31, 2004

Statement C

Total	\$2,129,050 1,013,373	293,334 2,810 1,359,236 4,797,803	156,063 1,359,236 27,338 1,542,637	2,810 293,334 1,359,236	659,093 940,693 3,255,166	\$4,797,803
Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	\$ 371,977 260,561	293,334 2,810 570,970 1,499,652	22,248 - 27,338 49,586	2,810 293,334 570,970	- 582,952 1,450,066	\$ 1,499,652
Economic Development <u>Fund</u>	<pre>\$ 125,344 18,832</pre>	- 290,780 434,956	24,069 - - - 24,069	- - 290,780	120,107 410,887	\$ 434,956
Health Unit <u>Fund</u>	\$ 35,195 98,939	- 349,953 484,087	627 - - 627	- - 349,953	- 133,507 483,460	\$ 484,087
Ambulance <u>Fund</u>	\$ 152,113 50,102	- 147,533 349,748	24,597	- - 147,533	- 177,618 325,151	\$ 349,748
Road <u>Fund</u>	\$ 1,301,099 34,349	- - 1,335,448	49,703 1,359,236 - 1,408,939		(73,491) (73,491)	\$ 1,335,448
General <u>Fund</u>	\$ 143,322 550,590	- - 693,912	34,819 - - 34,819		659,093 - -	\$ 693,912
	ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Receivables	Amounts neto by trustee for landing closure and postclosure care costs Restricted assets Advances to other funds TOTAL ASSETS	LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts, salaries and other payables Advances from other funds Intergovernmental payables Total Liabilities	Fund Balances/Deficit: Reserved for: Debt service Landfill closure Advances	Unreserved, reported in: General Special revenue (deficit) Total Fund Balances (deficit)	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES

# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Balance Sheet to the Government-Wide Financial Statements of Net Assets December 31, 2004

Statement D
\$ 3,255,166
3,487,067
(1,732,804)
\$ 5,009,429

						Statement E	ent E
				Health	Economic	Other	
	General <u>Fund</u>	Road <u>Fund</u>	Ambulance <u>Fund</u>	Unit <u>Fund</u>	Development <u>Fund</u>	Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total
REVENUES							
Taxes:							
Ad valorem	\$ 542,664	' \$	• •	\$ 109,627	• •	\$ 254,398	\$ 906,689
Sales taxes	I	314,181	558,264	1	209,498	279,394	1,361,337
Other taxes	167,760		,	ı		ı	167,760
Licenses and permits	50,964	I	ı	·	•	•	50,964
Intergovernmental revenues:							
Federal funds-federal grants	ı	I	1	ı	•	209,144	209,144
State funds:							
Parish transportation funds	·	78,719	•	ı	·	•	78,719
State revenue sharing	6,652	,	·	5,518	ı	19,310	31,480
Fire insurance rebates	17,722	·	•	,	ı	ı	17,722
Other state grants	40,347	49,588		29,500	30,053	144,897	294,385
Fees, charges and commissions for services	1	I		I	ı	197,128	197,128
Fines and forfeitures	ı	•	I	ı	•	74,429	74,429
Interest income	2,789	1,643	1,865	4,617	3,506	10,505	24,925
Other revenues	3,663	572	'	-	675	6,834	11,744
Total Revenues	832,561	444,703	560,129	149,262	243,732	1,196,039	3,426,426
EXPENDITURES							
General government							
Judicial	•	•	I	•	•	130,532	130,532
Finance and administrative	ı	8,714	9,935	638	9,177	15,858	44,322
Other general government	937,325	ı		ı	•	ı	937,325
Public safety	I	1	I	ł	•	287,511	287,511
Public works	I	549,017	I	ı	ſ	215,110	764,127
Health and welfare	I	•	275,786	20,481	ı	I	296,267
Culture and recreation	•	•	•	ı		140,668	140,668
Economic development	·	•	,	I	133,066	•	133,066

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Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

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# Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Statement E

Deht service:	General <u>Fund</u>	Road Fund	Ambulance <u>Fund</u>	Health Unit <u>Fund</u>	Economic Development <u>Fund</u>	Other Governmental <u>Funds</u>	Total
Principal retirement Interest and hank charges						62,991 25,936	62,991 25,936
Capital outlay	28,181	65,494	•	1	200,888	121,431	415,994
Total expenditures	965,506	623,225	285,721	21,119	343,131	1,000,037	3,238,739
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(132,945)	(178,522)	274,408	128,143	(665'66)	196,002	187,687
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses) Transfers in Transfers (out) Proceeds from Ioan	241,944 (168,595) -	90,825 (125,174) -	- (139,061) -	- (38,054) -	48,992 - 156,150	245,955 (156,832) -	627,716 (627,716) 156,150
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	73,349	(34,349)	(139,061)	(38,054)	205,142	89,123	156,150
Net Change in Fund Balances	(59,596)	(212,871)	135,347	90,089	105,743	285,125	343,837
FUND BALANCES - BEGINNING	718,689	139,380	189,804	393,371	305,144	1,164,941	2,911,329
FUND BALANCES - ENDING (deficit)	\$ 659,093	\$ (73,491)	\$ 325,151	\$ 483,460	\$ 410,887	\$ 1,450,066	\$3,255,166

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# Reconciliation of the Governmental Funds Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances/Deficits For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

		Staten	nent F
Total net change in fund balances-governmental funds (State	ement E)	\$	343,837
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Stateme Activities are different because:	ent of		
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 outlays exceed depreciation expense in the period: Capital outlay Depreciation expense	415,994 (278,624)		137,370
Repayment of capital leases is an expenditure in the governmental funds, but the repayment reduces long-term liabilities in the Statement of Net Assets:			62,991
Capital related loan proceeds are recorded as income in governmental funds			(156,150)
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Statement H	3)	<u>\$</u>	388,048

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# INTRODUCTION

The Tensas Parish Police Jury is the governing authority for Tensas Parish and is a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana. The Police Jury is governed by seven jurors representing the various districts within the parish. The jurors serve four-year terms that expire January 2008. Tensas Parish is located in Northeast Louisiana and has a population of approximately 6,200. The Police Jury has 18 full time employees and maintains 155 miles of roads.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, the jury is considered a primary government, since it is a special purpose government that has a separately elected governing body, is legally separate, and is fiscally independent of other state or local governments. As used in GASB Statement No. 14, fiscally independent means that the Police Jury may, without the approval or consent of another governmental entity, determine or modify its own budget, levy its own taxes or set rates or charges and issue bonded debt. The Police Jury has oversight of other component units that are blended into the Police Jury's basic financial statements.

Blended component units of the Police Jury are Gravity Drainage District's No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 and the Tensas Parish Library. These component units, despite being legally separate from the Police Jury, are so intertwined with the primary government that they are, in substance, the same as the primary government. These component units are reported as part of the primary government in both the fund financial statements and the government-wide financial statements. The blended component unit's balances and transactions are reported in the same manner as the balances and transactions of the Police Jury itself. These entities are reported in the Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds.

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support. Likewise, the primary government is reported separately from certain legally separate component units for which the primary government is financially accountable. These component units are as follows:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

#### **Component Unit**

Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish Lake Bruin Commission Lake Bruin Water Works No. 1 Tensas Economic and Industrial Development District Tensas Parish Agricultural Arena Commission Tensas Parish Clerk of Court Tensas Parish Hospital Service District Tensas Parish Sheriff Tensas Parish Tax Assessor Tensas Port Commission Tensas Water District, Inc.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment is offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services or privileges provided by a given function or segment and 2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenues.

Major individual governmental funds are reported in separate columns in the fund financial statements.

#### B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenues in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

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

Property taxes, franchise taxes, licenses and interest associated with the current fiscal period are all considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenues of the current fiscal period. Only the portion of special assessment receivable due within the current fiscal period is considered to be susceptible to accrual as revenue of the current period. All other revenue items are considered to be measurable and available only when cash is received by the government.

The Police Jury reports the following major governmental funds:

**General fund** – The general fund is the general operating fund of the Police Jury. It accounts for all activities except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

**Road fund** – This fund accounts for funds used to maintain roads.

Ambulance fund – This fund accounts for funds used to operate the ambulance services.

Health unit fund – This fund accounts for funds used to operate the health unit.

**Economic development fund** – This fund accounts for funds used in economic development for the parish.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in the government-wide fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

As a general rule the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements. Exceptions to this general rule are payments-in-lieu of taxes and other charges between the government's enterprise operations. Elimination of these charges would distort the direct costs and program revenues reported for the various functions concerned.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued

Amounts reported as program revenues include 1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided, 2) operating grants and contributions and 3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues. Likewise, general revenues include all taxes.

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

# C. Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Police Jury's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and the Police Jury's investment policy allow the Police Jury to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government back securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

Investments for the Police Jury, as well as for its component units, are reported at fair value. The state investment pool (LAMP) operates in accordance with state laws and regulations. The reported value of the pool is the same as the fair value of the pool shares.

# D. Receivables and Payables

Activities between funds that are representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year are referred to as "advances to/from other funds" (i.e., the non-current portion of interfund loans).

Advances between funds, as reported in the fund financial statements, are offset by a fund balance reserve account in applicable governmental funds to indicate that they are not available for appropriation and are not expendable available financial resources.

All trade and property tax receivables are shown net of an allowance for uncollectives. The balance of accounts receivable is expected to be a collected in full so no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established.

Property taxes are levied on a calendar year basis and become due on January 1 of each year. The following is a summary of authorized and levied ad valorem taxes:

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - continued 1.

	Authorized <u>Millage</u>	Levied <u>Millage</u>	Expiration Date
Taxes due for:			
General Fund	3.49	3.49	Indefinite
Court System building	11.07	11.07	2007
Drainage District No. 1	5.68	5.68	2006
Drainage District No. 2	3.02	3.02	2011
Drainage District No. 3	3.8	3.8	2013
Health Unit	2.89	2.89	2006
Library	4.42	4.19	2006

The following are the principal taxpayers and related property tax revenue for the parish:

	Type of <u>Business</u>	Assessed <u>Valuation</u>	% of Total Assessed <u>Valuation</u>	Ad Valorem Tax Revenue for <u>Parish</u>
American Commercial Barge Line	Barge Line	\$ 3,406,520	8.88%	\$288,294
American River Transport Co.	Barge Line	3,197,230	8.33%	270,581
Ingram Barge Company	Barge Line	3,024,860	7.88%	255,994
Cross Keys Bank	Banking	2,006,505	5.20%	185,910

Sales taxes are authorized as follows:

	Levied Per Cent	Expiration Date
Landfill and garbage collection	1.00%	Indefinite
Roads	0.75%	Indefinite
Economic development	0.50%	4/1/2013
Fire protection	0.25%	10/1/2009
Ambulance	1.00%	10/1/2013

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

#### E. Restricted Assets and Reserved Equity

Restricted assets represent those assets that are legally separated for a specific purpose. Restricted assets at December 31, 2004 were as follows:

Restricted for landfill closure	\$ 293,334
Restricted for certificates of indebtness	2,810
Total	<u>\$ 296,144</u>

#### F. Elimination and Reclassifications

In the process of compiling data for the statement of net assets and the statement and the statement of activities some amounts reported as interfund activity and balances in the funds were eliminated or reclassified. Interfund receivables and payables were eliminated to minimize the "grossing up" effect on assets and liabilities within the governmental activities column.

#### G. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and land assets are reported in the applicable governmental columns in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost (94% of capital assets are reported at actual cost) if historical cost is not available. The Police Jury maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets. Infrastructure assets (roads and bridges) are not included for those items acquired prior to January 1, 2004.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed.

All capital assets, other than land, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

	Estimated
Description	<u>Lives</u>
Buildings and Improvements	10-40 years
Equipment and Furniture (including vehicles)	5-10 years
Books, periodicals and law books	7-10 years

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES – continued

#### H. Compensated Absences

Employees of the Police Jury earn 5 to 10 days of non-cumulative annual leave each year, depending on their length of service. Full-time employees are allowed, on an as-needed basis, sick leave up to 12 days each year. A maximum of 30 days of sick leave may be accumulated and carried forward. There is no provision for payment of accrued sick leave upon separation.

Full-time employees of the Tensas Parish Library, with at least 6 months of service, earn from 10 to 22 days of non-cumulative annual leave each year, depending on their position. Part-time employees earn annual leave on a pro rata basis. Full-time employees earn 14 days of sick leave each year, with part-time employees earning sick leave on a pro rata basis. Sick leave of up to 42 days may be accumulated. There is no provision for payment of accumulated sick leave upon separation.

Employees of the Sixth Judicial District Criminal Court Fund earn from 5 to 10 days of vacation leave each year, depending on their length of service. Annual leave must be taken in the year earned and cannot be carried forward. Sick leave is granted, on an as-needed basis, at the discretion of the district attorney and judges of the district. At December 31, 2004 there are no accumulated and vested benefits relating to annual and sick leave that require accrual or disclosure.

#### I. Long-Term Obligations

In the government-wide financial statements, long-term debt is reported as liabilities in the applicable governmental activities statement of net assets.

#### J. Fund Equity

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

#### K. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires 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 statement and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

### 2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

*Budget Information* – The Police Jury uses the following budget practices:

**Budgets** – Preliminary budgets for the ensuing year are prepared by the secretary-treasurer prior to December 31 of each year. The availability of the proposed budgets for public inspection and the date of the public hearing on the proposed budgets are then advertised in the official journal. During its regular December meeting, the Police Jury holds a public hearing on the proposed budgets in order to receive comments from residents of the parish. Changes are made to the proposed budgets based on the public hearing and the desires of the Police Jury as a whole. The budgets are then adopted during the Police Jury's regular December meeting, and a notice of the adoption is then published in the official journal.

The secretary-treasurer presents necessary budget amendments to the Police Jury during the year when, in her judgment, actual operations are differing materially from those anticipated in the original budget. During a regular meeting, the Police Jury reviews the proposed amendments, makes changes as it deems necessary and formally adopts the amendments. The adoption of the amendments is included in Police Jury minutes published in the official journal.

The Police Jury exercises budgetary control at the functional level. Within functions the secretary-treasurer has the discretion to make changes as she deems necessary for proper control. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year end and must be re-appropriated in the next year's budget to be expended.

**Deficit Fund Balances** – The following fund has a deficit in the unreserved fund balance at December 31, 2004:

	Amount
	of Deficit
Road Fund	\$ 73,491

#### 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2004, the Police Jury has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$2,425,194 as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 874,400
Time deposits	 1,550,794
Total	\$ 2,425,194

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### 3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS – continued

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

At December 31, 2004, the Police Jury has \$2,607,916 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$418,848 of federal deposit insurance and \$2,189,068 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 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 Police Jury that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

#### 4. **RECEIVABLES**

The receivables of \$1,013,373 at December 31, 2004 are as follows:

		General		Road	Ar	nbulance		Health Unit		conomic velopment	Go	Other vernmental	
Class of Receivable		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Fund</u>		Fund		<u>Fund</u>		<u>Funds</u>	<u>Total</u>
Taxes:													
Ad valorem	\$	498,462	\$	-	\$	-	\$	98,939	\$	-	\$	226,252	\$ 823,653
Sales and use		-		28,232		50,102		-		18,832		25,214	122,380
Other taxes		52,128		6,117		-		-		-		-	58,245
Fines		-		-		-		-		-		4,095	4,095
Other				-		<u> </u>				-	_	5,000	 5,000
Total	<u>\$</u>	550,590	<u>\$</u>	34,349	<u>\$</u>	50,102	<u>\$</u>	<u>98,939</u>	<u>\$</u>	18,832	<u>\$</u>	260,561	\$ 1,013,373

Historically, virtually all ad valorem taxes receivable were collected since they are secured by property; therefore, no allowance for doubtful accounts has been established for ad valorem taxes. The balance of accounts receivable is expected to be collected in full so no allowance for doubtful accounts have been established.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 5. INTERFUND RECEIVABLES/PAYABLES (FSS LEVEL ONLY)

			Advances from	
Advances to Other Funds	4	<u>Amount</u>	Other Funds	<u>Amount</u>
Major Funds:			Major Funds:	
Ambulance	\$	147,533	Road	<u>\$ 1,359,236</u>
Health Unit		349,953		
Economic Development		290,780		
Non-Major Funds		570,970		
	\$	1,359,236		1,359,236

The purpose of the advances to/advances from balances was to provide funds of operating purposes.

# 6. CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the Police Jury's capital assets follows:

Capital assets not being depreciated	<b>A A A C C A B</b>	<b>^</b>	<i>.</i>	*	¢ 247.700
Land	\$ 346,698	<u>s -</u>	<u>&gt; -</u>	<u> </u>	<u>\$ 346,698</u>
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings	2,393,897	200,888	-	(582,131)	2,012,654
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	3,379,464	215,105	<u> </u>	(1,388,254)	2,206,315
Total	5,773,361	415,993	<u> </u>	(1,970,385)	4,218,969
Less accumulated depreciation					
Buildings	-	(47,917)	-	(142,732)	(190,649)
Furniture, fixtures and equipment		(230,707)		(657,244)	(887,951)
Total buildings and improvements		(278,624)		(799,976)	(1,078,600)
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	\$ 6,120,059	<u>\$ 137,369</u>	<u>s -</u>	<u>\$ (2,770,361</u> )	<u>\$_3,487,067</u>

Depreciation expense of \$278,624 for the year ended December 31, 2004 was charged to the following governmental functions:

General Government	\$ 59,330
Public Safety	52,632
Public Works	102,363
Health and Welfare	28,188
Culture and Recreation	 36,111
Total	\$ 278,624

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 7. INTERFUND TRANSFERS

Operating transfers for the year ended December 31, 2004 were as follows:

Fund:	Transfer In	Transfers Out
General Government	\$ 241,944	\$ 168,595
Road Fund	90,825	125,174
Ambulance Fund	-	139,061
Health Unit Fund	-	38,054
Economic Development Fund	48,992	-
Other Governmental	245,955	156,832
Total	\$ 627,716	\$ 627,716

Transfers are primarily used to cover operating expenses.

# 8. ACCOUNTS, SALARIES AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$156,063 at December 31, 2004 are as follows:

	Gen <u>Fu</u>		Road Fund	Aı	nbulance <u>Fund</u>	1	lealth Unit <u>Fund</u>	conomic velopment <u>Fund</u>	Other remmental <u>Funds</u>	Total
Salaries Withholdings	<b>\$</b> 1	- 0,615	\$ 2,222 11,002	\$	-	\$	-	\$ - 1,278	\$ - 11,776	\$ 2,222 34,671
Accounts Total		4,204 4,819	\$ 36,479 49,703	\$	24,597 24,597	\$	627 627	\$ 22,791 24,069	\$ 10,472 22,248	\$ 119,170 156,063

#### 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL LEASES

The following is a summary of general long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 2004:

	Note <u>Payable</u>		Certficates of <u>Indebtedness</u>		Lease/ Purchases <u>Payable</u>		Landfill Closure and Postclosure <u>Care Costs</u>	Total	
Long-term debt at January 1, 2004	\$	-	\$	226,000	\$	62,413	\$ 1,209,262	\$ 1,497,675	
Prior period adjustments		-		-		141,970	-	141,970	
Additions		156,150		-		-	-	156,150	
Deletions		-		(20,000)		(42,991)		(62,991)	
Long-term debt payable at December 31, 2004	\$	156,150	\$	206,000	\$	161,392	<u>\$ 1,209,262</u>	<u>\$ 1,732,804</u>	

### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL LEASES - continued

The Police Jury records items under capital leases as an asset and an obligation in the accompanying financial statements. The net book value of equipment under capital leases at December 31 was \$178,492.

The following is a summary of the current (due in one year or less) and the long-term (due in more than one year) portions of long-term obligations as of December 31, 2004:

		<b>a a i</b>		Landfill		
	Note	Certficates of	Lease/ Purchases	Closure and Postclosure	<u>Total</u>	
	Payable	Indebtedness	Payable	Care Costs		
Current portion	\$-	\$ 24,500	\$ 31,982	<b>\$</b> -	\$ 56,482	
Long-term portion	156,150	<u>    181,500  </u>	129,410		1,676,322	
Total	<u>\$ 156,150</u>	<u>\$ 206,000</u>	<u>\$ 161,392</u>	\$ 1,209,262	\$ 1,732,804	

Long-term debt is comprised of the following issues:

Note payable:

\$262,500 economic development loan due in monthly interest and principal payments of \$2,785 beginning January 2006 with an interest rate of 5%. Balloon due after 119 payments made. Credit of \$12,500 to be given for each job created in first year and \$5,000 for each job after one year for seven years. Secured by	
immovable property.	\$ 156,150
Certificates of indebtedness: \$245,999 certificates of indebtedness due in semi-annual interest and principal payments totaling \$2,250 to \$32,250 thru 2011 with interest	
at 7.5%. Secured by pledge of annual revenues.	206,000

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 9. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES AND CAPITAL LEASES - continued

Capital leases:	
\$80,346 capital lease due in monthly payments of	
\$1,609 thru January 2007 with interest at 7.5%.	
Secured by motor grader.	36,069
\$163,000 capital lease due in monthly payments	
of \$1,907 thru August 2007 with interest at 4.55%.	
Secured by motor grader.	125,323
Landfill closure costs:	
Landfill closure costs estimated to occur in 2028	1,209,262
Total long-term debt	\$ 1,732,804

The following is a schedule of future minimum payments of long-term debt (not including landfill closure) under the agreements together with the present value of the minimum payments as of December 31, 2004:

		Certificates	Lease/	
	Note	of	Purchases	
Year	Payable	Indebtedness	Payable	<u>Total</u>
2005	\$ -	\$ 34,750	\$ 42,199	\$ 76,949
2006	33,410	34,000	42,199	109,609
2007	33,410	33,250	92,350	159,010
2008	33,410	34,500	-	67,910
2009	33,410	34,700	-	68,110
Thereafter	33,410	103,800		137,210
Total	167,050	275,000	176,748	618,798
Less-amounts representing interest	(10,900)	(69,000)	(15,356)	(95,256)
Net present value of future payments	<u>\$156,150</u>	<u>\$ 206,000</u>	<u>\$ 161,392</u>	<u>\$ 523,542</u>

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 10. SOLID WASTE LANDFILL COSTS

State and federal laws and regulations require that the police jury place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance and monitoring functions at the landfill site for thirty years after closure. In addition to operating expenses related to current activities of the landfill, an expense provision and related liability are being recognized based on future closure and postclosure care costs that will be incurred near or after the date the landfill no longer accepts waste. The estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care is \$1,209,262.

However, the actual cost of closure and postclosure care may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in landfill laws and regulations.

During the year ended December 31, 1998, the Police Jury established a trust fund, in accordance with an agreement between the Police Jury and the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ), to provide funding to cover the closure and postclosure care costs estimated to be approximately \$1,209,262. The agreement provides that the police jury shall make annual contributions of approximately \$40,309 for thirty years.

The following is a summary of the trust fund activity for the year ended December 31, 2004, relating to the police jury's compliance with the LDEQ agreement:

Balance, December 31, 2003	\$ 250,126
Additions:	
Deposits	40,309
Interest earnings	2,899
Balance, December 31, 2004	\$ 293,334

#### **11. RETIREMENT**

Substantially all employees of the police jury are members of the parochial Employees Retirement System of Louisiana ("system"), a multiple-employer public employee retirement system (PERS), controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. The system is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions. Employees of the police jury are members of Plan A.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### 11. **RETIREMENT – continued**

All permanent employees working at least 28 hours per week whom are paid wholly or in part from funds and all elected parish officials are eligible to participate in the system. Under Plan A, employees who retire at or after age 60 with at least 10 years of credited service, at or after age 55 with 25 years of credited service, or at any age with at least 30 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 per cent of their final compensation multiplied by the employee's years of credited service. However, for those employees who were members of the supplemental plan only prior to January 1, 1980, the benefit is equal to 1 per cent of final compensation, plus \$24 for each year of supplemental plan only service earned prior to January 1, 1980.

Final compensation is the employee's monthly earnings during the 36 consecutive or joined months that produce the highest average. Employees who terminate with at least the amount of credited service stated previously and who do not withdraw their employee contributions, may retire at the ages specified previously and receive the benefit accrued to their date of termination. The system also provides death and disability benefits. Benefits are established 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 Parochial Employees' Retirement System, Post Office Box 14619, Baton Rouge, LA 70898-4619, or by calling (504) 928-1361.

Under Plan A, members are required by state statute to contribute 9.5 percent of their annual covered salary and the employer is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 11.75 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System include one-fourth of one percent (except Orleans and East Baton Rouge Parishes) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of the parish. These tax dollars are divided between Plan A and Plan B based proportionately on the salaries of the active members of each plan. The contribution requirements of plan members and the employers 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 of the prior fiscal year. The employer contributions to the System under Plan A for the year ending December 31, 2004 were \$58,729.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 12. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE

For the year ended December 31, 2004 the Police Jury implemented Governmental Accounting Standards (GASB) Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – for State and Local Governments; GASB Statement No. 37, Basic Financial Statements for Sate and Local Governments: Omnibus; GASB Statement No. 38, Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures; and GASB Interpretation No. 6, Recognition and Measurement of Certain Liabilities and Expenditures in Governmental Fund Financial Statements.

GASB Statement No. 34 creates new basic financial statements for reporting on the Police Jury's financial activities. The financial statements now include government-wide financial statements prepared on the accrual basis of accounting and governmental fund financial statements prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, which present information for individual major funds rather than by fund type. Nonmajor funds are presented in total on the fund financial statements as other governmental funds. Fund reclassifications and adjustments to the fund equities reported in the prior year financial statements were required as a result of the conversion to GASB Statement No. 34.

The provisions of these new statements have been incorporated into the financial statements and the accompanying notes. The following table summarizes the reclassifications and adjustments to the fund equity amounts reported in the prior year financial statements:

Courses and Europe	12/31/2003 As Reported		-	`und and Account assifications	Per	ior riod stment	12/31/2003 As Restated
Governmental Funds and Governmental Activities							
Major Funds:	¢	710 400	¢		¢		719 690
General Fund	\$	718,689	\$	-	\$	-	718,689
Road Fund		-		139,380		-	139,380
Ambulance Fund		-		189,804		-	189,804
Health Unit Fund		-		393,371		-	393,371
Economic Development Fund		-		305,144		-	305,144
Other Governmental Funds:							
Special Revenue		2,1 <b>89,83</b> 0	(	1,024,889)		-	1,164,941
Debt Service		2,810		(2,810)		-	
Total Governmental Funds		2,911,329					2,911,329

# NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# 12. CHANGES IN ACCOUNTING PRINCIPLES AND RESTATEMENT OF FUND BALANCE – continued

Governmental Activities:				
Capital assets, net	\$-	\$ 6,120,059	\$ (2,770,362)	\$ 3,349,697
Long-term liabilities		(1,497,675)	(141,970)	(1,639,645)
Total Governmental Funds				
and Governmental Activities	<u> </u>	4,622,384	(2,912,332)	1,710,052
Account Groups				
General Fixed Assets	6,120,059	(6,120,059)	-	-
General Long-term Debt	(1,497,675)	1,497,675		
Total Account Groups	\$ 4,622,384	<u>\$ (4,622,384)</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>

### 13. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Police Jury is at risk for property damage, liability and theft which are covered by insurance policies.

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION** 

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### **Budgetary Comparison Schedules**

### General Fund and Major Special Revenue Funds With Legally Adopted Annual Budgets

General Fund – The general fund accounts for all activities of the Police Jury except those that are accounted for in other funds.

Road fund – This fund accounts for funds used to maintain roads.

Ambulance fund – This fund accounts for funds used to operate the ambulance services.

Health unit fund – This fund accounts for funds used to operate the health unit.

Economic development – This fund accounts for funds used in economic development for the parish.

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# General Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Exhibit 1-1

	Budgeter	d_Amounts		Variance Favorable	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Taxes:					
Ad valorem	\$ 603,741	\$ 654,749	\$ 542,664	\$ (112,085)	
Other taxes	43,681	153,992	167,760	13,768	
Licenses and permits	54,343	55,323	50,964	(4,359)	
Intergovernmental revenues:					
State funds:					
State revenue sharing	18,000	17,055	6,652	(10,403)	
Fire insurance rebates	15,188	17,722	17,722	-	
Other state grants	471,600	-	40,347	40,347	
Interest income	13,354	1,344	2,789	1,445	
Other revenues	8,860	136,578	3,663	(132,915)	
Total Revenues	1,228,767	1,036,763	832,561	(204,202)	
EXPENDITURES					
General government:	0.(1.505	00 ( <b>1 5</b> 5		40.050	
Other general government	861,595	986,177	937,325	48,852	
Capital outlay	472,600	26,480	28,181	(1,701)	
Total Expenditures	1,334,195	1,012,657	965,506	47,151	
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	(105,428)	24,106	(132,945)	(157,051)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)					
Transfers in	-	•	73,349	73,349	
Transfers (out)	(4,972)	(4,972)	-	4,972	
	(4,972)	(4,972)	73,349	78,321	
Net change in fund balances	(110,400)	19,134	(59,596)	(78,730)	
Fund balance, beginning	718,689	718,689	718,689	<u> </u>	
Fund balance, ending	\$ 608,289	<u>\$ 737,823</u>	<u> </u>	<u>(78,730)</u>	

# Road Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Exhibit 1-2

	Budgetec	l Amounts		Variance Favorable	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Taxes:					
Sales taxes	\$ 267,776	\$ 295,382	\$ 314,181	\$ 18,799	
Intergovernmental revenues:					
State funds:					
Parish transportation funds	87,394	78,587	78,719	132	
Other state grants	90,000	10,554	49,588	39,034	
Interest income	3,341	1,137	1,643	506	
Other revenues	11,024	41,495	572	(40,923)	
Total Revenues	459,535	427,155	444,703	17,548	
EXPENDITURES					
General government:					
Finance and administrative	3,310	46,796	8,714	38,082	
Public works	627,646	572,458	549,017	23,441	
Capital outlay	16,000	44,081	65,494	(21,413)	
Total Expenditures	646,956	663,335	623,225	40,110	
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	(187,421)	(236,180)	(178,522)	57,658	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)					
Transfers in	187,421	187,421	-	(187,421)	
Transfers (out)	-		(34,349)	(34,349)	
	187,421	187,421	(34,349)	(221,770)	
Net change in fund balances	-	(48,759)	(212,871)	(164,112)	
Fund balance, beginning	139,380	139,380	139,380	<u> </u>	
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 139,380</u>	<u>\$ 90,621</u>	<u>\$ (73,491</u> )	<u>\$ (164,112</u> )	

# Ambulance Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Exhibit 1	-3
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	·	Amounts		Variance Favorable	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)	
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Taxes:					
Sales taxes	\$ 125,000	\$ 524,844	\$ 558,264	\$ 33,420	
Interest income	3,100	1,674	1,865	<u> </u>	
Total Revenues	128,100	526,518	560,129	33,611	
EXPENDITURES					
General government:					
Finance and administrative	10,000	6,837	9,935	(3,098)	
Health and welfare	265,741	297,291	275,786	21,505	
Total Expenditures	275,741	304,128	285,721	18,407	
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	(147,641)	222,390	274,408	52,018	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)					
Transfers in	127,641	127,641	-	(127,641)	
Transfers (out)			(139,061)	(139,061)	
	127,641	127,641	(139,061)	(266,702)	
Net change in fund balances	(20,000)	350,031	135,347	(214,684)	
Fund balance, beginning	189,804	189,804	189,804		
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 169,804</u>	<u>\$ 539,835</u>	<u>\$ 325,151</u>	<u>\$ (214,684)</u>	

# Health Unit Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Budgete	d Amounts		Variance Favorable
	<b>Original</b>	Final	<u>Actual</u>	(Unfavorable)
<u>REVENUES</u>				
Taxes:				
Ad valorem	\$ 130,677	\$ 188,524	\$ 109,627	\$ (78,897)
Intergovernmental revenues:				
State funds:				
State revenue sharing	5,000	7,585	5,518	(2,067)
Other state grants	-	29,500	29,500	-
Interest income	7,123	4,163	4,617	454
Total Revenues	142,800	229,772	149,262	(80,510)
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>				
General government:				
Finance and administrative	-	958	638	320
Health and welfare	22,699	21,528	20,481	1,047
Total Expenditures	22,699	22,486	21,119	1,367
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER				
EXPENDITURES	120,101	207,286	128,143	(79,143)
OTHER FINANCING (Uses) Transfers (out)			(38,054)	(38,054)
Transfers (out)			(38,034)	(38,034)
Net change in fund balances	120,101	207,286	90,089	(117,197)
The charge in fund buildings	120,101	207,200	>0,005	(117,1277)
Fund balance, beginning	393,371	393,371	393,371	<u>-</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 513,472</u>	\$ 600,657	<u>\$ 483,460</u>	<u>\$ (117,197</u> )

Exhibit 1-4

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# Economic Development Unit Fund Budgetary Comparison Schedule For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### Exhibit 1-5

	Budgete	d Amounts		Variance Favorable	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	Actual	(Unfavorable)	
<u>REVENUES</u>					
Taxes:					
Sales taxes	\$ 92,000	\$ 196,964	\$ 209,498	\$ 12,534	
Intergovernmental revenues:					
State funds:					
Other state grants	-	-	30,053	30,053	
Interest income	4,200	3,191	3,506	315	
Other revenues	4,214,266	83,787	675	(83,112)	
Total Revenues	4,310,466	283,942	243,732	(40,210)	
EXPENDITURES					
General government:					
Finance and administrative	11,400	9,637	9,177	460	
Economic development and assistance	78,625	270,524	133,066	137,458	
Capital outlay	504,125	100,139	200,888	(100,749)	
Total Expenditures	594,150	380,300	343,131	37,169	
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES					
OVER EXPENDITURES	3,716,316	(96,358)	(99,399)	(3,041)	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
Transfers in	-	-	48,992	48,992	
Proceeds from loan	262,000	262,000	156,150	(105,850)	
Total Other Sources	262,000	262,000	205,142	(56,858)	
Net change in fund balances	3,978,316	165,642	105,743	(59,899)	
Fund balance, beginning	305,144	305,144	305,144	<u>-</u>	
Fund balance, ending	\$4,283,460	<u>\$ 470,786</u>	<u>\$ 410,887</u>	<u>\$ (59,899)</u>	

# NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

# NOTES TO THE REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

#### **Budgetary Comparison Schedule**

1. Basis of Presentation

The Budgetary Comparison Schedule presents the original legally adopted budget, the final legally adopted budget, the actual data on the GAAP basis and variances between the final budget and the actual data.

2. Budget Adoption and Amendments

Preliminary budgets for the ensuing year are prepared by the secretary-treasurer prior to December 31 of each year. The availability of the proposed budgets for public inspection and the date of the public hearing on the proposed budgets are advertised in the official journal. During its December meeting, the Police Jury holds a public hearing on the proposed budgets in order to receive comments from residents of the Parish. Changes are made to the proposed budgets based on the public hearing and the desires of the Police Jury. The budgets are then adopted during the Police Jury's regular December meeting.

The secretary-treasurer presents necessary budget amendments to the Police Jury during the year when, in her judgment, actual operations are differing materially from those anticipated in the original budget. During a regular meeting, the Police Jury reviews the proposed amendments, makes changes as it deems necessary and formally adopts the amendments. The adoption of the amendments is included in Police Jury minutes published in the official journal.

The Police Jury exercises budgetary control at the functional level. Within functions the secretary-treasurer has the discretion to make changes as she deems necessary for proper control. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year end and must be re-appropriated in the next year's budget to be expended.

Appropriations lapse at year-end and must be reappropriated for the following year to be expended. All changes in the budgets must be approved by the Board and the grantor agencies.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

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# COMBINING NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS – BY FUND TYPE

# **NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS**

Waste Collection – accounts for the operation of a solid waste collection and disposal system. Sales tax revenues provide financing.

Drainage Districts No. 1, No. 2 and No. 3 – accounts for drainage projects within the boundaries of each respective district. A specific ad valorem tax and the related state revenue sharing in each district provide financing.

Landfill Site – accounts for the operation of the parish landfill. Financing is provided by sales tax revenues and tipping fees.

Tensas Reunion – accounts for the costs relating to the improvements made to the property owned by a non-profit organization located in the parish. Financing is provided by a grant from the State of Louisiana.

Criminal Court – created by Section 571.11 of Title 15 of the Louisiana Revised Statute of 1950, which provided that fines and forfeitures imposed by the district courts and district attorney conviction fees in criminal cases be transferred to parish treasurer and deposited into a special Criminal Court Fund to be used to pay expenses of the criminal court system of the parish. Expenditures are made from the fund on motion of the district attorney and approved by the district judges. The statute requires that one-half of the fund balance remaining at December 31, of each year be transferred to the parish General Fund.

Library – accounts for the operation of the Tensas Parish Library financed by a specific parishwide ad valorem tax and the related state revenue sharing, and state grants.

Emergency Preparedness – accounts for the operation of the parishwide civil defense program. Financing is provided by a grant from the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

Fire Protection – accounts for the activities relating to the collection and remittance of the onequarter of one per cent sales tax approved by the voters for a period of ten years. The net proceeds of the tax (after cost of collections) are dedicated for the purpose of establishing and maintaining a parish-wide fire protection district. The net proceeds are remitted to the Fire Protection District No. 1 of Tensas Parish for subsequent disbursement, by the board of commissioners, for fire protection in the parish.

Rural Development – accounts for State of Louisiana grant for the construction of two parking lots for the court house.

Bookmobile – accounts for State of Louisiana grant for purchase of a bookmobile.

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# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Combining Balance Sheet – By Fund Type December 31, 2004

	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Debt <u>Service</u>	Total
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 371,977	\$-	371,977
Receivables	260,561	-	260,561
Amounts held by Trustee for landfill closure			
and postclosure care costs	293,334	-	293,334
Restricted assets	-	2,810	2,810
Advances to other funds	570,970		570,970
TOTAL ASSETS	1,496,842	2,810	1,499,652
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts, salaries and other payables	22,248	-	22,248
Intergovernmental payables	27,338		27,338
Total Liabilities	49,586		49,586
Fund Balances:			
Reserved for:			
Debt service	-	2,810	2,810
Landfill closure	293,334	-	293,334
Advances	570,970	-	570,970
Unreserved, reported in			
Special Revenue	582,952	<b>_</b>	582,952
Total Fund Balances	1,447,256	2,810	1,450,066
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,496,842</u>	<u>\$ 2,810</u>	<u>\$ 1,499,652</u>

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – By Fund Type For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Special <u>Revenue</u>	Debt <u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES			
Taxes:			
Ad valorem	\$ 254,398	\$-	254,398
Sales taxes	279,394	-	279,394
Intergovernmental revenues:			
Federal funds-federal grants	209,144	-	209,144
State funds:			
State revenue sharing	19,310	-	19,310
Other state grants	144,897	-	144,897
Fees, charges and commissions	197,128	-	197,128
Fines and forfeitures	74,429	-	74,429
Interest income	10,505	-	10,505
Other Revenues	6,834	-	6,834
TOTAL REVENUES	1,196,039		1,196,039
EXPENDITURES			
General government			
Judicial	130,532	-	130,532
Finance and administrative	15,858	-	15,858
Public safety	287,511	-	287,511
Public works	215,110	-	215,110
Culture and recreation	140,668	-	140,668
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	62,991	<b>62,99</b> 1
Interest and bank charges	-	25,936	25,936
Capital outlay	121,431		121,431
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	911,110	88,927	1,000,037
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES			
OVER EXPENDITURES	284,929	(88,927)	196,002

# NONMAJOR GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – By Fund Type For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

	Special	Debt	
	Revenue	<u>Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)			
Transfers in	157,028	88,927	245,955
Transfers (out)	(156,832)		(156,832)
Total Other Financing Sources	196	88,927	89,123
Net change in fund balances	285,125	-	285,125
Fund balance, beginning	1,162,131	2,810	1,164,941
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$ 1,447,256</u>	<u>\$ 2,810</u>	<u>\$ 1,450,066</u>

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# NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2004

	Drainage District <u>No.1</u>		District District		Drainage District <u>No. 3</u>		Waste Collection		Landfill <u>Site</u>	
ASSETS	¢	21651	¢ 114 700	\$	47.042	\$	57 587	\$		
Cash and cash equivalents Receivables	\$	34,654 23,598	\$ 114,788 35,939	Э	47,942 23,270	Ъ	53,582 25,214	Ф	- 5,000	
Amounts held by Trustee for landfill		23,390	33,939		23,270		23,214		5,000	
closure and postclosure care costs		_	_		_		_		293,334	
Advances to other funds		-	_		- +		227,187		102,405	
TOTAL ASSETS		58,252	150,727		71,212		305,983		400,739	
IOTAL ASSETS		50,252			11,212		505,705		400,757	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:										
Accounts, salaries and other payables		-	-		-		6,195		-	
Intergovernmental payables		-	-		-		-		-	
Total Liabilities		-					6,195		-	
Fund Balances:										
Reserved for:										
Landfill closure		-	-		-		-		293,334	
Advances		-	-		-		227,187		102,405	
Unreserved		58,252	150,727		71,212		72,601		5,000	
Total Fund Balances		58,252	150,727		71,212		299,788		400,739	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND										
BALANCES	\$	58,252	<u>\$ 150,727</u>	<u>\$</u>	71,212	<u>\$</u>	305,983	\$	400,739	

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# NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combining Balance Sheet December 31, 2004

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Tensas <u>Reunion</u>	Criminal <u>Court</u>	Library	Emergency Preparedness	Fire Protection	Rural Development	<u>Bookmobile</u>	Total
\$ - -	\$ 16,823 4,095	\$ 26,825 143,445	\$ 58,726 -	\$ 14,350 -	\$     400 _	\$ 3,887 -	\$ 371,977 260,561
- 	20,918	177,981 348,251	<u>47,927</u> 106,653	<u> </u>			293,334 570,970 1,496,842
	5,468  5,468	4,344  4,344	4,184	2,057 	- 		22,248 27,338 49,586
-	<u> </u>	177,981 165,926 343,907	47,927 54,542 102,469	15,470 (15,045) 425	<u>400</u> 400	<u>3,887</u> <u>3,887</u>	293,334 570,970 582,952 1,447,256
<u>\$</u>	<u>\$ 20,918</u>	<u>\$ 348,251</u>	<u>\$ 106,653</u>	<u>\$ 29,820</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$ 3,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,496,842</u>

# NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended December 31, 2004

REVENUES		DrainageDrainageDrainageDistrictDistrictDistrictNo.1No.2No.3		District	Waste Collection		Landfill <u>Site</u>			
Taxes:										
Ad valorem	\$	26,288	\$	39,554	\$	26,019	\$	-	\$	-
Sales taxes		-		-		-		279,394		-
Intergovernmental revenues:										
Federal funds-federal grants		-		-		-		-		-
State funds:										
State revenue sharing		3,517		3,122		1,671		-		-
Other state grants		-		-		-		-		-
Fees, charges and commissions		-		-		-		-		107,596
Fines and forfeitures		-		-		-		-		-
Interest income		502		1,615		596		3,267		1,468
Other Revenues		-		-				585		
TOTAL REVENUES		30,307		44,291		28,286		283,246		109,064
EXPENDITURES										
General government										
Judicial		-		-		-		-		-
Finance and administrative		3,431		2,900		1,100		8,427		-
Public safety		-		-		-		-		-
Public works		1,425		225		1,754		211,661		45
Culture and recreation		-		-		-		-		-
Capital outlay				-	<u> </u>			-		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		4,856		3,125		2,854	<u></u>	220,088		45
EXCESS (Deficiency) OF REVENUES										
OVER EXPENDITURES		25,451		41,166		25,432		63,158		109,019
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (Uses)										
Transfers in		-		-		-		-		-
Transfers (out)		(30,055)		(29,932)		(30,206)		(813)		(65,820)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)		(30,055)		(29,932)	•	(30,206)		(813)		(65,820)
Net change in fund balances		(4,604)		11,234		(4,774)		62,345		43,199
Fund balance, beginning		62,856		139,493		75,986		237,443		357,540
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$</u>	58,252	<u>\$</u>	150,727	<u>\$</u>	71,212	<u>\$</u>	299,788	<u>\$</u>	400,739

## NONMAJOR SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances For the year ended December 31, 2004

Tensas <u>Reunion</u>		Criminal <u>Court</u>	Emergency Library Preparedness		Fire Protection	Rural Development	<u>Bookmobile</u>	Total	
\$	-	\$-	\$ 162,537	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$ 254,398	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	279,394	
	-	-	-	209,144	-	-	-	209,144	
	-	-	11,000	-	-	-	-	19,310	
	-	-	17,547	27,350	-	-	100,000	144,897	
	-	-	- -	89,532	-	-	-	197,128	
	-	74,429	-	-	-	-	-	74,429	
	-	-	2,273	604	180	-	-	10,505	
	-	-	6,191	58	-			6,834	
		74,429	199,548	326,688	180	-	100,000	1,196,039	
	-	130,532	-	-	-	-	-	130,532 15,858	
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	-	-	-	273,860	13,651	-	-	287,511 215,110	
	-	-	- 140,668	-	-	-	-	140,668	
	-	-	25,318	-	-	_	96,113	121,431	
		120 522		272 860	13,651		96,113	911,110	
	<u> </u>	130,532	165,986	273,860	15,051				
	-	(56,103)	33,562	52,828	(13,471)	-	3,887	284,929	
	_	62,315	75,982	4,835	13,896	_	-	157,028	
	(6)		-	-		-	-	(156,832)	
	(6)	62,315	75,982	4,835	13,896			196	
	(6)	6,212	109,544	57,663	425	-	3,887	285,125	
	6	9,238	234,363	44,806		400		1,162,131	
<u>\$</u>		<u>\$ 15,450</u>	<u>\$ 343,907</u>	<u>\$ 102,469</u>	<u>\$ 425</u>	<u>\$ 400</u>	<u>\$ 3,887</u>	<u>\$ 1,447,256</u>	

### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES As of December 31, 2004

# COMPENSATION PAID

The schedule of compensation paid to Police Jurors and other board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature.

### POLICE JURORS

Compensation of the police jurors is included in the legislative expenditures of the General Fund. In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 33:1233, the police jury has elected the monthly payment method of compensation. Under this method jurors receive monthly compensation at varying rates, but not exceeding the maximum provided by State law.

### COMMISSIONERS – GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICTS

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute (LSR-R.S.) 38:1794, each board member may receive per diem of up to \$60 for each day in the conduct of official business of the district, not to exceed 36 days each year.

The board of commissioners of Gravity District No. 1 has elected to receive \$50 per diem per meeting.

The board of commissioners of Gravity District No. 2 has elected to receive \$50 per diem per meeting.

The board of commissioners of Gravity District No. 3 has elected to receive \$50 per diem per meeting.

# COMMISSIONERS - LIBRARY BOARD OF CONTROL

The commissioners of the library board of control receive no compensation from the library.

# SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES Schedule of Compensation Paid Police Jurors and Others For the Year Ended December 31, 2004

Police Jurors	
Ples Bell	\$ 1,200
Sam Dillard	1,200
Thomas Hale	1,200
Rufus Merritt	1,200
James Nicholson	1,200
Woodrow W. Wiley, Jr.	14,400
William Trevillion	14,400
Roderick Webb	13,200
Emmett L. Adams, Jr.	13,200
Danny C. Clark	13,200
Jane M. Netterville	13,200
Roy K. Smith	13,200
Totals	100,800
Gravity Drainage District No. 1	
Woodrow Wiley, Sr.	\$ 400
Calvin Rabb	500
Woodrow Wiley, Jr.	400
Walter Butler	450
Tommy Hale	350
Totals	2,100
Gravity Drainage District No. 2	
Bill Crigler	\$ 300
Curt Leake	¢ 300 350
LaVance Herring	200
Robert Scott	300
Carl Tatum	250
Totals	1,400
Gravity Drainage District No. 3	
Sidney Lee	<b>\$</b> 150
Clarence Evans	300
David Miller	200
Bobby Conner	250
Terry Mize, Jr.	200
Totals	1,100

# OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

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

## Members of the Police Jury Tensas Parish, Louisiana

We have audited the primary government financial statements of the governmental activities, each major fund and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Tensas Parish Police Jury (the Police Jury) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued our report thereon dated September 22, 2005. Our report was modified because the primary government financial statements do not include the financial data of the parish's component units and because expenditures in the general fund were not classified by function as required by generally accepted accounting principles. We conducted our audit in accordance with 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 of America and the Louisiana Audit Guide, issued by the Louisiana Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

# Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Police Jury's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted several matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Police Jury's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2004-1 and 2004-2.

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements caused by error or fraud in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

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Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we consider items 2004-1 and 2004-2 to be material weaknesses.

#### Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Police Jury's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an object of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Year Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2004-3 and 2004-4.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Police Jurors, management, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Although the intended use of these reports may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Ferriday, Louisiana September 22, 2005

Switzer, Hopkins & Mange

## Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2004

### Section 1: Summary of Audit Results

#### Financial Statements:

1.	Type of auditors' report issued on the primary government financial statements:	Qualified
2.	Material noncompliance relating to the primary government financial statements?	Yes
3.	Internal control over financial reporting:	
	<ul><li>a. Material weakness(es) identified?</li><li>b. Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered</li></ul>	Yes
	Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?	No

#### Section 2 - Financial Statement Findings

### 2004-1 Condition of Accounting Records

Finding:

During the auditing of the Police Jury, we determined that the Police Jury could not produce financial statements, the general ledger and other needed documents and reports in a timely and accurate manner. These items need to be produced for financial reporting and internal decision making.

Some of the problems that we noted were as follows:

- 1. Accounts payable were recorded on the general ledger, but were not being reconciled at the end of each month. One fund had a debit balance of \$122,323 in accounts payable and none of the eleven funds with accounts payable balances were correct.
- 2. Accounts payable were being recorded in the correct fund, but were routinely paid out of cash accounts in another fund. This actually resulted in one fund paying the liability of another fund each time this happened. This was an unauthorized transfer of funds.
- 3. Transfers between funds were not being reconciled on a monthly basis. Adjustments were made to 19 different transfer accounts for amounts up to \$74,329.
- 4. Financial statements are not available for the Police Jury to review and make management decisions timely.

#### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2004

Recommendations:

We recommend that the Police Jury continue to educate its staff to maintain its books and records in a manner needed to have accurate financial statements available at monthly meetings so that decisions can be made.

Management Response:

The Police Jury stated that they have changed their top management in January of this year for the third time in three years. They have also hired an outside CPA firm to train the staff and the records will be much improved for the 2005 audit.

#### 2004-2 Expense Account Classifications

Finding:

We noted that the expenditures in the general fund are not coded by function. At a minimum, the expenditures should be coded to the following functions:

General government Legislative Judicial Elections Finance and administrative Other general government Public Safety Public Works Health and Welfare Culture and Recreation Economic Development Debt Service Capital Outlay

**Recommendations:** 

We recommend that the chart of accounts be revised to include the various functions of government. Financial statements should be presented to include expenditures by function.

Management Response:

The Police Jury agrees and will work to have the general fund chart of accounts to be segregated by function.

#### Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs Year Ended December 31, 2004

#### 2004-3 Failure to Report on a Timely Basis

Finding:

Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 required all audit engagements to be completed and transmitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor within six months of the close of the Police Jury's year end. Accordingly, the Police Jury audit report for the year ended December 2004 was due to the Legislative Auditor by June 30, 2005.

The Police Jury's accounting records were not accurate enough for an audit to be performed within the required time.

Recommendation:

We recommend that the Police Jury maintain accurate accounting records whereby an audit can be made timely enough to comply with Revised Statute 24:513.

Management Response:

Next year the records will be accurate enough to have the audit completed on time.

#### 2005-4 Late Filing of Payroll Tax Returns

Finding:

We noted that two payroll tax returns were filed late during the year. Apparently the taxes related to these payroll tax returns were paid on time, but the returns themselves were not filed until they were required by the government. There were no penalties assessed related to these two payroll tax returns.

Recommendations:

We recommend that all payroll tax filing requirements be met on a timely basis.

Management Response:

This problem has already been addressed and corrected.

### Summary Status of Prior Year Findings Year Ended December 31, 2003

The following is a summary of the status of findings included in the Schedule of Findings dated September 29, 2004 issued in connection with the audit of the financial statements of the Tensas Parish Police Jury as of and for the year ended December 31, 2003.

### <u>2003-1 – Submission of Audited Financial Statements</u>

We noted that the audit report for the year ended December 31, 2003 was due to be completed within six months after the close of the year. The audit report was due no later than June 30, 2004 and was submitted to the Legislative Auditor on October 1, 2004. This is a violation of R.S. 24:513A(5)(a).

Status: This finding continues to be finding 2004-4 in the current year.

# 2003-2 - Monitoring Spending and Current Financial Statements

We noted that the Tensas Parish Police Jury did not have available at any time during the year financial statements. Financial statements are needed in order to be able to monitor spending and revenues according to budgeted amounts.

Status: This finding continues to be finding 2004-1 in the current year.

# 2003-3 - General Fixed Asset Listing

The Tensas Parish Police Jury did not take a physical inventory during the year. The record of the Jury indicates that \$6,120,059 in general fixed assets are on hand, however the fixed asset records identify only \$3,698,672 in land, buildings and equipment.

Status: This finding has been corrected in the current audited year.