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Mansfield, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
June 30, 2007
With Supplemental Information Schedules

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Independent Auditor's Report

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

I have audited the basic financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, as of June 30, 2007, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and *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 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court as of June 30, 2007, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Management's discussion and analysis, and supplementary information on pages 6 through 9 and 29 through 30, respectively are not a required part of the basic financial statements, but are supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. I have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information and reviewing the source of selected information. However, I did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. 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 basic financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated November 5, 2007, on the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's compliance with laws and regulations, and my consideration of the agency's internal control over financial reporting. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

West Monroe, Louisiana
November 5, 2007

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
PART I

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

Management's Discussion and Analysis
June 30, 2007

As management of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, I offer readers of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's financial statements this narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. 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 Clerk's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets 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 Clerk of Court'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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's finances, in a manner similar to a private-sector business.

The *statement of net assets* presents information on all of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court'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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court is improving or deteriorating.

The *statement of activities* presents information showing how the government's net assets changed during the most recent fiscal year. All changes in net assets 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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, 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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court 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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court adopts an annual appropriated budget for the general fund. A budgetary comparison statement is provided for the major fund 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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court'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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's performance.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

As noted earlier, net assets may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. At the close of the most recent fiscal year, assets of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court exceeded liabilities by $712,393. Approximately 4% of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's net assets reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g., equipment), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. These assets are not available for future spending.

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

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
Governmental Funds

	2006	2007
ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	$292,715	$579,800
Investments		50,036
Receivables - fees, charges, and commissions	77,943	84,892
Due from agency funds	31,985	2,888
Prepaid expenses	4,560	
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	54,307	31,995
TOTAL ASSETS	$461,510	$749,611
LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable	$12,279	$18,048
Salaries payable		2,484
Payroll withholdings payable	3,954	3,150
Due to Clerk		13,536
TOTAL LIABILITIES	16,233	37,218
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	54,307	31,995
Unrestricted	390,970	680,398
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$445,277	$712,393

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES

	2006	2007
Judicial:		
Personal services	$649,502	$699,027
Operating services	174,872	177,555
Materials and supplies	35,313	78,500
Travel	26,247	21,344
Depreciation expense	34,789	28,591
Total Program Expenses	920,723	1,005,017
Program revenues:		
License and permits - marriage	2,055	1,896
Clerk's supplemental compensation	16,450	17,325
Court cost, fees, and charges	392,783	450,162
Fees for recording legal documents	425,900	520,418
Fees for certified copies of documents	28,888	23,863
Fees for copies	113,759	127,287
Fees for website		83,960
Miscellaneous fees	16,630	
Total program revenues	996,465	1,224,911
Net Program Expenses	75,742	219,894
General revenues:		
Interest earned	12,581	22,147
State Grant	34,016	25,406
Special items - loss on disposal of assets	(4,019)	(331)
Change in Net Assets	118,320	267,116
Net Assets - Beginning of year	326,957	445,277
Net Assets - End of year	$445,277	$712,393

Financial Analysis of the Government's Funds

As noted earlier, the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court 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, 2007, the General Fund unreserved, undesignated fund balance of $680,398 showed an increase of $289,428 over June 30, 2006.

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

The difference between revenues of the original budget and the final budget were due primarily to an increase in fees for court costs, fees, and charges, recording legal documents, use of copier, and fees for website. Difference between expenditures of the original budget and the final budget were due primarily to an increase in personal services and related benefits, operating services, materials and supplies, and capital outlay.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

Capital assets. The DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's investment in capital assets for its governmental activities as of June 30, 2007, amounts to $31,995 (net of accumulated depreciation). This investment includes furniture and equipment. The increase in capital assets for the year was $6,610. There were deletions of $3,558 for the year.

Long-term debt. The DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court has no debt outstanding.

Requests for Information

This financial report is designed to provide a general overview of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court'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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, P.O. Box 1206, Mansfield, LA 71052.

November 5, 2007

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statement A

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS
June 30, 2007

ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$579,800
Investments	50,036
Receivables - fees, charges, and commissions	84,892
Due from agency funds	2,888
Capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	31,995
TOTAL ASSETS	$749,611
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	$18,048
Salaries payable	2,484
Withholdings payable	3,150
Due to Clerk	13,536
TOTAL LIABILITIES	37,218
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	31,995
Unrestricted	680,398
TOTAL NET ASSETS	$712,393

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement B

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 30, 2007

Judicial:	
Personal services	$699,027
Operating services	177,555
Materials and supplies	78,500
Travel	21,344
Depreciation expense	28,591
Total Program Expenses	1,005,017
Program revenues:	
License and permits	1,896
Clerk's supplemental compensation	17,325
Court cost, fees, and charges	450,162
Fees for recording legal documents	520,418
Fees for certified copies of documents	23,863
Fees for copies	127,287
Fees for website	83,960
Total program revenues	1,224,911
Net Program Expenses	219,894
General revenues:	
Interest earned	22,147
State Grant	25,406
Special items - loss on disposal of assets	(331)
Change in Net Assets	267,116
Net Assets - Beginning of year	445,277
Net Assets - End of year	$712,393

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement C

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Balance Sheet, June 30, 2007

	GENERAL FUND
ASSETS	
Cash and cash equivalents	$579,800
Investments	50,036
Receivables - fees, charges, and commissions	84,892
Due from agency funds	2,888
TOTAL ASSETS	$717,616
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	
Liabilities :	
Accounts payable	$18,048
Salaries payable	2,484
Withholdings payable	3,150
Due to Clerk	13,536
TOTAL LIABILITIES	37,218
Fund Equity - fund balances - unreserved - undesignated	680,398
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	$717,616

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

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

For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

Total Fund Balances at June 30, 2007 - Governmental Funds (Statement C)		$680,398
Cost of capital assets at June 30, 2007	$277,703	
Less: Accumulated depreciation as of June 30, 2007	(245,708)	31,995
Net Assets at June 30, 2007 (Statement A)		$712,393

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement D

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures,
and Changes in Fund Balances

For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	GENERAL FUND
REVENUES	
Licenses and permits - marriage	$1,896
Intergovernmental revenue - state funds:	
Clerk's supplemental compensation	17,325
Supreme Court Grant	25,406
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:	
Court costs, fees, and charges	450,162
Fees for recording legal documents	520,418
Fees for certified copies of documents	23,863
Fees for copies	127,287
Fees for website	83,960
Use of money and property - interest earnings	22,147
Total revenues	1,272,464
EXPENDITURES	
Current:	
General government - judicial:	
Personal services	699,027
Operating services	177,555
Materials and supplies	78,500
Travel and other charges	21,344
Capital outlay	6,610
Total expenditures	983,036
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	289,428
FUND BALANCES AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	390,970
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	$680,398

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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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, 2007

Total net change in fund balances - governmental funds (Statement D)	$289,428
Amounts reported for governmental activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
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 for the period.	(21,981)
Governmental funds do not report gain or loss on disposition of assets. In the Statement of Activities, loss on disposition of assets decreased when the asset is disposed.	(331)
Change in net assets of governmental activities (Statement B)	$267,116

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Statement E

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana
Statement of Fiduciary Net Assets - Agency Funds

June 30, 2007

	ADVANCE DEPOSIT	REGISTRY OF COURT	NON SUPPORT	TOTAL
ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	$328,452	$529,658		$858,110
Due from other funds			$5,284	5,284
TOTAL ASSETS	$328,452	$529,658	$5,284	$863,394
LIABILITIES				
Cash overdrafts			$2,126	$2,126
Due to other funds	$8,172			8,172
Unsettled balances due to others	320,280	$529,658	3,158	853,096
TOTAL LIABILITIES	$328,452	$529,658	$5,284	$863,394

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

As provided by Article V, Section 28 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, the clerk of court serves as the ex-officio notary public, the recorder of conveyances, mortgages and other acts, and shall have other duties and powers provided by law. The clerk of court is elected for a term of four years.

The accompanying financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court 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 DeSoto Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for DeSoto 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 DeSoto 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:

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 parish courthouse in which the clerk of court's office is located and provides partial funding for equipment, furniture and supplies of the clerk of court's office, the clerk of court was determined to be a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the clerk of court 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 DeSoto Parish financial reporting entity.

B. BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS - GOVERNMENT-WIDE STATEMENTS

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

The Statement of Net Assets (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 clerk, 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 Assets, 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 assets are reported in three parts; invested in capital assets, net of any related debt; restricted net assets; and unrestricted net assets. The clerk first uses restricted resources to finance qualifying activities.

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 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 clerk's taxpayers or citizenry. Program revenues reduce the cost of the function to be financed from the clerk's general revenues.

Allocation of Indirect Expenses - The clerk 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. Depreciation on buildings is assigned to the "general administration" function due to the fact that buildings serve multiple purposes. 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 clerk 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 clerk. 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 clerk of court's current operations require the use of only governmental and fiduciary funds. The governmental and fiduciary fund types used by the clerk are described as follows:

Governmental Fund Type

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

Fiduciary Fund Type - Agency Funds

The Advance Deposit, Registry of Court and Child Support Expense agency funds are used to account for assets held as an agent for others. 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 clerk considers all revenues available if they are collected within 60 days after the fiscal year end. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred, except for interest and principal payments on general long-term debt which is recognized when due, and certain compensated absences and claims and judgments which are recognized when the obligations are expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Intergovernmental revenue, recordings, cancellations, court attendance, criminal costs, and other fees, charges, and commissions for services are recorded in the year in which they are earned.

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 clerk of court.

Based on the above criteria, intergovernmental revenue, recordings, cancellations, court attendance, criminal costs, and other 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 clerk of court 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, 2007, the clerk of court has cash and cash equivalents (book balances), net of cash overdrafts totaling $1,435,784.

Demand deposits	$905,682
Petty Cash	250
Time deposits	529,852
Total	$1,435,784

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 are secured as follows:

Bank Balances	$1,469,248
Federal deposit insurance	$671,102
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	1,791,366
Total	$2,462,468

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 clerk, 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 clerk of court that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

F. INVESTMENTS

Investments held at June 30, 2007 consist of $50,036 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. In accordance with GASB Codification Section 150.126, the investment in LAMP at June 30, 2007 is not categorized in the three risk categories provided by GASB Codification Section 150.125 because the investment is in the pool of funds and therefore not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book entry form.

LAMP is administered by LAMP, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of public funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LSA - R.S. 33:2955. Accordingly, LAMP investments are restricted to securities issued, guaranteed, or backed by the U.S. Treasury, the U.S. Government, or one of its agencies, enterprises, or instrumentalities, as well as repurchase agreements collateralized by those securities.

Effective August 1, 2001, LAMP's investment guidelines were amended to permit the investment in government-only money market funds. In its 2001 Regular Session, the Louisiana Legislature (Senate Bill No. 512, Act 701) enacted LSA - R.S. 33:2955(A)(1)(h) which allows all municipalities, parishes, school boards, and any other political subdivisions of the State to invest in "investment grade (A-1/P-1) commercial paper of domestic United States corporations." Effective October 1, 2001, LAMP's Investment Guidelines were amended to allow the limited investment in A-1 or A-1+ commercial paper.

The dollar weighted average portfolio maturity of LAMP assets is restricted to not more than 90 days, and consists of no securities with a maturity in excess of 397 days. LAMP is designed to be highly liquid to give its participants immediate access to their account balances. The investments in LAMP are stated at fair value based on quoted market rates. The fair value is determined on a weekly basis by LAMP and the value of the position in the external investment pool is the same as the value of the pool shares.

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

G. 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 clerk maintains a threshold level of $500 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements but not in the fund financial statements. Since surplus assets are sold for an immaterial amount when declared as no longer needed for public purposes by the clerk, 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:

Description	Estimated Lives
Buildings and building improvements	20 - 40 years
Furniture and fixtures	5 - 10 years
Vehicles	5 - 15 years
Equipment	5 - 20 years

H. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE

All employees of the clerk of court's office earn from 5 to 15 days of non-cumulative vacation leave each year depending on length of service. Employees are eligible for 10 days of sick leave each year. Sick leave may be carried forward up to a maximum of 30 days and is noncompensatory.

I. RISK MANAGEMENT

The clerk is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the clerk maintains commercial insurance policies covering his automobile, professional liability and surety bond coverage. In addition to the above policies, the clerk also maintains an errors and omissions claims paid policy with the Louisiana Clerks of Court Risk Management Agency. 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, 2007.

2. CHANGES IN CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of changes in office furnishings and equipment follows:

Balance, June 30, 2006	$274,651
Additions	6,610
Deletions	(3,558)
Balance, June 30, 2007	277,703
Less accumulated depreciation	(245,708)
Net Capital Assets	$31,995

3. PENSION PLAN

Substantially all employees of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court are members of the Louisiana Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund (System), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by a separate board of trustees.

All regular employees who are under the age of 60 at the time of original employment are required to participate in the System. Employees who retire at or after age 55 with at least 12 years of credited service are entitled to a retirement benefit, payable monthly for life, equal to 3 percent of their final-average salary for each year of credited service, not to exceed 100 percent 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. 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 Clerks of Court Retirement and Relief Fund, 11745 Bricksome Avenue, Suite B1, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70816, or by calling (225) 293-1162.

Plan members are required by state statute to contribute 8.25 percent of their annual covered salary and the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court is required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. The current rate is 16.75 percent of annual covered payroll. Contributions to the System also include one-fourth of one percent (one-half of one percent for Orleans Parish) of the taxes shown to be collectible by the tax rolls of each parish. The contribution requirements of plan members and the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court 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 DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's

contributions to the System for the years ending June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2004, were $68,049, $64,071, and $59,687, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

4. POST RETIREMENT BENEFITS

The DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees. Substantially all of the clerk's employees become eligible for these benefits if they reach normal retirement age while working for the clerk of court. These benefits for retirees and similar benefits for active employees are provided through an insurance company whose monthly premiums are paid jointly by the employee and the clerk of court. The clerk of court recognizes the cost of providing these benefits (the clerk's cost of premiums) as an expenditure when the premiums are due, which was $130,122, for the year ended June 30, 2007. Of this amount, $9,094 was for retiree benefits.

5. DUE FROM/TO OTHER FUNDS

Individual balances due from/to other funds at June 30, 2007, are as follows:

	Due From	Due To
General Fund:		
Advanced deposit	$2,888	
Advanced Deposit Fund:		
General Fund		$2,888
Non support		5,284
Non Support Fund:		
Advanced Deposit	5,284	
Total	$8,172	$8,172

6. CHANGES IN AGENCY FUND BALANCES

A summary of changes in agency fund balances deposits due others follows:

	Advance Deposit Fund	Registry of Court Fund	Non Support Fund	Total
Balance, July 1, 2006	$231,922	$613,739	NONE	$845,661
Additions	558,308	218,485	75,042	851,835
Deletions	(469,950)	(302,566)	(71,884)	(844,400)
Balance June 30, 2007	$320,280	$529,658	$3,158	$853,096

7. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court is not involved in any litigation at June 30, 2007, nor is he aware of any unasserted claims.

8. EXPENDITURES OF THE CLERK OF COURT PAID BY THE POLICE JURY

The DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court'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 DeSoto Parish Police Jury.

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART II

Schedule 1

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
GENERAL FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	ORIGINAL BUDGET	FINAL BUDGET	ACTUAL (BUDGETARY BASIS)	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
REVENUES				
License and permits	$2,200	$2,200	$1,896	($304)
Intergovernmental revenues - state funds:				
Clerk's supplemental compensation	16,500	17,400	17,325	(75)
Supreme Court Grant			25,406	25,406
Fees, charges, and commissions for services:				
Court costs, fees, and charges	353,100	393,385	450,162	56,777
Fees for recording legal documents	380,000	500,000	520,418	20,418
Fees for certified copies of documents	30,000	24,500	23,863	(637)
Use of copier	96,000	126,000	127,287	1,287
Website	48,000	81,000	83,960	2,960
Use of money and property - interest earnings	15,000	18,000	22,147	4,147
Total revenues	940,800	1,162,485	1,272,464	109,979
EXPENDITURES				
Current:				
General government - judicial				
Personal services and related benefits	693,350	700,000	699,027	973
Operating services	165,550	187,000	177,555	9,445
Materials and supplies	39,000	85,000	78,500	6,500
Travel and other charges	30,585	26,000	21,344	4,656
Capital outlay		10,000	6,610	3,390
Total expenditures	928,485	1,008,000	983,036	143,337
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	12,315	154,485	289,428	134,943
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	300,000	390,370	390,970	(600)
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	$312,315	$544,855	$680,398	$134,343

See accompanying note to budgetary comparison schedule.

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

NOTE TO BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

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 DeSoto Parish Clerk's office during the month of June for comments from taxpayers. The budget is then legally adopted by the clerk and amended during the year, as necessary. The budget is established and controlled by the clerk 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.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

PART III

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS

ADVANCE DEPOSIT FUND

The Advance Deposit Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:842, accounts for advance deposits on suits filed by litigants. The advances are refundable to the litigants after all costs have been paid.

REGISTRY OF COURT FUND

The Registry of Court Fund, as provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 13:475, accounts for funds which have been ordered by the court to be held until judgement has been rendered in court litigation. Withdrawals of the funds can be made only upon order of the court.

NON SUPPORT FUND

The Non Support Fund accounts funds which have been received from the Louisiana Department of Social Services after judgement has been rendered in court litigation. The funds are disbursed to the appropriate bodies and others.

Schedule 2

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana
FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE - AGENCY FUNDS

Combining Schedule of Changes in Unsettled
Balances Due to Taxing Bodies and Others
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

	ADVANCE DEPOSIT FUND	REGISTRY OF COURT FUND	NON SUPPORT FUND	TOTAL
UNSETTLED DEPOSITS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	$231,922	$613,739	NONE	$845,661
ADDITIONS				
Deposits - suits and successions	558,308			558,308
Appropriations from state			$70,979	70,979
Interest earned on investments		26,108		26,108
Other additions		192,377	4,063	196,440
Total additions	558,308	218,485	75,042	851,835
Total	790,230	832,224	75,042	1,697,496
REDUCTIONS				
Clerk's costs to General Fund	267,694	789	68,445	336,928
Deposits settled to:				
Secretary of State fees	1,645			1,645
LA Department of Revenue		124,086		124,086
Settlements to litigants	99,155	177,670		276,825
Sheriff	34,827		3,439	38,266
Judicial expense fund	13,275			13,275
Court of appeals	153			153
Court reporter	150			150
Judges fees	17,338			17,338
Appraisers, curators, and keepers	15,199			15,199
Other sheriff and clerk fees	17,232			17,232
Other reductions	3,282	21		3,303
Total reductions	469,950	302,566	71,884	844,400
UNSETTLED DEPOSITS AT END OF YEAR	$320,280	$529,658	$3,158	$853,096

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 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.

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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*

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

I have audited the basic financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, a component unit of the DeSoto Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007 and have issued my report thereon dated November 5, 2007. I conducted my audit in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting
In planning and performing my audit, I considered DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the basic financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's internal control.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court's basic financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial 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*.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court, management, and the Legislative Auditor 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 Legislative Auditor as a public document.

West Monroe, Louisiana
November 5, 2007

Schedule 3

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court.

2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of the DeSoto Parish Clerk of Court were disclosed during the audit.

3. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

Schedule 4

DESOTO PARISH CLERK OF COURT
Mansfield, Louisiana

Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended June 30, 2007

There were no findings reported in the audit report for the year ended June 30, 2006.