

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL  
CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
Minden, Louisiana

Annual Financial Statements

DECEMBER 31, 2014

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT**

The Honorable Jack R. Shelley  
Minden Ward Marshal  
City of Minden, Louisiana  
Minden, Louisiana

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of the Minden Ward Marshal, a component unit of the City of Minden, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014, which collectively comprise the Marshal's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. A review includes primarily applying analytical procedures to management's financial data and making inquiries of the management of the Minden Ward Marshal, component unit of the City of Minden, LA personnel. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements as a whole. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

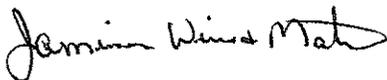
The management of the Minden Ward Marshal, City of Minden, LA is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and for designing, implementing, and maintaining internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements.

Our responsibility is to conduct the review in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Those standards require us to perform procedures to obtain limited assurance that there are no material modifications that should be made to the financial statements. We believe that the results of our procedures provide a reasonable basis for our report.

Based on our review, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the accompanying financial statements in order for them to be in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The budgetary comparison information on page 16 is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The other supplemental schedules on pages 23 through 26 are not a required part of the basic financial statements and are presented for purposes of additional analysis. Such information has not been subjected to the inquiry and analytical procedures applied in the review of the basic financial statements, but were compiled from information that is the representation of management, without audit or review. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on the supplementary information.

Management has not presented management's discussion and analysis information that the Government Accounting Standards Board has determined is required to supplement, although not required to part of, the basic financial statements.



Minden, LA  
June 24, 2015

**BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL  
CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
Minden, Louisiana

Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2014

	Governmental Activities
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash	\$ 9,768
Receivables	<u>1,167</u>
Total assets	<u><u>10,935</u></u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts, salaries, and other payables	<u>1,726</u>
Total liabilities	<u><u>1,726</u></u>
<b>NET POSITION</b>	
Unrestricted	<u>9,209</u>
Total net position	<u><u>\$ 9,209</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL  
CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
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Statement of Activities  
For the year ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Governmental Activities:</u>
	<u>Net (Expense)/ Revenue</u>
<b>Governmental activities:</b>	
<b>Expenses:</b>	
Judicial	
Salaries, Fees Paid and Benefits	\$ 101,241
Office Expenses	1,185
All other	<u>4,610</u>
Total Expenses	<u>107,036</u>
<b>Program Revenues:</b>	
Court Costs and Fees	24,421
Operating Grants and Contributions	<u>78,760</u>
Total Program Revenues	<u>103,181</u>
Net Program Revenues (Expenses)	(3,855)
Net position - beginning	<u>13,064</u>
Net position - ending	<u><u>\$ 9,209</u></u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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**CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
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Balance Sheet - Governmental Fund  
December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Fund
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 9,768
Accounts Receivable:	
City Court	1,166
Sales & Seizures	1
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 10,935</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; FUND EQUITY</b>	
Liabilities:	
Accounts payable	\$ 1,726
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,726</b>
Fund Equity:	
Fund Balance	
Unassigned	9,209
<b>Total fund equity</b>	<b>9,209</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund equity</b>	<b>\$ 10,935</b>

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Reconciliation of the Governmental Fund Balance Sheet  
to the Government-Wide Financial Statement of Net Position  
December 31, 2014

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

Fund Balance, Total Governmental Fund (Statement C)	\$ 9,209
Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement A)	\$ <u>9,209</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Governmental Fund  
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance  
For the year ended December 31, 2014

	Special Revenue Fund
<b>Revenues:</b>	
Civil Fees	\$ 12,551
Dismissal Fees & Service Sales	1,160
Criminal Court Costs	10,710
Intergovernmental - On-Behalf Receipts	<u>78,760</u>
Total revenues	<u>103,181</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>	
Salaries, Fees Paid and Benefits	101,241
Office Supplies	1,185
Mortgage Costs & Fees	-
Advertising	132
Insurance	568
Accounting	3,900
Subscriptions	-
Other expenditures	<u>10</u>
Total expenditures	<u>107,036</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	(3,855)
Fund balance at beginning of year	<u>13,064</u>
Fund balance at end of year	<u>\$ 9,209</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

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Reconciliation of the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and  
Changes in Fund Balance of the Governmental Fund to the  
Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

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

Net Change in Fund Balance, Governmental Fund (Statement E)	\$ (3,855)
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities (Statement B)	<u>\$ (3,855)</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL**  
Combining Statement of Fiduciary Net Position  
December 31, 2014

	Garnishment Fund	Seizure, Sale & Disbursement Fund	Total
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash	\$ 7	\$ 1	\$ 8
Due from Marshal	<u>84</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>84</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u>\$ 91</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>			
Interfund payable	\$ -	\$ 1	\$ 1
Due to Marshal	-	-	-
Due to other agencies	<u>91</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>91</u>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<u>\$ 91</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 92</u>
Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL  
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Notes to Financial Statements  
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

**Note 1- Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

The Special Revenue Fund of the Minden Ward Marshal (the "Marshal") was created to account for revenues received from carrying out the mandates of the Ward 1 Court.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Minden Ward Marshal conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517.

**A. Financial Reporting Entity**

For reporting purposes, the City of Minden, Louisiana, serves as the financial reporting entity for both the municipality (City of Minden) and for the Ward 1 Court System. The financial reporting entity consists of (1) the primary government (all funds under the auspices of the Mayor and City Council of the City of Minden), (2) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (3) 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, the Financial Reporting Entity, established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the City of Minden for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria are as follows:

1. Legal status of the potential component unit including the right to incur its own debt, levy its own taxes and charges, expropriate property in its own name, sue and be sued, and the right to buy, sell and lease property in its own name.
2. Whether the City governing authority (Mayor and City Council) appoints a majority of board members of the potential component unit.
3. Fiscal interdependency between the City and the potential component unit.
4. Imposition of will by the City on the potential component unit.
5. Financial benefit/burden relationship between the City and the potential component unit.

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City Management has elected not to include the Minden Ward Marshal in the financial statements of the City of Minden. The funds of the Minden Ward Marshal will be presented in separate financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014.

**B. Basis of Presentation**

Basic Financial Statements - Government-Wide Statements

The Marshal's basic financial statements include both government-wide (reporting the Marshal as a whole) and fund financial statements (reporting the Marshal's major funds). Both the government-wide and fund financial statements categorize primary activities as either governmental or business type. There were no activities of the Marshal categorized as a business type activity.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, the governmental activity column (a) is presented on a consolidated basis by column, (b) and is reported on a full accrual, economic resource basis.

The government-wide Statement of Activities reports both the gross and net cost of the Marshal's function. The Statement of Activities reduces gross expenses by related program revenues, operating and capital grants. Program revenues must be directly associated with the function. Operating grants include operating-specific and discretionary (either operating or capital) grants while capital grants reflects capital-specific grants.

The net costs (by function) are normally covered by general revenue (interest and investment earnings, etc).

The Marshal does not allocate indirect costs.

This government-wide focus is more on the sustainability of the Marshal as an entity and the change in the Marshal's net position resulting from the current year's activities.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
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Basic Financial Statements - Fund Financial Statements

The financial transactions of the Marshal are reported in individual funds in the fund financial statements. Each fund is accounted for by providing a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, reserves, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. The various funds are reported by generic classification within the financial statements.

The Marshal uses the following fund types:

**Governmental Funds:**

The focus of the governmental funds' measurement (in the fund statements) is upon determination of financial position and changes in financial position (sources, uses, and balances of financial resources) rather than upon net income. The following is a description of the governmental funds of the Marshal:

- 1) The Special Revenue Fund is the general operating fund of the Marshal. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.
- 2) The Garnishment Fund is a Fiduciary - Agency fund used to keep track monies received on behalf of other agencies that are then paid out to those agencies.
- 3) The Seizure, Sale and Disbursement Fund is a fiduciary- Agency fund used to keep track of monies restricted by the court system that may be returned to the payer or forwarded to the applicable outside agency as the courts determine.

As of December 31, 2014, these were the only funds of the Minden Ward Marshal.

**C. Basis of Accounting and Measurement Focus**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. It relates to the timing of the measurements made regardless of the measurement focus applied.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

1. Accrual

The governmental 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.

Revenues of the Marshal consist principally of fines and fees for services relating to court filings. Fines and fees for services are recorded when received in cash because they are generally not measurable until actually received.

2. Modified Accrual

The governmental funds financial statements are presented on 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 that the amount of the transaction can be determined and "available" means that the amount of the transaction is collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. A one-year availability period is used for revenue recognition for all governmental fund type revenues. Expenditures are recorded when the related fund liability is incurred. Depreciation is not recognized in the Governmental Fund Financial Statements.

D. Capital Assets

Capital assets are reported in the government-wide financial statements at historical cost. Additions, improvements or other capital outlays that significantly extend the useful life of an asset are capitalized. Costs incurred for repairs and maintenance are expensed as incurred. Depreciation on all assets is provided on a straight line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

Vehicles	5 years
Computer equipment	5 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 to 10 years
Office improvements	20 years

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As of December 31, 2014, the Minden Ward Marshal had no capital assets.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The final budget for the Special Revenue Fund of the Marshal, prepared on the accrual basis of accounting by an outside CPA firm employed by the Marshal, was adopted by the Marshal on June 6, 2015, for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

F. Accumulated Unpaid Vacation and Sick Pay

The Minden Ward Marshal does not have a formal vacation or sick leave policy.

G. 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 statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

H. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net assets invested in capital assets, net of related debt, consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balance of any debt proceeds used for the acquisition, construction, or improvements of those assets. At December 31, 2014, the Marshal had no outstanding debt.

**Note 2 - Deposits and Investments**

For reporting purposes, cash and cash equivalents include cash, demand deposits, and time certificates of deposit with maturities of 90 days or less. Investments include certificates of deposit with maturities over 90 days. Under state law the Marshal may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, any other state in the union, or under the laws of the United States. Further, the Marshal may invest in time deposits or certificates of deposit of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
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At December 31, 2014, the carrying amount of the Marshal's Cash and Cash Equivalents totaled \$9,768 and bank balances of the same amount. Cash and cash equivalents are stated at cost, which approximates market. These deposits must be secured under state law by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the bank. These pledged securities are to be held in the name of the pledging bank in a custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to the parties involved. The cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2014, were secured by \$9,768 of FDIC insurance.

The Minden Ward Marshal has no investments.

**Note 3 - Retirement Commitments**

The Minden Ward Marshal participates in the Municipal Employees Retirement System. Contributions to the system are made by the employee, the City of Minden, and the Webster Parish Police Jury. The Marshal's salary is paid by the City of Minden and the Webster Parish Police Jury; therefore, no contributions are required from the Ward Marshal's office.

**Note 4 – On-Behalf Payments for Benefits**

The Marshal follows Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 24 "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Certain Grants and Other Financial Assistance." This standard requires the Marshal to report in the financial statements on-behalf fringe benefit payments made by the State of Louisiana, City of Minden and the Webster Parish Police Jury. These payments were made directly to the Municipal Employees Retirement System from the City of Minden. In turn, the City bills the Police Jury for half (1/2) of the employer portion of the retirement contribution. Salaries of the Marshal's office were paid directly to the employees by the above entities.

The Marshal is not legally responsible for these benefits. Therefore, the basis for recognizing the revenue and expenditure payments is the actual contributions made by each of the entities to the Municipal Employees Retirement System.

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014, payments from the State of Louisiana, City of Minden, and the Webster Parish Police Jury amounted to \$78,760.

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Notes to Financial Statements  
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

**Note 5 – Changes in Agency Fund Balances**

	<u>Garnishment Fund</u>	<u>Seizure Fund</u>
Balance at December 31, 2013	\$174	1
Additions	146,796	-
Reductions	<u>(146,879)</u>	-
Balance at December 31, 2014	<u>\$91</u>	<u>\$1</u>

**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL**

Minden, Louisiana

Governmental Fund Types  
 Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in  
 Fund Balance - Budget and Actual  
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

	<u>Special Revenue Fund</u>			Variance with Final Budget Over (Under)
	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		<u>Actual</u>	
	<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>		
Revenues				
Civil Fees	\$ 14,225	\$ 14,225	\$ 12,551	\$ (1,674)
Dismissal Fees & Service Sales	100	100	1,160	1,060
Criminal Court Costs	<u>10,025</u>	<u>10,025</u>	<u>10,710</u>	<u>685</u>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<u>24,350</u>	<u>24,350</u>	<u>24,421</u>	<u>71</u>
Expenditures				
Marshal's Fees of Office	13,300	13,300	11,681	1,619
Deputies & Clerical	13,850	13,850	10,800	3,050
Office Supplies	750	750	1,185	(435)
Mortgage Costs & Fees	25	25	-	25
Advertising	125	125	132	(7)
Insurance-Vehicle	925	925	437	488
Insurance-Dishonesty Bond	150	150	131	19
Accounting	4,125	4,125	3,900	225
Subscriptions	-	-	-	-
Miscellaneous	<u>250</u>	<u>250</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>240</u>
<b>Total Expenditures</b>	<u>33,500</u>	<u>33,500</u>	<u>28,276</u>	<u>5,224</u>
<b>Excess (Deficiency) Revenues over Expenditures</b>	(9,150)	(9,150)	(3,855)	5,295
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>13,064</u>	<u>13,064</u>	<u>13,064</u>	<u>-</u>
<b>Fund Balance - Beginning of Year</b>	<u>\$ 3,914</u>	<u>\$ 3,914</u>	<u>\$ 9,209</u>	<u>\$ 5,295</u>

See accompanying notes and independent accountants' review report.

## **OTHER REPORTS**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT  
ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

The Honorable Jack R. Shelley  
Minden Ward Marshal  
City of Minden, Louisiana  
Minden, Louisiana

We have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of the Minden Ward Marshal and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about the Marshal's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2014, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and applicable standards of *Government Auditing Standards*. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, we make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

***Public Bid Law***

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$30,000, or public works exceeding \$150,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LSA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were no expenses in an amount or of a nature that would require the Minden Ward Marshal to undergo the bid process.

***Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees***

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LSA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided us with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

The Minden Ward Marshal has no employees.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

Not applicable.

### ***Budgeting***

5. Obtain a copy of the legally-adopted budget and all amendments.

Management provided us with a copy of the original budget for 2014. There were no budget amendments.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

The Minden Ward Marshal has no board and does not have meetings. He is not subject to the open meetings law; therefore, there are no minutes. The budget was prepared by an outside CPA firm and was signed and approved by the Marshal on June 6, 2014.

7. Compare the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures to determine if actual revenues or expenditures exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

We compared the revenues and expenditures of the final budget to actual revenues and expenditures. Actual revenues for the year exceeded budgeted revenues by 0%. Actual expenditures for the year were less than budgeted expenditures by 15%. The Minden Ward Marshal is in budget compliance; in any case, however, under GASB 14 the Minden Ward Marshal is considered a component unit of the City of Minden and would be reported as a special revenue fund in the City's financial statements. RS 39:1311 exempts amendments to special revenue funds if less than \$500,000.

### ***Accounting and Reporting***

8. Randomly select 6 disbursements made during the period under examination and:

(a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

We examined supporting documentation for each of the six selected disbursements and found that payment was for the proper amount and made to the correct payee.

- (b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All six payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

- (c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of the images of the cancelled checks indicated approval from the Marshal for all invoices paid. We considered the signature of the Marshal on the cancelled check as approval of invoices paid.

### *Meetings*

- 9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LSA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Because the Minden Ward Marshal has no board, no meetings are conducted. The Marshal is not subject to the open meetings law.

### *Debt*

- 10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

We examined all bank deposits for the period under examination and noted no deposits that appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

### *Advances and Bonuses*

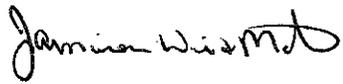
- 11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees, which may constitute bonuses, advance, or gifts.

The Minden Ward Marshal has no employees. The deputies and administrative assistant are included in the payroll for the City of Minden. There were no payments that appeared to be advances or bonuses.

Our prior year report, dated June 18, 2014, did not include any comments or unresolved matters.

We were not engaged to, and did not perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

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

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jamison Wismet". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a stylized "W".

Minden, Louisiana

June 24, 2015

LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE  
(For Attestation Engagements of Government)

\_\_\_\_\_ (Date Transmitted)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Auditors)

In connection with your review of our financial statements as of [date] and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute (R.S.) 24:513 and the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of (date of completion/representations).

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, R.S. Title 38:2211-2296, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration and the State Purchasing Office.

Yes [ ] No [ ] *N/A*

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1101-1124.

Yes [✓] No [ ]

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of R.S. 42:1119.

Yes [✓] No [ ]

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (R.S. 39:1301-15), R.S. 39:33, or the budget requirements of R.S. 39:1331-1342, as applicable.

Yes [✓] No [ ]

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by R.S. 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes [✓] No [ ]

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with R.S. 24:514, and 33:463 where applicable.

Yes [✓] No [ ]

We have had our financial statements reviewed in accordance with R.S. 24:513.

Yes [✓] No [ ]

**Meetings**

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in R.S. 42:11 through 42:28.

Yes [ ] No [ ] *N/A*

**Debt**

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements,

without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and R.S. 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes [] No [ ]

**Advances and Bonuses**

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, R.S. 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes [] No [ ]

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance that may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

_____	Secretary	_____	Date
_____	Treasurer	_____	Date
<i>Jack A. Shelley. msh</i>	President	<i>7-14-15</i>	Date

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES**

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL**  
**CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
Minden, Louisiana

Schedule of Compensation Paid Board Members  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014

The Minden Ward Marshal has no board. Therefore, no compensation was paid.

See independent accountants' review report.

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL  
CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA  
Minden, Louisiana**

Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other Payments to Agency  
Head or Chief Executive Officer  
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

Agency Head Name: Jack R. Shelley

Contracted Services	\$20,473
Other:	
On behalf payments – Compensation	27,217
On behalf payments – Health Insurance	6,407
On behalf payments – Pension	<u>9,069</u>
Total	<u>\$63,166</u>

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL**  
**CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
Minden, Louisiana

Prior Year Findings  
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 2013.

See independent accountants' review report.

**MINDEN WARD MARSHAL  
CITY OF MINDEN, LOUISIANA**  
Minden, Louisiana

**SCHEDULE 5**

Prior Year Findings  
As of and for the year ended December 31, 2014

There are no findings for the year ended December 31, 2014.