

**Washington Parish Communications District
of the
Washington Parish Government
Franklinton, Louisiana**

**Annual Financial Statements
As of the Year Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015
With Supplemental Information Schedules**

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Washington Parish Communications District
Washington Parish Government
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I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Washington Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

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

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

Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Washington Parish Communications District, as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof or the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis (pages 5-12) and the budgetary comparison information (page 30) be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Washington Parish Communications District's basic financial statements. The, schedule of compensation paid to board members and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of compensation paid to board members, and schedule of compensation, benefits, and other payments to the agency head are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The schedule of schedule of compensation paid to the Board of Commissioners are the responsibility of management and was derived from and relate directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 24, 2017 on my consideration of the Washington Parish Communication District's internal control over financial reporting and on my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Washington Parish Communication District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Minda Raybourn

Franklinton, Louisiana

June 24, 2017

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

**Washington Parish Communications District
A Component Unit of the
Parish of Washington, Louisiana**

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Introduction

Washington Parish Communications District is pleased to present its Annual Financial Report developed in compliance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements-Management's Discussion and Analysis-For State and Local Governments* (hereinafter referred to as G

ASB 34), and related standards. Please read the following in conjunction with the District's financial statements and footnotes, which follow this section.

Financial Highlights

- Total assets at December 31, 2016 were \$3,616,577, and exceeded total liabilities in the amount of \$3,227,387 (i.e., net position). Of the total net position, \$157,586 was unrestricted and available to support short-term operations, \$2,962,060 was the balance invested in capital assets, net of related debt, \$62,578 was restricted for debt service, and \$45,163 was reserved for equipment.
- User fee revenues (phone bill charges-regular and cell) for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016 increased from the prior year by \$52,532 (10.57%). Total user fees for 2016 were \$549,355 and for 2015 were \$496,823.
- The District's operating expenses, consisting of those expenses resulting from the District's ongoing operations, other than interest and depreciation expense, increased by \$70,568 (18.28%). Total operating expenses for 2016 were \$456,600 as compared to \$386,032 for 2015.
- Interest expense incurred in 2016 was \$13,386.
- A capital contribution of \$1,900,883 was recognized in 2016 due to the transfer of the District building and tower from Washington Parish Government.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis**

Overview of Annual Financial Report

Management's Discussion and Analysis (MD&A) serves as an introduction to the basic financial statements and supplementary information. The MD&A presents an overview of management's examination and analysis of Washington Parish Communications District's financial condition and performance.

The financial statements report information on the District using full accrual accounting methods similar to those used in the private business sector. Financial statements include the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues, Expenses, Changes in Net Position, and the Statement of Cash Flows. The Statement of Net Position provides information about the nature and amount of the District's resources and obligations at year-end, and provides a basis for evaluating the capital structure of the District and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the District.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, accounts for the operation of the Communication District's revenues and expenses for the fiscal year and the resulting change in net position, and provides information on how net position changed during the year. This statement measures the success of the District's operations in a format that can be used to determine if the District has recovered its costs through user fees and other charges.

The Statement of Cash Flows reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities, and provides information on the source of cash receipts, what the cash was used for, and the total change in cash for the reporting period.

The notes to the financial statements provide required disclosures essential to an understanding of the financial statements. They present information about the District's accounting policies, significant account balances and activities, commitments, contingencies, and subsequent events if any. Supplementary information includes a budget/actual comparative schedule, the Independent Accountant's Report of Agreed Upon Procedures, containing reports detailing the District's compliance with certain laws and regulations.

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Financial Analysis

The purpose of financial analysis is to help determine whether Washington Parish Communications District is better off as a result of the current year's activities. In this analysis, data from two of the basic financial statements, the Statement of Net Position, and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, are presented below in condensed format. These statements report the net position, the difference between assets and liabilities, and the change in Net Position, which provides information for indicating the financial condition of the District. Following these statements is a separate schedule summarizing and analyzing budget variances for the current fiscal year.

Condensed Statement of Net Position

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Current and Other Assets	\$ 284,517	\$ 297,945	\$ (13,428)	-4.51%
Capital Assets	3,332,060	1,463,899	1,868,161	127.62%
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,616,577</u>	<u>\$ 1,761,844</u>	<u>1,854,733</u>	<u>105.27%</u>
Current Liabilities	44,190	32,756	11,434	34.91%
Long Term Debt Outstanding	345,000	370,000	(25,000)	-6.76%
Total Liabilities	<u>389,190</u>	<u>402,756</u>	<u>(13,566)</u>	<u>-3.37%</u>
Invested in Capital Assets				
Net of Related Debt	2,962,060	1,068,899	1,893,161	177.11%
Restricted for Debt Service	62,578	59,554	3,024	5.08%
Restricted for Capital Activity	45,163	45,163	-	0.00%
Unrestricted	157,586	185,472	(27,886)	-15.04%
Total Net Position	<u>3,227,387</u>	<u>1,359,088</u>	<u>1,868,299</u>	<u>137.47%</u>

For additional detail refer to "Statement A" on page 14.

The major component of change for "Current and Other Assets" is a decrease in operating cash of \$41,868.

"Current Liabilities" increased by \$11,434 primarily due to the decrease in accounts payable.

"Long Term Debt Outstanding" decreased due to the payment of principal of \$25,000.

"Total Net Position" (total assets less total liabilities) increased by \$1,868,299 for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, which is the net operating income for the year. Operating income increased due to the capital contribution of the District's building and tower from Washington Parish Government.

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Condensed Statement Changes in Net Position

	December 31, 2016	December 31, 2015	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Revenues				
Operating Revenues	\$ 549,355	\$ 496,823	\$ 52,532	10.57%
Non-Operating Revenues	263	72	191	265.3%
Total Revenues	549,618	496,895	52,723	10.61%
Expenses:				
Depreciation Expense	112,216	71,267	40,949	57.46%
Other operating Expenses	456,600	386,032	70,568	18.28%
Non-operating Expenses	13,386	14,245	(859)	-6.03%
Total Expenses	582,202	471,544	110,658	23.47%
Change before Capital Contributions	(32,584)	25,351	(57,935)	-228.53%
Capital Contributions	1,900,883	-	1,900,883	100%
Change in Net Position	1,868,299	25,351	1,842,948	7269.73%
Beginning Net Position	1,359,088	1,333,737	25,351	1.90%
Ending Net Position	\$ 3,227,387	\$ 1,359,088	1,868,299	137.47%

For additional detailed information, refer to “Statement B” page 15.

While the Statement of Net Position shows the change in financial position, the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Position provides answers to the nature and scope of these changes. The above table gives an indication of how Washington Parish Communications District is being conservatively managed. Total “Operating Revenues” (including wire fees, wireless fees, and revenues related to providing these wire services to customers) increased \$52,532 (10.57%). Non-operating Revenues increased by \$191 (265.3%). Operating expenses remained increased by \$70,568 (18.28%). Non-operating expenses, which consists solely of interest expense, decreased by \$859. Depreciation expense increased \$40,949. A capital contribution of \$1,900,883 was recognized in 2016 due to the transfer of the District building and tower from Washington Parish Government.

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Budgetary Highlights

Washington Parish Communications District adopts an annual operating budget in accordance with requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14). This budget provides an estimate, for the current fiscal year, of the proposed expenditures, and the revenues that will finance the operations of the District. The operating budget was adopted November 3, 2015. The budget was not amended.

A summary of the approved budget is presented below in a condensed format summarizing major revenue and expenditure categories. It is followed by an analysis of significant variations between budget and actual amounts. Although not presented as a part of the basic financial statements, a more detailed schedule is also presented in "Schedule 1-Budgetary Comparison Schedule," as supplementary information, following the footnotes to the financial statements.

Budget vs. Actual-Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Budget Year Ended December 31, 2016	Actual Year Ended December 31, 2016	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenues			
Operating	471,133	549,355	78,222
Nonoperating	3,480	263	(3,217)
Total Revenues	474,613	549,618	75,005
Operating Expenses			
Service Maintenance-ATT	43,080	25,440	17,640
911 Lines-ATT	43,200	36,651	6,549
Service-Other Equipment	33,000	49,174	(16,174)
Salaries & Related Benefit	113,160	124,009	(10,849)
Telephone	6,861	7,713	(852)
Travel	9,600	3,576	6,024
Depreciation	-	112,216	(112,216)
Interest Expense	16,500	13,386	3,114
Accounting & Legal Fees	9,396	6,470	2,926
Office Supplies	6,000	9,257	(3,257)
Insurance	39,792	42,229	(2,437)
Service & Maintenance Contracts	37,828	35,445	2,383
Training	9,000	2,691	6,309
Repairs and Maintenance	22,800	76,603	(53,803)
Utilities	30,000	31,273	(1,273)
Automobile Expense	6,000	4,295	1,705
Other Expenses	3,397	1,774	1,623
Total Expenses	429,614	582,202	(152,588)
Income Before Contributions	44,999	(32,584)	(77,583)
Capital Contributions	-	1,900,883	1,900,883
Change in Net Position	44,999	1,868,299	
Net Position, Beginning of Year	1,359,088	1,359,088	-
Net Position, End of Year	\$ 1,404,087	\$ 3,227,387	(77,583)

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Capital Assets

At the end of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016, Washington Parish Communications District had \$3,258,016 (net of accumulated depreciation) recorded in capital assets. This includes wire line and wireless systems and improvements, the District's investment for the building, and land owned, for the communication's building site, including vehicles, for system operation. The changes in capital assets are presented in the table below.

	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2016	Dollar Change	Percent Change
Land	\$ 74,044	\$ 74,044	\$ -	0.00%
Building	748,331	3,024,579	2,276,248	75.26%
Communication equipment	556,468	614,675	58,207	9.47%
Other equipment	87,303	106,790	19,487	18.25%
Recording equipment	32,137	52,007	19,870	38.21%
Mapping Equipment	123,395	124,933	1,538	1.23%
Office equipments & Furniture	67,505	86,093	18,588	21.59%
Vehicles	22,448	51,925	29,477	56.77%
Maps	106,144	106,144	-	0.00%
Fixed Assets not being Depreciated	443,038	-	(443,038)	100.00%
Sub-total	2,260,813	4,241,190	(1,980,377)	-46.69%
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(796,914)	(909,130)	112,216	12.34%
Net Capital Asset	<u>1,463,899</u>	<u>3,332,060</u>	<u>(1,868,162)</u>	<u>-56.07%</u>

The District incurred several capital expenditures during 2016. A capital contribution of \$1,900,883 was recognized in 2016 due to the transfer of the District building and tower from Washington Parish Government. Due to this transfer of assets, the District transferred \$443,038 of the cost of the building and related equipment that was incurred in 2013 from assets not being depreciated to active assets being depreciated. In addition, the District incurred capital expenditures of \$53,056 of various communications equipment.

Long-Term Debt

The primary source of long term financing for the District is the Series 2012 Issue at \$465,000 financed through a private lender. Interest rates for the Series 2012 Bonds are 3.50%.

	2016	2015
Revenue Bonds	\$ 370,000	\$ 395,000

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Future Economic Plans

The District's management approach is conservative. When possible, the District will provide services based on existing revenues. Expenditures will be kept under control as much as possible.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Schedule A

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
December 31, 2016

ASSETS	2016	2015
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$ 99,251	\$ 141,119
Investments	22,376	22,274
Accounts Receivable	88,739	64,330
Accrued Interest Receivable		
Prepaid Insurance	2,930	129
Prepaid Contract	8,452	10,348
Utility Deposits	191	191
Total Current Assets	221,939	238,391
Noncurrent Assets:		
Restricted Cash	62,578	59,554
Capital Assets:		
Building	3,024,579	748,331
Equipment	1,142,567	995,400
Less accumulated Depreciation	(909,130)	(796,914)
Total Capital Assets	3,258,016	946,817
Fixed Asset Not in Use	-	443,038
Land	74,044	74,044
Capital Assets, Net	3,332,060	1,463,899
Total Assets	3,616,577	1,761,844
 Liabilities		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	15,303	4,536
Payroll taxes Payable	3,887	3,220
Bonds Payable-Due Within One Year	25,000	25,000
Total Current Liabilities	44,190	32,756
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Bonds Payable-Due in More Than 1 Year	345,000	370,000
 Net Assets		
Invested in Capital Assets, net of related debt	2,962,060	1,068,899
Restricted for Debt Service	62,578	59,554
Restricted for Equipment	45,163	45,163
Unrestricted	157,586	185,472
Total Net Assets	\$ 3,227,387	\$ 1,359,088

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

Schedule B

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
Year ended December 31, 2016

	2016	2015
Operating Revenues:		
Wireline Income	181,786	155,312
Wireless Income	366,704	341,435
Sign Fund Income	120	76
Other Income	745	-
Total Operating Revenue	549,355	496,823
Operating Expenses:		
Service Maintenance-ATT	25,440	30,534
911 Lines-ATT	36,651	35,678
Service-Other Equipment	49,174	31,583
Salaries	95,035	93,991
Telephone	7,713	8,020
Travel	3,576	3,509
Depreciation	112,216	71,267
Accounting	4,000	8,699
Office Supplies	9,257	4,063
Insurance	42,229	32,550
Health Benefit	21,281	18,504
Payroll Taxes	7,693	7,417
Service & Maintenance Contracts	35,445	48,724
Legal Fees	2,470	2,400
Repairs and Maintenance	76,603	20,849
Training	2,691	686
Utilities	31,273	29,719
Automobile Expense	4,295	4,055
Dues & Subscriptions	460	327
Advertising	103	-
Bank Fees	735	830
Street Signs	201	169
Professional Fees	-	3,725
Miscellaneous	275	-
Total Operating Expenses	568,816	457,299
Operating Income	(19,461)	39,524
Nonoperating Revenues & (Expenses):		
Interest Expense	(13,386)	(14,245)
Interest Income	263	72
Total Nonoperating Revenues	(13,123)	(14,173)
Income Before Contributions	(32,584)	25,351
Capital Contributions	1,900,883	-
Change in Net Position	1,868,299	25,351
Total Net Assets, Beginning of Year	1,359,088	1,333,737
Total Net Assets, End of Year	3,227,387	1,359,088

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

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
Year ended December 31, 2016

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 646,718	\$ 499,136
Cash received from others	865	76
Cash payments for goods and services	(473,781)	(301,158)
Cash payments for employees	(95,035)	(93,991)
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>78,767</u>	<u>104,063</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Purchases of capital assets	(79,494)	(66,574)
Payments from/to restricted assets	(41,404)	(38,773)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>(120,898)</u>	<u>(105,347)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Interest from investments	263	72
Proceeds from sale of investments	-	-
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	<u>263</u>	<u>72</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and equivalents	(41,868)	(1,212)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	141,119	142,331
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 99,251</u>	<u>\$ 141,119</u>
Reconciliation of cash equivalents and investment cash to statement of net position		
Cash and cash equivalent	99,251	141,119
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 99,251</u>	<u>\$ 141,119</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ (19,461)	\$ 39,524
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	112,216	71,267
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(24,517)	(5,991)
(Increase) decrease in accrued interest receivable	-	-
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenditures	(905)	4,660
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	10,767	(6,331)
Increase (decrease) in payroll payable	667	934
Total adjustments	<u>98,228</u>	<u>64,539</u>
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	<u>\$ 78,767</u>	<u>\$ 104,063</u>

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

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

**WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT
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**Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2016**

INTRODUCTION

The Washington Parish Communications District (The District) was created by the Washington Parish Government on May 17, 1988 under the provisions authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9101-9106. The purpose of the District is to establish and manage operations of an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system in Washington Parish. The District is governed by a seven member board appointed by the parish government. Board members receive no compensation.

The District has equipped three public safety answering points: Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, Franklinton Police Department, and Bogalusa Police Department, with enhanced 911 equipment. Each answering point is staffed by the respective agency's personnel.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Washington Parish Communications District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAPP) 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.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Washington Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for Washington Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, Parish Council, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which 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.

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Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Washington Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. 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 parish government 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 parish government.
2. Organizations for which the parish government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.
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 parish government appoints the District's governing board and has the ability to significantly influence operations, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, the financial reporting entity.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The Washington Parish Communications District is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a self-balancing set of accounts (Enterprise Fund) is maintained that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenses. The operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

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D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Enterprise Fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund is included on the balance sheet. The accrual basis of accounting is used. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred. The Enterprise Fund uses the following practices in recording certain revenues and expenses:

Revenues

Wire-line:

On November 10, 1988, the voters of Washington Parish approved a levy, not to exceed 5% of the tariff rate approved by Public Service Commission, on each private and commercial telephone to fund the enhanced 911 emergency telephone service. Beginning in 2012, AT&T Telephone Company began collecting a service charge of \$0.68 per residential and \$2.95 per commercial telephone line. Effective August 1, 2016, landline residential rates are \$1.06 and commercial rates are \$6.00. AT&T remits monthly collections (less a 1% administrative fee) to the District by the fifteenth (15th) day of the following month. Currently, there are approximately 17,000 residential and 3,000 commercial lines in the Parish.

Wireless:

On December 15, 2000, an agreement for Phase I E-911 Services as entered into between the Washington Parish Communications District and AT&T's Mobility as per the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in FCC docket No. 94-102, released on July 26, 1996, which requires cellular and broadband PCS licensees and certain wireless licensees to initiate action for the provision of Phase I E-911 service (as defined in the FCC Order), which will enable such licensees to relay a caller's mobile directory number information and the location of a cell site receiving a 911 call to the designated Communications District.

This agreement allows the Communications District to collect a monthly fee of \$.85 per cellular subscriber per month minus a collection fee not to exceed \$0.15 per cellular subscriber per month. Effective August 1, 2016, this rate changed to \$1.25. While not governed by this agreement, various other cellular providers are collecting monthly fees from their subscribers and remitting the fees to the Communications District.

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Expenses

The District records expenses when the liability has been incurred

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

At the meeting held on November 3, 2015, the 2016 budget was adopted. An amended budget was not done. The budget is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, and interest-bearing demand deposits. The District includes in cash and cash equivalents, amounts in time deposits and those investments in bank certificates of deposits with original maturities of no more than 90 days. Under state law, the District 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 their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are stated at amortized cost.

G. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Certain unspent proceeds from revenue bond obligations and certain resources are set aside for their repayment are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net position. They are maintained in separate bank accounts and their use is limited by applicable debt agreements.

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H. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets of the District are stated on the balance sheet of the Enterprise Fund at historical cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives as follows:

Vehicles	5 years
Equipment	7 years
Computer equipment	5 years

I. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The cost of current leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized, as current-year expenditures in the proprietary fund when leave is actually taken.

Employees of the District earn vacation leave at varying rates according to years of service. Vacation leave must be taken during the year earned. However, upon termination employees are paid for any unused vacation leave earned during the year.

Employees earn 12 days of sick leave each year. A total of 45 days may be accumulated. All accumulated sick leave lapses upon termination.

J. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Long-term liabilities consist of debt or other obligations that have maturities in excess of one year.

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K. NET POSITION

Restricted Net Position-

Restricted net position represents those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific future use.

Unrestricted Net Position-

This represents unrestricted net position that can be used for future operations of the District.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2016, the District had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$161,834.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market value. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount of deposit with the fiscal agent. At December 31, 2016, the District had \$106,725 in deposits (collected bank balances), at Capital One Bank and \$62,578 in deposits at Regions Bank which were secured by federal deposit insurance.

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3. INVESTMENTS

At December 31, 2016, the District held investments as follows:

	Cash Equivalent	FDIC Pledge Security
Lamp	\$ 21,990	\$ -

The investment in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), an external investment pool, is stated at the value of the pool shares, which is the same as the fair value. LAMP is administered by LAMP, Entities Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. Only local government's entities having contracted to participate in LAMP have an investment interest in its pool of assets. While LAMP is not a registered investment company under the Investment Company Act of 1940, its investment policies are similar to those established by Rule 2a7, which governs registered money market funds. 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-RA 33:29. GASB 40, *Deposit and Investment Risk Disclosure*, requires disclosure of credit risk, custodial credit risk, concentration of credit risk, interest rate risk, and foreign currency risk for all public entity investments.

LAMP is a 2a7 – like investment pool. The following facts are relevant for 2a7 like investment pools:

- Credit risk: LAMP is rate AAAM by Standard and Poor's
- Custodial credit risk: LAMP participants' investments in the pool are evidenced by shares of the pool. Investments in pools should be disclosed, but not categorized because they are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form. The public entity's investment is with the pool, not the securities that make up the pool; therefore, no disclosure is required.
- Concentration of credit risk: Pooled investments are excluded from the five percent disclosure requirements.
- Interest rate risk: 2a7-like investment pools are excluded from this disclosure requirement per paragraph 15 of GASB 40 statement.
- Foreign currency risk: Not applicable to 2a7-like pools.

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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 are stated at fair market value based on quoted market rates. The fair market 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 regulatory oversight of the state treasurer and the board of directors. LAMP, Inc. is not registered with the SEC as an investment company. LAMP, Inc., issues an annually publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for LAMP, Inc. That report may be obtained by writing to LAMP, Inc., 228 St. Charles Avenue, Suite 1123, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130, or calling (800) 249-5267.

4. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2016:

ATT wireline/wireless service	\$ 18,618
Other wireline/wireless service	69,633
Refund due from IRS	488
Total Receivables	<u>\$ 88,739</u>

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5. RESTRICTED CASH

The District maintains the following accounts due to restrictions imposed by the revenue bonds:

Restricted Cash:	
Debt Service Fund	21,990
Debt Reserve Fund	<u>40,588</u>
Total	<u><u>62,578</u></u>

6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of fixed assets at December 31, 2016 as follows:

	Beginning January 1, <u>2016</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	Ending December 31, <u>2016</u>
Building	\$ 748,331	2,276,248	-	\$ 3,024,579
Communication equipment	556,468	58,207	-	614,675
Other equipment	87,303	19,487	-	106,790
Recording equipment	32,137	19,870	-	52,007
Mapping Equipment	123,395	1,538	-	124,933
Office equipments & Furniture	67,505	18,588	-	86,093
Vehicle	22,448	29,477	-	51,925
Maps	<u>106,144</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>106,144</u>
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated	1,743,731	2,423,415	-	4,167,146
Less Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(796,914)</u>	<u>(112,216)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(909,130)</u>
Total Capital Assets Being				
Depreciated, Net	946,817	2,311,199	-	3,258,016
Fixed Assets not being Depreciated	443,038	(443,038)	-	-
Land	<u>74,044</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>74,044</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u><u>1,463,899</u></u>	<u><u>1,868,161</u></u>	<u><u>-</u></u>	<u><u>3,332,060</u></u>

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The District incurred several capital expenditures during 2016. A capital contribution of \$1,900,883 was recognized in 2016 due to the transfer of the District building and tower from Washington Parish Government. Due to this transfer of assets, the District transferred \$443,038 of the cost of the building and related equipment that was incurred in 2013 from assets not being depreciated to active assets being depreciated. In addition, the District incurred capital expenditures of \$53,056 of various communications equipment.

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis for financial statement purposes, over useful lives ranging from five to ten years.

7. LONG-TERM DEBT

Below is a summary of long term obligations for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Beginning	Additions	Deductions	Ending	Due Within One Year
2012 Revenue Bonds	395,000	-	(25,000)	370,000	25,000

The District issued 2012 revenue bond for the new operations center in the amount of \$465,000. The bonds were issued for the purpose of the new communications center. The bonds are payable with semi-annual interest payments and annual principal payments with an annual interest rate at 3.50%, and mature on May 1, 2027.

The schedule to amortize all future debt service payments including interest of \$82,427 are shown as follows:

Year Ending	Principal	Interest	Total
12 31 2016			
2017	25,000	12,513	37,513
2018	25,000	11,638	36,638
2019	25,000	10,763	35,763
2020	30,000	9,800	39,800
2021	30,000	8,750	38,750
2022-2026	160,000	27,650	187,650
2027	75,000	1,313	76,313
Total	370,000	82,427	452,427

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8. RESERVE FOR EQUIPMENT

The Communication District has reserved \$45,163 for the replacement of equipment.

9. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

As of December 31, 2016 there were no litigations or claims against the District.

10. IMPLEMENTATION OF WIRELESS E911 SYSTEM

The Washington Parish Communications District has implemented Enhanced E911 wireline service, Phase I and Phase II, wireless E911 service, and Text to 911 wireless service.

Under Enhanced E911 wireline service, the caller's address information is displayed on the dispatch screen, enabling the dispatch of emergency personnel to the site of the emergency. This has been implemented by the Washington Parish Communications District.

Under Wireless Phase I, the FCC requires carriers, within six months of a valid request by a local Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP), to provide the PSAP with the telephone number of the originator of a wireless 911 call and the location of the cell site or base station transmitting the call. This has been implemented by the Washington Parish Communications District.

Under Wireless Phase II, the FCC requires wireless carriers, within six months of a valid request by a PSAP, to begin providing information that is more precise to PSAPs, specifically, the latitude and longitude of the caller. This has also been implemented by the Washington Parish Communications District.

Under Wireless FCC rules, carriers and other providers of text messaging applications in the United States are required to deliver emergency text messages to call centers that request them. This has been implemented by the Washington Parish Communications District.

NG911 is an Internet Protocol (IP)-based system that allows digital information (e.g., voice, photos, videos, text messages) to flow seamlessly from the public, through the 911 network, and on to emergency responders. The Washington Parish Communications District will begin the implementation of this system in 2019. The District's will require ten years to fully implement NG911. A dedicated account has been established to accumulate funds for this purpose.

12. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

These financial statements considered subsequent events through June 24, 2017, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. No events were noted that required recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Schedule 1

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATION DISTRICT
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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES
IN FUND NET ASSETS-BUDGET AND ACTUAL
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE
Year Ended December 31, 2016

	Budget	Amended Budget	Actual	Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance
Revenues:				
Wireline Income	\$ 136,560	\$ 136,560	\$ 181,786	\$ 45,226
Wireless Income	333,680	333,680	366,704	33,024
Miscellaneous Income	608	608	745	137
Sign Fund Income	285	285	120	(165)
Total Revenue	<u>471,133</u>	<u>471,133</u>	<u>549,355</u>	<u>78,222</u>
Expenses:				
Service Maintenance-ATT	43,080	43,080	25,440	17,640
911 Lines-ATT	43,200	43,200	36,651	6,549
Service-Other Equipment	33,000	33,000	49,174	(16,174)
Salaries	90,000	90,000	95,035	(5,035)
Telephone	6,861	6,861	7,713	(852)
Travel	9,600	9,600	3,576	6,024
Depreciation	-	-	112,216	(112,216)
Accounting	6,996	6,996	4,000	2,996
Office Supplies	6,000	6,000	9,257	(3,257)
Insurance	39,792	39,792	42,229	(2,437)
Health Benefit	15,600	15,600	21,281	(5,681)
Payroll Taxes	7,560	7,560	7,693	(133)
Service & Maintenance Contracts	37,828	37,828	35,445	2,383
Legal Fees	2,400	2,400	2,470	(70)
Repairs and Maintenance	22,800	22,800	76,603	(53,803)
Training	9,000	9,000	2,691	6,309
Utilities	30,000	30,000	31,273	(1,273)
Automobile Expense	6,000	6,000	4,295	1,705
Dues & Subscriptions	614	614	460	154
Bank Charges	83	83	103	(20)
Street Signs	1,200	1,200	735	465
Professional Fees	1,500	1,500	201	1,299
Miscellaneous	-	-	275	(275)
Total Expenses	<u>413,114</u>	<u>413,114</u>	<u>568,816</u>	<u>(155,702)</u>
Operating income	58,019	58,019	(19,461)	(77,480)
Non-operating Revenues & Expenses				
Interest Income	3,480	3,480	263	(3,217)
Interest Expense	(16,500)	(16,500)	(13,386)	3,114
Total non-operating revenues	<u>(13,020)</u>	<u>(13,020)</u>	<u>(13,123)</u>	<u>(103)</u>
Income Before Contributions	44,999	44,999	(32,584)	77,583
Capital Contributions	-	-	1,900,883	1,900,883
Change in Net Position	44,999	44,999	1,868,299	1,978,466
Net Position, Beginning of Year	<u>1,359,088</u>	<u>1,359,088</u>	<u>1,359,088</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Position, End of Year	<u>1,404,087</u>	<u>1,404,087</u>	<u>3,227,387</u>	<u>1,823,300</u>

See independent auditor's report.

Schedule 2

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
Year Ended December 31, 2016

COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Board members were not paid compensation in any form.

	<u>Term</u>
Mr. James Coleman, Chairman 1530 Military Rd. Bogalusa, La. 70427	12/31/2020
Mr. Mike Stogner, Vice-Chairman 11389 Dutch Stogner Bogalusa, La.70427	12/31/2020
Mrs Cynthia August, Secretary 23873 Hwy 430 Franklinton, La.70438	12/31/2018
Mr. Gary Fenner, Treasurer 35483 Dock Butler Rd. Mt. Hermon, La.70450	12/31/2019
Mr. Orlander Smith 31253 Hwy 438 Franklinton, LA 70438	12/31/2019
Mr. Stephen C. "Clay" Richardson 3115 8th Avenue Franklinton, La. 70438 (Completing Mr. Mike Miller's term)	12/31/2020
Mr. Willie Cook Byrd 13033 S. Choctaw Bogalusa, La.70427	12/31/2018

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Schedule 3

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
Year Ended December 31, 2016

COMPENSATION, BENEFITS, AND OTHER PAYMENTS TO AGENCY HEAD

Agency Head: Ms. Joana Thomas, Director

Compensation	41,490
Payroll Taxes	3,174
Health Insurance	8,332
Dues	190
Training	2,691
Reimbursements for Office Expense	905
	<u>56,782</u>

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

To the Board of Commissioners
Washington Parish Communications District
Washington Parish Council
Varnado, LA

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business-type activities, of Washington Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Washington Parish Council, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Washington Parish Communications District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated June 24, 2017.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Washington Parish Communication District's financial statements are free from material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Minda Raybourn

Franklinton, LA

June 24, 2017

Washington Parish Communications District
Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 2016

Section 1 - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

Material weaknesses identified? Yes X No

Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? Yes X No

Noncompliance material to the financial statements note? Yes X No