

# CCOC CORPORATION MEETING June 6, 2022

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# ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING

June 6, 2022

Meeting: Immediately following the 3:00 PM, Eastern Executive Council Meeting Rosen Shingle Creek, Orlando (Sebastian Room)

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- 1) Call to Order, Introduction, and Approval of Agenda......Hon. JD Peacock
- 2) Invocation......Hon. John Crawford
- 3) Roll Call ......Hon. Tiffany Russell
- 5) Treasurer's Report......Hon. Tiffany Russell
  - i) Annual Financial Statements for CFY 2020-21
  - ii) Report on CCOC Office Budget for CFY 2021-22 through April
  - iii) Proposed Corporation Budget for CFY 2022-23 and Workplan
- 6) Report from the Chair.....Hon. JD Peacock
  - i) Past Year's Accomplishments
- 7) Tentative Council Meeting Dates for CFY 2022-23 .....John Dew
- 8) Other Business

Council Organizational Session for the Swearing in of Council Members

- 1) Swearing in of Newly Elected Council Members ......Hon. JD Peacock
- 2) Election of CCOC Executive Committee Board ......Rob Boyd
  - a. Only Council Members can nominate and vote on election of Executive Committee



JD Peacock, II OKALOOSA COUNTY CECUTIVE COUNCIL CHAIR	Jeffrey R. Smith, CPA, CGMA INDIAN RIVER COUNTY VICE-CHAIR	Tiffany Moore Russell, esq. Orange county SECRETARY/TREASURER
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# CCOC ANNUAL CORPORATION MEETING June 28, 2021 Immediately following the 3 PM Executive Council Meeting In person at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront & Via WebEx

## CALL TO ORDER, INTRODUCTION AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The June 28, 2021, Annual Meeting of the Corporation of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) was called to order at 5:05 p.m., EDT by the CCOC Executive Council Chair JD Peacock. He asked Clerk John Crawford to provide an invocation.

## APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Chair Peacock asked if there was anyone that wanted to revise the posted agenda. Noting that there were no comments he replied that the agenda as presented would be considered approved.

## **ROLL CALL**

CCOC Executive Council Chair JD Peacock asked CCOC staff member Marleni Bruner to call Roll Call. Marleni Bruner called Roll Call in alphabetical county order.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Chair Peacock noted that the minutes are in the meeting packet. He pointed out that we needed to revise the minutes to indicate that Clerk Peacock, and not Clerk Butterfield asked Secretary Russell to call the role at the 2020 meeting. Mr. Dew noted a spelling error on the last page where we need to change the word "he" to "we." Chair Peacock asked if anyone else had revisions. There being none, Clerk Ken Burke made a motion to approve the minutes as amended. Seconded by Clerk Roth. A vote was taken, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

## TREASURER'S AND FINANCIAL REPORT

Clerk Burke noted that most Clerks were present at the previous meeting of the Executive Council Committee and therefore he made a motion to approve all of the items listed under the Treasurer's report. Clerk Butterfield seconded the motion. Therefore, having presented the Treasurer's Report at that previous meeting Chair Peacock asked members if there were any questions. Hearing none, Chair Peacock called for the question. The report was approved as presented with one dissenting vote.

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## CHAIR'S REPORT

Chair Peacock reported on the Pandemic Response concerns. He believes there is a brighter future for funding. The collaboration between the Corporation and the Association helped all our Legislative efforts. Furthermore, he believes we have built a relationship with the Legislative staffers and Governor's office staffers which proved a positive result this year. The CCOC got a critical piece for stability, funding that only those who are dealing with the Pandemic received. OSCA got their Pandemic recovery plan only they have to pay for it themselves out of their own Trust Fund. CCOC received a general revenue appropriation. The CCOC was able to roll over the unspent \$2.5 million dollars of general revenue for jury costs to the upcoming year to help Clerks get caught back up. The ability to go to the Reserve and to have a resource to get us through a bad spot on the road is a big deal. A lot of things came together this year.

Chair Peacock thanked all who worked hard through the middle of the night working to get us funding and stability. That was a huge, big deal in these difficult times. We have a great staff working relationship with all the different sub-committees. There is a ton of work that goes on with these committees. This concludes the Chair's report.

## WORKPLAN AND TENTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING DATES WORKPLAN FOR CFY 2021-2022

Chairman Peacock reported that the workplan was adopted by the Council at its prior meeting. It lays out a goal for the different committees. The biggest component is a Data Management Solution for the Corporation. Clerk Moore Russell made a motion to adopt the workplan and it was seconded by Clerk Smith. Chair Peacock asked if there were any questions. Hearing none the motion carried unanimously.

Chair Peacock noted the tentative calendar was presented at the earlier meeting and was approved by the Council. He asked if anyone had questions and they did not.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Peacock he wanted to ensure that before this meeting ended, there was a platform for anybody in the room whether they be Clerk, whether they be a Staff member, or the public to express ideas and/or concerns. Chair Peacock opened the floor to anybody in the room or on the call to voice their thoughts. Hearing none, the meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM.



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## **AGENDA ITEM 5**

DATE: SUBJECT: CORPORATION ACTION: June 6, 2022 Treasurer's Report Accept CFY 2020-21 Financial Statements; Accept CFY 2021-22 Budget Update; Approve Proposed CFY 2022-23 Office Budget, Approve CFY 2022-23 Work Plan

## OVERVIEW:

Each Executive Council meeting the CCOC Treasurer provides an update on the CCOC Office expenditures compared to the approved budget. Annually, the Treasurer is responsible for reporting on the Corporation annual Financial Statements when received and making a recommendation to the Council for the Corporation Office budget for the next county fiscal year.

## STATUS:

- a. CCOC Office Financial Statements for the year ending September 30, 2021. The audit firm of Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe has submitted a draft report for review with this meeting (Attachment 1). No major changes are expected. The final report will be posted to the CCOC website.
- b. CFY 2021-22 Office Budget Through seven months of the CFY the office has only expended 52% of the annual budget. While we expect to under-expend in our overall budget for the year, we will have one area of over-expenditure from the original approved budget category. The Council in June 2022 approved a budget of \$320,000 for educational services; however, in December of that year a contract for educational services was approved for \$397,200. This is not an issue as we can decrease budget authority in other areas to handle the increased expenditures in the educational services area. See Attachment 2
- c. CFY 2022-23 Office Budget Requesting the budget authority be increased by \$77,050.14 (Attachment 3). This is to mainly handle the \$77,200 increase for educational services. Within the budget, we request an increase in salary for all employees by the 5.38% increase approved by the Legislature for state workers. The increase impact to the budget will be offset by a decrease in other budget areas.

The CFY 2022-23 Work Plan is also attached for review (Attachment 4).

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## AGENDA ITEM 5 – TREASURER'S REPORT

# **CORPORATION ACTION:**

- 1. Accept reports for CFY 2020-21 Financial Statements
- 2. Receive CFY 2021-22 updated budget
- 3. Approve CFY 2022-23 office budget request
- 4. Approve CFY 2022-23 Work Plan

LEAD STAFF: John Dew, CCOC Executive Director

## ATTACHMENTS:

- 1. CFY 20-21 Annual Finance Governance Letter and Draft Report
- 2. CCOC Office Budget Report for CFY 2021-22 through April 2022
- 3. CCOC Office Budget Request for CFY 2022-23.
- 4. Proposed CFY 2022-23 Work Plan



#### June XX, 2022

To the Executive Council Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation

We have audited the financial statements of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) (a component unit of the State of Florida) for the year ended September 30, 2021. Professional standards require that we provide you with information about our responsibilities under generally accepted auditing standards, *Government Auditing Standards*, Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General and the Florida Single Audit Act, as well as certain information related to the planned scope and timing of our audit. We have communicated such information in our letter to you dated August 19, 2021. Professional standards also require that we communicate to you the following information related to our audit.

#### Significant Audit Matters

#### Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices

Management is responsible for the selection and use of appropriate accounting policies. The significant accounting policies used by CCOC are described in Note 1 to the financial statements. No new accounting policies were adopted and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year ended September 30, 2021. We noted no transactions entered into by CCOC during the year for which there is a lack of authoritative guidance or consensus. All significant transactions have been recognized in the financial statements in the proper period.

Accounting estimates are an integral part of the financial statements prepared by management and are based on management's knowledge and experience about past and current events and assumptions about future events. Certain accounting estimates are particularly sensitive because of their significance to the financial statements and because of the possibility that future events affecting them may differ significantly from those expected. The most sensitive estimates affecting CCOC's financial statements were:

- 1. Compensated absences are an estimate of costs and the resulting liability for leave benefits provided to employees of CCOC.
- 2. The pension liability and related deferred inflows and outflows are derived from the CCOC's proportionate share as reflected in the audited Schedules of Employer Allocations and Pension Amounts by Employer for the Florida Retirement System Pension Plan and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy Program.

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We evaluated the key factors and assumptions used to develop the above-mentioned estimates in determining that they are reasonable in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

Certain financial statement disclosures are particularly sensitive because of their significance to financial statement users. The most sensitive disclosure affecting the financial statements is as follows:

1. Note 1 discloses CCOC receives all of its support and revenue from a contract with the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer that is renewed and/or renegotiated annually.

The financial statement disclosures are neutral, consistent, and clear.

#### Difficulties Encountered in Performing the Audit

We encountered no difficulties in dealing with management in performing and completing our audit.

#### Corrected and Uncorrected Misstatements

Professional standards require us to accumulate all known and likely misstatements identified during the audit, other than those that are clearly trivial, and communicate them to the appropriate level of management. Adjustments detected as a result of audit procedures and corrected by management are included on Attachment A.

#### Disagreements with Management

For purposes of this letter, a disagreement with management is a financial accounting, reporting, or auditing matter, whether or not resolved to our satisfaction, that could be significant to the financial statements or the auditor's report. We are pleased to report that no such disagreements arose during the course of our audit.

#### Management Representations

We have requested certain representations from management that are included in the management representation letter dated June XX, 2022.

#### Management Consultations with Other Independent Accountants

In some cases, management may decide to consult with other accountants about auditing and accounting matters, similar to obtaining a "second opinion" on certain situations. If a consultation involves application of an accounting principle to CCOC's financial statements or a determination of the type of auditor's opinion that may be expressed on those statements, our professional standards require the consulting accountant to check with us to determine that the consultant has all the relevant facts. To our knowledge, there were no such consultations with other accountants.

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#### Other Audit Findings or Issues

We generally discuss a variety of matters, including the application of accounting principles and auditing standards, with management each year prior to retention as CCOC's auditors. However, these discussions occurred in the normal course of our professional relationship and our responses were not a condition to our retention.

Because an audit does not include an examination of every transaction, although no material weaknesses were noted during our performance of the audit, we would like to emphasize the following with regard to internal controls. CCOC is a small organization, and that dictates that the Executive Council remains involved in the financial affairs of CCOC to provide oversight and independent review functions.

#### Other Matters

We applied certain limited procedures to the management's discussion and analysis, budgetary schedule and pension liability and contributions schedules which are required supplemental information (RSI) that supplement the basic financial statements. Our procedures consisted of inquiries of management regarding the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We did not audit the RSI and do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the RSI.

We were engaged to report on the schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance, which accompanies the financial statements but is not RSI. With respect to this supplementary information, we made certain inquiries of management and evaluated the form, content, and methods of preparing the information to determine that the information complies with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General and the Florida Single Audit Act, the method of preparing the supplementary information has not changed from the prior period, and the information is appropriate and complete in relation to our audit of the financial statements. We compared and reconciled the supplementary information to the underlying accounting records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves.

#### Restriction on Use

This information is intended solely for the information and use of the Executive Council and CCOC management and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.

Very truly yours,

LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A. Tallahassee, Florida

#### Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation Year End: September 30, 2021 **Adjusting Journal Entries** Date: 10/1/2020 To 9/30/2021

Number	Date	Туре	Name	Account	Debit	Credit
1	9/30/2021	N	Payroll Liabilities	310	22,852	
1	9/30/2021	Ν	Payroll Liabilities:FRS EE Cont	315		(7,478)
1	9/30/2021	Ν	Payroll Expenses	631		(22,852)
1	9/30/2021	Ν	Payroll Expenses	631	7,478	
		Adjust liabi actual as of	lity accounts to 9/30/2021.			
2	9/30/2021	N	Accounts Payable	300		(3,747)
2	9/30/2021	N	Accounts Payable	300	1,809	(3,747)
2	9/30/2021	N	FSA Payable	304	1,007	(7,770)
2	9/30/2021	N	FSA Payable	304		(1,110)
2	9/30/2021	N	Retained Earnings	401	3,747	
2	9/30/2021	N	Contractor:Education:Online Support	606	.,,,,,,,	(1,809)
2	9/30/2021	N	Payroll Expenses	631	7,770	(1,005)
			roll related entries ng net assets.			
3	9/30/2021	N	Accrued Leave Liability	307	15,990	
3	9/30/2021	Ν	Payroll Expenses	631		(15,990)
			pensated absences to of 9.30.2021.			
4	9/30/2021	N	FL CCOC	101	1,128	
4	9/30/2021	N	Expenses:Travel	630		(1,128)
		To correct of transaction.	louble posting of			
5	9/30/2021	N	GASB 68 Dfd Outflows/Resources	203		(125,059)
5	9/30/2021	N	GASB 68 Pension Liability	305	683,240	(
5	9/30/2021	N	GASB 68 Dfd Inflows/Resources	306	. ,	(489,214)
5	9/30/2021	Ν	GASB 68 Pension Expense	640		(68,967)
			ion liability and punts to estimate per FRS audited schedules as of 9	30 2021		
		-	-			
6 6	9/30/2021 9/30/2021	N N	Furniture & Equipment Expenses:General Expenses:Computer	201 622	4,895	(4,895)
•	51002021		e server purchase.	022		(1,055)
7	9/30/2021	N	Furniture & Equipment	201	16,224	
7	9/30/2021	Ν	Expenses:General Expenses:Computer	622		
7	9/30/2021	N	Equipment	651		(16,224)
		PBC entry t	o capitalize fixed			
		assets.				
8	9/30/2021	N	Accumulated Depreciation	202		(3,210)
8	9/30/2021	Ν	Depreciation Expense	650	3,210	

#### ATTACHMENT A

Record current year depreciation.

768,343 (768,343)

Net Income (Loss)

599,294.00

6/1/2022 10:24 AM Agenda Item 5 - Attachment 1

# FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION (A Component Unit of the State of Florida) TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

To the Executive Council Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation Tallahassee, Florida

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the governmental activities and the major fund (special revenue) of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (a component unit of the State of Florida), as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the 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

Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we 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, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness

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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.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

## **Opinions**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the governmental activities and the major fund (special revenue) of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, as of September 30, 2021, and the changes in its financial position for 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 on pages 4-6 and the required supplementary information listed in the table of contents 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. We 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 for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

#### Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's basic financial statements. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of state financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by Chapter 10.550, *Rules of the Auditor General*, and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

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

## Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March XX, 2022, on our consideration of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's 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 Florida Clerks of Court Operation's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A. Tallahassee, Florida March XX, 2022

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Our discussion and analysis of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's (the CCOC) financial performance provides an overview of the CCOC's financial activities for the year ended September 30, 2021. Please read it in conjunction with the CCOC's basic financial statements, which begin on page 7.

## **Background and Financial Information**

The Florida Clerks of Court Operations Conference (the Conference) was established in 2003 by Section 28.35, *Florida Statutes*, to establish a process for the review and approval of court-related proposed budgets submitted by the respective Clerks of the Court. The 2004 session of the Florida Legislature amended Section 28.35, *Florida Statutes*, making the Conference a public corporation and changing its name to Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation.

During the 2009 session, the Florida Legislature changed the CCOC from a quasi-governmental form of government to a governmental fund housed under the Justice Administrative Commission (JAC). The Florida Legislature identified a source of court fees, collected from the Clerks throughout the State, to fund the operations of the CCOC.

Beginning on July 1, 2013, the Florida Legislature changed the structure and funding for the CCOC. The corporation reverted back to being a separate entity (public corporation) with a September 30 fiscal year end and was no longer housed under the JAC. Instead, the CCOC is funded pursuant to a contract with the Chief Financial Officer of the State of Florida. The employees of the Corporation participate in the Florida Retirement System. Further, the Corporation may hire staff and pay other expenses necessary to perform the official duties and responsibilities. CCOC is considered a blended component unit of the State of Florida.

## **Overview of the Financial Statement and Financial Highlights**

The CCOC issues basic financial statements comprised of three components: 1) government-wide financial statements, 2) fund financial statements, and 3) notes to the financial statements.

**Government-Wide Financial Statements:** The government-wide financial statements are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting and the economic resources measurement focus. All CCOC's basic services are considered to be governmental activities, state courts programs. Operations are funded through court fees collected from the Clerks throughout the state of Florida.

The Statement of Net Position presents information on CCOC's assets, deferred inflows/outflows and liabilities, the difference being reported as net position. Over time, changes in net position (increases and decreases) may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of CCOC is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Activities presents the change in the CCOC's net position during the fiscal year. Revenues and expenses are accounted for on the accrual basis of accounting in this report. CCOC's financial statements include the governmental activities related to state courts programs.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

The following table presents the CCOC's condensed Statement of Net Position as of September 30, 2021 and 2020, as derived from the government-wide Statement of Net Position.

## Table 1 – Net Position

	Governmental Activities				
		2021		2020	
Current and Other Assets	\$	2,034,382	\$	1,609,197	
Capital Assets		26,258		8,349	
Deferred Outflows of Resources		229,597		354,656	
Total Liabilities		(504,863)		(1,275,336)	
Deferred Inflows of Resources		(595,816)		(106,602)	
Net Position	\$	1,189,558	\$	590,264	

In 2021, investment in capital assets (furniture and equipment) totals \$26,258 and represents 2.21% of CCOC's net position. The remaining 97.79% of net position is unrestricted.

The following table presents the CCOC's condensed Statement of Activities for year ended September 30, 2021 and 2020, as derived from the government-wide Statement of Activities.

#### Table 2 – Changes in Net Position

	2021			2020
Total Revenues	\$	1,896,505	\$	1,643,479
Total Expenditures		1,297,211		1,498,876
Change in Net Position		599,294	-	144,603
Net Position – Beginning of Year		590,264		445,661
Net Position – End of Year	\$	1,189,558	\$	590,264

State appropriations and court fees revenue increased \$254,268 (or 15%) compared to the previous year. This increase was due to an increase in fees collected from the State Clerks.

**Fund Financial Statements:** A fund is a self-balancing group of accounts used to maintain control over resources intended to be used for specific purposes. The fund financial statements focus on the only fund of the CCOC, the special revenue fund.

The governmental fund financial statements provide information based on current sources and uses of resources of CCOC's operations. A reconciliation of the governmental fund financial statements with the Statement of Net Position (prepared on the accrual basis of accounting) is provided at the end of the related financial statements to facilitate comparison. The capital assets, long-term debt and deferred inflows and outflows used in governmental activities, which are not current sources and uses of financial resources, are not reported in the fund financial statements.

## MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (continued)

**Notes to the Financial Statements:** The notes provide additional information that is important to the reader in attaining a full understanding of the data presented in the financial statements.

#### **Requests for Information**

Questions concerning any of the information provided in this report or requests for additional information should be addressed to John Dew, Executive Director, Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, 2560-102 Barrington Circle, Tallahassee, Florida 32308.

FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		vernmental Activities
ASSETS AND DEFERRED OUTFLOWS OF RESOURCES		
Current Assets		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	2,033,087
Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets		1,295
Total Current Assets		2,034,382
Noncurrent Assets		
Capital Assets:		
Equipment, Net		26,258
Total Noncurrent Assets		26,258
Deferred Outflows of Resources		
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions		229,597
Total Deferred Outflows of Resources		229,597
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources	\$	2,290,237
LIABILITIES, DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES AND NET PE Current Liabilities Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities Compensated Absences - Current Total Current Liabilities	\$	21,825 56,089 77,914
Noncurrent Liabilities		
Compensated Absences		93,798
Pension Liability		333,151
Total Noncurrent Liabilities		426,949
Total Liabilities		504,863
Deferred Inflows of Resources		
Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions		595,816
Total Deferred Inflows of Resources		595,816
Net Position		
Net Investment in Capital Assets		26,258
Restricted		1,163,300
Total Net Position		1,189,558
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position	<u></u>	2,290,237

## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Program Revenues	Net (Expenses) Revenues and
Functions/Programs	Expenses	State Appropriations and Court Fees	Changes in Net Position
Primary Government:			
Governmental Activities: State Courts	\$ 1,297,211	\$ 1,895,606	\$ 598,395
Total Governmental Activities	\$ 1,297,211	\$ 1,895,606	598,395
Other Revenue			
Change in Net Position			599,294
Net Position - Beginning of Year			590,264
Net Position - End of Year			\$ 1,189,558

## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUND SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Spe	cial Revenue Fund
ASSETS		
<b>Current Assets</b> Cash and Cash Equivalents Prepaid Expenses and Other Assets	\$	2,033,087 1,295
Total Current Assets	<u> </u>	2,034,382
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE		
Current Liabilities Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities	\$	21,825
Fund Balance Restricted Fund Balance		2,012,557
Total Liabilities and Fund Balance	<u></u>	2,034,382
Amounts reported for "Governmental Activities" in Statement of Net Position are different because:		
Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$	2,012,557
Capital Assets, Net of Depreciation used in Governmental Activities, are not financial resources and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statements.		26,258
Deferred outflows and inflows of resources are not available in the current period and, therefore, are not reported in the governmental funds. Deferred outflows and inflows of resources at year-end consist of:		
Deferred Outflows Related to Pensions Deferred Inflows Related to Pensions		229,597 (595,816)
Long-term liabilities, including compensated absences and pension, are not due and payable in the current period and therefore are not reported in the fund financial statements.		(482 028)
		(483,038)
Net Position of Governmental Activities		1,189,558

# FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	Spe	Special Revenue Fund	
Revenues			
State Financial Assistance	\$	1,895,606	
Interest Income		899	
Total Revenues		1,896,505	
Expenditures			
Current:			
State Courts:			
Personnel Services		858,737	
Expenses		541,340	
Total Expenditures		1,400,077	
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund		496,428	
Restricted Fund Balance, September 30, 2020		1,516,129	
Restricted Fund Balance, September 30, 2021		2,012,557	

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## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION RECONCILIATION OF THE STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND TO THE STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

Net change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund	\$ 496,428
Amounts reported for Governmental Activities in the Statement of Activities are different because:	
Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures. However, in the Statement of Activities, the cost of those assets is allocated over their estimated useful lives and reported as depreciation expense. This is the amount by which the capital outlay of \$21,119 exceeded depreciation expense of \$3,210 in the current period.	17,909
Some expenses reported in the Statement of Activities do not require the use of current financial resources and therefore are not reported as expenditures in governmental funds.	<b>(2)</b> 0( <b>7</b>
Change in Pension Related Balances Change in Compensated Absences	68,967 15,990
Change in Net Position of Governmental Activities	\$ 599,294

# **NOTE 1:** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

## **Reporting Entity**

These financial statements are intended to present the financial position and results of operations of the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC). The CCOC is a blended component unit of the State of Florida and is included in the State of Florida's annual financial report. The financial statements contained herein represent the financial transactions of only the CCOC.

The 2013 session of the Florida Legislature amended Section 28.35, *Florida Statutes*, making the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation a public corporation financed through a contract with the Department of Financial Services, effective July 1, 2013.

CCOC's activities are accounted for in a special revenue fund. The CCOC has no component units.

#### Government-Wide and Fund Accounting

The CCOC's financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB). GASB Statement No. 34 establishes financial reporting requirements for state and local governments throughout the United States. The financial data of the CCOC is presented in the required GASB format as discussed on the following pages.

#### Government-Wide Accounting

The government-wide financial statements, including the Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities, report information regarding the activities of the CCOC. Government-wide statements distinguish between government-type and business-type activities. Governmental activities, which normally are supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

As a branch of government that does not levy taxes, the CCOC is funded by an appropriation of the Florida Legislature through a portion of the fees collected by the Clerks of Court for filing a civil action in Circuit Court, as specified in Section 28.241, *Florida Statutes*. The government-wide financial statements present this activity as a special revenue fund.

# **NOTE 1:** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## Fund Accounting

In fund accounting, the diverse nature of governmental operations and the necessity of determining compliance with legal provisions require modification of accounting systems commonly used by commercial enterprises. The CCOC special revenue fund is considered a separate entity with self-balancing accounts that include, where applicable, its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, expenditures and other financial sources and uses.

**Government Fund Type: Special Revenue Fund** – Special revenue funds are used to account for the proceeds of specific revenue sources (other than special assessments or expendable trusts) that are legally restricted to expenditures for specified purposes.

GASB Statement No. 54 requires fund balance reported in the governmental fund balance sheet to be classified using a hierarchy based primarily on the extent to which a government is bound to honor constraints on the specific purposes for which amounts in those funds can be spent. Within this hierarchy, fund balance is first classified as non-spendable, then restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

- *Non-spendable* This component of fund balance consists of amounts that cannot be spent because (a) they are not expected to be converted to cash, or (b) they are legally or contractually required to remain intact. Examples of this classification are prepaid items, inventories, and principal (corpus) of an endowment fund.
- *Restricted* This component of fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained either (a) externally by third parties (creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments), or (b) by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- *Committed* This component of fund balance consists of amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolution of the CCOC's board. These committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the board removes or changes the specified use by taking the same type of action employed to constrain those amounts.
- Assigned This component of fund balance consists of amounts that are constrained by the CCOC board's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed.

The CCOC is a special revenue fund and is a component unit of the State of Florida. The activities of the CCOC are directed by Florida Statute. Accordingly, the fund balance is classified as restricted.

# **NOTE 1:** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## Net Position

Net position represents all assets, plus deferred outflows of resources, less liabilities, less deferred inflows of resources. Net position is presented on the Statement of Net Position into the following categories:

- *Net Investment in Capital Assets* Capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and outstanding principal balances of debt attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- *Restricted* Net position subject to externally imposed stipulations on their use.
- *Unrestricted* All remaining net position that do not meet the definition of "net investment in capital assets" or "restricted".

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for the same purpose, restricted net position are considered to be used first over unrestricted net position.

## **Basis of Accounting**

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied. The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied is determined by the type of financial statement presentation.

## **Measurement** Focus

The government-wide statements are reported using an economic resources management focus and accrual basis of accounting. With this measurement focus, all assets and liabilities associated with the operation of governmental-type and business-type activities are included in the Statement of Net Position. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time the liabilities are incurred in the Statement of Activities. In these statements, capital assets are reported and depreciated.

In the Special Revenue Fund, revenues are based on transfers required by law and actual billings to other governmental agencies and are recognized when they become measurable and available. Expenditures are generally recognized under a modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Governmental funds are reported using a current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets.

# **NOTE 1:** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

## Cash

Cash consists of demand deposits held at qualified public depositories. Qualified public depositories of public funds are required to provide collateral each month pursuant to Section 280.04, Florida Statutes. The collateral is held by the Florida Division of Treasury or other custodian with full legal rights maintained by the Florida Division of Treasury to transfer ownership. Any loss not covered by the pledged securities and deposit insurance would be assessed by the Florida Division of Treasury and paid by the other public depositories. Therefore, any amount of the CCOC's demand deposits in excess of FDIC protection would be fully insured or collateralized.

## Capital Assets

In the governmental fund statements, general fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental fund types.

In the government-wide statements, tangible assets used in operations with an initial useful life that extends beyond one year and valued at more than a specified threshold (\$1,000) are capitalized. Capital assets are recorded at historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend the asset lives are not capitalized. Capital assets are depreciated using the straight-line method of depreciation over their estimated useful lives (3-10 years). These assets are reported net of accumulated depreciation on the Statement of Net Position.

## **Deferred Inflows of Resources**

Represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources until that time. The CCOC has deferred inflows of resources related to pension items.

## **Deferred Outflows of Resources**

Represents a consumption of net assets that applies to a future period and therefore will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until that future time. The CCOC has deferred outflows of resources related to pension items.

## **NOTE 1:** Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

#### Support from State Government

The CCOC received all of its support and revenue from a contract with the State of Florida's Chief Financial Officer. The contract is renewed and/or renegotiated annually. Revenue is recognized as it is received from the Department of Financial Services' CCOC Trust Fund. The CCOC Trust Fund collects court filing fees for Circuit Civil Court cases. The CCOC receives \$4.50 from each filing fee.

#### Estimates

The preparation of these financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires CCOC to make estimates and assumptions based on analytical methods in determining depreciation and various accruals. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

#### Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through June XX, 2022, which is the date the financial statements were available to be released.

## **NOTE 2:** Budgetary Process

Pursuant to its Plan of Operation, CCOC shall adopt an annual operating budget and program work plan for each fiscal year, as recommended by the Executive Council. The program work plan shall clearly outline the annual objectives of the Executive Council relative to duties and responsibilities and provide an anticipated schedule for completion of those objectives. The budget is adopted on the modified accrual basis of accounting.

# NOTE 3: Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 was as follows:

	Ser	otember 30, 2020	A	dditions	Retire	ements	Sep	otember 30, 2021
Fixed Assets -				,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,				
Furniture and								
Equipment	\$	90,351	\$	21,119	\$	-	\$	111,470
Less Accumulated						-		
Depreciation		(82,002)		(3,210)				(85,212)
Capital Assets, Net	\$	8,349	\$	17,909	\$		\$	26,258

Depreciation expense of \$3,210 is recorded in the Statement of Activities for the government-wide statements.

# **NOTE 4:** *Operating Lease*

The CCOC has a lease agreement for office space. The lease is accounted for as an operating lease. Lease payments are recorded as expenditures of the fund when paid and incurred. Rental expenditures for the year ended September 30, 2021 totaled \$36,562.

Future minimum lease commitments for the operating lease as of September 30, 2021 are as follows:

Year Ending September 30	Amount
2022	\$ 33,750
2023	33,750
Total	\$ 67,500

## NOTE 5: Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended September 30, 2021 is as follows:

					Current
					Portion of
	Beginning			Ending	Long-term
	Balances	Additions	Reductions	Balances	Liabilities
Compensated					
Absences					
Liability	\$ 165,877	\$ 97,591	\$ (113,581)	\$ 149,887	\$ 56,089
Pension Liability	1,016,391	347,864	(1,031,104)	333,151	-
Total Long-Term					
Debt	\$ 1,182,268	\$ 445,455	\$(1,144,685)	\$ 483,038	\$ 56,089
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## **NOTE 6:** Florida Retirement System Plans

#### Florida Retirement System:

<u>General Information</u> – All of the CCOC's employees participate in the Florida Retirement System (FRS). As provided by Chapters 121 and 112, Florida Statutes, the FRS provides two cost sharing, multiple employer defined benefit plans administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement, including the FRS Pension Plan ("Pension Plan") and the Retiree Health Insurance Subsidy ("HIS Plan"). Under Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, the FRS also provides a defined contribution plan ("Investment Plan") alternative to the FRS Pension Plan, which is administered by the State Board of Administration ("SBA"). As a general rule, membership in the FRS is compulsory for all employees working in a regularly established position for a state agency, county government, district school board, state university, community college, or a participating city or special district within the State of Florida. The FRS provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefits are established by Chapter 121, Florida Statutes, and Chapter 60S, Florida Administrative Code. Amendments to the law can be made only by an act of the Florida State Legislature.

The State of Florida annually issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the FRS. The latest available report may be obtained by writing to the State of Florida Division of Retirement, Department of Management Services, P.O. Box 9000, Tallahassee, Florida 32315-9000, or from the Website: www.dms.myflorida.com/workforce\_operations/retirement/publications.

# NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

## Pension Plan

<u>Plan Description</u> – The Pension Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan, with a Deferred Retirement Option Program ("DROP") for eligible employees.

Benefits Provided - Benefits under the Pension Plan are computed on the basis of age, average final compensation, and service credit. For Pension Plan members enrolled before July 1, 2011, Regular class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service. Vested members with less than 30 years of service may retire before age 62 and receive reduced retirement benefits. Special Risk Administrative Support class members who retire at or after age 55 with at least six years of credited service or 25 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 1.6% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary, for each year of credited service. Special Risk class members (sworn law enforcement officers, firefighters, and correctional officers) who retire at or after age 55 with at least six years of credited service, or with 25 years of service regardless of age, are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life. equal to 3.0% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service. Senior Management Service class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 2.0% of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service. Elected Officers' class members who retire at or after age 62 with at least six years of credited service or 30 years of service regardless of age are entitled to a retirement benefit payable monthly for life, equal to 3.0% (3.33% for judges and justices) of their final average compensation based on the five highest years of salary for each year of credited service.

For Plan members enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, the vesting requirement is extended to eight years of credited service for all these members and increasing normal retirement to age 65 or 33 years of service regardless of age for Regular, Senior Management Service, and Elected Officers' class members, and to age 60 or 30 years of service regardless of age for Special Risk and Special Risk Administrative Support class members. Also, the final average compensation for all these members will be based on the eight highest years of salary.

# **NOTE 6:** *Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)*

As provided in Section 121.101, Florida Statutes, if the member is initially enrolled in the Pension Plan before July 1, 2011, and all service credit was accrued before July 1, 2011, the annual cost of living adjustment is three percent per year. If the member is initially enrolled before July 1, 2011, and has service credit on or after July 1, 2011, there is an individually calculated cost-of-living adjustment. The annual cost-of-living adjustment is a proportion of three percent determined by dividing the sum of the pre-July 2011 service credit by the total service credit at retirement multiplied by three percent. Plan members initially enrolled on or after July 1, 2011, will not have a cost-of-living adjustment after retirement.

In addition to the above benefits, the DROP program allows eligible members to defer receipt of monthly retirement benefit payments while continuing employment with a FRS employer for a period not to exceed 60 months after electing to participate. Deferred monthly benefits are held in the FRS Trust Fund and accrue interest. There are no required contributions by DROP participants

<u>Contributions</u> – Effective July 1, 2011, all enrolled members of the FRS, other than DROP participants, are required to contribute three percent of their salary to the FRS. In addition to member contributions, governmental employers are required to make contributions to the FRS based on state-wide contribution rates established by the Florida Legislature. These rates are updated as of July 1 of each year. The employer contribution rates by job class for the periods from October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021, respectively, were as follows: Regular—10% and 10.82%; Senior Management Service—27.29% and 29.01%; and DROP participants—16.98% and 18.34%. These employer contribution rates include 1.66% HIS Plan subsidy.

The CCOC's contributions, including employee contributions, to the Pension Plan totaled \$78,691 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

The CCOC recognizes pension liabilities, pension expense and deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions on the accrual basis of accounting. At September 30, 2021, the CCOC reported a liability of \$146,963 for their proportionate share of the Pension Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2021. The CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the CCOC's 2020-21 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2020-21 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2021, the CCOC's proportionate share for all funds was 0.0019 percent. As of September 30, 2021, CCOC had 5 active employees in the Pension Plan.

# NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the CCOC recognized pension benefit/ (expense) of \$76,000. In addition, these activities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	FRS Pension			
		red Outflows Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$	25,190	\$	-
Changes of Assumptions		100,559		
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on Pension				
Plan Investments		-		512,716
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Pension Plan				
Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions		47,956		47,808
Pension Plan Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date		22,371		-
Total	\$	196,076	\$	560,524

The Pension Plan's deferred outflows of resources related to the CCOC's contributions to the Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$22,371 will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the Pension Plan will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	FRS Amount
2022	\$ (68,128)
2023	(79,444)
2024	(105,233)
2025	(134,849)
2026	835
Total	\$ (386,819)

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2021 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumption, applied to all period included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25%, average, including inflation
Investment rate of return	6.80%, net of pension plan investment
	expense, including inflation

The mortality assumption is based on the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2018 tables.

# NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

The long-term expected rate of return on Pension Plan investments was not based on historical returns, but instead is based on a forward-looking capital market economic model. The allocation policy's description of each asset class was used to map the target allocation to the asset classes shown below. Each asset class assumption is based on a consistent set of underlying assumptions and includes an adjustment for the inflation assumption. The target allocation and best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long- Term Expected Real Rate of Return
Cash	1.0%	2.2%
Fixed Income	19.0%	3.0%
Global Equity	54.2%	8.0%
Real Estate (property)	10.3%	6.4%
Private Equity	11.1%	10.8%
Strategic Investments	4.4%	5.5%
Total	100.0%	

<u>Discount Rate</u> – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 6.80%. The Pension Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current active and inactive employees. Therefore, the discount rate for calculation of the total pension liability is equal to the long-term expected rate of return.

<u>Sensitivity of the CCOC's Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the</u> <u>Discount Rate</u> – The following represents the CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 6.80%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (5.80%) or one percentage point higher (7.80%) than the current rate:
NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

	FI	Pension Liabi ent Discount	lity	
1	% Decrease (5.80%)	Rate (6.80%)	19	% Increase (7.80%)
Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Plan Liability \$	657,277	\$ 146,963	\$	(279,561)

<u>Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u> – Detailed information regarding the Pension Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

## HIS Plan

<u>Plan Description</u> – The HIS Plan is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan established under Section 112.363, Florida Statutes, and may be amended by the Florida Legislature at any time. The benefit is a monthly payment to assist retirees of State-administered retirement systems in paying their health insurance costs and is administered by the Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Retirement.

<u>Benefits Provided</u> – For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, eligible retirees and beneficiaries received a monthly HIS payment of \$5 for each year of creditable service completed at the time of retirement, with a minimum HIS payment of \$30 and a maximum HIS payment of \$150 per month. To be eligible to receive these benefits, a retiree under a State-administered retirement system must provide proof of health insurance coverage, which may include Medicare.

<u>Contributions</u> – The HIS Plan is funded by required contributions from FRS participating employers as set by the Florida Legislature. Employer contributions are a percentage of gross compensation for all active FRS members. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the HIS contribution for the period October 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 and from July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021 was 1.66%. HIS Plan contributions are deposited in a separate trust fund from which payments are authorized. HIS Plan benefits are not guaranteed and are subject to annual legislative appropriation. In the event legislative appropriation or available funds fail to provide full subsidy benefits to all participants, benefits may be reduced or cancelled.

The CCOC's contributions to the HIS Plan totaled \$9,123 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021.

## NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

<u>Pension Liabilities</u>, <u>Pension Expense</u>, and <u>Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows</u> of <u>Resources Related to Pensions</u> – The basis of accounting and financial reporting of the CCOC's HIS Plan is identical to that of the CCOC's Pension Plan. At September 30, 2021, the CCOC reported a liability of \$186,188 for their proportionate share of the CCOC's HIS Plan's net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2021, and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of July 1, 2020. The CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability was based on the CCOC's 2020-21 fiscal year contributions relative to the 2020-21 fiscal year contributions of all participating members. At June 30, 2021, the CCOC's proportionate share of all funds was 0.0016% rounded.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the CCOC recognized pension expense of \$7,033. In addition, these activities reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	HIS Pe	nsion	
	 ed Outflows tesources		red Inflows Resources
Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	\$ 6,230	\$	80
Changes of Assumptions	14,630		7,671
Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Earnings on HIS			
Plan Investments	194		-
Changes in Proportion and Differences Between HIS Plan			
Contributions and Proportionate Share of Contributions	10,199		27,541
HIS Plan Contributions Subsequent to the Measurement Date	2,268		-
Total	\$ 33,521	\$	35,292

The deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS Plan resulting from the CCOC's contributions to the HIS Plan subsequent to the measurement date, totaling \$2,268, will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources related to the HIS Plan will be recognized as pension expense as follows:

Year ended June 30:	HIS Amount
2022	\$ (1,114)
2023	(354)
2024	(731)
2025	(970)
2026	(726)
Thereafter	(144)
Total	\$ (4,039)

## NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

<u>Actuarial Assumptions</u> – The total pension liability in the July 1, 2020, actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	2.40%
Salary increases	3.25%, average, including inflation
Municipal bond rate	2.16%

The municipal bond rate used to determine total pension liability was decreased from 2.21% to 2.16%. The mortality assumption is the Generational PUB-2010 with Projection Scale MP-2018.

The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2021 valuation were based on certain results of an actuarial experience study for the pension plan for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2018.

<u>Discount Rate</u> – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 2.16%. In general, the discount rate for calculating the total pension liability is equal to the single rate equivalent to discounting at the long-term expected rate of return for benefit payments prior to the projected depletion date. Because the HIS benefit is essentially funded on a pay-as-you-go basis, the depletion date is considered to be immediate, and the single equivalent discount rate is equal to the municipal bond rate selected by the HIS Plan sponsor. The Bond Buyer General Obligation 20-Bond Municipal Bond Index was adopted as the applicable municipal bond index.

<u>Sensitivity of the CCOC's Proportionate Share of the Net Position Liability to Changes in the</u> <u>Discount Rate</u> – The following represents the CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 2.16%, as well as what the proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (1.16%) or one percentage point higher (3.16%) than the current rate:

		H	S Net	Pension Liabi	lity	
			Curr	ent Discount		
	1%	Decrease		Rate	19	% Increase
		(1.16%)		(2.16%)	1% Increase (3.16%)	(3.16%)
Proportionate Share						
of the Net HIS Plan Liability	\$	223,858	\$	186,188	\$	168,870

<u>Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position</u> – Detailed information regarding the HIS Plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued FRS Pension Plan and Other State-Administered Systems Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

## NOTE 6: Florida Retirement System Plans (continued)

## **Investment Plan**

The SBA administers the defined contribution plan officially titled the FRS Investment Plan. The Investment Plan is reported in the SBA's annual financial statements and in the State of Florida Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

As provided in Section 121.4501, Florida Statutes, eligible FRS members may elect to participate in the Investment Plan in lieu of the FRS defined benefit plan. County employees participating in DROP are not eligible to participate in the Investment Plan. Employer and employee contributions, including amounts contributed to individual member's accounts, are defined by law, but the ultimate benefit depends in part on the performance of investment funds. Benefit terms, including contribution requirements, for the Investment Plan are established and may be amended by the Florida Legislature. The Investment Plan is funded with the same employer and employee contribution rates that are based on salary and membership class (Regular Class, Elected County Officers, etc.), as the Pension Plan. Contributions are directed to individual member accounts, and the individual members allocate contributions and account balances among various approved investment choices. Costs of administering the Investment Plan, including the FRS Financial Guidance Program, are funded through an employer contribution of 0.06 percent of payroll and by forfeited benefits of plan members. After termination and applying to receive benefits, the member may rollover vested funds to another qualified plan, structure a periodic payment under the FRS Investment Plan, receive a lump-sum distribution, or leave the funds invested for future distribution. Disability coverage is provided; the employer pays an employer contribution to fund the disability benefit which is deposited in the FRS Trust Fund. The member may either transfer the account balance to the FRS Pension Plan when approved for disability retirement to receive guaranteed lifetime monthly benefits under the FRS Pension Plan, or remain in the FRS Investment Plan and rely upon that account balance for retirement income.

CCOC's Investment Plan pension expense totaled \$7,316 for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2021, the information for the amount of forfeitures was unavailable from the SBA; however, management believes that these amounts, if any, would be immaterial to CCOC.

## NOTE 7: Risk Management

CCOC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; forgery and alteration; bodily injury and fraud for which CCOC carries commercial insurance. The primary coverage limits include: \$1,000,000 for 90 days for newly acquired or constructed property; \$500,000 for 90 days for newly acquired business personal property; \$100,000 per accident for bodily injury by accident; \$100,000 per employee for bodily injury by disease with a policy limit of \$500,000; \$15,000 for employee dishonesty; \$10,000 for forgery and alteration; \$1,000,000 each policy period for directors and officers, employment practices and internet liability. Liabilities for losses would be recorded when a loss occurs and the amount can be reasonably estimated. There are no such losses as of September 30, 2021.

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## REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

	2021 2020 2019 2018 2017 2016 2015 2014 0.001045531% 0.001808020% 0.0020128.0.001.7323460% 0.0015580210 0.00255530% 0.002555500 0.002555550% 0.002555	241,194 \$ 103,207	282,374 \$ 262,967	85.42% 39.25%	-
	2015	5 241,1 5 241,1		85.4	92.(
	2016	549,827 \$ 604,194 \$	\$ 297,903	202.82%	84.88%
FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF CCOC PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*	2017	5 549,827	\$ 297,968	184.53%	83.89%
	2018 0.00173204602	146,963 S 823,046 S 697,448 S 521,823 S	264,015	197.65%	84.26%
ATIONS CORP LRE OF NET PEI IT SYSTEM YEARS*	2019 0.00202510492	697,448 S	447,195 \$	155.96%	82.61%
F COURT OPER RTIONATE SHA DA RETIREMEN FT TEN FISCAL	2020 0.001808070%	823,046 \$	429,818 \$	191.49%	78.85%
IRIDA CLERKS O DF CCOC PROPO FLORII LAS	2021 0.001045531%	146,963 \$	474,202 \$	30.99%	96.40%
FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF CCOC PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL VEARS*		<del>3</del> 9	649		
SCH	CCOC's promortion of the net newsion liability.	CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability	CCOC's covered-employee payrol CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a	percentage of its covered-employee payrol	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability.

\* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30. No data is available for the previous three years.

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2014 37,051 (37.051) - 262,967 14,09%	<b>2015</b> 45.528 5 (45.528) - 5 282.374 5 16.12%	2016 58.353 \$ (58.353) - \$ 297,903 \$ 19.59%	2017 48,390 \$ (48,390) 297,968 \$ 16,24%	2018 52,392 \$ (52,392) (52,392) 264,015 \$ 19.84%	2019 64,190 \$ (64,190) - \$ 147,195 \$ 14,35%	2020 64,417 \$ (64,417) - \$ 429,818 \$ 14,99%	<b>2021</b> 78.691 \$ (78.691) - S +474.202 \$ 16.59%	s so	Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required contribution Contribution deficiency (excess) CCOC's covered-employee payroll Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll
262,96	282.374 \$	297,903 \$	297,968 \$	264,015 \$	447,195 S	429,818 \$	474,202 \$	S	COC's covered-employee payroll
	- S	ج	- S	- s	- \$	- S	s -	~	Contribution deficiency (excess)
(37.0	(45,528)	(58,353)	(48,390)	(52,392)	(64.190)	(64,417)	(78,691)		in relation to the contractually required contribution
37,0	45.528 \$	58.353 \$	48,390 \$	52,392 \$	64,190 \$	64,417 \$	78,691 \$	s	required contribution
2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021		

FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF CCOC CONTRIBUTIONS FLORIDA RETIREMENT SYSTEM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS\*

\* The amounts presented for each itscal year were determined as of 6/30. No data is available for the previous three years.

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	2021	2020	2019		2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
COC's proportion of the net pension liability	0.001578550%	0.001583518%	0.001860836%	0.0	01779764%	0.001686976%	0.001685738%	0.001633944%	0.001527621
CCOC's proportionate share of the net pension liability	S 186,188	186,188 \$ 193,345 \$ 208,209 \$ 188,372 \$	\$ 208,209	\$	188,372	\$ 180,381	\$ 180,381 \$ 196,466 \$	\$ 166.637 \$	\$ 142.836
CCOC's covered-employee payroli	S 474,202	\$ 429,818	\$ 447,195	6	264,015	\$ 297,968	\$ 297,903	\$ 282,374	\$ 262.96
COC's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a	39.26%	6 44.98%	46.56%		71.35%	60.54%	65.95%	59.01%	54.32
percentage of its covered-employee payroli Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension									
ability	3.56%	6 3.00%	2.63%		2.15%	1.64%	0.97%	0.50%	%66.0

FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF CCOC PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF NET PENSION LIABILITY HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS\*

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30. No data is available for the previous three years.

		2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Contractually required contribution Contributions in relation to the contractually required	s	9,123 \$	8,654 \$	10,063 \$	10,120 \$	8,928	8,640	<u>\$ 6,246 \$</u>	5,233
contribution		(9,123)	(8,654)	(10,063)	(10,120)	(8,928)	(8,640)	(6,246)	(5, 233)
Contribution deficiency (excess)	s	- S	- S	- 5	- S	1		<u>s</u> - s	1
FCCOC's covered-employee payroll	s	474,202 S	429,818 S	447,195 S	264,015 \$	297,968 S	297,903	\$ 282,374 \$	262,967
Contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payrolf		1.92%	2.01%	2.25%	3.83%	3.00%		2.21%	1.99%

FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF CCOC CONTRIBUTIONS HEALTH INSURANCE SUBSIDY PROGRAM LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS\*

The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined as of 6/30.
No data is available for the previous three years.

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## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GOVERNMENTAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

		Governm	ental Fund	
		Special	Revenue	
	Budgetee	d Amounts		
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)
Revenues:				
State Financial Assistance	1,681,438	1,681,438	1,895,606	214,168
Interest Income	-		899	899
Total Revenues	1,681,438	1,681,438	1,896,505	215,067
Expenditures:				
Current				
State Courts:				
Personnel Services	861,715	861,715	858,737	2,978
Expenses	819,723	819,723	541,340	278,383
Total Expenditures	1,681,438	1,681,438	1,400,077	281,361
Net Change in Fund Balance - Governmental Fund		-	496,428	496,428
Restricted Fund Balance, Beginning of Year			1,516,129	
Restricted Fund Balance, End of Year			\$ 2,012,557	

## OTHER REPORTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



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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 Executive Council Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation Tallahassee, Florida

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities and major fund (special revenue) of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation, as of and for the year ended September 30, 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Florida Clerks of Court Operation's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated March XX, 2022.

#### Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing 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 Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation'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.

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

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our 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.

LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A. Tallahassee, Florida March XX, 2022



Law, Redd, Crona & Munroe, P.A. Certified Public Accountants

## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR THE MAJOR STATE PROJECT AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE REQUIRED BY CHAPTER 10.550, RULES OF THE AUDITOR GENERAL

To the Executive Council Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation Tallahassee, Florida

## **Report on Compliance for the Major State Project**

We have audited Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *Department of Financial Service's State Projects Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's major state project for the year ended September 30, 2021. Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's major state project is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

## Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with state statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its state awards applicable to its major state project.

## Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's major state project based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Those standards and Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major state project occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

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We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major state project. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's compliance.

## **Opinion on the Major State Project**

In our opinion, Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major state project for the year ended September 30, 2021.

## **Report on Internal Control over Compliance**

Management of Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation's internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major state project to determine the auditing procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major state project and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Florida Clerks of Court Operation's internal control over compliance.

A *deficiency in internal control over compliance* exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state project on a timely basis. A *material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state project will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency or internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state project will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance compliance compliance with a type of compliance of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a state project that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

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The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of Chapter 10.550, Rules of the Auditor General. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

LAW, REDD, CRONA & MUNROE, P.A. Tallahassee, Florida March XX, 2022

## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

	CSFA Number	Contract Number	Expenditures
STATE:			
State of Florida, Department of Financial Services CCOC/CFO Contract	N/A	N/A	\$ 1,297,211
TOTAL STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE EX	PENDED		\$ 1,297,211

## NOTES:

- (1) The Schedule of Expenditures of State Financial Assistance was prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.
- (2) The program does not utilize sub-recipients.

## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021

## **SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS**

### 1. Type of Audit Report issued on the Financial Statements

Unmodified

2. Significant Deficiencies and/or Material Weaknesses in Internal Control

None noted

3. Noncompliance Material to Audited Financial Statements

Audit disclosed no material instances of noncompliance.

4. Significant Deficiencies and/or Material Weaknesses in Internal Control Over the Major State Project

None noted

5. Type of Audit Report Issued on Compliance with Requirements that Could Have a Direct and Material Effect on Each Major State Project

Unmodified Opinion

## 6. Audit Findings Relative to the Major State Project

The audit disclosed no findings required to be reported under Major State Projects.

## 7. Major State Projects

State Project State of Florida, Department of Financial Services FCCOC/CFO Contract

## 8. Threshold

The threshold for distinguishing Type A or Type B programs was \$750,000.

## FLORIDA CLERKS OF COURT OPERATIONS CORPORATION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS – STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2021 (continued)

## **SECTION II – FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS**

None Reported

## <u>SECTION III</u> – <u>STATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED</u> <u>COSTS</u>

None Reported

## **SECTION IV – PRIOR YEAR AUDIT FINDINGS**

None Reported

	CCOC Budgetary Report County Fiscal Year 2021 - 2022 (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)														
	Budget Category Amount	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Year to Date	
CCOC STAFE	\$861,715.00	\$63,537.70	\$56,912.48	\$68,681.01	\$69,215.98	\$68,765.43	\$70,553,52	\$69,324.61	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$476,990.73	55.35%
Total Salaries	\$565,384.00	\$44,698.65	\$46,559.23	\$49,535,67	\$48,747.67	\$48,584,07	\$48,462.67	\$48,618.67	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$335,207.23	59.29%
Internal Revenue(Corporation Responsibility)	\$75,000.00	\$3,313.37	\$3,451.68	\$3,703.89	\$3,705,39	\$3,650.01	\$3,600.20	\$3,617.55						\$25,042.09	33.39%
Retirement, Benefits, Workers' Comp and Other	\$221,331.00	\$16,716.68	\$17,856.57	\$17,237.45	\$17,975.92	\$17,580,75	\$19,418.65	\$18,172.39						\$124,958,41	56,45%
OPS STAFE	\$34,000,00	\$1,191.00	\$955.00	\$1,796.00	\$1,213.00	\$1,050.00	\$928.00	\$1,084.00				1		\$8,217.00	24.17%
GENERAL EXPENSES	\$85,200.00	\$4,948.38	\$6,731.60	\$5,383.47	\$4,095.82	\$6,492.63	\$988.95	\$3,337.11	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$31,977.98	37.53%
Rent (Including Utilities) Communications (+ Internet and Phone) Equipment, Supplies and Other	\$45,200.00 \$5,000.00 \$35,000.00	\$211.00 \$106.72 \$4,630.68	\$3,859.58 \$370,40 \$2,401,62	\$2,812.50 \$378.36 \$2,192.61	\$3,676.99 \$272.25 \$146.58	\$6,128.61 -\$95.93 \$459,95	\$390.87 \$275.98 \$322.10	\$2,812.50 \$272.64 \$251.97						\$19,992.05 \$1,580.42 \$10,405.49	44.23% 31,61% 29.73%
TRAVEL	\$60,400.00	-\$99.14	\$1,318.84	\$5,119.52	\$0.00	\$98.00	\$578.31	\$822,00			Ĺ	1	I	\$7,635.53	12.64%
STAFFTRAINING	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	0.00%
CONTRACTUALEXPENSES	\$330,563.00	\$10,555.00	\$11,286,74	\$5,696.25	\$8,088.50	\$19,818.72	\$18,476.25	\$9,516,00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84,437.46	25.54%
General Counsel FY 20-21 Survey, Reporting, and Other Services	\$111,000.00 \$203,563.00	\$0.00 \$10,555.00	\$0.00 \$11,286.74	\$200.00	\$0.00 \$9.088.50	\$0.00 \$14.818.72	\$560,00 \$12,916,25	\$0.00						\$760.00 \$73,677.46	0.68%
Audit Services	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$9,088.50	\$5,000.00	\$12,916.25	\$9,516.00 \$0.00						\$10,000.00	62.50%
EDUCATION SERVICES	\$320,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$114,592.98	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$162,033.00				T.		\$276,625.98	86.45%
TOTALS	\$1,701,878.00	\$80 132.94	387:204:68	* \$86,678 25	\$198,206,282	1596 222 78		\$245.916 72	50.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	S0.00	\$0.00	\$885.884.65	52.05%

\*CCOC Staff has the authority to spend beyond category amounts as long as they stay within the total Annual Budget Authority.

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# DRAFT

## CCOC Budget County Fiscal Year 2021-2022 (October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022)

	Budget Category Amount
CCOC STAFF:	\$861,715.00
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Executive Director	\$145,508.00
Deputy Executive Director	\$101,598.00
Budget and Communications Director	\$83,640.00
Senior Budget Manager	\$72,177.00
Budget Manager I	\$50,201.00
Budget Manager I	\$37,707.00
Budget Manager I	\$40,563.00
Office Manager	\$33,990.00
Internal Revenue(Corporation Responsibility)	\$75,000.00
Retirement, Benefits, Workers' Comp and Other	\$221,331.00
OPS STAFF:	\$34,000.00
GENERAL EXPENSES:	\$85,200.00
Rent (including Utilities)	\$45,200.00
Communications (+ Internet and Phone)	\$5,000.00
Equipment, Supplies and Other	\$35,000.00
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TRAVEL:	\$60,400.00
STAFF TRAINING:	\$10,000.00
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CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$330,563.00
General Counsel	\$111,000.00
FY 20-21 Survey, Reporting, and Other Services	\$203,563.00
Audit Services	\$16,000.00
EDUCATION SERVICES:	\$320,000.00
EDUCATION SERVICES.	JS20,000.00
TOTALS:	\$1,701,878.00

#### CCOC Budget Request County Fiscal Year 2022-2023 (October 1, 2022 - September 30, 2023)

	Budget Category	
CCOC STAFF:*	Amount \$ 898,565.14	
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Executive Director	\$153,336.63	
Deputy Executive Director	\$107,064.98	
Budget and Communications Director	\$89,003.91	
Performance, Policy, and Education Director	\$79,103.54	
Actuarial and Performance Analyst	\$52,902.61	
Budget Manager I	\$40,160.28	
Data Quality Officer	\$44,843.53	
Office Manager	\$35,818.66	
Internal Revenue(Corporation Responsibility)	\$75,000.00	
Retirement, Benefits, Workers' Comp and Other*	\$221,331.00	
OPS STAFF:	\$34,000.00	
GENERAL EXPENSES:	\$85,200.00	
Rent (including Utilities)	\$45,200.00	
Communications (+ Internet and Phone)	\$5,000.00	
Equipment, Supplies and Other	\$35,000.00	
TRAVEL:	\$60,400.00	
STAFF TRAINING:	\$10,000.00	
CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES:	\$293,563.00	
	\$74,000,00	
General Counsel**	\$74,000.00	
FY 21-22 Survey, Reporting, and Other Services	\$203,563.00	
Audit Services	\$16,000.00	
EDUCATION SERVICES:***	\$397,200.00	
TOTALS:****	\$1,778,928.14	

\* Included in these expenses are dollars to provide employees a 5.38% raise to match state employees' raises. Increase of \$32,695.04.

\*\*As CCOC Members and staff gain increased knowledge there is less dependancy on General Counsel. Decrease in budget of \$37,000.

\*\*\*Council approved an Education Contract with the FCCC which is \$77,200 more annually.

\*\*\*\*Budget Increase over current year of \$77,050.14 Able to absorb salary increases within previous year's budget but not education contract increase.



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## CFY 2022-23 CCOC WORK PLAN - DRAFT

The Plan of Operations for the Florida Clerks of Court Operations Corporation (CCOC) requires the Corporation to adopt a program work plan for each fiscal year as presented by the Executive Director and recommended by the Council.

CCOC's Mission, Vision, and Guiding Principles supply strategic direction to the Executive Director in formulating the work plan. These values are:

<u>**Our Mission:**</u> To provide world-class service in Budget Administration, Performance Enhancement, Financial Analysis, Legislative Review, and Technical Strategies for all 67 Clerks of Court.

Our Vision: "Excellence in Clerks of Court Budget Administration."

## Our Guiding Principles:

To be the **Source** for valid, accurate, complete performance and financial reports

- To Collaborate with justice partners to meet our mutual needs
- To **Protect** the integrity of performance and financial information
- To be **Proactive** in leveraging current technology and in advancing new technology

<u>DRAFT CCOC Workplan</u>: The Executive Director presents the following priorities to the Executive Council and the Corporation members for CFY 2022-23. These priorities are contingent on the Executive Council's leadership and direction, legislative actions, and other factors. As part of the CFY 2022-23 work plan, CCOC staff will:

- 1. Develop a guardianship database for use in judicial guardianship proceedings.
- 2. Continue to provide professional support to the clerks, Legislature, and other entities seeking information related to the clerks' budgets and performance.
- 3. Develop policy and budgetary recommendations to the Legislature to diversify clerk revenue streams and continue working toward stable funding solutions.
- 4. Collaborate with the Florida Court Clerks & Comptrollers (FCCC) leadership team seeking joint solutions to help resolve clerks' issues and working with the Legislature.

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- 5. Provide workload relief to clerks by streamlining reporting requirements while collecting necessary data to fulfill statutory duties and measure performance.
  - a. Develop a strategic solution for data collection, analysis, and reporting needs.
  - b. Evaluate the efficacy of the current reports.
  - c. Explore the possibility of discontinuing reports that no longer have value and reducing the frequency of submissions.
  - d. Continue efforts to improve how clerks send reports to CCOC.
  - e. Explore using the Clerks' Comprehensive Case Information System (CCIS) to reduce the number of manual entries clerks must make when reporting outputs.
- 6. Continue to work with clerks on verifying and documenting the clerks' workload.
  - a. Review case weights and performance measures.
  - b. Recommend changes in case weights and performance measures to the Performance Improvement and Efficiencies (PIE) Committee.
- 7. Seek to expand the use of the E-Notify text and email reminder platform, which currently provides court event reminders.
- 8. Implement legislative changes to:
  - a. Develop a formula to estimate the total cost of clerk support for circuit and county judges statewide.
  - b. Submit funding recommendations to the Legislature to reimburse costs related to additional trial court judgeships and involuntary commitment fees.
  - c. Ensure minimum payment criteria for uniform payment plans, and allow the clerks to review property records when determining the indigency status of an applicant.
- 9. Develop a long-range 5-year strategic plan for the Corporation.
  - a. Implement strategic human resource management principles to develop staff, retain staff, and ensure continuity of operations.
  - b. Develop a school-to-career pipeline program to secure future talent.
  - c. Increase the CCOC presence on social media to help educate the public and policymakers on the importance of an adequately funded clerk system.
- 10. Continue reviewing all current CCOC Policies and Procedures.
- 11. Increase training opportunities and resources for clerks and staff.



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## **AGENDA ITEM 7**

DATE: SUBJECT: CORPORATION ACTION: June 6, 2022 Tentative EC Meeting Schedule for 22-23 Year Informational only

#### OVERVIEW:

**Tentative Council Meeting Dates** 

The CCOC Plan of Operation in Section 1.5 requires that at the annual corporation meeting the Council shall establish a schedule of all regular meetings for the coming year. Historically, the CCOC has attempted to arrange all Council meetings with the FCCC training schedule to make it more convenient for Clerks and staff to attend meetings. Therefore, the Council usually provides a list of tentative meeting dates based on the FCCC calendar.

We contacted the FCCC, and they will be providing us a tentative calendar to help us coordinate the quarterly EC meetings. Below are the potential meeting dates which could be subject to change.

<u>July-September 2022</u> – TBD; the Executive Council will determine what dates to meet during this time to receive recommendations from the Budget Committee to approve Clerk's budgets. This will not be in conjunction with a FCCC Conference.

November 1, 2022 – FCCC Fall Conference; Executive Council Meeting; Location: Destin

<u>Winter Conference – Early 2023</u> – This conference is held virtually, and the Association is still finalizing the dates.

<u>June 5, 2023</u> – FCCC Summer Conference; Executive Council Meeting; To be held at Sawgrass in Ponte Vedra Beach.

**CORPORATION ACTION:** Informational only

LEAD STAFF: John Dew, CCOC Executive Director

ATTACHMENTS: None

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