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REGISTERS OF DEEDS' SUPPLEMENTAL PENSION FUND

RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA FINANCIAL AUDIT OF THE SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER ALLOCATIONS AND THE SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2016





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AUDITOR'S TRANSMITTAL

The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor Members of the General Assembly of North Carolina The Honorable Dale R. Folwell, State Treasurer Department of State Treasurer

We have completed a financial audit of the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund Schedule of Employer Allocations and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer for the year ended June 30, 2016, and our audit results are included in this report. You will note from the independent auditor's report that we determined that the Schedule of Employer Allocations and the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer are presented fairly in all material respects.

The results of our tests disclosed no deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses in relation to our audit scope or any instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Roy Cooper, Governor Members of the General Assembly of North Carolina The Honorable Dale R. Folwell, State Treasurer Department of State Treasurer

Report on the Schedules

We have audited the accompanying Schedule of Employer Allocations of the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes. We have also audited the total for all entities of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense included in the accompanying Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer of the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes (hereafter referred to as "the Schedules").

Management's Responsibility for the Schedules

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these Schedules 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 Schedules that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Schedules 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 Schedules are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Schedules. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the Schedules, 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 Schedules 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 of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Schedules.

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

<u>Opinion</u>

In our opinion, the Schedules referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the employer allocations and net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and total pension expense for the total of all participating entities of the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matter

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, the pension plans included in the State's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* (CAFR) as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and our report thereon, dated December 2, 2016, expressed an unmodified opinion on those financial statements.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 11, 2017 on our consideration of the entity'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 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 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 the entity's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Restriction on Use

Our report is intended solely for the information and use of the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund Management, the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund employers, their auditors and the North Carolina Office of the State Controller and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Beth A. Wood, CPA State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

April 11, 2017



SCHEDULES

SCHEDULE 1 SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER

ALLOCATIONS

Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund Schedule of Employer Allocations June 30, 2016

Schedule 1

Employer	Fiscal Year Contributions	Fiscal Year Contributions Allocation
Alamance	\$ 12 973	1 58804%
Alexander	2 326	0.28472%
Alleghany	1 210	0.14815%
Anson	1 401	0.17148%
Ashe	2 906	0.35570%
Avery	2,300	0.28322%
Beaufort	3 675	0.44989%
Bertie	973	0 11913%
Bladen	2 057	0.25177%
Brunswick	15 837	1 93860%
Buncombe	28 316	3 46618%
Burke	8 738	1 06965%
Cabarrus	19 597	2 39884%
Caldwoll	6 101	0.75779%
Candon	0,191	0.13778/6
Contract	10.020	0.11030%
	1,418	1.33073%
Caswell	1,418	0.17352%
Catawba	13,779	1.68672%
Chatham	6,691	0.81906%
Cherokee	3,124	0.38235%
Chowan	1,284	0.15716%
Clay	1,236	0.15135%
Cleveland	5,381	0.65862%
Columbus	3,401	0.41636%
Craven	9,941	1.21683%
Cumberland	27,120	3.31973%
Currituck	3,352	0.41034%
Dare	7,774	0.95162%
Davidson	8,882	1.08719%
Davie	3,343	0.40919%
Duplin	3,473	0.42513%
Durham	25,427	3.11250%
Edgecombe	2,798	0.34244%
Forsyth	32,356	3.96059%
Franklin	4,656	0.56989%
Gaston	9,256	1.13299%
Gates	782	0.09573%
Graham	558	0.06835%
Granville	3,587	0.43912%
Greene	1,007	0.12329%
Guilford	35,923	4.39733%
Halifax	3,449	0.42215%
Harnett	9,921	1.21436%
Haywood	6,077	0.74391%
Henderson	11,613	1.42155%
Hertford	1,517	0.18568%
Hoke	4,092	0.50084%
Hyde	381	0.04665%
Iredell	16,810	2.05771%
Jackson	5,396	0.66058%
Johnston	16,213	1.98465%
Jones	682	0.08348%
Lee	4,694	0.57454%
Lenoir	2,921	0.35750%

Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund Schedule of Employer Allocations June 30, 2016

Schedule 1

Employer	Fiscal Year Contributions	Fiscal Year Contributions Allocation
Lincoln	7,319	0.89590%
Macon	3,511	0.42973%
Madison	4,225	0.51720%
Martin	1,513	0.18517%
Mcdowell	3,274	0.40070%
Mecklenburg	65,218	7.98320%
Mitchell	1,289	0.15783%
Montgomery	2,029	0.24842%
Moore	18,769	2.29750%
Nash	6,799	0.83231%
New Hanover	22.444	2.74736%
Northampton	1 456	0 17821%
Onslow	18 151	2 22189%
Orange	9.420	1 15307%
Pamlico	1,280	0.15664%
Paguatank	1,200	0.1300476
Pasquotalik	5,402	0.4237776
Pender	5,928	0.72359%
Perquimans	1,164	0.14243%
Person	2,870	0.35129%
Pitt	11,616	1.42188%
Polk	1,851	0.22654%
Randolph	9,690	1.18608%
Richmond	2,414	0.29551%
Robeson	6,915	0.84644%
Rockingham	6,524	0.79863%
Rowan	10,566	1.29337%
Rutherford	5,382	0.65884%
Sampson	4,091	0.50078%
Scotland	2,521	0.30857%
Stanly	5,083	0.62223%
Stokes	3,008	0.36819%
Surry	5,856	0.71686%
Swain	2,484	0.30403%
Transvivania	3.437	0.42072%
Tyrrell	304	0.03724%
Union	21 300	2 60736%
Vance	2 951	0.36117%
Wake	81 457	0.00111/0
Ware	1 21/	9.97099%
Washington	1,314	0.10083%
Washington	901	0.12009%
watauga	5,452	0.66734%
wayne	8,009	0.98042%
Wilkes	5,059	0.61932%
Wilson	3,893	0.47649%
Yadkin	2,616	0.32017%
Yancey	 1,393	0.17052%
Total	\$ 816,938	100.00000%

The accompanying notes to the schedules are an integral part of this schedule.

SCHEDULE 2

SCHEDULE OF PENSION AMOUNTS BY EMPLOYER

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	Employer	Net Pension Asset	Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Plan Investments	Changes of Assumptions	Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportional Share of Contributions	r ð	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources
Alamance		\$ (296.900)	\$ 318	\$ 508	\$ 79.100	\$ 173 311	\$	253 237
Alexander		(53.231)	φ 318 57	φ 500 91	ų 73,100 14.182	2 618	Ψ	14.948
Alleghany		(27,698)	30	47	7,379	692		8,148
Anson		(32,060)	34	55	8,541	905		9,535
Ashe		(66,502)	71	113	17,717	-		17,901
Avery		(52,951)	57	91	14,107	2,219		16,474
Beautort		(84,111)	90	143	22,409	2,424		25,066
Bladen		(47.071)	50	81	12.541	1.187		13.859
Brunswick		(362,441)	388	621	96,562	27,371		124,942
Buncombe		(648,037)	693	1,109	172,650	-		174,452
Burke		(199,982)	214	342	53,279) -		53,835
Cabarrus		(448,487)	480	767	119,486	276		121,009
Caidwell		(141,675)	152	243	5 49/	3,800		41,940
Carteret		(249.915)	267	428	66.583	1.177		68.455
Caswell		(32,441)	35	56	8,643	89		8,823
Catawba		(315,349)	337	540	84,016	; -		84,893
Chatham		(153,131)	164	262	40,797	3,593		44,816
Cherokee		(71,484)	76	122	19,045	62		19,305
Chowan		(29,383)	31	50	7,828	987		8,896
Clayeland		(28,290)	30 132	40 211	7,535	2,300		10,103
Columbus		(77.843)	83	133	20.739	6.561		27.516
Craven		(227,499)	243	389	60,610	193		61,435
Cumberland		(620,657)	664	1,062	165,356	27,988		195,070
Currituck		(76,717)	82	131	20,439	2,902		23,554
Dare		(177,915)	190	305	47,400	2,644		50,539
Davidson		(203,261) (76,502)	217	348	54,153	41,077 1 864		95,795
Duplin		(70,502)	85	136	20,302	i -		21,397
Durham		(581,913)	623	996	155,034	-		156,653
Edgecombe		(64,023)	68	109	17,057	2,185		19,419
Forsyth		(740,472)	792	1,268	197,277	-		199,337
Franklin		(106,547)	114	182	28,386	-		28,682
Gaston		(211,824)	227	362	56,434	42,086		99,109
Graham		(12,779)	13	22	3,405	355		3,796
Granville		(82,098)	88	140	21,873	3,293		25,394
Greene		(23,050)	25	39	6,141	457		6,662
Guilford		(822,125)	879	1,407	219,031	-		221,317
Halifax		(78,925)	84	135	21,027	2,879		24,125
Hamett		(227,037)	243	388	60,487 37.054	6,235		57,353
Henderson		(133,001)	284	455	70,807	- 2,243		71,546
Hertford		(34,715)	37	59	9,249	594		9,939
Hoke		(93,637)	100	160	24,947	2,539		27,746
Hyde		(8,722)	9	15	2,324	52		2,400
Iredell		(384,709)	412	658	102,495	329		103,894
Johnston		(123,502)	132	212	32,903	2 465		33,247
Jones		(15,607)	17	27	4,158	3,980		8,182
Lee		(107,416)	115	183	28,618	-		28,916
Lenoir		(66,838)	72	114	17,807	2,436		20,429
Lincoln		(167,497)	179	287	44,625	-		45,091
wacon Madison		(80,342)	86	137	21,405	679		22,307
Martin		(34,619)	37	59	9.223	270		9,589
Mcdowell		(74,915)	80	129	19,959	395		20,563
Mecklenburg		(1,492,539)	1,597	2,555	397,643	155,634		557,429
Mitchell		(29,508)	32	50	7,862	659		8,603
Montgomery		(46,445)	50	80	12,374	83		12,587
Nash		(429,541)	460	735	41 457	- 1 192		43.081
New Hanover		(513.646)	549	879	136.846	1,132		139,525
Northampton		(33,318)	36	57	8,877	-		8,970
Onslow		(415,405)	444	711	110,672	12,760		124,587
Orange		(215,578)	231	369	57,434	710		58,744
Pamlico		(29,285)	31	50	7,802	718		8,601
Pasquotank Pender		(79,228)	85	136	21,108	956		22,285
Perquimans		(133,656) (26,629)	28	232	7.094	401		7.568
Person		(65,677)	70	112	17,498	2,153		19,833
Pitt		(265,835)	284	455	70,824	7,900		79,463
Polk		(42,354)	45	73	11,284	2,368		13,770
Randolph		(221,750)	237	380	59,079	22,872		82,568
Robeson		(55,249)	59	94	14,719	- 1.252		14,872
		(156,250)	109	270	42,10	1,303		43,903

Deferred Outflows of Resources

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Deferred Inflows of Resources						Pension Expense							
D Betw a E	ifferences een Expected ind Actual ixperience	Changes of Assumptions	Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportional Share of Contributions		Total Deferred Inflows of Resources	F 0	Proportional Share f Pension Expense	Net Amortization of Deferred Amounts from Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportional Share of Contributions	Total Employer Pension Expense				
\$	3,843	\$-	\$ 11,285	\$	15,128	\$	21,963	\$ 99,998	\$ 121,961				
	689	-	412		1,101		3,938	(1,546)	2,392				
	359	-	102		461		2,049	(106)	1,943				
	415	-	117		532		2,372	(123)	2,249				
	861	-	2,159		3,020		4,919	(1,632)	3,287				
	685	-	3,563		4,248		3,917	49	3,966				
	1,089	-	4,364		5,453		6,222	615	6,837				
	288	-	54		342		1,648	(7)	1,641				
	4 691		439		6 105		3,402 26,811	(1,669)	1,013				
	8,388	-	28,739		37,127		47,937	(28,499)	19,438				
	2,589	-	46,343		48,932		14,793	(26,324)	(11,531)				
	5,805	-	32,965		38,770		33,176	(16,866)	16,310				
	1,834	-	7,320		9,154		10,480	(5,091)	5,389				
	267	-	2,551		2,818		1,525	142	1,667				
	3,235	-	41,519		44,754		18,487	(14,988)	3,499				
	420	-	1,071		1,491		2,400	(1,594)	806				
	4,082	-	8,888		12,970		23,327	(6,758)	16,569				
	925		2 434		3,420		5 288	(1,211)	3 756				
	380		128		508		2,174	(1,002)	2.098				
	366	-	81		447		2,093	1,215	3,308				
	1,594	-	3,022		4,616		9,109	(3,336)	5,773				
	1,008	-	1,735		2,743		5,758	(5,660)	98				
	2,945	-	18,066		21,011		16,829	(6,784)	10,045				
	8,034	-	189		8,223		45,912	12,930	58,842				
	2 303		6 748		993		5,075 13,161	3,064 505	6,759 13,666				
	2,631		-		2,631		15,036	42.387	57,423				
	990	-	1,863		2,853		5,659	(1,331)	4,328				
	1,029	-	2,037		3,066		5,880	(2,587)	3,293				
	7,532	-	28,285		35,817		43,046	(23,644)	19,402				
	829	-	785		1,614		4,736	(517)	4,219				
	9,585	-	11,427		21,012		54,775	(11,290)	43,485				
	1,379	-	7,956		9,335		7,882	(4,779)	3,103				
	2,742	-	299		3,041		15,669	19,065	34,734				
	165		899		1.064		945	(104)	841				
	1,063	-	513		1,576		6,073	(725)	5,348				
	298	-	1,846		2,144		1,705	(1,740)	(35)				
	10,642	-	10,687		21,329		60,815	(7,278)	53,537				
	1,022	-	1,256		2,278		5,838	(1,320)	4,518				
	2,939	-	2,427		5,366		16,795	4,293	21,088				
	3,440		4,207		17 833		10,200	(2,137)	7 980				
	449	-	115		564		2,568	(11,000)	2,456				
	1,212	-	4,297		5,509		6,927	881	7,808				
	113	-	602		715		645	(228)	417				
	4,980	-	25,182		30,162		28,458	(11,646)	16,812				
	1,599	-	32,496		34,095		9,136	(14,443)	(5,307)				
	4,803	-	15,881		20,684		27,448	(10,480)	16,968				
	1 300		2 001		1,099		7.946	(2,880)	1,525				
	865		2,991		3.515		4.944	(1.315)	3.629				
	2,168	-	12,119		14,287		12,390	(6,850)	5,540				
	1,040	-	4,113		5,153		5,943	364	6,307				
	1,252	-	7,363		8,615		7,153	(9,331)	(2,178)				
	448	-	344		792		2,561	(1,039)	1,522				
	970		3,005		4,635		5,542	(1,828)	3,714				
	382	-	41		423		2,183	805	2,988				
	601	-	524		1,125		3,436	(1,144)	2,292				
	5,560	-	171,966		177,526		31,774	(74,669)	(42,895)				
	2,014	-	-		2,014		11,511	1,699	13,210				
	6,649	-	33,771		40,420		37,996	(11,623)	26,373				
	431 5 377	-	1,815		2,246		2,465	(1,401)	1,064				
	2,790	-	13,287		16,077		15,947	(3,345)	12,602				
	379	-	3,068		3,447		2,166	(1,436)	730				
	1,026	-	2,025		3,051		5,861	(153)	5,708				
	1,756	-	6,422		8,178		10,035	(4,648)	5,387				
	345	-	1,387		1,732		1,970	(110)	1,860				
	850		288		1,138		4,858	137	4,995				
	548		1.853		2.401		3.133	(1.312)	1.821				
	2,870	-	12,807		15,677		16,403	(3,659)	12,744				
	715	-	2,107		2,822		4,087	(2,369)	1,718				
	2,048	-	12,201		14,249		11,706	(8,091)	3,615				

Deferred Outflows of Resources

Employer	Net Pension Asset	Differences Between Expected and Actual Experience	Net Difference Between Projected and Actual Investment Earnings on Plan Investments	Changes of Assumptions	Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportional Share of Contributions	Total Deferred Outflows of Resources
Rockingham	(149,312)	160	255	39,780	2,921	43,116
Rowan	(241,808)	259	413	64,423	326	65,421
Rutherford	(123,177)	132	211	32,817	-	33,160
Sampson	(93,626)	100	160	24,944	232	25,436
Scotland	(57,690)	62	99	15,370	-	15,531
Stanly	(116,332)	124	200	30,993	-	31,317
Stokes	(68,837)	74	117	18,340	3,028	21,559
Surry	(134,024)	143	230	35,707	-	36,080
Swain	(56,841)	61	97	15,144	2,419	17,721
Transylvania	(78,658)	84	134	20,956		21,174
Tyrrell	(6,962)	7	12	1,855	719	2,593
Union	(487,472)	521	834	129,873	2,731	133,959
Vance	(67,524)	72	115	17,990	2,470	20,647
Wake	(1,864,176)	1,994	3,190	496,655	207,682	709,521
Warren	(30,069)	32	51	8,011	1,219	9,313
Washington	(22,452)	24	39	5,982	535	6,580
Watauga	(124,766)	133	214	33,240	415	34,002
Wayne	(183,299)	196	314	48,835	514	49,859
Wilkes	(115,788)	124	198	30,848	2,723	33,893
Wilson	(89,085)	95	153	23,734	1,206	25,188
Yadkin	(59,859)	64	102	15,948	484	16,598
Yancey	(31,880)	34	54	8,494	1,134	9,716
Total for all Employers	\$ (18,696,001)	\$ 19,996	\$ 31,990	\$ 4,981,002	\$ 823,259	\$ 5,856,247

The accompanying notes to the schedules are an integral part of this schedule.

Deferred Inflows of Resources						Pension Expense						
Differe Between and A Exper	ences Expected ictual ience	C As	hanges of ssumptions	C Pro Betw Cont Prop of C	Changes in opportion and bifferences reen Employer tributions and ortional Share Contributions	1	Fotal Deferred Inflows of Resources	Proportional of Pension Ex	Share	Net Amortization of Deferred Amounts From Changes in Proportion and Differences Between Employer Contributions and Proportional Share of Contributions		Total Employer Pension Expense
	1 933		-		1.354		3 287		11 045	(2 223)		8 822
	3 130		_		6.321		9 451		17 887	(5,955)		11 932
	1 594		_		2 570		4 164		9 112	(2,529)		6 583
	1 212		_		2,010		4 173		6.926	(2,925)		4 001
	747		_		4 425		5 172		4 268	(2,836)		1 432
	1 506		_		9,399		10,905		8,605	(6.381)		2 224
	891		-		2,019		2,910		5.092	(930)		4,162
	1.735		-		2,170		3,905		9.914	(3.015)		6.899
	736		-		3.673		4,409		4.205	10.538		14,743
	1.018		-		1,770		2,788		5.819	(1.123)		4,696
	90		-		658		748		515	(40)		475
	6.310		-		9,407		15.717		36.060	(2.277)		33,783
	874		-		408		1,282		4,995	(629)		4,366
	24,130		-		53,956		78,086	1	37,899	83,603		221,502
	389		-		3,388		3,777		2,224	(157)		2,067
	291		-		2,476		2,767		1,661	(3,145)		(1,484)
	1,615		-		3,883		5,498		9,229	(600)		8,629
	2,373		-		4,616		6,989		13,559	(3,771)		9,788
	1,499		-		1,322		2,821		8,565	(2,466)		6,099
	1,153		-		212		1,365		6,590	(94)		6,496
	775		-		2,095		2,870		4,428	(1,803)		2,625
	413		-		274		687		2,358	(559)		1,799
\$	242,003	\$	-	\$	823.263	s	1.065.266	\$ 1,3	83,004	\$ (9)	\$	1.382.995



NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES

NOTE 1 - PLAN DESCRIPTION

A. Plan Administration - The State of North Carolina administers the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund (RODSPF or Plan) which is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer, defined benefit pension plan established by the State of North Carolina to provide supplemental pension benefits for all eligible, retired county registers of deeds. Membership is comprised of registers of deeds who are retired from the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System (LGERS) or an equivalent locally sponsored plan and have met the statutory eligibility requirements. At June 30, 2016, there were 97 individuals receiving benefits in the Plan with 100 counties participating. Benefit provisions are established by North Carolina General Statute 161-50 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. The State's only cost in the Plan is administration.

Management of the Plan is vested in the LGERS Board of Trustees, which consists of 13 members – nine appointed by the Governor, one appointed by the state Senate, one appointed by the state House of Representatives, and the State Treasurer and State Superintendent, who serve as ex-officio members.

- **B.** Benefits Provided An individual's eligibility to receive benefits under the RODSPF is based on at least 10 years of service as a register of deeds. An individual's benefit amount in a given year is limited to the lesser of the following:
 - 1) the member's years of service multiplied by the value of one share of accumulated contributions available for benefits for that year, as specified in G.S. 161-50.3; and
 - 2) when the benefit amount is combined with the individual's maximum retirement allowance upon retirement under the Local Governmental Employees' Retirement System or equivalent locally sponsored retirement plan, the benefit amount is limited to the lesser of the following:
 - a. Seventy-five percent (75%) of a member's annual compensation, computed on the latest monthly rate (including any and all supplements); or
 - b. One thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500).

Because of the statutory limits noted above, not all contributions available for benefits are distributed.

C. Contributions - Contribution provisions are established by *North Carolina General Statute* 161-50 and may be amended only by the North Carolina General Assembly. Benefits and administrative expenses are funded by investment income and 1.5% of the receipts collected by each County Commission under Article 1 of Chapter 161 of the North Carolina General Statutes. The statutory contribution currently has no relationship to the actuary's required contribution. The actuarially determined contribution this year and in the foreseeable future is zero. Registers of Deeds do not contribute.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING AND REPORTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Accounting - Employers participating in RODSPF are required to report pension information in their financial statements for fiscal periods beginning on or after June 15, 2014 in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions (GASB Statement No. 68). The Schedule of Employer Allocations and Schedules of Pension Amounts by Employer provide employers with the required information for financial reporting.

There are two schedules (a Schedule of Employer Allocations for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016 and a Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016, collectively the "pension schedules") for use by the employers in the RODSPF. The underlying financial information used to prepare the pension schedules is based on RODSPF's financial statements. The financial statements of this Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting. Plan member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. RODSPF financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) that apply to governmental accounting for fiduciary funds.

B. Components of Net Pension Asset Calculation - The components of the calculation of the net pension asset of the defined benefit cost-sharing plan for participating employers as of June 30, 2016, calculated in accordance with GASB Statement No. 67, *Financial Reporting for Pension Plans*, are shown in the following table (dollars in thousands).

Total Pension Liability	\$ 31,072
Plan Fiduciary Net Position	 (49,768)
Net Pension Asset	\$ (18,696)
Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of the Total Pension Liability	160.17%

The total pension liability is calculated by RODSPF's actuary. The Plan's fiduciary net position is reported in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report's* (CAFR) financial statements. In addition, the net pension asset is disclosed in the State of North Carolina's notes to the financial statements.

C. Schedule of Employer Allocations - The Schedule of Employer Allocations provides information used to allocate the net pension asset between each of the employers in the Plan. While GASB Statement No. 68 encourages the use of the employer's projected long-term contribution effort to the retirement Plan that is actuarially based, it allows the employer's proportionate share of the collective pension amounts to be based on historical employer contributions. The basis for the employer's proportion should be consistent with the manner in which contributions to the pension Plan are determined. Because contributions to the plan are based on a percentage of monthly fees collected by the registers of deeds, the plan's liabilities have been allocated based on actual contribution amounts for the measurement period. Since each employer was active for the entire year, no adjustments for inactive employers or employers that joined the Plan during the year were necessary.

Employer contributions received by July 31 with pay dates that fall within RODSPF's fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 are used as the basis for determining each employer's proportionate share of the collective pension amounts reported in the Schedule of Employer Allocations.

D. Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer - The Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer provides the amount of net pension asset as well as deferred inflows and outflows and pension expense to be reported in the financial statements of each employer participant in the Plan. Amounts reported on the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer may not precisely agree with the percentages in the Schedule of Employer Allocations due to the number of decimal places used in allocating the collective pension amounts.

The Proportional Share of Pension Expense includes the amortization of the difference between expected and actual experience with regard to economic and demographic factors as well as any changes of assumptions, if applicable, which are amortized over a closed period equal to the average of the expected remaining service lives of all employees that are provided with pensions through the pension plan. This period is 3.37 years. The remaining unamortized balance is included in either deferred outflow of resources or in deferred inflow of resources as indicated.

E. Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources The recognition period for amortizing the deferred outflow and deferred inflow of resources is set forth by GASB 68, paragraph 71. Depending on the specific deferral, the period is defined as either a fixed five year period or the Average Expected Remaining Service Life (AERSL) of all members in the plan. The following table presents a summary of changes in the deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) for the year ended June 30, 2016 (dollars in thousands).

NOTES TO THE SCHEDULES

	Year of Deferral	Amortization Period	_	Beginning of Year Balance	Additions	-	Deductions	End of Year Balance
Deferred Outflows of Resources								
Difference between expected and actual experience	2014	3.20	\$	114	\$ 0	\$	94	\$ 20
Net Difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	2014-2016	5.00		1,149	(1,047)		70	32
Change in Assumptions	2016	3.37			 7,082		2,101	 4,981
Total			\$	1,263	\$ 6,035	\$	2,265	\$ 5,033
Deferred Inflows of Resources								
Difference between expected and actual experience	2015	3.20	\$	384	\$ 0	\$	174	\$ 210
Difference between expected and actual experience	2016	3.37			 45		13	 32
Total			\$	384	\$ 45	\$	187	\$ 242

Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources (excluding employer specific amounts) related to pensions will be recognized in pension expense and are shown in the following table (dollars in thousands).

Year	Ended June 30):	
	2017	\$	2,004
	2018		2,124
	2019		870
	2020		(207)
Total		\$	4,791

NOTE 3 - ACTUARIAL METHODS AND ASSUMPTIONS

The total pension liability was determined by actuarial valuations as of December 31, 2015. The total pension liability was then rolled forward to June 30, 2016 utilizing update procedures incorporating the actuarial assumptions. The entry age normal actuarial cost method was utilized. Inflation is assumed to be 3% and salary increases range 3.50% to 7.75% which includes 3.5% inflation and productivity factor. The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments used in the determination of the total pension liability is 3.75% and is net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation.

RODSPF currently uses mortality tables that vary by age, gender and health status (i.e. disabled and healthy). The current mortality rates are based on published tables and based on studies that cover significant portions of the U.S. population. The healthy mortality rates also contain a provision to reflect future mortality improvements.

The actuarial assumptions used in the December 31, 2015 valuations were based on the results of an actuarial experience review for LGERS for the period January 1, 2010 through December 31, 2014. This actuarial experience review is reflected in the Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer as a deferred outflow of resources in the column titled Changes of Assumptions. Future and ad hoc cost of living adjustment amounts are not considered to be substantively automatic and are therefore not included in the measurement.

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 3.75%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from plan members will be made at the current contribution rate and that contributions from employers will be made at statutorily required rates, actuarially determined. Based on those assumptions, the plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of the current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine total pension liability.

NOTE 4 - COLLECTIVE PENSION EXPENSE

The components of collective pension expense for the year ended June 30, 2016 are as follows (amounts in thousands):

Service cost	\$ 579
Interest	1,354
Projected earnings on plan investments	(2,675)
Administrative expense	47
Recognition of deferred inflows and outflows of resources:	
Difference between expected and actual experience	(93)
Difference between projected and actual earnings on plan investments	70
Changes in assumptions	 2,101
Collective pension expense	\$ 1,383

NOTE 5 - ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AND ACTUARIAL INFORMATION

These financial schedules are designed to provide employers information for implementation of GASB Statement No. 68. Additional financial information for RODSPF (including the disclosure of the net pension asset) is located in the State of North Carolina's *Comprehensive Annual Financial Report* for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2016. The additional financial and actuarial information is available at <u>http://osc.nc.gov/public-information/2016-cafr</u> or by contacting RODSPF at:

RODSPF 3200 Atlantic Avenue Raleigh, NC 27604 <u>https://www.nctreasurer.com/ret/Retirement%20Reports/RODActuarialValuati</u> <u>onDecember31_2015.pdf</u>

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

The Honorable Dale R. Folwell, State Treasurer and Management of the Department of State Treasurer

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 accompanying Schedule of Employer Allocations of the Registers of Deeds' Supplemental Pension Fund, the related notes. We have also audited the total for all entities of the columns titled net pension liability, total deferred outflows of resources, total deferred inflows of resources, and the total pension expense included in the accompanying Schedule of Pension Amounts by Employer as of and for the years ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes (hereafter referred to as "the Schedules") and have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the entity's Schedules 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 determination of the amounts in the Schedules. 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.

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Beth A. Wood, CPA State Auditor

Raleigh, North Carolina

April 11, 2017

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This audit required 95 audit hours at an approximate cost of \$9,775, plus actuarial costs of \$2,710.