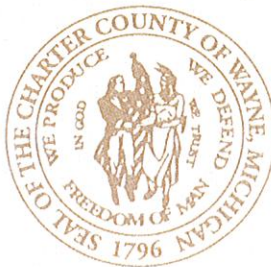


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**FINAL REPORT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Honorable Wayne County Commissioners:

Enclosed is our final copy of the Office of Legislative Auditor General's Financial Assessment – Attestation Review report for the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System – Defined Benefit Plan audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. Our report is dated March 14, 2018; DAP No. 2018-57-901(A). The report was accepted by the Audit Committee at its meeting held on April 18, 2018, and formally received by the Wayne County Commission on April 26, 2018.

We are pleased to inform you that officials from the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System provided their full cooperation. If you have any questions, concerns, or desire to discuss the report in greater detail, we would be happy to do so at your convenience. This report is intended for your information and should not be used for any other purpose. Copies of all Office of Legislative Auditor General's final reports can be found on our website at:  
[http:// www.waynecounty.com/elected/commission/office-of-the-legislative.aspx](http://www.waynecounty.com/elected/commission/office-of-the-legislative.aspx).

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March 14, 2018



**Wayne County Office of Legislative Auditor General (OAG)**  
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<b>Report Entity Name &amp; Type</b>	Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan; audited financial statements and other supplementary information for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.
<b>DAF No.</b>	No DAF number has been assigned because the financial statements have not been formally referred to the Commission. However, in accordance with Wayne County Ordinance #98-59, management provided the OAG with the financial statements and we have included them in our report.
<b>Referring Department/Agency</b>	Wayne County Employees' Retirement System (WCERS)
<b>Entity Purpose and Type</b>	<p>The Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan") is a contributory agent multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement plan that is established, administered, and governed in accordance with the authority of: (a) Public Act 156 of 1851, as amended, (b) Michigan Compiled Laws ("MCL") section 46.12a, (c) the Wayne County Charter (the "Charter"), and (d) the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Ordinance, as amended (the "Retirement Ordinance"). The Plan has two (2) participating employers: the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan (the "County") and the Wayne County Airport Authority ("WCAA"). WCERS was established to provide retirement, survivor, and disability benefits to the employees of the participating employers.</p> <p>WCERS is considered part of the County's financial reporting entity and is included in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report as a collection of fiduciary pension trust funds.</p> <p>On November 19, 2015 the Wayne County Commission (the "Commission") adopted Enrolled Ordinance No. 2015-610, establishing the payment of a monthly stipend benefit to pre-Medicare eligible retirees that previously received health insurance. The County contributes to WCERS the funds required for the stipend benefit payments in advance each month, as required in the ordinance. The contributions are currently the amount of the actual benefit payment; thus, there is no balance in a reserve account for the prefunding of the future benefit payment.</p>
<b>Organizational or Governance Structure</b>	The administration, management, and responsibility for the proper operation of the Plan, and for interpreting and making effective the provisions of the Plan, is vested in the trustees of the Wayne County Retirement Commission (the "Retirement Commission"). The Retirement Commission consists of eight (8) elected members: four (4) elected employee representatives, two (2) elected retiree representatives, and two (2) ex-officio members, including the Wayne County Executive (or his or her designee) and the Chairperson of the Wayne County Commission (the "Commission"). All elected terms are for four (4) years. The day-to-day operations are the responsibility of the retirement staff led by the Executive Director who is selected by the Retirement Commission. The retirement staff consists of Wayne County employees.
<b>Entity's Funding Sources</b>	The Plan's basic benefits are funded by contributions from the County, WCAA, and active members, as specified by the plan option selected, and by the investment income earned on the Plan's assets.



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	In March of 2016, the Commission adopted Enrolled Ordinance No. 2016-112 which merged the Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' (Bailiffs) retirement fund into the Defined Benefit Plans of WCERS. The Bailiffs' net position was transferred to the Defined Benefit Plan of WCERS in March of 2016. All Bailiffs participants became participants in the WCERS plan at that time.
<b>Summary of Intergovernmental Agreements with the County</b>	On December 18, 2014, the Wayne County Commission adopted Resolution No. 2014-736, authorizing WCERS to operate an agent multiple-employer retirement system and to be able to enter into an agency agreement with the WCAA to administer the retirement plans of the WCAA. The intergovernmental agreement between WCERS and WCAA was approved by the WCAA's Board on July 15, 2015.
<b>Type of Report</b>	Annual audited financial statements with independent auditors' report. The auditors' report is from George Johnson & Company, Certified Public Accountants. The financial statements of the Plan as of, and for the year ended, September 30, 2016 were audited by other auditors whose report dated February 24, 2017 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.
<b>Report Period(s)</b>	Fiscal Years Ending September 30, 2017 and 2016.
<b>Report Purpose</b>	The purpose of hiring an external auditing firm is to render an opinion on the financial statements of the WCERS for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016. The audited financial statements of the WCERS were prepared at the request of the retirement board.
<b>Type of Audit Report Opinion</b>	Unqualified/Unmodified (clean) Opinion.
<b>Report's Impact on the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report</b>	The financial statements of the WCERS were incorporated in the county's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report (CAFR) for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.
<b>OAG ASSESSMENT</b>	<p>Our review of the WCERS audited financial statements and other supplementary information for the FY's ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). A review is substantially less in scope than an examination or audit, the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the audited financial statements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.</p> <p>Based on the work performed, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe the audited financial statements of the WCERS and other supplementary information are not presented in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.</p> <p>We concluded that, generally, the audited financial statements and other supplementary information appear complete and thorough. However, our review of the report's content noted the following:</p> <p>The following summary table identifies the significant fluctuations between FY's 2017 and 2016.</p>



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**OAG ASSESSMENT (Cont.)**

**Wayne County Employees' Retirement System**  
**Statement of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Significant Fluctuations between FY 2017 and FY 2016**  
**(In Millions)**

Account	FY 2017	FY 2016	Inc./ (Dec.)	Inc./ (Dec.) %
<b>Assets</b>				
Investments	\$ 915.1	\$ 871.8	\$ 43.3	5.0%
Other assets	8.0	12.1	(4.1)	(33.9%)
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 923.1</b>	<b>\$ 883.9</b>	<b>\$ 39.2</b>	<b>4.4%</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
Liabilities	\$ 2.3	\$ 2.8	\$ (0.5)	(17.9%)
<b>NET POSITION RESTRICTED FOR PENSIONS</b>	<b>\$ 920.8</b>	<b>\$ 881.0</b>	<b>\$ 39.8</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

- The Plan's total assets as of September 30, 2017 were \$923.1 million and were mostly comprised of cash and investments. Total assets increased by \$39.2 million, or 4.4%, from the prior year. The increase is primarily attributable to higher investment value. The last two (2) years have had favorable overall rate of return on investments of 12.28% and 10.37% for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Other assets declined to \$8.0 million in FY 2017 from \$12.1 in FY 2016. The decline is primarily due to a \$4.2 million decrease in the amount of equity held in Wayne County pooled cash. The Plan's carrying amount of deposits were \$6.5 million and \$10.7 million as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and are kept in the County's depository account maintained by the County Treasurer.
- Liabilities decreased to \$2.3 million in FY 2017 from \$2.8 million in FY 2016. Liabilities mainly consist of amounts due to the Plan's broker for securities purchased as of September 30, 2017. The Plan owed its broker \$1.0 million and \$1.6 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.
- Total net position restricted for pensions as of September 30, 2017 increased by \$39.8 million from September 30, 2016. The increase is primarily attributable to the improving financial markets and the resulting investment performance for the year.

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OAG ASSESSMENT (Cont.)

**Wayne County Employees' Retirement System**  
**Statement of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**Significant Fluctuations between FY 2017 and FY 2016**  
(In Millions)

	<b>FY 2017</b>	<b>FY 2016</b>	<b>Inc./ (Dec.)</b>	<b>Inc./ (Dec.)%</b>
<b>Additions</b>				
Contributions	\$80.3	\$114.1	\$ (33.8)	(29.6%)
IEF Judgment Investment Earnings	0.0	0.7	(0.7)	(100%)
Investment Income				
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	83.8	62.6	21.2	33.9%
Other Investment Income	18.3	16.3	2.0	12.3%
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>\$182.4</b>	<b>\$193.7</b>	<b>\$ (11.3)</b>	<b>(5.8%)</b>
<b>Deductions</b>				
Benefits Payments & Distributions	\$139.9	\$139.9	\$ 0.0	0.0%
Administrative Expense	2.7	2.3	0.4	17.4%
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>142.6</b>	<b>142.2</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>0.3%</b>
<b>Change in Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 39.8</b>	<b>\$ 51.5</b>	<b>\$ (11.7)</b>	<b>(22.7%)</b>
<b>Transfer in from Bailiffs' plan</b>	<b>\$ 0.0</b>	<b>\$ 5.7</b>		
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pensions</b>				
<b>Beginning of the year</b>	<b>\$881.0</b>	<b>\$823.8</b>		
<b>End of the year</b>	<b>\$920.8</b>	<b>\$881.0</b>	<b>\$39.8</b>	<b>4.5%</b>

- Total contributions for FY 2017 decreased by \$33.8 million compared to FY 2016. The decrease was related to the reduction in the amount of employer contributions for the year ended September 30, 2017. Employer contributions totaled \$68.2 million and \$101.3 million for the years ended 2017 and 2016, respectively. Employee contributions were \$9.2 million and \$10.7 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The County also made contributions totaling \$2.9 million and \$2.1 million to fund stipend benefits for pre-Medicare retirees for FY 2017 and FY 2016, respectively.
- The change in the fair value of investments was favorable for the year. The fair value of investments had net appreciation of \$83.8 million and \$62.6 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The net appreciation in the fair value of investments for



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<b>OAG ASSESSMENT (Cont.)</b>	investment performance during year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Total deductions from net position were consistent for the last two years, from \$142.2 million for FY 2016 to \$142.6 million for the year ended FY 2017. Both years include a stipend benefit paid to pre-Medicare eligible retirees in the amounts of \$2.9 million and \$2.1 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Administrative expenses slightly increase from \$2.3 million in FY 2016 to \$2.7 million in FY 2017.</li></ul>
<b>REPORTING CHANGES</b>	No new accounting policies were adopted, and the application of existing policies was not changed during the year.
<b>VIEWS OF RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS</b>	The final draft report was provided to the officials in the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System. Management did not have any comments.
<b>OAG OVERALL RECOMMENDATION</b>	It is our recommendation that the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System audited financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is forwarded to the Wayne County Commission for receipt and filing.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System and the Wayne County Commission and is not intended to be and should not be used by another other than these specified parties. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of the report, which is a matter of public record.



Marcella Cora, CPA, CIA, CGMA, CICA  
Auditor General

## **Appendix**

### **Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan Year Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 Financial Statements**



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**  
**(With Supplementary Information)**

September 30, 2017 and 2016

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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## **INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

February 21, 2018

To the Wayne County Retirement Commission  
Charter County of Wayne, Michigan

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

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan"), a pension trust fund of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan, which comprise the statement of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2017, and the related statement of changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, as well as the related notes to the financial statements.

### **Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements**

The Plan's 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 an opinion 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend upon 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 Plan'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 Plan'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 financial statements.

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

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT (CONTINUED)**

**Opinion**

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Plan as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Reporting Entity**

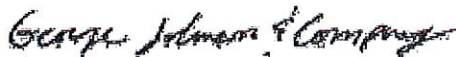
As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the Plan and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Report on Required Supplementary Information**

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 9 and the pension information on pages 39 through 41 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, which 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 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 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.

**Prior-Year Financial Statements**

The financial statements of the Plan as of, and for the year ended, September 30, 2016 were audited by other auditors whose report dated February 24, 2017 expressed an unmodified opinion on those statements.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
Detroit, Michigan



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED)**

**September 30, 2017 and 2016**

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This section of the annual report of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan") presents management's discussion and analysis of the Plan's financial performance during the plan years that ended on September 30, 2017 and 2016. Please read it in conjunction with the Plan's financial statements, which follow this section.

**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- The Plan's total net position increased by approximately \$39.7 million, or 4.5 percent; the prior year increase was \$57.2 million, or 6.9 percent. Assets are held in trust and are restricted to meet future benefit payments.
- The Plan's basic benefits are funded by contributions from Wayne County (the "County"), the Wayne County Airport Authority ("WCAA"), and active members, as well as by the investment income earned on the Plan's assets. As of September 30, 2016 and 2015, the funded ratios for the plan were 56 percent and 55 percent, respectively, for pension benefits, based on the most recent actuarial valuations (i.e., a valuation has not yet been completed for the year ended September 30, 2017, as explained in the accompanying required supplementary information).
- Total additions to net position, excluding net appreciation (depreciation), were lower by \$32.7 million from \$131.2 million for the year ended September 30, 2016 to \$98.5 million for the year ended September 30, 2017. The actuarially determined required employer contribution decreased by \$17.2 million, and the amount of the additional employer contributions above the required contribution decreased by \$15.9 million from the prior year. The County's actuarially determined contribution rate decreased from 50.68 percent for the year ended September 30, 2016 to 46.72 percent for the year ended September 30, 2017, which decreased employer contributions, and the County contributed an additional \$10.0 million above the required contribution for the year ended September 30, 2017, compared to \$16.5 million above the required contribution for the year ended September 30, 2016. The Detroit Wayne Mental Health Authority contributed an additional \$5.6 million in employer contributions to the Plan to fund its unfunded liability for the year ended September 30, 2016, while no contributions were made for the year ended September 30, 2017. WCAA's actuarially determined contribution rate decreased from 23 percent for the year ended September 30, 2016 to 20.53 percent for the year ended September 30, 2017, which decreased employer contributions. WCAA also made an additional \$0.3 million in employer contributions to the Plan to apply to its unfunded liability, \$3.7 million less than the prior year. WCAA also contributed an additional \$4.4 million to the Plan to apply to the combined pre-2002 retiree unfunded liability, the same amount as the prior year. Member contributions decreased as fewer annuities were purchased in the Plan during the current year.

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)**

September 30, 2017 and 2016

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**FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS (CONTINUED)**

- The change in the fair value of investments was favorable for the current year. The fair value of investments had net appreciation of \$83.8 million and \$62.6 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and net depreciation of \$12.8 million for the year ended September 30, 2015.
- Total deductions from net position were consistent for the last two years, from \$142.2 million for the year ended September 30, 2016 to \$142.6 million for the year ended September 30, 2017. Both years include a stipend benefit paid to pre-Medicare eligible retirees (see the notes for additional information).

**OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

This annual report contains the Plan's financial statements, which consist of the statements of fiduciary net position and the statements of changes in fiduciary net position (presented on pages 10 and 11). These financial statements report information about the Plan as a whole using accounting methods similar to those used by private-sector pension plans. The statements of fiduciary net position include all of the Plan's assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities, and deferred inflows of resources. All of the current year's increases and decreases in the Plan's net position are accounted for in the statements of changes in fiduciary net position, regardless of when cash is received or paid.

These financial statements report the Plan's net position and how it has changed. Net position represents the difference between the Plan's total of assets and deferred outflows of resources and its total of liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, and it represents one way to measure the Plan's financial health, or position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Plan's net position are an indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating.

The notes to the financial statements, which begin on page 12, explain some of the information in the financial statements and provide more detailed data.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)**

September 30, 2017 and 2016

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN AS A WHOLE**

Table 1 reflects the condensed statements of fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015:

**Table 1**  
**Statements of Fiduciary Net Position**  
**September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Assets:</b>			
Investments	\$ 915,063,970	\$ 871,802,702	\$ 778,717,596
Other assets	8,009,320	12,059,177	50,882,518
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>923,073,290</b>	<b>883,861,879</b>	<b>829,600,114</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>2,321,457</b>	<b>2,822,920</b>	<b>5,775,570</b>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pensions</b>	<b><u>\$ 920,751,833</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 881,038,959</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 823,824,544</u></b>

The Plan's total assets as of September 30, 2017 were \$923.1 million and were mostly comprised of cash and investments. Total assets increased by \$39.2 million, or 4.4 percent, from the prior year. Total assets as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 were \$883.9 million and \$829.6 million, respectively. The increase is primarily attributable to the higher investment value. The last three years have had a favorable overall rate of return on investments of 12.28 percent, 10.37 percent, and 1.09 percent for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively.

Other assets include \$1.1 million and \$0.5 million that were due from the Plan's broker for securities sold as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and liabilities include \$1.0 million and \$1.6 million that were due to the Plan's broker for securities purchased as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. The amounts due to and from the broker are a result of security purchase and sale transactions initiated before September 30 of each year, but not completed until after October 1 of each year. Other assets as of September 30, 2017 also include \$6.5 million of equity in the County's pooled cash. The Plan's equity in the County's pooled cash as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 was \$10.7 million and \$14.2 million, respectively.



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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)**

September 30, 2017 and 2016

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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)**

Total net position restricted for pensions as of September 30, 2017 increased by \$39.7 million from September 30, 2016. The increase is primarily attributable to the improving financial markets and the resulting investment performance for the year. For the year ended September 30, 2016, total net position increased by \$51.5 million from September 30, 2015 (before the transfer of \$5.7 million from the Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Retirement System).

Table 2 reflects the condensed statements of changes in fiduciary net position for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015:

**Table 2**  
**Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
<b>Additions:</b>			
Contributions	\$ 80,251,133	\$ 114,072,065	\$ 123,089,224
Inflation Equity Fund judgment investment earnings	-0-	741,650	18,497,745
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	83,763,276	62,571,168	(12,754,830)
Other investment income	<u>18,263,095</u>	<u>16,336,974</u>	<u>19,421,723</u>
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b><u>182,277,504</u></b>	<b><u>193,721,857</u></b>	<b><u>148,253,862</u></b>
<b>Deductions:</b>			
Participant benefit payments and distributions	139,888,098	139,863,597	136,008,966
Administrative expenses	<u>2,676,532</u>	<u>2,314,488</u>	<u>3,039,950</u>
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b><u>\$ 142,564,630</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 142,178,085</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 139,048,916</u></b>

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**MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS (UNAUDITED) (CONTINUED)**

September 30, 2017 and 2016

**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)**

**Table 2**

**Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position (continued)**  
**For the Years Ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Change in Net Position Restricted for Pensions Before Asset Transfer	\$ 39,712,874	\$ 51,543,772	\$ 9,204,946
Transfer of Assets from Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Retirement System	-0-	5,670,643	-0-
Change in Net Position Restricted for Pensions	39,712,874	57,214,415	9,204,946
Net Position Restricted for Pensions, Beginning of Year	881,038,959	823,824,544	814,619,598
Net Position Restricted for Pensions, End of Year	<u>\$ 920,751,833</u>	<u>\$ 881,038,959</u>	<u>\$ 823,824,544</u>

**Additions to Fiduciary Net Position**

The reserves needed to finance pension benefits are accumulated through the collection of member and employer contributions, as well as through earnings on investments. Contributions and net investment income, excluding net appreciation (depreciation), for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015 totaled \$98.5 million, \$131.2 million, and \$161.0 million, respectively.

Total contributions for the year ended September 30, 2017 decreased by \$33.8 million compared to the prior year. The decrease was related to the reduction in the amount of employer contributions for the year ended September 30, 2017. Employer contributions were made at the actual rate of 52.73 percent, 72.22 percent, and 53.95 percent of covered payroll during the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Employer contributions were \$68.2 million, \$101.3 million, and \$79.5 million for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. Member contributions totaled \$9.2 million, \$10.7 million, and \$11.4 million for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The County also made contributions totaling \$2.9 million and \$2.1 million to fund a stipend benefit paid to pre-Medicare retirees for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.



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**FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN AS A WHOLE (CONTINUED)**

**Additions to Fiduciary Net Position (continued)**

Other investment income (including securities lending income) totaled \$2.3 million for the current year. Other investment income totaled \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. The Plan also received a settlement payment of \$1.6 million during the year ended September 30, 2017.

Investment expenses were \$3.2 million, \$3.0 million, and \$3.1 million for the years ended September 30, 2017, 2016, and 2015, respectively. The investment expenses were consistent the past three years.

**Net Appreciation and Depreciation**

The change in the fair value of investments was favorable for the year. The fair value of investments had net appreciation of \$83.8 million and \$62.6 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and net depreciation of \$12.8 million for the year ended September 30, 2015. The net appreciation in the fair value of investments for the current year is attributable to the improving financial markets and resulting investment performance for the year.

**Deductions from Fiduciary Net Position**

The deductions of the Plan include the payment of pension benefits to members and beneficiaries and the costs of administering the Plan. Total deductions of \$142.6 million for the year ended September 30, 2017 were consistent with the prior year's deductions of \$142.2 million. Included in total deductions is a stipend benefit paid to pre-Medicare eligible retirees of \$2.9 million and \$2.1 million for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. Administrative expenses were consistent the past two years. Total deductions were approximately \$139.0 million for the year ended September 30, 2015.

**ECONOMIC FACTORS**

The financial markets have been volatile over the last several years. The current year saw improving financial markets and resulting investment performance for the year. Management believes that the Plan is in a financial position to meet its pension benefit obligations. Management does have concerns about the funding level of the Plan. It is anticipated that the financial position can improve with a prudent investment strategy and return to more stable market conditions.



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**FINANCIAL CONTACT**

This financial report is designed to present its users with a general overview of the Plan's finances and to demonstrate the Plan's accountability for the funds it holds. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System, 28 West Adams, Suite 1900, Detroit, Michigan 48226.

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**STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

September 30, 2017 and 2016

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Assets:</b>		
Investments, at fair value or net asset value (Note C):		
Equity investments	\$ 470,973,358	\$ 461,187,869
Fixed income investments	117,957,676	117,249,406
Money market funds	44,231,580	27,219,766
Other investments	281,901,356	266,145,661
<b>Total Investments</b>	<b><u>915,063,970</u></b>	<b><u>871,802,702</u></b>
Other assets:		
Equity in Wayne County pooled cash (Note C)	6,528,631	10,678,880
Accounts receivable	-0-	2,378
Due from broker for securities sold	1,071,154	548,939
Accrued interest and dividends	382,682	812,349
Prepaid expenses	26,853	16,631
<b>Total Other Assets</b>	<b><u>8,009,320</u></b>	<b><u>12,059,177</u></b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>923,073,290</u></b>	<b><u>883,861,879</u></b>
<b>Liabilities:</b>		
Accounts and contracts payable	741,582	615,087
Due to other Wayne County component units and funds	2,865	2,826
Due to broker for securities purchased	972,752	1,599,539
Accrued wages and benefits	127,649	128,859
Obligation for unfunded other postemployment benefits (Note F)	476,609	476,609
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>2,321,457</u></b>	<b><u>2,822,920</u></b>
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pensions (Note B)</b>	<b><u>\$ 920,751,833</u></b>	<b><u>\$ 881,038,959</u></b>

See notes to financial statements.

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**STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION**

**For the Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Additions:</b>		
Contributions:		
Employer (Note A)	\$ 71,052,048	\$ 103,337,465
Members	9,199,085	10,734,600
Total Contributions	80,251,133	114,072,065
Inflation Equity Fund judgment investment earnings	-0-	741,650
Investment income:		
Net appreciation in fair value of investments	83,763,276	62,571,168
Interest	12,610,536	11,456,350
Dividends	6,548,302	7,224,350
Securities lending income	271,647	255,710
Other investment income	1,989,256	425,870
Total Investment Income	105,183,017	81,933,448
Less: Investment expenses	(3,156,646)	(3,025,306)
Net Investment Income	102,026,371	78,908,142
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>182,277,504</b>	<b>193,721,857</b>
<b>Deductions:</b>		
Participant benefit payments and distributions	139,888,098	139,863,597
Administrative expenses	2,676,532	2,314,488
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>142,564,630</b>	<b>142,178,085</b>
<b>Change in Net Position Restricted for Pensions Before Asset Transfer</b>	<b>39,712,874</b>	<b>51,543,772</b>
Transfer of Assets from Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Retirement System (Note A)	-0-	5,670,643
<b>Change in Net Position Restricted for Pensions</b>	<b>39,712,874</b>	<b>57,214,415</b>
Net Position Restricted for Pensions, Beginning of Year	881,038,959	823,824,544
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pensions, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 920,751,833</b>	<b>\$ 881,038,959</b>

See notes to financial statements.



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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN**

**General**

The Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan") is a contributory agent multiple-employer defined benefit public employee retirement plan that is established, administered, and governed in accordance with the authority of: (a) Public Act 156 of 1851, section 12a, added by Public Act 249 of 1943, as amended, (b) Michigan Compiled Laws ("MCL") section 46.12a, (c) the Wayne County Charter (the "Charter"), and (d) the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Ordinance, as amended (the "Retirement Ordinance"). The Plan has two participating employers: the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan (the "County") and the Wayne County Airport Authority ("WCAA"). The Wayne County Employees' Retirement System ("WCERS") provides retirement, survivor, and disability benefits to the employees of the County and WCAA, pursuant to section 6.112 of the Charter and section 141-35 of the Retirement Ordinance.

WCERS is considered part of the County financial reporting entity and is included in the County's comprehensive annual financial report as a collection of fiduciary pension trust funds.

Previously, WCAA has been reported as a component unit of the County reporting entity. However, because the outstanding debt upon which the County had pledged its full faith and credit was refunded in October 2015, WCAA is no longer reported as a component unit.

Pursuant to the Michigan Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act, Michigan Public Pension Investment Act 314 of 1965, as amended [MCL 38.1132, *et seq.*] ("Act 314"), and the Retirement Ordinance, the administration, management, and responsibility for the proper operation of the Plan, and for interpreting and making effective the provisions of the Plan, is vested in the trustees of the Wayne County Retirement Commission (the "Retirement Commission"). As a governmental plan, the Plan is exempt from the requirements of Title 1 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended ("ERISA"), and, as such, is not subject to the reporting and disclosure requirements of ERISA.

Pursuant to both section 6.122 of the Charter and section 141-35 of the Retirement Ordinance, the Retirement Commission consists of eight elected members: four elected employee representatives, two elected retiree representatives, and two ex-officio members, including the Wayne County Executive (or his or her designee) and the Chairperson of the Wayne County Commission (the "Commission"). All elected terms are for four years.

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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**General (continued)**

Effective October 1, 2001, the County established the Wayne County Hybrid Retirement Plan #5 ("Plan Option 5"), which contains both defined benefit and defined contribution components. Participants in the plan options previously in existence (Plan Options 1, 2, 3, and 4) could elect to transfer their account balances to Plan Option 5, if authorized, during specific time periods noted within collective bargaining agreements or benefit plans.

Effective October 1, 2008, the County established another hybrid defined benefit plan option ("Plan Option 6"), which contains both defined benefit and defined contribution components. Participants in Plan Option 5 could elect to transfer their account balances to Plan Option 6, if authorized, during specific time periods noted within collective bargaining agreements or benefit plans.

Effective October 1, 2001, only Plan Option 5 is available to new County employees, except for new executive and legislative benefit plan members, who may continue to elect participation in Plan Option 4; Plan Options 1, 2, 3, and 6 are closed to new hires. Effective September 2012, Plan Options 4, 4A, 5, and 5A are available to new WCAA employees. Because there is no legal requirement to further segregate the assets relating to Plan Options 1, 2, 3, 5, or 6 in paying benefits, the accompanying financial statements include the net position and changes in net position relating to Plan Options 1, 2, and 3, as well as the defined benefit component of Plan Options 5 and 6. The defined contribution portion of Plan Options 5 and 6 is included in the financial statements of the WCERS Defined Contribution Plan.

On December 18, 2014, the Commission adopted Resolution No. 2014-736, authorizing WCERS to operate an agent multiple-employer retirement system and to be able to enter into an agency agreement with WCAA to administer the retirement plans of WCAA. The intergovernmental agreement between WCERS and WCAA was approved by the WCAA's Board on July 15, 2015.

On November 19, 2015, the Commission adopted Enrolled Ordinance No. 2015-610, establishing the payment of a monthly stipend benefit to pre-Medicare eligible retirees that previously received health insurance. The County contributes to WCERS the funds required for the stipend benefit payments in advance each month, as required in the ordinance. The contributions are currently the amount of the actual benefit payment; thus, there is no balance in a reserve account for the prefunding of the future benefit payments.



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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**General (continued)**

The Commission adopted Enrolled Ordinance No. 2016-112 in March 2016, which merged the Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Retirement System (the "Bailiffs Plan") into the defined benefit plans of WCERS. The Bailiffs Plan's net position was transferred to the Plan in March 2016. All Bailiffs Plan participants become participants in the Plan at that time.

Effective October 1, 2015, the County changed its retirement benefits going forward for nearly all of its defined benefit active members, except the legislative plan members and WCAA employees, which continue to use the prior benefits. The accrued benefits earned before that time were frozen using the prior benefits. Benefits earned after this date are noted as "After October 1, 2015 Defined Benefit Plans" in the descriptions below.

**Contributions**

The Plan's basic benefits, as described in the Retirement Ordinance and as amended by the provisions of applicable collective bargaining agreements or benefit plans (i.e., coverage groups), are funded by contributions from the County, WCAA, and active members, as specified by the plan option selected, and by the investment income earned on the Plan's assets.

Member contribution percentages under the various plan options are as follows:

**After October 1, 2015 Defined Benefit Plans**

Under Plan Options 1, 3, 5, and 6, members contribute six percent of gross wages up to \$52,155, then seven percent of gross wages over \$52,155. For Sheriffs, the amount is seven percent of gross wages up to \$52,155, then eight percent of gross wages over \$52,155. Plan Option 2 and WCAA Plan Option 5 require no member contributions to the Plan. Under WCAA Plan Option 5A, contributions are three percent of covered compensation until the WCAA funding ratio is 100 percent. If funding is 100 percent, contributions are reduced to two percent of covered compensation until the WCAA funding ratio is less than 100 percent, at which point contributions increase to three percent of covered compensation.



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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Contributions (continued)**

**Plan Option 1**

- WCAA Airport Police and Command: Five percent of eligible compensation
- Bailiffs: Three percent of the first \$4,200 of annual compensation, then five percent of annual compensation in excess of \$4,200
- Others: Contributions are based on credited service, depending on the coverage group in which the member participates, as follows:

<u>Credited Service</u>	<u>Contribution Rates</u>
0 to 8 years	6.00 or 6.58 percent of eligible compensation
9 to 12 years	4.00 or 4.58 percent of eligible compensation
13 to 16 years	3.00 or 3.58 percent of eligible compensation
17 or more years	2.00 or 2.58 percent of eligible compensation

**Plan Option 2**

No member contributions

**Plan Option 3**

Three percent of eligible compensation

**Plan Option 5**

Employees make contributions ranging from one to five percent of eligible compensation or no contributions at all, depending on each employee's coverage group. For WCAA employees, Plan Option 5 was available to new employees hired after October 1, 2001; however, a defined contribution plan is obligatory for most new employees (with the exception of Fire members, who are eligible for Plan Option 5A). Members may transfer into Plan Options 5 or 5A when allowed by the applicable collective bargaining agreement.

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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Contributions (continued)**

**Plan Option 6**

Four percent of eligible compensation

**Pension Benefits**

Retirees, employees with a frozen benefit before October 1, 2015, current legislative plan members, and WCAA employees who have eight or more years of credited service and have attained the age specified by the specific plan option chosen are entitled to an annual pension. The County pension benefit changes after October 1, 2015 changed the credited service vesting requirement to 10 years, and pension begins at age 62, unless the early retirement option is selected, which reduces the pension by 0.8 percent for each month retirement precedes age 62. The service requirements for receiving a pension under the various plan options are based on the Retirement Ordinance and collective bargaining agreements or benefit plans and are as follows:

**After October 1, 2015 Defined Benefit Plans**

For Plan Options 1, 2, 3, 5, and 6, retirement eligibility is age 62 with 10 years of credited service, and early retirement is age 55 with 30 years of credited service, with a reduction of 0.8 percent for each month retirement precedes age 62 for non-sheriffs. Sheriffs may retire at age 55 with 30 years of credited services without a reduction.

**Plan Option 1**

- Any age with 30 years of service, age 50 with 25 years of service, or age 60 with five years of service for employees other than Sheriff Command Officers and Sheriff Deputies
- Any age with 25 years of service for Sheriff Command Officers and Sheriff Deputies

**Plan Option 2**

Age 55 with 25 years of service, or age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 65 with eight years of service

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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Pension Benefits (continued)**

**Plan Option 3**

- Age 55 with 25 years of service, or age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 65 with five years of service for employees other than Sheriff Command Officers
- Any age with 25 years of service for Sheriff Command Officers

**Plan Option 5**

Any age with 30 or more years of service, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 65 with eight years of service

**Plan Option 6**

Any age with 30 or more years of service, or age 55 with 25 years of service, or age 60 with 20 years of service, or age 65 with eight years of service

**Amount of Pension Benefits**

Benefits are paid monthly over the member or survivor's lifetime based on the following percentages of average final compensation for each year of credited service:

**After October 1, 2015 Defined Benefit Plans**

Under Plan Options 1, 3, 5, and 6, the retirement benefit is based on 1.25 percent for each year after October 1, 2015; the maximum pension is 75 percent of average final compensation. Average final compensation is based on the average of base wages for the last 10 years of credited service. Plan Option 2 remains the same as the prior rate.

**Plan Option 1**

Depending on the applicable collective bargaining agreement or benefit plan, the retirement benefit is either: (a) 2.65 percent for each year, (b) 2.5 percent for each year, or (c) 2.0 percent for each year up to 20 years, and 2.5 percent for each year over 20 years. The maximum employer-financed portion is 75 percent of average final compensation. The minimum pension is \$5 per month, multiplied by the number of years of service.



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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Amount of Pension Benefits (continued)**

**Plan Option 2**

The retirement benefit is 1.0 percent for each year up to 20 years, and 1.25 percent for each year over 20 years. The maximum employer-financed portion is 75 percent of average final compensation.

**Plan Option 3**

Depending on the applicable collective bargaining agreement or benefit plan, the retirement benefit is either: (a) 2.0 percent for each year up to 20 years, 2.5 percent for each year between 20 and 25 years, and 3.0 percent for each year over 25 years, (b) 1.5 percent for each year up to 20 years, 2.0 percent for each year between 20 and 25 years, and 2.5 percent for each year over 25 years, or (c) 2.5 percent for all years of service, contingent upon payment of \$500 per year for each year of credited service up to 20 years. The maximum employer-financed portion is 75 percent of average final compensation.

**Plan Option 5**

Depending on the applicable collective bargaining agreement or benefit plan, the retirement benefit is either: (a) 2.0 percent for each year of credited service, (b) 1.25 percent for each year up to 20 years, and 1.5 percent for each year over 20 years, or (c) 1.5 percent for each year up to 20 years, and 1.75 percent for each year over 20 years. The maximum employer-financed portion is 75 percent of average final compensation, less workers' compensation payments.

**Plan Option 6**

The retirement benefit is 2.5 percent for each year of service. The maximum employer-financed portion is 75 percent of average final compensation.

**Death and Disability Benefits**

The Plan also provides non-duty death and disability benefits to members after 10 years of credited service for Plan Options 1, 2, 5, and 6, along with non-duty death benefits for Plan Option 3. The 10-year service provision is waived for duty disability and death benefits.

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**NOTE A - DESCRIPTION OF THE PLAN (CONTINUED)**

**Eligibility**

Effective August 15, 1983, the County closed Plan Option 1 to new hires. Plan Option 2 was available to all persons hired after August 15, 1983 and before October 1, 2001, and was also available to Plan Options 1 and 3 members' who wished to transfer to this plan before October 1, 2001. Plan Option 3 was available to all persons last hired prior to June 30, 1984. Plan Option 5 is available to all new persons hired after September 30, 2001. Effective September 2012, only Plan Option 4 is available to most new WCAA employees, with the exception of Fire members, who are eligible for Plan Option 5A.

The number of Plan participants as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Active participants:		
Vested	1,319	1,327
Nonvested	<u>953</u>	<u>902</u>
Total Active Participants	2,272	2,229
Terminated vested	195	191
Retired and receiving benefits	<u>5,272</u>	<u>5,314</u>
	<u><u>7,739</u></u>	<u><u>7,734</u></u>

**NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Accounting**

The Plan's financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. Member contributions are recognized in the period in which the contributions are due. Employer contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Retirement Ordinance. Administrative expenses are financed through investment earnings.

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**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Net Position Restricted for Pensions**

Net position restricted for pensions consists of the following reserves:

**Reserve for Member Contributions**

Members contribute at rates as stated in the Retirement Ordinance or collective bargaining agreements for the applicable option. Interest is credited at least annually to the reserve for member contributions. The balance represents active members' contributions and interest, less amounts transferred to funds for retirement, amounts refunded to terminated members, and transferred inactive accounts.

**Reserve for Employer Contributions**

All employer contributions are credited to the reserve for employer contributions. Interest is credited at least annually, and transfers are made to the reserve for pension payments to fund the employers' share of retirement allowances, as recommended by the Plan's actuaries and approved by the Plan's trustees.

**Reserve for Pension Payments**

This reserve represents the reserves for payment of future retirement benefits to persons already on the retirement rolls. At retirement, a member's accumulated contributions (with interest) are transferred to the reserve for pension payments from the reserve for employer contributions and from the reserve for member contributions. Interest is credited at least annually to the reserve for pension payments.

The reserve balances as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Reserve for member contributions	\$ 120,031,728	\$ 119,456,583
Reserve (deficit) for employer contributions	(431,789,453)	(402,980,644)
Reserve for pension payments	<u>1,232,509,558</u>	<u>1,164,563,020</u>
	<u><u>\$ 920,751,833</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 881,038,959</u></u>



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**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Investments**

The Plan's investments are stated at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date (an exit price).

Short-term investments are reported at cost, which approximates fair value. Securities traded on a national or international exchange are valued at the last reported sales price at current exchange rates. Fixed debt quotations are provided by a national brokerage pricing service. Real estate values are determined on the basis of comparable yields available in the marketplace. Investments for which market quotations are not readily available, including investments in commingled funds, are valued at their net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the funds, which is valued based on the fair values of the underlying assets as determined by the custodian under the direction of the Retirement Commission, with the assistance of a valuation service.

Many of the Plan's investments in private equity and real estate investments are invested in assets which do not have exchange quotations that are readily available. Such assets are valued initially at cost, with subsequent adjustments to values that reflect meaningful third-party transactions, or to net asset value as determined by the general partners or management of the investments. Factors considered in valuing these individual securities may include, but are not limited to, the purchase price, changes in the financial condition and prospects of the issuer, calculations of the total enterprise value using discounted cash flow projections, trading of securities of comparable companies engaged in similar businesses, estimates of liquidation value, the existence of restrictions on transferability, prices received in significant recent placements of securities of the same issuer, and other analytical data relating to the investment. There are inherent limitations in any estimation technique. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuations, these estimated values may differ significantly from the values that would have been used had a ready market for the investments existed, and the differences could be material.

Dividend income is recognized based on the ex-dividend date, and interest income is recognized on the accrual basis as earned. All realized gains and losses on investments are recognized at the point of sale and are included in investment income. Purchases and sales of investments are recorded as of the trade date, which is the date when the transaction is initiated. Net appreciation and depreciation include gains and losses on investments bought and sold, as well as held, during the year.

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**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Fair Value Measurements**

The Plan uses fair value measurements in the preparation of its financial statements, which utilize various inputs, including those that can be readily observable, corroborated, or are generally unobservable. The Plan utilizes market-based data and valuation techniques that maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs. Additionally, the Plan applies assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability, including an assumption about market risk.

The measurement of fair value includes a hierarchy based on the quality of inputs used to measure fair value. Financial assets and liabilities are categorized into this three-level fair value hierarchy based on the inputs to the valuation technique. The fair value hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets and liabilities and the lowest priority to unobservable inputs.

The various levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 - Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on unadjusted quoted market prices for identical assets and liabilities in an active market that the Plan has the ability to access
- Level 2 - Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or model inputs that are observable for substantially the full term of the asset or liability
- Level 3 - Financial assets and liabilities whose values are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement

The use of observable market data, when available, is required in making fair value measurements. When inputs used to measure fair value fall within different levels of the hierarchy, the level within which the fair value measurement is categorized is based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.



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**NOTE B – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (CONTINUED)**

**Capital Assets**

Capital assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line basis method over the estimated useful lives of the assets, which is five years. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense. Renewals or betterments which extend the life or increase the value of the properties are capitalized.

**NOTE C – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS**

The Retirement Commission is vested with a fiduciary responsibility for administration, management, and proper operation of WCERS. The Plan's assets are held and invested in accordance with Act 314. Based on the advice of its investment consultant, AndCo Consulting, the Retirement Commission has established an investment policy statement ("IPS") for the Plan. The IPS outlines the goals and investment objectives of WCERS and is intended to provide guidelines for the investment and management of the Plan's assets. Act 314 incorporates the prudent person rule and requires investment fiduciaries to act solely in the interest of the Plan's participants and beneficiaries. Accordingly, the Retirement Commission has the authority to invest the Plan's assets in common and preferred stock, obligations of the United States, its agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises, obligations of any state or political subdivision of a state having the power to levy taxes, bankers' acceptances, certificates of deposit, commercial paper, repurchase agreements, reverse repurchase agreements, real and personal property, mortgages, and certain other investments.

**Investment Allocation Policy**

The IPS regarding the allocation of invested assets is established and may be amended by the Retirement Commission. The IPS pursues an investment strategy that protects the financial health of the Plan and reduces risk through the prudent diversification of the portfolio across a broad selection of distinct asset classes. Plan assets are invested in the broad investment categories and asset classes to achieve the allocation targets below. Recognizing that returns may vary, causing fluctuations in the relative dollar value levels of assets within classes, the Plan may not maintain strict adherence to the targets in the short term, but may allow the values to fluctuate within these ranges. Over the long term, the Plan will strive to adhere to the given targets as financially practicable and move toward target allocations in a prudent manner consistent with its fiduciary duty.



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**Investment Allocation Policy (continued)**

The adopted asset allocation policy as of September 30, 2017 is as follows:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Allocation Range	
		Minimum	Maximum
Equity	50 %	40 %	70 %
Domestic fixed income	15	5	50
International fixed income	5	-0-	20
Real estate	15	5	20
Alternative investments	15	10	20
Michigan-based private equity	-0-	-0-	2
Short-term or cash	-0-	-0-	5
	<b><u>100 %</u></b>		

The Plan's fair value hierarchy for those assets measured on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 is summarized as follows:

Fair Value Measurements					
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Measured at Net Asset Value	Total
2017					
Assets:					
Investments:					
Equity investments:					
Common stocks	\$ 299,463,180	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 299,463,180
Commingled equity funds				115,368,091	115,368,091
Equity mutual funds	32,301,493	22,043,500			54,344,993
International equities	1,797,094				1,797,094
Total Equity Investments	<u>\$ 333,561,767</u>	<u>\$ 22,043,500</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 115,368,091</u>	<u>\$ 470,973,358</u>

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	Fair Value Measurements				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Measured at Net Asset Value	Total
<b>2017 (continued)</b>					
<b>Assets (continued):</b>					
Investments (continued):					
Fixed income investments:					
Commingled fixed income funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 109,948,962	\$ 109,948,962
Bond mutual funds	7,907,113				7,907,113
Mortgage-backed securities		101,559			101,559
Corporate bonds		42			42
Total Fixed Income Investments	7,907,113	101,601	-0-	109,948,962	117,957,676
Money market funds	44,231,580				44,231,580
Other investments:					
Real estate private trusts				150,910,507	150,910,507
Investments in private equity (net of valuation allowance of \$1,000,000)				84,371,526	84,371,526
Hedge funds				46,619,323	46,619,323
Total Other Investments	-0-	-0-	-0-	281,901,356	281,901,356
	<u>\$ 385,700,460</u>	<u>\$ 22,145,101</u>	<u>\$ -0-</u>	<u>\$ 507,218,409</u>	<u>\$ 915,063,970</u>
<b>2016</b>					
<b>Assets:</b>					
Investments:					
Equity investments:					
Common stocks	\$ 322,007,932	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 322,007,932
Commingled equity funds				92,799,206	92,799,206
Equity mutual funds	27,320,531	18,434,830			45,755,361
International equities	625,370				625,370
Total Equity Investments	\$ 349,953,833	\$ 18,434,830	\$ -0-	\$ 92,799,206	\$ 461,187,869



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	Fair Value Measurements				
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Measured at Net Asset Value	Total
2016 (continued)					
Assets (continued):					
Investments (continued):					
Fixed income investments:					
Commingled fixed income funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 97,863,499	\$ 97,863,499
Bond mutual funds	7,930,121	10,824,128			18,754,249
Mortgage-backed securities		114,743			114,743
Corporate bonds		516,915			516,915
Total Fixed Income Investments	7,930,121	11,455,786	-0-	97,863,499	117,249,406
Money market funds	27,219,766				27,219,766
Other investments:					
Real estate private trusts				159,625,876	159,625,876
Investments in private equity (net of valuation allowance of \$1,000,000)				59,368,049	59,368,049
Hedge funds				36,872,209	36,872,209
Structured debt			10,279,527		10,279,527
Total Other Investments	-0-	-0-	10,279,527	255,866,134	266,145,661
	\$ 385,103,720	\$ 29,890,616	\$ 10,279,527	\$ 446,528,839	\$ 871,802,702

The primary investments that have been estimated using net asset value per share as a practical expedient are described below.

**Real Estate Funds**

This type includes ten real estate funds (including a mortgage trust) that invest primarily in U.S. commercial real estate. The fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital. These investments can never be redeemed with the funds. Distributions from each fund will be received as the underlying investments of the funds are liquidated.

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**Real Estate Funds (continued)**

It is expected that the underlying assets of the funds will be liquidated over the next one to eight years. 100 percent of the total investment in this type is expected to be sold. However, the individual investments that will be sold have not yet been determined. Because it is not probable that any individual investment will be sold, the fair value of each individual investment has been determined using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital. Once it has been determined which investments will be sold and whether those investments will be sold individually or in a group, the investments will be sold in an auction process. Approximately 19 percent of the assets are able to be liquidated via a quarterly redemption queue. The balance of the assets will be liquidated as underlying properties are sold or the investee fund's management approves of the buyer before the sale of the investments can be completed. As of September 30, 2017, the real estate funds have unfunded commitments of approximately \$12,000,000.

**Hedge Funds**

This type invests in two hedge funds that pursue multiple strategies to diversify risks and reduce volatility. The hedge funds' composite portfolio for this type includes investments in approximately 54 percent global stocks and 46 percent global fixed income securities. The fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investments. Investments representing \$20,246,913 in this type cannot be redeemed because the investments include restrictions that do not allow for redemption in the first two years after acquisition. The remaining restriction period for these investments ranged from four to six months as of September 30, 2017. As of September 30, 2017, the hedge funds have unfunded commitments of approximately \$2,000,000.

**Private Equity Funds**

This type includes nine private equity funds (five that invest primarily in equities, one in international equities, and three in debt securities). The investments do not offer a stated redemption window. Instead, the nature of the investments in this type is that the distributions are received through the liquidation of the underlying assets of the funds. If these investments were held, it is expected that the underlying assets of the fund would be liquidated over one to eight years. However, as of September 30, 2017, it is probable that all of the investments in this type will be sold at an amount different from the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the Plan's ownership interest in partners' capital.



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**Private Equity Funds (continued)**

Therefore, the fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using recent observable transaction information for similar investments and nonbinding bids received from potential buyers of the investments. As of September 30, 2017, a buyer (or buyers) for these investments has not yet been identified. Once a buyer has been identified, the investee fund's management is required to approve of the buyer before a sale of the investments can be completed. As of September 30, 2017, the private equity funds have unfunded commitments of approximately \$27,000,000.

**Commingled Funds**

This type includes four commingled funds that invest in publicly traded global stocks and global fixed income securities. The fair values of the investments in this type have been determined using the net asset value per share (or its equivalent) of the investments. Of the total commingled funds, \$122,031,715 of the assets can be liquidated on a daily basis and \$92,458,377 can be liquidated on a monthly basis with 30 days' notice. All of the underlying securities within the commingled funds carrying a recurring fair value measurement of Level 1 or Level 2. There are no unfunded commitments to commingled funds as of September 30, 2017.

The Plan's deposits and investments are subject to certain types of risk, as discussed below:

**Custodial Credit Risk**

**Deposits**

Custodial credit risk for deposits is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, the Plan's deposits may not be returned to the Plan. State of Michigan (the "State") statutes require that certificates of deposit, savings accounts, deposit accounts, and depository receipts be made with banks doing business and having a place of business in the State that are also members of a federal or national insurance corporation.

The Plan's carrying amount of deposits of \$6,528,631 and \$10,678,880 as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, are maintained in the County's pooled cash account maintained by the County Treasurer. In accordance with the County's investment policy and Act 314, all deposits are uncollateralized and are held in the County's name.

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**Custodial Credit Risk (continued)**

**Deposits (continued)**

The County evaluates each financial institution and assesses the level of risk of each institution; only those institutions with an accepted estimated risk level are used as depositories. In addition, the County's investment policy places concentration limits on the total amount deposited with a single financial institution. Due to the dollar amounts of cash deposits in the County's pooled cash account and the limits of Federal Depository Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") insurance, the Plan's management believes it is impractical to obtain FDIC insurance for all bank deposits.

**Investments**

Custodial credit risk for investments is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Plan will not be able to recover the value of its investments that are in possession of an outside party. Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the entity, and are held by either the counterparty, or the counterparty's trust department or agent, but not in the entity's name.

The Plan's investment policy and Act 314 require that (a) investments are held by a third-party safe-keeper in the Plan's name, (b) investments are held by a trustee in the Plan's name, or (c) investments are part of a mutual fund. The Plan's investment policy also requires that the safekeeping institution shall annually provide a copy of its most recent report on internal controls (also referred to as a "SOC 1 report"). As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, none of the Plan's investments were subject to custodial credit risk, as they were held in accordance with the Plan's investment policy.

**Credit Risk**

Credit risk is the risk that an issuer or other counterparty to an investment will not fulfill its obligations. The Plan's investment policy places no restrictions greater than what is allowed under Act 314 that would further limit its investment choices. Ratings are not required for U.S. treasuries or certain money market funds.



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**Credit Risk (continued)**

The Plan's investments in debt securities as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 were rated as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Commingled Fixed Income Funds:</b>		
Aa rating from Moody's	\$ 99,122,001	\$ 97,863,499
AAA rating from Standard & Poor's	10,826,961	-0-
	<u><u>\$ 109,948,962</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 97,863,499</u></u>
<b>Bond Mutual Funds:</b>		
Ratings from Standard & Poor's:		
AAA rating	\$ 2,671,880	\$ 13,476,528
A rating	2,477,820	-0-
BBB rating	2,757,413	5,277,721
	<u><u>\$ 7,907,113</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 18,754,249</u></u>
<b>Mortgage-Backed Securities:</b>		
AAA rating from Standard & Poor's	<u><u>\$ 101,559</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 114,743</u></u>
<b>Corporate Bonds:</b>		
A rating from Standard & Poor's	\$ -0-	\$ 516,890
Unrated	42	25
	<u><u>\$ 42</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 516,915</u></u>

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Plan's money market funds were rated A1+ by Standard & Poor's, with weighted average maturities of 32 and 51 days, respectively.

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**Interest Rate Risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of fixed income or debt security investments will vary unfavorably as a result of a change in interest rates. The Plan's investment policy does not limit investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates. However, it is the practice of the Plan to manage this risk by purchasing a mix of short-term and long-term investments.

Maturities of the Plan's debt securities as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<u>Maturity Dates</u>				<u>Total</u>
	<u>One Year or Less</u>	<u>One to Five Years</u>	<u>Five to Ten Years</u>	<u>More than Ten Years</u>	
<b>2017</b>					
Commingled fixed income funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 109,948,962	\$ -0-	\$ 109,948,962
Bond mutual funds		2,477,820	5,429,293		7,907,113
Mortgage-backed securities		1		101,558	101,559
Corporate bonds	42				42
	<u>\$ 42</u>	<u>\$ 2,477,821</u>	<u>\$ 115,378,255</u>	<u>\$ 101,558</u>	<u>\$ 117,957,676</u>
<b>2016</b>					
Commingled fixed income funds	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ 97,863,499	\$ -0-	\$ 97,863,499
Bond mutual funds		2,539,644	16,214,605		18,754,249
Mortgage-backed securities		2		114,741	114,743
Corporate bonds	516,915				516,915
	<u>\$ 516,915</u>	<u>\$ 2,539,646</u>	<u>\$ 114,078,104</u>	<u>\$ 114,741</u>	<u>\$ 117,249,406</u>

**Foreign Currency Risk**

Foreign currency risk is the risk that significant fluctuations in exchange rates may adversely affect the fair value of an investment.



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**NOTE C – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Foreign Currency Risk (continued)**

The Plan's exposure to foreign currency risk as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 is summarized as follows:

<u>Investment/Country</u>	<u>Currency</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
International equities:			
Canada	Canadian dollar	\$ 1,797,094	\$ 616,021
Switzerland	Swiss franc	-0-	9,349
		<u>\$ 1,797,094</u>	<u>\$ 625,370</u>

**Concentration of Credit Risk**

Concentration of credit risk is the risk of loss attributable to the magnitude of an entity's investments with a single issuer. Other than obligations issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the United States, its agencies, or United States government-sponsored enterprises, the Plan is prohibited by Act 314 from investing in more than five percent of the outstanding obligations of any one issuer or investing more than five percent of the Plan's assets in the obligations of any one issuer. The Plan places no limit on the amount it may invest in any one issuer. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, there were no investments that exceeded five percent or more of the Plan's total investments, other than investments in mutual funds, similar pooled investments, or investments issued, assumed, or guaranteed by the United States, its agencies, or United States government-sponsored enterprises.

**Rate of Return**

For the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, the annual money-weighted rate of return on Plan investments, net of expenses, was 12.0 and 9.8 percent, respectively. The money-weighted rate of return expresses investment performance, net of investment expense, adjusted for the changing amounts actually invested.

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**NOTE C – DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (CONTINUED)**

**Securities Lending**

A contract approved by the Plan's Board permits the Plan to lend its securities to broker-dealers and banks (borrowers) for collateral that will be returned for the same securities in the future. The Plan's custodial bank manages the securities lending program and receives predominantly cash as collateral. The collateral securities cannot be pledged or sold by the Plan unless the borrower defaults. Collateral cash is initially pledged at 102 percent of the fair value of the securities lent for domestic securities and 105 percent for international securities, and may not fall below 100 percent during the term of the loan. There are no restrictions on the amount of securities that can be loaned.

Securities on loan as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 are as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Common stocks	\$ 81,437,298	\$ 109,148,525
Corporate bonds	<u>-0-</u>	<u>239,951</u>
	<u><u>\$ 81,437,298</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 109,388,476</u></u>

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Plan has no credit risk exposure to borrowers as the amounts the Plan owes the borrowers exceed the amounts the borrowers owe the Plan. The contract with the Plan's custodian requires it to indemnify the Plan if the borrowers fail to return the securities (and if the collateral is inadequate to repay the securities lent) or fail to pay the Plan for income distributions by the securities' issuers while the securities are on loan.

**Commitments**

The Plan has commitments to invest approximately \$41,000,000 in private equities, hedge funds, and private real estate investments as of September 30, 2017. The Plan's management believes that approximately \$300,000 of this amount is unlikely to be called.



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**NOTE D – CAPITAL ASSETS**

Capital assets consist of equipment, furniture, and fixtures. Depreciable capital asset activity for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>Cost:</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	\$ 431,434	\$ 431,434
<b>Balance, End of Year</b>	<u><b>431,434</b></u>	<u><b>431,434</b></u>
<b>Accumulated Depreciation:</b>		
Balance, beginning of year	431,434	430,078
Depreciation expense	<u>-0-</u>	<u>1,356</u>
<b>Balance, End of Year</b>	<u><b>431,434</b></u>	<u><b>431,434</b></u>
<b>Net Depreciable Capital Assets</b>	<u><u><b>\$ -0-</b></u></u>	<u><u><b>\$ -0-</b></u></u>

**NOTE E – NET PENSION LIABILITY**

The components of the net pension liability of the employers as of September 30, 2017 are as follows:

Total pension liability	\$ 1,613,639,491
Plan fiduciary net position	<u>920,751,833</u>
<b>Employers' Net Pension Liability</b>	<u><u><b>\$ 692,887,658</b></u></u>
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	<u><u>57.06%</u></u>

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**NOTE E – NET PENSION LIABILITY (CONTINUED)**

**Actuarial Assumptions**

The total pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of September 30, 2016 and rolled forward to September 30, 2017, using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

<b>Wage inflation:</b>	3.0 percent
<b>Salary increases:</b>	County - 3.00 percent to 12.15 percent, including inflation WCAA - 3.00 percent to 13.15 percent, including inflation
<b>Investment rate of return:</b>	7.25 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
<b>Mortality rates:</b>	RP-2014 Healthy Annuitant, Disabled, and Employee Mortality tables, adjusted for mortality improvement back to the base year of 2006. Mortality for a particular year is determined by applying the MP-2016 Mortality Improvement Scale to the aforementioned tables.

The actuarial assumptions used in the September 30, 2016 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2015.

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building-block method in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected returns, net of investment expense and inflation) are developed for each major asset class. These ranges are combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighing the expected future rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and by adding expected inflation.



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**NOTE E – NET PENSION LIABILITY (CONTINUED)**

**Actuarial Assumptions (continued)**

The best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class included in the Plan's target asset allocation as of September 30, 2016 (see the discussion of the Plan's investment allocation policy) are summarized as follows:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Long-Term Expected Rate of Return</u>
Domestic equities	5.54 %
International equities	6.86
Domestic bonds	1.40
Domestic high-yield	3.49
International bonds	0.05
Real estate	5.61
Alternative investments	5.53

**Discount Rate**

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.25 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that Plan member contributions will be made at the current contribution rate and that employer contributions will be made at rates equal to the difference between actuarially determined contribution rates and the member rate. Based on those assumptions, the Plan's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current Plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on Plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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**NOTE E – NET PENSION LIABILITY (CONTINUED)**

**Sensitivity of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate**

The following presents the net pension liability of the employers, calculated using the discount rate of 7.25 percent, as well as what the employers' net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is one percentage point lower (6.25 percent) or one percentage point higher (8.25 percent) than the current rate:

	<b><u>One Percent Decrease (6.25 Percent)</u></b>	<b><u>Current Discount (7.25 Percent)</u></b>	<b><u>One Percent Increase (8.25 Percent)</u></b>
Net pension liability	\$ 848,926,647	\$ 692,887,658	\$ 560,135,707

**NOTE F – POSTRETIREMENT BENEFIT OBLIGATION AND  
NET PENSION LIABILITY**

The employees of the WCERS are considered employees of the County, and so a portion of the County's obligation for unfunded other postemployment benefits ("OPEB") is allocated to the Plan as an administrative expense. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Plan's portion of the OPEB liability was \$476,609. Additional details regarding this obligation may be found in the County's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

The County's net pension liability, which is currently accounted for differently than the OPEB obligation, is not allocated to the Plan since the Plan's net position is used in, and is integral to, the calculation of the net pension liability.



**REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

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**SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENT RETURNS (UNAUDITED)**

**For the Five Years Ended September 30, 2017**  
**(Ultimately Building to Ten Years)**

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<b><u>Fiscal Year Ended September 30</u></b>	<b><u>Annual Money- Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense</u></b>
2013	14.09 %
2014	8.33
2015	0.70
2016	9.82
2017	11.95



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**SCHEDULES OF CHANGES IN EMPLOYERS' NET PENSION LIABILITY  
AND RELATED RATIOS (UNAUDITED)**

**For the Four Years Ended September 30, 2017  
(Ultimately Building to Ten Years)**

	2014	2015	2016	2017
<b>Changes in Total Pension Liability:</b>				
Service cost	\$ 16,358,829	\$ 15,000,163	\$ 10,431,838	\$ 10,891,944
Interest	122,810,391	122,200,908	111,275,067	110,167,298
Changes in benefit terms	9,798,361	-0-	(141,296,225)	-0-
Differences between expected and actual experience	-0-	(21,264,821)	(532,795)	50,758,944
Changes in actuarial assumptions and other changes	-0-	-0-	-0-	101,352,130
Benefit payments, including refunds of member contributions	(133,394,978)	(136,008,966)	(139,863,597)	(139,888,098)
<b>Net Change in Total Pension Liability</b>	<b>15,572,603</b>	<b>(20,072,716)</b>	<b>(159,985,712)</b>	<b>133,282,218</b>
Total Pension Liability, Beginning of Year	1,644,843,098	1,660,415,701	1,640,342,985	1,480,357,273
<b>Total Pension Liability, End of Year</b>	<b>1,660,415,701</b>	<b>1,640,342,985</b>	<b>1,480,357,273</b>	<b>1,613,639,491</b>
<b>Changes in Plan Fiduciary Net Position:</b>				
Contributions:				
Employer	80,180,620	111,718,544	103,337,465	71,052,048
Member	8,521,719	11,370,680	10,734,600	9,199,085
Net investment income	80,199,536	25,164,638	79,649,792	102,026,371
Participant benefit payments and distributions, including refunds of member contributions	(133,394,978)	(136,008,966)	(139,863,597)	(139,888,098)
Administrative expenses	(3,011,304)	(3,039,950)	(2,314,488)	(2,676,532)
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position Before Asset Transfer</b>	<b>32,495,593</b>	<b>9,204,946</b>	<b>51,543,772</b>	<b>39,712,874</b>
Transfer of assets from Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Retirement System	-0-	-0-	5,670,643	-0-
<b>Net Change in Plan Fiduciary Net Position</b>	<b>32,495,593</b>	<b>9,204,946</b>	<b>57,214,415</b>	<b>39,712,874</b>
Plan Fiduciary Net Position, Beginning of Year	782,124,005	814,619,598	823,824,544	881,038,959
<b>Plan Fiduciary Net Position, End of Year</b>	<b>814,619,598</b>	<b>823,824,544</b>	<b>881,038,959</b>	<b>920,751,833</b>
<b>Employers' Net Pension Liability, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 845,796,103</b>	<b>\$ 816,518,441</b>	<b>\$ 599,318,314</b>	<b>\$ 692,887,658</b>
<b>Ratio Information:</b>				
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of total pension liability	49.06%	50.22%	59.52%	57.06%
Covered employee payroll	\$ 151,536,413	\$ 147,363,016	\$ 140,222,696	\$ 129,283,884
Employers' net pension liability as a percentage of covered payroll	558.15%	554.09%	427.40%	535.94%

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**SCHEDULE OF EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED)**

**For the Four Years Ended September 30, 2017**  
**(Ultimately Building to Ten Years)**

<b>Fiscal Year Ended September 30</b>	<b>Actuarially Determined Contribution</b>	<b>Contributions in Relation to Actuarially Determined Contribution</b>	<b>Contribution Deficiency (Excess)</b>	<b>Covered Payroll</b>	<b>Contributions as a Percentage of Covered Payroll</b>
2014	\$ 68,772,171	\$ 80,180,620	\$(11,408,449)	\$ 151,536,413	52.91 %
2015	65,289,481	79,505,999	(14,216,518)	147,363,016	53.95
2016	70,708,723	101,264,065	(30,555,342)	140,222,696	72.22
2017	53,549,811	68,176,195	(14,626,384)	129,283,884	52.73

The following valuation dates, methods, and assumptions were used to determine contribution rates:

<b>Valuation date:</b>	Actuarially determined contribution rates are calculated as of September 30 that is 12 months prior to the beginning of the fiscal year for which the contributions are reported
<b>Actuarial cost method:</b>	Entry age normal
<b>Amortization method:</b>	Charter County of Wayne, Michigan - Level percentage of payroll, closed Wayne County Airport Authority - Level dollar, closed
<b>Remaining amortization period:</b>	22 years from September 30, 2015 (decreasing two years each year thereafter) (see actuarial funding policy in actuarial valuation report for more details)
<b>Asset valuation method:</b>	Four-year smoothed market; 20 percent corridor
<b>Wage inflation:</b>	3.5 percent
<b>Salary increases:</b>	3.5 percent to 8.8 percent, including inflation
<b>Investment rate of return:</b>	7.75 percent, net of pension plan investment expense, including inflation
<b>Mortality rates:</b>	RP-2000 Combined Health Mortality Table, projected 20 years, set forward five years for disabled retirees



**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF CHANGES  
IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY EMPLOYER**

February 21, 2018

To the Wayne County Retirement Commission  
Charter County of Wayne, Michigan

**Report on the Schedule**

We have audited the fiduciary net position as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in fiduciary net position for the year then ended, included in the accompanying schedule of changes in fiduciary net position by employer (the "Schedule") of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan (the "Plan"), a pension trust fund of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan, as well as the related notes to the Schedule. We have also audited the fiduciary net position of each individual employer as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in fiduciary net position of each employer for the year then ended, included in the accompanying Schedule.

**Management's Responsibility for the Schedule**

The Plan's management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Schedule 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 the Schedule that is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

**Auditor's Responsibility**

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Schedule based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the Schedule is free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Schedule. The procedures selected depend upon the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the fiduciary net position and changes in fiduciary net position included in the Schedule, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the Plan's preparation and fair presentation of the fiduciary net position and the changes in fiduciary net position in the Schedule 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 Plan's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF CHANGES  
IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY EMPLOYER (CONTINUED)**

**Auditor's Responsibility (continued)**

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 fiduciary net position and the changes in fiduciary net position included in the Schedule.

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

**Opinion**

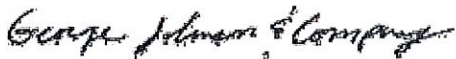
In our opinion, the Schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of the Plan as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in its fiduciary net position for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, in our opinion, the Schedule referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the fiduciary net position of each individual employer as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in fiduciary net position of each individual employer for the year then ended, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Reporting Entity**

As discussed in Note A to the financial statements, the financial statements present only the Plan and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan as of September 30, 2017, and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

**Restrictions on Use**

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Plan, its participating employers, and the independent auditors of the participating employers and is not intended to be, and should not be, used by anyone other than these specified parties.



CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS  
Detroit, Michigan



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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**SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY EMPLOYER**

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

	<b>Charter County of Wayne, Michigan</b>	<b>Wayne County Airport Authority</b>	<b>Totals</b>
<b>Additions:</b>			
Contributions:			
Employer (see Note B on page 46)	\$ 60,306,187	\$ 10,745,861	\$ 71,052,048
Members	8,831,917	367,168	9,199,085
Total Contributions	69,138,104	11,113,029	80,251,133
Net investment income	88,907,246	13,119,125	102,026,371
<b>Total Additions</b>	<b>158,045,350</b>	<b>24,232,154</b>	<b>182,277,504</b>
<b>Deductions:</b>			
Participant benefit payments and distributions	131,528,552	8,359,546	139,888,098
Administrative expenses	2,332,368	344,164	2,676,532
<b>Total Deductions</b>	<b>133,860,920</b>	<b>8,703,710</b>	<b>142,564,630</b>
<b>Change in Net Position Restricted for Pensions Before Transfers</b>	<b>24,184,430</b>	<b>15,528,444</b>	<b>39,712,874</b>
Transfer of Contribution for Pre-2002 Retirees (see Note C on page 46)	4,400,000	(4,400,000)	-0-
<b>Change in Net Position Restricted for Pensions</b>	<b>28,584,430</b>	<b>11,128,444</b>	<b>39,712,874</b>
Net Position Restricted for Pensions, Beginning of Year	770,760,985	110,277,974	881,038,959
<b>Net Position Restricted for Pensions, End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 799,345,415</b>	<b>\$ 121,406,418</b>	<b>\$ 920,751,833</b>

See notes to schedule of changes in fiduciary net position by employer.

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
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**NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY  
NET POSITION BY EMPLOYER**

**For the Year Ended September 30, 2017**

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**NOTE A – BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accompanying schedule of changes in fiduciary net position by employer (the "Schedule") is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. Member contributions are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Benefits and refunds are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Wayne County Retirement Ordinance. Administrative expenses are financed through investment earnings.

**NOTE B – EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Charter County of Wayne, Michigan**

Employer contributions from the Charter County of Wayne, Michigan (the "County") on the Schedule include an additional \$10 million in employer contributions made by the County to apply to its unfunded liability for the year ended September 30, 2017.

**Wayne County Airport Authority**

Employer contributions from the Wayne County Airport Authority ("WCAA") on the Schedule include an additional \$263,666 in employer contributions to the Plan to apply to its unfunded liability for the year ended September 30, 2017.

**NOTE C – AIRPORT PRE-2002 RETIREES**

Employer contributions from WCAA on the Schedule include an additional \$4.4 million in employer contributions to the Plan to apply to the unfunded liability of the combined pre-2002 retirees for the year ended September 30, 2017. WCAA has agreed to pay \$4.4 million each year for a total of five years as the theoretical portion of the combined pre-2002 retiree liability related to WCAA retirees, as calculated by the Plan's actuary. The combined pre-2002 retiree liability is recorded by the County and is included in the County's contribution rates.