



Summary Annual Report For the Plan Year Ending September 30, 2016

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July 25, 2017

The Honorable County Executive, Honorable Wayne County Commission, Wayne County Airport Authority Chief Executive Officer, Members, Participants, Beneficiaries and Retirement Commission.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

On behalf of the Retirement Commission, I am pleased to present the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Summary Annual Report for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. For fiscal year 2016 the Defined Benefit Plan experienced a robust double digit investment rate of return of 10.37 % gross of fees. Although this report covers only the 2016 fiscal year, it is important to view the growth and progress of the Retirement System in historical context. To help understand how far the system has come over the last decade, I have completed a ten-year historical review of the Retirement System with the period ending September 30, 2016, that may be viewed on www.wcers.org reporting tab.

The following is a brief overview of my last six years as Executive Director of the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System. The Retirement Commission and I worked together to overcome significant obstacles. For example, at one point the Assets of the Retirement System were at a low of \$695 million and the funding level fell to a low of 44% while pension payroll benefits exceeded \$136 million per year. The unfunded liability grew to a high of \$910 million in the pension system. Simply put, the Retirement Commission and I were given the difficult task of increasing the funding level of the Retirement System in spite of growing payroll demands and liabilities combined with shrinking assets.

Under the leadership of the Retirement Commission, I worked with staff to update existing policies and adopt new policies relating to governance, administration and investment. Our policies focused on increasing efficiency and implementing best practices that were codified in our industry leading Policy Codification. Our focus on increasing productivity through innovative management strategies has dramatically reduced costs and fees and helped increase the overall funding level of the Retirement System.



Beyond the normal day-to-day operations and administration of the Retirement System, staff also reviewed and calculated the benefits of Members and Participants that were frozen as of September 30, 2015, in an effort to more accurately report numbers to our Actuary. Further, and in order to streamline and create greater consistency, the Plan documents for Defined Contribution Plan 4 and Hybrid Plan 5 were reviewed, restated and submitted to the IRS in December of 2015. The IRS responded with a favorable determination. The Retirement System also created a new Summary Plan Description for the merged plans and has it posted on www.wcers.org; all other plan documents can be found there as well. The Retirement System was able to accomplish all of that while, yet again, reducing costs and ending the fiscal year under budget for the fifth year in a row.

Further and in accordance with best practices and its policy, the Retirement Commission's Actuary conducted an Experience Study to review past experience of economic assumptions and demographics in order to determine whether the projections were accurate and, if not, how best to adjust the economic and demographic assumptions for the future. The study compared prior assumptions and expectations regarding investment performance and membership with actual experience of the Retirement System from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2015. The Actuary reviewed economic assumptions including the actual versus expected rates of inflation, investment return, salary increases, plan withdrawals, and the number of service and disability retirements.

Based on the Experience Study, the Actuary made two recommendations that had significant impacts on the funding level and projected liabilities of the Retirement System. First, the Actuary reviewed the projected versus actual mortality rates of the Members. The Actuary determined that, as might be expected given all of the advancements in medicine and technology, our Members are living longer than expected. We have 500 members over the age of 90. Members living longer are, thus, drawing a pension for more years than projected, which increases the liabilities of the Retirement System. Accordingly, the Actuary recommended that the Retirement Commission adopt a new mortality table that more accurately reflects the real life experience of the Retirement System's Members.

Additionally, the Actuary reviewed the Retirement System's investment returns to see how the assumed rate of return related to the actual rate of return that the Retirement System experienced. In consultation with the Investment Consultants and their projections of future investment returns and future market volatility, the Actuary recommended that the Retirement Commission lower its assumed rate of return to 7.25% from 7.75%. Consequently, adopting the recommendation of its Actuary and Investment Consultants and lowering the assumed rate of return resulted in an increase to Plan liabilities and impacted the funding status of the Plan.

It is important to note that in spite of incorporating a new, more conservative mortality table and assumed rate of investment return, both of which significantly increased the Plan's projected future liabilities, the Retirement System's funding level was able to remain steady. This is in large part due to the continued success of the Retirement System's investment portfolio and its outstanding investment returns. This rate of investment return of 10.37 % ensured that the Retirement System once again finished in the top 20% of public funds and outperformed its peers.



Despite being underfunded and adopting the changes to the actuarial assumptions, the Retirement Commission has paid over \$804 million in benefit payments while still adding \$186 million in assets to the pension system, increasing the funding level to 56% during my tenure as Executive Director. Today benefit payments are \$136 million and assets have grown to over \$881 million and the unfunded pension liability has been reduced by over \$200 million to \$702 million.

The Retirement System continues to look for ways to improve the performance of the Retirement System. This includes continuous reviews of investments, revision of policies and procedures and internal audits. In addition to our Pre-Retirement seminars to educate those within five years of retirement about Social Security and Medicare benefits, Mid-Career and Understanding Your Retirement Plan seminars were added this year. We have received positive feedback on all of the sessions presented and look forward to working together to find new and creative ways to help our members plan and prepare for retirement. We will continue to work diligently each and every day to ensure the promise of pension benefit payments to our Retirees.

This report is being submitted by the Retirement Commission in accordance with the Wayne County Code of Ordinances and Michigan Public Act §314, setting forth the various activities of the Retirement System as on September 30, 2016.

For ease of reading, where applicable the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) data has been combined within this report as otherwise noted. The 2016 WCAA Valuation includes only the post 2002 retiree liability. Both the County and the WCAA valuations now include a schedule detailing the shared responsibility for the pre-2002 retiree liability. This report contains information on both the Defined Benefit and the Defined Contribution Plans.

Sincerely,

Robert Grden

Robert J. Grden Executive Director



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FIDUCIARIES OF THE RETIREMENT COMMISSION

Elected Employee Members

Tina Turner Term Expires December 31, 2016

Denis Martin Term Expires December 31, 2017

Resigned 7/30/2016, Special election required

Frank Simone Term Expires December 31, 2018

Henry Wilson Term Expires December 31, 2019

Elected Retiree Members

Elizabeth Misuraca Term Expires December 31, 2016

Hugh S. Macdonald Term Expires December 31, 2018

Ex-Officio Members

Tony Saunders Wayne County Executive Designee

Gary Woronchak Chairperson, Wayne County Commission

RETIREMENT STAFF (NON-FIDUCIARIES)

Executive Director	
Deputy Director	Gerard J. Grysko
Division Director	Kelly Tapper
Compliance Officer	Annie Hussein, Esq.



RETIREMENT SYSTEM SERVICE PROVIDERS

Actuary	
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Investment Consultants	AndCo Consulting (FKA The Bogdahn Group) UBS Financial Services, Inc
Custodian of Assets	
<u>Defined Contribution Record keeper</u>	Prudential Financial
Financial Institutions.	Bank of America JP Morgan Chase Northern Trust
Medical Director	Dr. Andrew Vosburgh, M.D.
Investment Managers AEW Capital Management, L.P. Black Diamond Management AKA Greenwich Capital Dynamics, Inc. Crescent Capital Group, L.P. Deroy & Devereaux Dune Real Estate Manager, L.L.C. Earnest Partners, L.L.C. Entrust Capital Fisher Investments Institutional Group Frankenmuth Real Estate HGK Asset Management Inc. Landmark Realty Advisors, L.L.C. Lazard Asset Management, L.L.C. Lee Munder Capital Group Lightstone REIT Loomis, Sayles & Company Mesirow Financial Services, Inc.	Morgan Stanley Real Estate Advisor, Inc. (Prime Property Fund) Mt. Lucas Management Corp. MMA Capital Management, L.L.C. Northern Trust Investments Northpointe Capital, L.L.C. Providence/Benefit Street Partners, L.L.C. Reinhart Partners Rizvi Traverse Management, L.L.C. Seizert Capital Partners, L.L.C. Seminole Advisory Services, L.L.C. Seminole Advisory Services, L.L.C. SIT Investment Associates, Inc. Stepstone Group, L.P. (FKA Citigroup Capital Partners) Steward Capital Management TerraCap Management, L.L.C. Tier REIT Tortoise Capital Advisors, L.L.C. UBS Financial Services, Inc. Valstone Partners V, L.L.C. World Asset Management



FINANCIAL SECTION & REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION



FINANCIAL SECTION - PREFACE

The independent auditing firm of Rehmann Robson has audited the financial statements of the following plans:

- Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Benefit Plan
- Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Plan*
- Wayne County Employees' Retirement System Defined Contribution Plan

An electronic version of the complete financial statements can be found at www.wcers.org on the reporting tab.

The financial section of this annual report will include Statements of Fiduciary Net Position and Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position for each of the retirement plans* noted above. Additionally, this section will highlight financial activity for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 for each set of financial statements. The financial information was obtained from the audited financial statements dated February 24, 2017, but these summaries were not audited by the independent auditors. Required supplementary information follows the financial statements as necessary.

*The Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Plan was merged into the Wayne County Defined Benefit plan during the year pursuant to Ordinance 2016-112. The Wayne County Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiffs' Retirement System Financial Statements Six Months Ended March 31, 2016 can be found on www.wcers.org.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

The Wayne County Employees' Defined Benefit Plan's (DB Plan) total net position increased by \$51.5 million over the course of the plan year. The increase was primarily attributable to the favorable change in the fair value of investments. The overall rate of return on investments for the year ended September 30, 2016 was a gain of 10.37% gross of fees, compared to a gain of 1.09% for the year ended September 30, 2015. Assets are held in trust and restricted to meet future benefit payments.

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

The DB Plan's benefits are funded by contributions from Wayne County (County), Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) and the DB Plan's members/participants, as well as by the investment income earned on the DB Plan's assets.

- Total additions to net position, excluding appreciation or depreciation in the fair value of investments, were lower by \$29.9 million from \$161.0 million for the year ended September 30, 2015 to \$131.2 million for the year ended September 30, 2016. The prior year was higher was primarily due to the judgment of the Inflation Equity Fund lawsuit that awarded the DB Plan the return of the \$32.2 million offset used by the County in 2011 and 2012, plus lost earnings totaling \$18.5 million.
- Total contributions for 2016 decreased by \$9.0 million from those of the prior year. Employer contributions were paid at a rate of 72.22%, 53.95% and 52.91% of covered payroll during the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively. The decrease was related to the \$32.2 million judgment of the Inflation Equity Fund lawsuit. The County's contribution rate increased from 48.95% in 2015 to 50.68% in 2016, which increased employer contributions and the County contributed an additional \$16.5 million above the required contribution. The DWMHA made an additional employer contribution of approximately \$5.6 million as required for its withdrawal liability and its unfunded liability for the year, \$2.5 million less than the prior year. The WCAA made an additional employer contribution of approximately \$4.0 million to fund a retirement incentive and enhancements they offered to employees, \$2.1 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. Employee contributions decreased as fewer annuities were purchased in the Plan in the current year.
- Other investment income (including securities lending income) totaled \$0.7 million for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015. Investment expense totaled \$3.0 million and \$3.1 million for the years ended September 30, 2016 and 2015, respectively. Other investment income and expenses were consistent the past two years.
- The change in the fair value of investments was favorable for the current year. The fair value of investments had a net appreciation of \$62.6 million for the year ending September 30, 2016 and net depreciation of \$12.8 for the year ending September 30, 2015. The net appreciation is attributable to the improving financial markets and the resultant investment performance at the end of the year.
- The deductions of the DB Plan include the payment of pension benefits to members and beneficiaries and the costs of administering the DB Plan. Total deductions for the year ended September 30, 2016, were \$142.2 million and higher than the prior year's deductions were \$139.0 million, due to a new stipend benefit paid to pre-Medicare eligible retirees during the year and an increase in the amount of pension benefits paid to retirees.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

September 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Assets		
Investments, at fair value:	¢ 461 107 060	¢ 417.070.207
Equity securities and mutual funds	\$ 461,187,869	\$ 417,072,307
Debt securities and mutual funds	117,249,406	115,329,369
Money market funds	27,219,766	17,154,946
Other investments	266,145,661	229,160,974
Total investments	871,802,702	778,717,596
Equity in Wayne County pooled cash	10,678,880	14,156,777
IEF judgment receivable	-	32,512,101
Accounts receivable	2,378	23,295
Due from broker for securities sold	548,939	3,192,194
Accrued interest and dividends	812,349	980,743
Prepaid expense	16,631	16,052
Depreciated capital assets, net		1,356
Total assets	883,861,879	829,600,114
Liabilities		
Accounts and contracts payable	615,087	548,421
Due to other Wayne County component units and funds	2,826	-
Due to broker for securities purchased	1,599,539	4,539,328
Accrued wages and benefits	128,859	203,821
Obligation for unfunded other postemployment benefits	476,609	484,000
Total liabilities	2,822,920	5,775,570
Net position restricted for pensions	\$ 881,038,959	\$ 823,824,544



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION For the Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Additions		
Contributions:		
Employer- County	\$ 87,916,274	\$ 66,400,399
Employer – IEF judgment	-	32,212,545
Employer - WCAA	15,421,191	13,105,600
Members – County	10,400,163	9,201,948
Participants – WCAA	334,437	2,168,732
Total contributions	114,072,065	123,089,224
IEF judgment investment earnings	741,650	18,497,745
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value of investments	62,571,168	(12,754,830)
Interest	11,456,350	15,493,667
Dividends	7,224,350	6,370,062
Securities lending income	255,710	256,675
Other investment income	425,870	447,731
Total investment income	81,933,448	9,813,305
Less: Investment expenses	(3,025,306)	(3,146,412)
Net investment income	78,908,142	6,666,893
Total additions	193,721,857	148,253,862
Deductions		
Participant benefit payments and distributions	139,863,597	136,008,966
Administrative expenses	2,314,488	3,039,950
Total deductions	142,178,085	139,048,916
Change in net position	51,543,772	9,204,946
Transfer in from Bailiffs' pension plan	5,670,643	-
Net position restricted for pensions		
Beginning of year	823,824,544	814,619,598
End of year	\$ 881,038,959	\$ 823,824,544



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION BY EMPLOYER For the Year Ended September 30, 2016

	County of Wayne	Wayne County Airport Authority	WCERS Total
Additions			
Contributions:			
Employer	\$87,916,274	\$15,421,191	\$103,337,465
Members	10,400,163	334,437	10,734,600
IEF judgment investment earnings	741,650	-	741,650
Net investment income	69,256,097	9,652,045	78,908,142
Total additions	168,314,184	25,407,673	193,721,857
Deductions			
Pension benefits, including refunds Administrative expenses (See Note 1	131,961,976	7,901,621	139,863,597
Below)	2,286,728	318,694	2,605,422
Total deductions	134,248,704	8,220,315	142,469,019
Changes in net position	34,065,480	17,187,358	51,252,838
Transfer of contribution for pre-2002 retirees (See Note 2 Below)	4,400,000	(4,400,000)	-
Transfer in from Bailiffs' pension plan	5,670,643	-	5,670,643
Net position restricted for pensions			
Beginning of year (See Note 1 Below)	726,624,862	97,490,616	824,115,478
End of year	\$770,760,985	\$110,277,974	\$881,038,959

Note 1: The above administrative expenses include \$290,934 of amortization of deferred pension outflows/inflows recorded in the prior year that was added back for purposes of this schedule. (i.e., processed through the current year operations rather than as a prior year adjustment) This was necessary due to the reversal of the prior year allocation of net pension liability to this pension trust fund. As such, the total beginning net position on this schedule differs from that amount reported on the accompanying financial statements by this \$290, 934, as reconciled.

	Administrative Expenses	Beginning Net Position
Amount reported above	\$2,605,422	\$824,115,478
Prior year amortization	(290,934)	(290,934)
Amount Reported in financial Statements	\$2,314,488	\$823,824,544

Note 2: The above employer contributions for the Wayne County Airport Authority 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, 2016. The 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 included in the County's contribution rates.

Note 3: This schedule is prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economical 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 Wayne County Pension Ordinance. Administrative expenses are financed through investment earnings.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

GASB STATEMENT 67 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Last Three Years (ultimately building to ten years)

Schedule of Changes in the Employers' Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios

	2014 2015		2016	
Change in total pension liability				
Service cost	\$ 16,358,829	\$ 15,000,163	\$ 10,431,838	
Interest	122,810,391	122,200,908	111,275,067	
Changes of benefit terms	9,798,361	-	(141,296,225)	
Differences between expected				
and actual experience	-	(21,264,821)	(532,795)	
Changes of assumptions	-	-	-	
Benefit payments, including refunds				
of member contributions	(133,394,978)	(136,008,966)	(139,863,597)	
Net change in total pension liability	15,572,603	(20,072,716)	(159,985,712)	
Total pension liability, beginning	1,644,843,098	1,660,415,701	1,640,342,985	
Total pension liability, ending (a)	1,660,415,701	1,640,342,985	1,480,357,273	
Change in plan fiduciary net position				
Contributions - employer	80,180,620	111,718,544	103,337,465	
Contributions - member	8,521,719	11,370,680	10,734,600	
Net investment income	80,199,536	25,164,638	79,649,792	
Benefit payments, including refunds				
of member contributions	(133,394,978)	(136,008,966)	(139,863,597)	
Administrative expense	(3,011,304)	(3,039,950)	(2,314,488)	
Net change in plan fiduciary net position	32,495,593	9,204,946	51,543,772	
Transfer in of Bailiffs' Plan assets	-	-	5,670,643	
Plan fiduciary net position, beginning	782,124,005	814,619,598	823,824,544	
Plan fiduciary net position, ending (b)	814,619,598	823,824,544	881,038,959	
Employers' net pension liability, ending (a)-(b)	\$ 845,796,103	\$ 816,518,441	\$ 599,318,314	
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage				
of the total pension liability	49.06%	50.22%	59.52%	
Covered-employee payroll	\$ 151,536,413	\$ 147,363,016	\$ 140,222,696	
Employers' net pension liability as a				
percentage of covered payroll	558.15%	554.09%	427.40%	



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN GASB STATEMENT 67 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Investment Returns Last Four Fiscal Years (ultimately building to ten years)

Fiscal Year Ended	Annual Money-Weighted Rate of Return, Net of Investment Expense*
9/30/2013	14.09%
9/30/2014	8.33%
9/30/2015	0.70%
9/30/2016	9.82%

• As calculated by our Custodian, Northern Trust. (Internal Rate of Return)

Schedule of Employer Contributions Last Three Fiscal Years (ultimately building to ten years)

		Contributions in Relation to the			Contributions as a
Fiscal Year Ended	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Actuarially Determined Contribution	Contribution Deficiency (Excess)	Covered Payroll	Percentage of Covered Payroll
9/30/2014 9/30/2015 9/30/2016	\$ 68,772,171 \$ 65,289,481 \$ 70,708,723	\$ 80,180,620 \$ 79,505,999 \$ 101,264,065	\$ (11,408,449) \$ (14,216,518) \$ (30,555,342)	\$ 151,536,413 \$ 147,363,016 \$ 140,222,696	52.91% 53.95% 72.22%



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FUNDING NOTES COMBINED PLANS

The Retirement System funding rate has remained steady at 54% in 2015 and 2016 for Wayne County and 69% in 2015 and 2016 for the Wayne County Airport Authority. Factors that have impacted the DB Plans:

- The Retirement Systems Actuary completed an Experience Study for the DB Plans encompassing the time period from October 1, 2010 to September 30, 2015. The Study is a review of past experience of economic assumptions and demographics. The Study can be found on www.wcers.org. Based on the results of the experience Study, the Actuary recommended changes to several assumptions, including;
 - Withdrawal Rate
 - Inflation
 - Expected Normal (unreduced) Retirements
 - Expected Early (reduced) Retirements
 - Expected Pay Increases
 - Mortality Rates for Active and Retired Members and Participants
 - Assumed Investment Return
- The adoption of Mortality table RP-2014 with MP-2016 projection scale, which was recommended by the Actuary, caused an increase to plan liabilities resulting in a decrease of funded rate. The Assumed Rate of Return was also decreased from 7.75% to 7.25%, which increased the plan liabilities. However the Retirement System's investment return exceeded the Assumed Rate of Return and was robust enough to compensate for the assumption changes and ensure the Plans funding level did not decrease.
- The Retirement System's Recognized Rate of Return was 8.4% and exceeded the 7.75% Assumed Rate of Return.
- Fixed income investment returns have been relatively flat since 2008.
- The increasing rate of longevity of members in our DB Plan continues to impact the current and future funding levels.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN FUNDING NOTES

Wayne County

- The County Administration, using its authority under the Consent Agreement entered into by and between Wayne County and Michigan State Treasurer N.A. Khouri on August 21, 2015 negotiated and imposed new contractual terms and conditions of employment on represented employees effective October 1, 2015. The contract terms reduced the multiplier from as high as 2.65% to 1.25% for all future years post October 1, 2015.
- For all years of County service earned post October 1, 2015, the Average Final Compensation (AFC) shall be computed using the last 10 years of base wage pay history, instead of utilizing the highest years of service with overtime, sick, and vacation accruals included.
- The County eligibility for 25 years of service or 30 years of service without an age requirement was changed to a minimum age requirement of age 62, although an early pickup at age 55 is available at an actuarial reduced rate.
- The County police unions can retire at age 55 with the service eligibility without a reduced actuarially rate.
- A change in the County maximum duty disability pension benefit from a flat rate of 75% of the best 4 years of average final compensation to an accelerated rate at 1.25% of AFC to age 60 with a maximum benefit of 60 % with a pre October 1, 2015 benefit and a post October 1, 2015 benefit. Non-duty disabilities were also capped at 60% of AFC.
- Wayne County included an additional \$16.5 million in employer contributions to the DB Plan.
- Wayne County Third Circuit Court employees in JAA and GAA unions were frozen as of October 1, 2016.

Wayne County Airport Authority

- The Wayne County Airport Authority had its 2nd separate Annual Actuarial Valuation done as of September 30, 2016; prior to the September 30, 2015 report all reports were a combined County/Airport report.
- The Wayne County Airport Authority included an additional \$4 million in employer contributions to the DB Plan to fund retirement incentives and enhancements offered to employees.

A historical DB Plan review with further details can be found at www.wcers.org on the reporting tab.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN

NOTES TO SCHEDULES OF FUNDING PROGRESS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTIONS (UNAUDITED)

September 30, 2016

SUMMARY OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS

The information presented in the accompanying required supplementary schedules was determined as part of the actuarial valuations as of the dates indicated. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation is as follows:

Valuation date	September 30, 2016
Actuarial cost method	Entry Age Normal
Amortization method CountyLe WCAA	vel percent of payrollLevel dollar
Base UAAL remaining amortization period.	20 years (closed)
Asset valuation method4-year smoothed	market, 20% corridor
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return County and WCAA	7.25%*
Projected salary increases County	3.00%–9.51%* 3.00%–10.51%*
Cost-of-living adjustments	N/A
Actuarial assumed rate of long term wage inflation	3.00%

^{*} Includes wage inflation at 3.00%



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN CONTRIBUTION RATES

Valuation Measurement Date 9/30/14		Valuation Measurement Date 9/30/15		Valuation Measurement Date 9/30/16	
County Rate used during FYE 9/30/16	WCAA Rate used during FYE 9/30/16	County Rate used during FYE 9/30/17	WCAA Rate used during FYE 9/30/17	County Rate used during FYE 9/30/18	WCAA Rate used during FYE 9/30/18
11.64%	6.75%	6.53%	6.76%	9.71%	8.10%
(4.54%)	(1.11%)	(6.50%)	(1.14%)	(7.4%)	(1.16%)
7.10%	5.64%	0.03%	5.62%	2.31%	6.94%
43.58%	17.36%	46.69%	14.91%	50.68%	17.69% 24.63%
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WCAA – Wayne County Airport Authority



^{*} Weighted average of the various contribution rates

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	2016		2015	
Personnel Services:				_
Staff Salaries	\$	907,180	\$	1,033,258
Other Fringe Benefits		377,486		510,403
Retirement Benefits		349,922		757,962
Total		1,634,588		2,301,623
Building and Equipment:				
Building Rent		190,068		189,514
Equipment, Equipment Rent and Maintenance		29,870		26,390
Utilities		6,037		6,364
Depreciation		1,356		1,808
Total		227,331		224,076
Professional Service				
Actuary		129,491		129,582
Medical Director		8,400		12,175
Total		137,891		141,757
Miscellaneous				
Office Supplies		14,986		15,220
Postage, Dues, Membership, and Other		39,458		49,936
Printing Training Travel and Roard Macting Retirement		9,297		10,755
Training, Travel and Board Meeting – Retirement Commissioners		35,867		48,266
Training, Travel and Board Meeting - Staff		19,925		18,764
Wayne County Chargeback's		306,992		334,731
Operating Expenses Allocated to other Plans		(111,847)		(105,178)
Total		314,678		372,494
Total Administrative Expenses	\$	2,314,488	\$	3,039,950

The Retirement System is not aware of paying for any fees with the use of soft dollars.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIRMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENT EXPENSES

Professional Service	2016		Service 2016		2015
Attorney Fees	\$	302,442	\$ 389,491		
Audit Fees		21,333	26,536		
Consultant Fees		366,091	250,000		
Custodian Fees		153,648	159,181		
Fiduciary Insurance		106,838	214,037		
Management Fees		2,070,204	2,103,867		
Miscellaneous Fees		4,750	 3,300		
Total	\$	3,025,306	\$ 3,146,412		

The Retirement System is not aware of paying for any fees with the use of soft dollars.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIRMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN BUDGETS

BUDGETS FY 2016 FY 2016 Variance

	FY 2016	FY 2016	Variance Favorable	FY 2017
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Budget
Revenue				
Interest & Dividends	\$8,002,000	\$18,680,701	\$10,678,701	\$7,626,900
Total Budgeted Revenue	\$8,002,000	\$18,680,701	\$10,678,701	\$7,626,900
Expense				
Personnel Services:				
Staff Salaries	\$1,384,762	\$ 1,087,327	\$ 297,435	\$1,447,514
Other Fringe Benefits	568,569	459,059	109,510	508,947
Retirement Benefits	528,784	423,983	104,801	375,747
Reimbursed Expenses*	-	(335,781)	335,781	
Total	2,482,115	1,634,588	847,527	2,332,208
Building and Equipment:				
Building Rent	200,000	190,068	9,932	200,000
Equipment, Equipment Rent & Maintenance	156,000	29,870	126,130	156,000
Utilities	8,000	6,037	1,963	8,000
Depreciation	2,000	1,356	644	2,000
Total	366,000	227,331	138,669	366,000
Professional Service				
Investment Expenses	4,301,280	3,025,306	1,275,974	4,217,226
Actuary	130,000	129,491	509	100,000
Medical Director	15,000	8,400	6,600	15,000
Total	4,446,280	3,163,197	1,283,083	4,332,226
Miscellaneous				
Office Supplies	30,000	14,986	15,014	30,000
Postage, Dues, Membership, & Other	78,840	39,458	39,382	82,360
Printing	30,000	9,297	20,703	30,000
Training, Education & Travel – Retirement	5 0.500	25.065	24.622	7 0.500
Commissioners	70,500	35,867	34,633	70,500
Training, Education & Travel - Staff	25,500	19,925	5,575	25,500
Wayne County Chargebacks	472,765	306,992	165,773	358,106
Reimbursed Expenses*	-	(111,847)	111,847	-
Total	707,605	314,678	392,927	596,466
Total Budgeted Expenses	\$8,002,000	\$ 5,339,794	\$ 2,662,206	\$7,626,900
Change in Budgeted Net Position	\$ -	\$13,340,907	\$ 13,340,907	\$ -

^{*}Administrative expense reimbursed by DC and Circuit Court Commissioners Bailiff Plans.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN REPORT ON INVESTMENT ACTIVITY

INTRODUCTION

The Retirement Commission (Board) for the Wayne County Employees' Retirement System (WCERS) is a fiduciary of the WCERS in accordance with the law. Investment decisions, including investment policies and procedures, are subject to statutory regulations imposed by the Michigan Public Employee Retirement System Investment Act, Public Act 314 of 1965, as amended.

As the fiduciary of the WCERS, the Board's responsibilities include, but are not limited to: (1) establishing an investment policy and asset allocation for the pension fund; (2) prudently selecting investment managers and consultants, and (3) conducting periodic reviews to ensure that its policies are followed and that its investment professionals perform satisfactorily in accordance with established standards and goals.

INVESTMENT OBJECTIVES

The WCERS' primary investment objective is to provide a real rate of return, net of inflation, sufficient to support the system's ability to meet its obligations to DB Plan participants and beneficiaries without undue exposure to risk. In absolute terms, this return objective should approximate the WCERS' actuarial assumed rate of return, which is 7.25%. The WCERS seeks to attain investment results over a full market cycle. It does not expect that all investment objectives will be attained in each year and recognizes that over various periods of time the WCERS' investment results may produce "over" or "under" performance relative to broad markets. For this reason, the Retirement Commission takes a LONG-TERM perspective and will measure quantitative investment returns over a 5-year moving period. Investment managers are also expected to meet qualitative performance objectives (adherence to its investment philosophy and the WCERS' policies, continuity of firm personnel and practices, etc.) as established by the Retirement Commission.

The fiscal year ended September 30, 2016 was a year of volatility across investment markets. The fiscal year began with the market digesting the first rate hike by the Federal Reserve (+0.25%) in December 2015. While the rate increase was widely expected, the equity markets started calendar year 2016 well into negative territory. By mid-February 2016, the S&P 500 Index had fallen by -10.3%. However, equity prices quickly recovered through the second half of the quarter as investors reacted to improving economic data, a recovery in commodity prices, and various central bank announcements of continued monetary policy easing. As markets settled into an upward trajectory in the spring, the global economy was faced with a potential recession in China and the US followed by the chaos around the United Kingdom's decision to exit the European Union. Asset class returns were broadly positive for the final quarter of the fiscal year as global markets continued to rebound from the late June shock caused by the "Brexit" decision. Investment returns also benefited from continued expansionary global central bank policies as well as general improvement in economic data. Domestic and international equity, particularly small cap and emerging markets, easily outperformed bonds as investor sentiment shifted once again to a "risk-on" posture. Returns for the trailing twelve months illustrated a similar pattern with higher risk assets generally outperforming defensive investments.



Also recall that all of this market volatility was occurring during the the US presidential primary season and ensuing November election to determine whether Republicans or Democrats would control the Executive and Legislative branch. During all of this, , there was great speculation impacting the markets on just who would become the next occupant of the White House.

Equity market indices were positive for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2016. Domestic large cap stock market returns represented by the S&P 500 Index were strong, returning +15.4% over the trailing year. Within domestic small cap stocks, the Russell 2000 Small Cap Index marginally outperformed the return of domestic equity large cap stock indices for the 1-year period.

Similar to domestic equity results, international equity indices also yielded robust performance for the fiscal year. In U.S. Dollar (USD) terms, the MSCI ACWI ex U.S. Index (net) appreciated 9.3% over the last year and the Emerging market index posted a return of 16.8% for the same 1- year period.

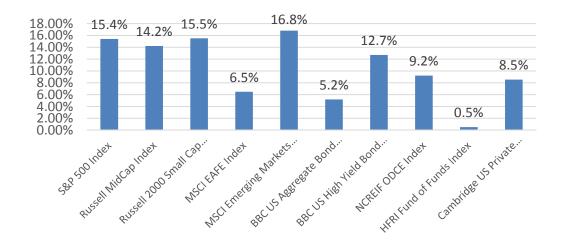
Despite a brief drop in yields at the start of the 3rd quarter, the U.S. Treasury yield curve moved higher as interest rates rose moderately across the maturity spectrum. This upward shift in the yield curve caused U.S. Government bonds to post negative returns for the quarter. In contrast, the investment grade corporate and mortgage-backed bond components of the Bloomberg Barclay's Aggregate benchmark managed to post positive performance for the quarter. Investment grade corporate issues benefited from increased demand for yield, which led to tightening credit spreads throughout the quarter, particularly in lower credit quality issues.

The Federal Reserve indicated future rate increases would be implemented at a measured pace and with an ongoing assessment of current economic data. Despite this domestic policy assertion, geopolitical events and non-U.S. stimulus programs are likely to keep demand for U.S. Treasury issues elevated and exert significant downward pressure on how high domestic interest rates will rise in the short-term.

On the alternative investment front, Private Real Estate, as measured by the NCREIF ODCE Index, gained +9.2% as continued strength in the economy drove real estate process higher. Private equity also turned in a solid year, returning +8.5%. Hedge Funds, given their conservative nature and focus on global markets, returned +0.5% for the year.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN REPORT ON MARKET ACTIVITY



			Index Re	turns (%)		
<u>Equities</u>	Month	3 M	YTD	1 Year	3 Yr Ann	<u>5 Yr</u> Ann
S&P 500 Total Return	0.02	3.85	7.84	15.43	11.15	16.35
Russell Midcap Index	0.20	4.52	10.25	14.24	9.68	16.66
Russell 2000 Index	1.11	9.05	11.45	15.46	6.70	15.81
Russell 1000 Growth Indx	0.37	4.58	6.00	13.75	11.81	16.57
Russell 1000 Value Index	(0.21)	3.48	10.00	16.18	9.69	16.13
Russell 3000 Index	0.16	4.40	8.18	14.95	10.43	16.34
MSCI EAFE NR	1.23	6.43	1.73	6.52	0.48	7.38
MSCI EM NR	1.29	9.03	16.02	16.78	(0.56)	3.03

	Index Returns (%)				_	
Fixed Income	Month	<u>3 M</u>	YTD	1 Year	Mod. Adj. Duration	Yield to Worst
Bloomberg BC U.S. Aggregate	(0.06)	0.46	5.80	5.19	5.51	1.96
Bloomberg BC U.S. Corp Inv Grade	(0.25)	1.41	9.20	8.56	7.52	2.84
Bloomberg BC U.S. Corporate HY	0.67	5.55	15.11	12.73	4.05	6.17
Bloomberg BC Global Aggregate	0.55	0.82	9.85	8.83	6.91	1.13

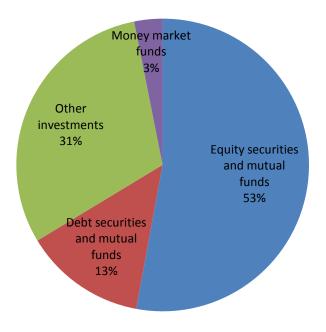
			Levels (%)		
Key Rates	09/30/16	12/31/15	12/31/14	12/31/13	12/31/12
3 Month	0.27	0.16	0.04	0.07	0.04
US 2 Year	0.76	1.05	0.66	0.38	0.25
US 10 Year	1.59	2.27	2.17	3.03	1.76
US 30 Year	2.32	3.02	2.75	3.97	2.95
ICE LIBOR USD 3M	0.85	0.61	0.26	0.25	0.31
Euribor 3 Month ACT/360	(0.30)	(0.13)	0.08	0.29	0.19
Bankrate 30Y Mortgage Rates Na	3.34	3.90	3.99	4.54	3.40
Prime	3.50	3.50	3.25	3.25	3.25



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN MARKET VALUE BY INVESTMENT TYPE As of September 30, 2016

Investment Type	Market Value at 9/30/2016
Equity securities and mutual funds	\$ 461,187,869
Debt securities and mutual funds	117,249,406
Other investments	266,145,661
Money market funds	27,219,766
Total Investments	\$ 871,802,702

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN ASSET ALLOCATION BY TYPE As of September 30, 2016





WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED BENEFIT PLAN INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE RATE OF RETURN- NET OF FEES*

	Rolling Calendar-	
	Year Basis	Fiscal Year Basis
1 Year	9.13%	9.90%
3 Year	4.96%	6.10%
5 Year	8.66%	9.56%
7 Year	7.03%	7.18%
10 Year	3.91%	4.31%

^{*} As calculated by our Custodian, Northern Trust

The Retirement System is required by the State of Michigan under Michigan Public Act 314 to show market rate rolling calendar year returns. Because we are based on a fiscal year end of September 30 we have included those numbers for continuity as of September 30, 2016.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN OVERVIEW

The Wayne County Employees' Retirement System (WCERS) administers a participant directed Defined Contribution Plan (DC Plan) to provide savings and retirement benefits for County and Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) employees participating in the DC Plan. The DC Plan provides a vehicle for employees to save for retirement through payroll deductions, employer contributions, and investment earnings. The DC Plan is structured to take advantage of tax regulations that allow for the tax-deferred accumulation of earnings and asset growth.

WCERS has developed a rigorous process and procedure protocol as it applies to the selection, monitoring, removal and replacement of funds within the DC Plan. The intent has always been to work with an open architecture platform that allows WCERS to choose a variety of asset classes from any mutual fund company, thereby ensuring the ability to offer best-in-class investments to their participating employees.

WCERS employs the services of an experienced investment advisor, the Sterling Institutional Consulting Group of UBS Financial Services, Inc., that serves as co-fiduciary on plan assets, and offers one-on-one investment consulting and retirement planning to all members. A consultant with the group attends all new employee orientations for the County, as well as the WCAA.

Additionally, the DC Plan record keeper, Prudential Financial, offers an asset allocation program to participants called GoalMaker©. This program is age-based as well as risk based. The three different risk categories, Conservative, Moderate and Aggressive, allow participants more choice when selecting their allocation program.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN

Statements of Fiduciary Net Position

The Defined Contribution Plan's (DC Plan) total net position increased by approximately \$19.7 million, or 5.4%, over the course of the plan year. The DC Plan's total assets of \$384.8 million as of September 30, 2016 were mostly comprised of investments in registered investment companies or mutual funds. The net appreciation in fair value of investments for the current year is attributable to the improving financial market and resultant investment performance during the year. Assets are restricted to provide future benefit payments to plan participants.

Statements of Changes in Fiduciary Net Position

- The DC Plan's benefits are funded by contributions from Wayne County (County), the Wayne County Airport Authority (WCAA) and the DC Plan's members/participants contributions; gains and losses on each individuals account will vary based on individual selection.
- Additions to net position, excluding appreciation (depreciation) in the fair value of investments, include contributions made to the DC Plan by the County, WCAA and the Plan's participants, as well as investment income, both of which amounted \$23.6 million at September 30, 2016, compared to \$24.9 for the year ended September 30, 2015. Employer contributions have decreased for the last three years as more members transferred or are hired into the hybrid plans that have a lower employer contribution rate.
- The change in the fair value of investments was favorable for the current year. Net appreciation in the fair value of investments was \$24.7 million for the year ended September 30, 2016, compared to net depreciation of \$7.0 million in the fair value of investments for the year ended September 30, 2015, which is attributable to the improving financial markets and the resultant investment performance for the current year.
- Total deductions from net position decreased by approximately \$16.3 million, decreasing from \$44.9 million for the year ended September 30, 2015 to \$28.6 million for the year ended September 30, 2016, which is primarily attributable to higher participant distributions and withdrawals during the prior year due to retirements, terminations, and Detroit Wayne Mental Authority (DWMHA) transferring assets out of the plan to a new provider.



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN STATEMENTS OF FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

September 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Assets		
Investments, at fair value		
Equity mutual funds	\$ 252,928,974	\$ 234,654,752
Debt mutual funds	110,813,315	106,661,492
Participant loans receivable	20,647,833	23,397,796
Total investments	384,390,122	364,714,040
Equity in Wayne County pooled cash	422,995	405,906
Due from other Wayne County component units and funds	-	25,140
Accounts receivable	17,008	4,495
Net position restricted for pensions	\$ 384,830,125	\$ 365,149,581



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN FIDUCIARY NET POSITION

For the Years Ended September 30, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
Additions		
Contributions:		
Employer, net of forfeitures	\$ 12,321,348	\$ 13,325,890
Employees	6,018,595	5,574,247
Total contributions	18,339,943	18,900,137
Investment income:		
Net appreciation (depreciation) in fair value		
of investments	24,715,985	(6,956,421)
Interest and dividends	4,877,400	5,224,674
Other investment income	384,305	750,527
Total investment income (loss)	29,977,690	(981,220)
Total additions	48,317,633	17,918,917
Deductions		
Participant distributions and withdrawals	28,125,652	44,307,503
Administrative expenses	511,437	591,484
Total deductions	28,637,089	44,898,987
Change in net position	19,680,544	(26,980,070)
Net position restricted for pensions		
Beginning of year	365,149,581	392,129,651
End of Year	\$ 384,830,125	\$ 365,149,581



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIRMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

September 30, 2016 and 2015

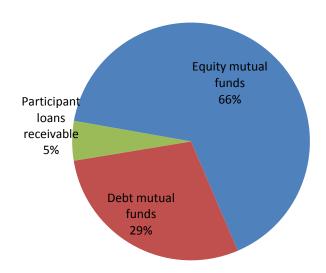
	2016	2015
Personnel Services:		
Staff Salaries	\$ 176,495	\$ 202,618
Other Fringe Benefits	79,722	100,923
Retirement Benefits	72,751	144,690
Total	328,968	448,231
Professional Service		
Consultant Fees	20,520	-
Audit Fees	17,035	16,215
	37,555	16,215
Miscellaneous		
Miscellaneous Fees	34,755	25,253
Allocated Operating Expenses	110,159	101,785
Total	144,914	127,038
Total Administrative Expenses	\$ 511,437	\$ 591,484



WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION MARKET VALUE BY INVESTMENT TYPE As of September 30, 2016

Investment Type	Market Value at 9/30/2016
Equity mutual funds	\$ 252,928,974
Debt mutual funds	110,813,315
Participant loans receivable	20,647,833
Total Investments	\$ 384,390,122

WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM DEFINED CONTRIBUTION ASSET ALLOCATION BY INVESTMENT TYPE As of September 30, 2016





WAYNE COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM ADDITIONAL STATE OF MICHIGAN REQUIRED INFORMATION

Type of Plan	Open/Closed	Number of Active Members		Valuation Payroll	
		County	WCAA	County	WCAA
Defined Benefit	Open	1,924	348	\$97,972,865	\$30,105,635
Defined Contribution	Open	1,250	304	\$85,269,009	\$24,261,739
Totals		3,174	652	\$183,241,874	\$54,367,374

Number of Retirees and Beneficiaries

County	5,067
WCAA*	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Average Annual Retirement Allowance	
County	\$25,236
WCAA*	\$40,023
Annual Retirement Allowances Being Paid	
County	\$127,871,297
WCAA*	
Total	

^{*}Includes only members that retired from WCAA after September 2002

Further information about the Retirement System can be found at www.wcers.org on the reporting tab, including Audited Financials, Annual Actuarial Valuation and previous years reports.

