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**Report on the Actuarial Valuation of the  
General Retirement System for  
Employees of Jefferson County**

**Prepared as of October 1, 2019**





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Pension Board  
The General Retirement System  
for Employees of Jefferson County  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Section 2.4(c) of Act No. 2013-415 governing the operation of the General Retirement System for Employees of Jefferson County provides that the actuary shall make valuations of the assets and liabilities of the Retirement System. We submit herewith the report giving the results of the valuation of the System prepared as of October 1, 2019. The report indicates that County contributions at the rate of 6.00% of compensation are sufficient to support the benefits of the System as in effect as of the valuation. In preparing the valuation, the actuary relied on data provided by the System. While not verifying data at the source, the actuary performed tests for consistency and reasonableness.

The System is funded on an actuarial reserve basis. The actuarial assumptions recommended by the actuary and adopted by the Board are both individually and in the aggregate reasonably related to the experience under the System and to reasonable expectations of anticipated experience under the System. The funding objective of the plan is that contribution rates over time will remain level as a percent of payroll. The valuation method used in the most recent valuation is the entry age normal cost method. The normal contribution rate to cover current cost has been determined as a level percent of payroll. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability which is being amortized by regular contributions as a level percent of payroll.

Since the previous valuation, several changes were made to the economic and demographic assumptions and actuarial methods based on the findings of the Experience Investigation for the Five-Year Period Ending September 30, 2018 adopted by the Board October 24, 2019.

The Plan is required to comply with the financial reporting requirements under GASB statement No. 67. In addition, the employer is required to comply with the financial reporting requirements under GASB statement No. 68. The necessary disclosure information has been provided in separate supplemental reports.

In our opinion the System is operating on an actuarially sound basis and the sufficiency of the retirement funds to provide the benefit called for by the System may be safely anticipated. The normal cost rate of the System continues to be in excess of the current total rate of contributions which will require a sufficient surplus (assets greater than liabilities) in order to ensure ongoing actuarial soundness.

This is to certify that the independent consulting actuary is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries and has experience in performing valuations for public retirement systems, that the valuation was prepared in accordance with principles of practice prescribed by the Actuarial Standards Board, and that the actuarial calculations were performed by qualified actuaries in accordance with accepted actuarial procedures, based on the current provisions of the retirement system and on actuarial assumptions that are internally consistent and reasonably based on the actual experience of the System.



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Future actuarial results may differ significantly from the current results presented in this report due to such factors as the following: plan experience differing from that anticipated by the economic or demographic assumptions; changes in economic or demographic assumptions; increases or decreases expected as part of the natural operation of the methodology used for these measurements (such as the end of an amortization period or additional cost or contribution requirements based on the plan's funded status); and changes in plan provisions or applicable law. Since the potential impact of such factors is outside the scope of a normal annual actuarial valuation, an analysis of the range of results is not presented herein.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'John J. Garrett'.

John J. Garrett, ASA, FCA, MAAA  
Principal and Consulting Actuary

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cathy Turcot'.

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Principal and Managing Director

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**REPORT ON THE ACTUARIAL VALUATION OF  
THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM  
FOR EMPLOYEES OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
PREPARED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

**SECTION I – SUMMARY OF PRINCIPAL RESULTS**

1. For convenience of reference, the principal results of the valuation and a comparison with the results of the previous valuation are summarized below:

VALUATION DATE	10/01/2019	10/01/2018
Number of active members	2,608	2,581
Annual compensation	\$ 148,941,376	\$ 143,426,027
Number of retired members and beneficiaries	2,432	2,364
Annual benefits	\$ 66,975,971	\$ 63,499,772
Number of former members entitled to deferred vested benefits	112*	105**
Annual deferred vested benefits	\$ 2,198,305	\$ 2,025,429
Assets:		
Actuarial value	\$ 1,204,591,468	\$ 1,172,618,765
Market value	1,213,737,159	1,232,532,846
Unfunded accrued liability	\$ (138,617,005)	\$ (126,867,261)
Amortization period	32 years	N/A
Funded Percent	113.0%	112.1%
<b>CONTRIBUTION RATES</b>		
Annual required contribution (ARC) of County:		
Normal	10.93%***	8.96%
Unfunded accrued liability	<u>(4.93)</u>	<u>(2.96)</u>
Total	6.00%	6.00%
Total contribution rates:		
Normal	16.93%	14.96%
Unfunded accrued liability	<u>(4.93)</u>	<u>(2.96)</u>
Total	12.00%	12.00%

\* In addition, there are 42 former members who had terminated as of the valuation date and who had not received a refund of their contributions (totaling \$1,008,733).

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\*\*\* Includes 1.00% for administrative expenses.



2. Comments on the valuation results as of October 1, 2019 are given in Section V and further discussion of the contribution levels is set out in Section VI.
3. Schedule C shows the development of the actuarial value of assets. Schedule E of this report outlines the full set of actuarial assumptions and methods employed. Since the previous valuation the following changes were made to the actuarial assumptions due to the experience investigation for the five-year period ending September 30, 2018:
  - The price inflation assumption was changed from 3.25 % to 2.75%.
  - Retirement, withdrawal, and mortality rates were changed to more closely reflect recent experience.
  - Merit salary scale was changed to more closely reflect recent experience.
  - A 1.00% assumed administrative expense as a percentage of payroll added to the total normal cost.
4. Schedule F of this report outlines the main System provisions employed. There have been no changes since the previous valuation.

## **SECTION II – MEMBERSHIP**

1. The following table shows the number of active members and their annual compensation as of October 1, 2019 on the basis of which the valuation was prepared.

### **THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL COMPENSATION OF ACTIVE MEMBERS AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

NUMBER	ANNUAL COMPENSATION
2,608	\$148,941,376

2. The following table shows the number and annual retirement allowances payable to retired members and beneficiaries as of the valuation date.



**THE NUMBER AND ANNUAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS OF  
RETIRED MEMBERS AND BENEFICIARIES  
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

GROUP	NUMBER	ANNUAL RETIREMENT BENEFITS
Service Retirements	2,094	\$ 61,682,243
Beneficiaries of Deceased Members	263	4,104,613
Disability Retirements	<u>75</u>	<u>1,189,115</u>
Total	2,432	\$ 66,975,971

In addition, there are 112 former members entitled to deferred vested retirement benefits totaling \$2,198,305 and 42 former members who had terminated as of the valuation date but who had not received a refund of their contributions.

3. Table 1 of Schedule G gives a distribution by age and service groups of the number and average pay of active members included in the valuation. Tables 2, 3, 4 and 5 give the number and annual benefits of retired members and beneficiaries included in the valuation, distributed by age.

**SECTION III – ACTUARIAL COST METHOD**

1. The valuation is prepared on the projected benefit basis, under which the present value, at the interest rate assumed to be earned in the future (currently 7.00%), of each member's expected benefit payable at retirement or death is determined, based on his age, service, sex and compensation. The calculations take into account the probability of a member's death or termination of employment prior to becoming eligible for a benefit, as well as the probability of his terminating with a service, disability or survivor's benefit. Future salary increases are also anticipated. The present value of the expected benefits payable on account of the active members is added to the present value of the expected future payments to retired members and beneficiaries to obtain the present value of all expected benefits payable from the System on account of the present group of members and beneficiaries.



2. The contributions required to support the benefits of the System are determined following a level funding approach, and consist of a normal contribution and an accrued liability contribution.
3. The normal contribution is determined using the “entry age normal” method. Using this method, a calculation is made to determine the uniform and constant percentage rate of County contribution which, if applied to the compensation of each member during the entire period of his anticipated covered service, would be required in addition to the contributions of the member to meet the cost of all benefits payable on his behalf.
4. The present value of future unfunded accrued liability contributions is determined by subtracting the present value of prospective County normal contributions and member contributions (currently 6.00%), together with the current assets held, from the present value of expected benefits to be paid from the System.

#### **SECTION IV – ASSETS**

1. The amount of assets taken into account in this valuation was based on information provided by the auditors. As of October 1, 2019, the market value of assets amounted to \$1,213,737,159. Schedule B shows a reconciliation of market value of assets for the two years prior to the valuation date. As of October 1, 2019, the market related actuarial value of assets used for valuation purposes was \$1,204,591,468, as developed in Schedule C.

#### **SECTION V – COMMENTS ON VALUATION**

1. Schedule D of this report contains the valuation balance sheet which shows the present and prospective assets and liabilities of the System as of October 1, 2019.
2. The valuation balance sheet shows that the System has total prospective liabilities of \$1,273,609,611. Of this amount, \$669,163,675 is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present retired members, beneficiaries of deceased members and former members entitled to deferred vested benefits or a refund of contributions, and \$604,445,936 is for the prospective benefits payable on account of present active members. Against these liabilities, the System has total present assets of \$1,204,591,468 as of October 1, 2019. The difference of \$69,018,143



between the total liabilities and the total present assets represents the present value of future contributions.

3. The contributions to the System consist of normal contributions and accrued liability contributions. The valuation indicates that normal contributions at the rate of 15.93% of payroll are sufficient to pay the normal costs of the System. An additional 1.00% is required for administrative expenses, making the total normal rate 16.93%. Of this amount, 6.00% is paid by the members and the remaining 10.93% is required by the County.
4. Prospective normal contributions at the rate of 15.93% have a present value of \$207,635,148. When this amount is subtracted from \$69,018,143, which is the present value of total future contributions, there remains \$(138,617,005) as the amount of unfunded accrued liability (UAL) contributions. The surplus UAL is expected to be fully amortized within 32 years at a rate of (4.93)% of payroll. The development of the unfunded accrued liability is shown in Schedule A. The funded ratio of the System is the ratio of assets to the actuarial accrued liability. This ratio as of October 1, 2019, based on actuarial value of assets which recognizes gains and losses over a five year period, is 113.0%.
5. It is important to note that since the normal cost contribution rate of 16.93% for the annual benefits earned and administrative expenses, is greater than the total rate of contributions of 12.00% to the System, an objective of the System should be to maintain a surplus UAL that would be expected to never be fully amortized (infinite amortization period). Maintaining this objective would ensure the actuarial soundness of the System's funding for both current and future retirees.
6. The UAL based on the current market value of assets, assuming the immediate recognition of all deferred asset gains and losses, is \$(147,762,695). On this basis, the funded ratio is 113.86%.



**SECTION VI – CONTRIBUTIONS PAYABLE BY COUNTY**

It is recommended on the basis of the present valuation that the County make contributions to the System according to the rates shown in the following table:

CONTRIBUTION	PERCENTAGE OF MEMBERS' COMPENSATION
Normal (Includes 1.00% for Expenses)	10.93%
Unfunded accrued liability	<u>(4.93)</u>
Total	6.00%



**SECTION VII – ACCOUNTING INFORMATION**

The information required under the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statements No. 67 and 68 for the Plan and the County will be issued in separate reports. The following is provided for informational purposes only.

- 1. The following is a distribution of the number of employees by type of membership.

**NUMBER OF ACTIVE AND RETIRED MEMBERS  
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

<b>GROUP</b>	<b>NUMBER</b>
Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	2,432
Terminated members entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	154
Active members	<u>2,608</u>
Total	5,194

- 2. The schedule of funding progress is shown below.

**SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS  
Dollar Amounts in Thousands**

<b>Actuarial Valuation Date</b>	<b>Actuarial Value of Assets (a)</b>	<b>Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) Entry Age (b)</b>	<b>Unfunded AAL (UAAL) (b - a)</b>	<b>Funded Ratio (a / b)</b>	<b>Covered Payroll (c)</b>	<b>UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((b - a) / c)</b>
10/01/2014	\$1,005,020,061	\$952,157,824	\$(52,862,237)	105.6%	\$109,723,029	(48.2)%
10/01/2015	1,038,953,354	970,675,625	(68,277,729)	107.0	113,089,076	(60.4)
10/01/2016	1,084,886,713	1,007,174,968	(77,711,745)	107.7	124,769,019	(62.3)
10/01/2017	1,125,217,227	1,024,939,296	(100,277,931)	109.8	131,976,909	(76.0)
10/01/2018	1,172,618,765	1,045,751,504	(126,867,261)	112.1	143,426,027	(88.5)
10/01/2019	1,204,591,468	1,065,974,464	(138,617,004)	113.0	148,941,376	(93.1)



3. The information presented above was determined as part of the actuarial valuation at October 1, 2019. Additional information as of the latest actuarial valuation follows.

Valuation date	10/01/2019
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percent open
Remaining amortization period	32 years
Asset valuation method	5-year market related value
Actuarial assumptions:	
Investment rate of return*	7.00%
Projected salary increases*	4.25 – 6.75%
Cost-of-living adjustments	None
*Includes inflation at	2.75%



### **SECTION VIII – EXPERIENCE**

1. The last experience investigation was prepared for the five-year period ending September 30, 2018, and based on the results of the investigation, various assumptions and methods were adopted by the Board on October 24, 2019 .
2. The following table shows the estimated gain or loss from various factors that resulted in a decrease of \$11,749,744 in the unfunded accrued liability from \$(126,867,261) to \$(138,617,005) during the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019.

#### **ANALYSIS OF THE INCREASE IN UNFUNDED ACCRUED LIABILITY (in thousands of dollars)**

<b>ITEM</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF INCREASE/ (DECREASE)</b>
Interest (7.00%) added to previous unfunded accrued liability	\$ (8,880.6)
Accrued liability contribution	4,583.9
Experience:	
Valuation asset growth	(2,392.3)
Pensioners' mortality	863.6
Turnover and retirements	950.2
New Entrants	177.9
Salary increases	(960.0)
Method changes	0.0
Amendments (COLAs)	0.0
Assumption changes	(6,177.9)
Miscellaneous changes	<u>85.6</u>
Total	(11,749.7)



## **SECTION IX – RISK ASSESSMENT**

The primary objective of this section is to provide an assessment of risk, as required under Actuarial Standard of Practice Number 51, *Assessment and Disclosure of Risk Associated with Measuring Pension Obligations and Determining Pension Plan Contributions*. There are other risks that the System faces, including issues such as cyber security, a catastrophe to the physical location, and many others. These are outside the scope of our analysis, which focuses only on those risks relating to the variance in the measurement of the benefit obligations as well as the contribution rates. There is no specific action by the Board either required or expected in response to this assessment, although it is possible that a deeper understanding of the risks faced by the System may prompt some additional discussion.

ASOP 51 provides that the assessment of risk does not necessarily have to be quantitative, but may be qualitative. This section will provide the overall assessment of risk for the System from a qualitative perspective.

Measuring pension obligations and actuarially determined contributions requires the use of assumptions regarding future economic and demographic experience. Whenever assumptions are made about future events, there is risk that actual experience will differ from that which is expected.

The primary areas of risk in this actuarial valuation are:

1. Investment Risk - the potential that investment returns will be different than expected.

The greatest single source for future contribution volatility is expected to be attributable to the actual investment rate of returns. Although the System is well-funded, the significant degree of market volatility that can be expected by diversely invested pension plans today can result in severe changes to actuarial condition. The System has historically maintained an assumption for rates of investment returns below the median of large public plans. This provides a margin in the plans measures of liabilities for adverse experience and reduces the investment risk inherent to a funded plan.

The impact of potential market return volatility is also lessened through the asset smoothing method utilized in determining the funding requirements. The delayed recognition of the asset losses would allow for the System to experience gains due to a market recovery before the full impact of losses are reflected in the System's funded status and determined contributions.

2. Longevity and Other Demographic Risks – the potential that mortality or other demographic experience will be different than expected.

Generally, these demographic risks emerge slowly over time. The impact of variances in actual and expected demographic experience are measured in each annual valuation by the source of the System's actuarial liability gains and losses. Over several valuations, the emerging trends in demographic experience can be identified and initiate consideration of



changes to certain assumptions. A process of annual actuarial valuations and periodic experience studies are practical ways to monitor and reassess risk.

3. Contribution Risk – The potential that the actuarially determined contributions of the System will exceed the current fixed contribution rates.

Although the System currently has a surplus of assets over liabilities, future negative experience could reduce the surplus position. The cost of benefit accruals for the active members annually exceeds the total contributions received and requires the maintenance of a sufficient surplus position for the System to continue in actuarial balance. Currently, the System is expected to remain in a sufficient surplus position for nearly 30 years. We expect that if an event were to occur that would dramatically impact the surplus position, the Board would have a number of years to consider and implement potential solutions to maintain the System's actuarial balance.

Risk is not necessarily a negative concept. As humans, we regularly take risks such as driving in an automobile because we believe that the gain to be received outweighs the possible negative consequences. We do, however, take steps to mitigate the risk by looking both ways at an intersection before proceeding, wearing seatbelts, etc. We do these things, because we have some understanding of the sources of risk. The goal of this report is to help the Board understand the major risks facing the System's actuarial condition.



**SCHEDULE A**

**DEVELOPMENT OF THE UNFUNDED ACTUARIAL ACCRUED LIABILITY  
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

(1)	Present Value of Future Benefits:	
	(a) Present Active Members	\$ 604,445,936
	(b) Present Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Former Members Entitled to Deferred Vested Benefits or Refunds of Contributions	<u>669,163,675</u>
	(c) Total	\$ 1,273,609,611
(2)	Present Value of Future County and Member Normal Contributions	<u>207,635,148</u>
(3)	Actuarial Accrued Liabilities [1(c) – (2)]	\$ 1,065,974,463
(4)	Actuarial Value of Assets	<u>1,204,591,468</u>
(5)	Unfunded Actuarial Accrued Liabilities (UAAL) [(3) – (4)]	\$ (138,617,005)
(6)	Amortization of UAAL	\$ (7,342,810)
(7)	Contribution Rate as a % of Payroll	
	(a) Normal Cost (Includes 1.00% for Expenses)	16.93%
	(b) UAAL	<u>(4.93)</u>
	(c) Total	12.00%



**SCHEDULE B**

**RECONCILIATION OF MARKET VALUE OF ASSETS**

	<b>October 1, 2019</b>	<b>October 1, 2018</b>
Market Value of Assets as of October 1 of Previous Year	\$ 1,232,532,846	\$ 1,155,282,828
Expenditures		
- Benefit Payments	\$ (65,397,271)	\$ (62,335,593)
- Refunds of Employee Contributions	(1,447,637)	(852,352)
- Administrative Expenses	<u>(1,647,947)</u>	<u>(1,426,080)</u>
- Total	\$ (68,492,855)	\$ (64,614,025)
Contributions		
- Employer	\$ 8,709,656	\$ 8,339,978
- Employee	8,676,606	8,319,311
- Other	<u>670,527</u>	<u>415,069</u>
- Total	\$ 18,056,789	\$ 17,074,358
Investment Income	\$ 31,931,806	\$ 124,984,740
Transfer to 415 Account	\$ (291,427)	\$ (195,055)
Market Value of Assets as of October 1 of Current Year	\$ 1,213,737,159	\$ 1,232,532,846
Investment Rate of Return	2.62%	11.03%



**SCHEDULE C**

**DEVELOPMENT OF ACTUARIAL VALUE OF ASSETS  
AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

(1)	Actuarial Value Beginning of Year	\$ 1,172,618,765
(2)	Market Value End of Year	\$ 1,213,737,159
(3)	Market Value Beginning of Year	\$ 1,232,532,846
(4)	Cash Flow	
	a. Contributions	\$ 18,056,789
	b. Benefit Payments and Administrative Expense	(68,492,855)
	c. Transfer to 415 Account	(291,427)
	d. Investment Expenses	<u>(5,252,994)</u>
	e. Net	\$ (55,980,487)
(5)	Investment Income	
	a. Market total [(2) – (3) – (4)e]	\$ 37,184,800
	b. Assumed Rate	7.00%
	c. Amount for Immediate Recognition [(3) x (5)b] + [(4)a + (4)b + (4)c) * (5)b * 0.5] – (4)d	\$ 89,754,831
	d. Amount for Phased-In Recognition [(5)a – (5)c]	\$ (52,570,031)
(6)	Phased-In Recognition of Investment Income	
	a. Current Year [0.20 * (5)d]	\$ (10,514,006)
	b. First Prior Year	9,157,131
	c. Second Prior Year	9,183,292
	d. Third Prior Year	5,363,730
	e. Fourth Prior Year	<u>(14,991,788)</u>
	f. Total Recognized Investment Gain	\$ (1,801,641)
(7)	Actuarial Value End of Year [(1) + (4)e + (5)c + (6)f]	\$ 1,204,591,468
(8)	Difference Between Market & Actuarial Values [(2) – (7)]	\$ 9,145,691



**SCHEDULE D**

**VALUATION BALANCE SHEET  
SHOWING THE PRESENT AND PROSPECTIVE ASSETS AND LIABILITIES OF  
THE GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR EMPLOYEES OF JEFFERSON COUNTY  
PREPARED AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2019**

<b>ASSETS</b>	
Present Assets of the System	\$1,204,591,468
Present Value of Prospective Contributions:	
County and Members Normal Contributions	\$ 207,635,148
Unfunded Accrued Liability Contributions	<u>(138,617,005)</u>
Total Prospective Contributions	<u>69,018,143</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$1,273,609,611</u>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	
Present Value of Benefits Payable on Account of Retired Members, Beneficiaries and Former Members Entitled to Deferred Vested Benefits or Refunds of Contributions	\$ 669,163,675
Present Value of Prospective Benefits payable on Account of Present Active Members	<u>604,445,936</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>\$1,273,609,611</u>



**SCHEDULE E**

**OUTLINE OF ACTUARIAL ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODS**

The assumptions and methods used in the valuation are effective beginning October 1, 2019 and were selected based on the experience investigation for the five year period ending September 30, 2018 adopted by the Board on October 24, 2019.

INVESTMENT RATE OF RETURN: 7.00% per annum, compounded annually.

SALARY INCREASES: Representative values of the assumed annual rates of future salary increases are as follows and include inflation at 2.75% per annum:

Annual Rate of Salary Increase	
<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
0	6.75%
2	6.50
4	6.25
6	6.25
8	6.00
10+	4.25

SEPARATIONS FROM ACTIVE SERVICE: Mortality rates are according to the Pub-2010 Headcount-Weighted Below Median Mortality Table adjusted by 105% for males and 110% for females projected generationally with scale MP-2018. Representative values of the assumed annual base rates of death, disability, withdrawal and service retirement are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	Annual Base Rate of Mortality		Annual Rate of
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Disability*</u>
20	0.04%	0.02%	0.04%
25	0.04	0.01	0.04
30	0.05	0.02	0.04
35	0.06	0.03	0.08
40	0.09	0.05	0.08
45	0.12	0.07	0.12
50	0.19	0.11	0.20
55	0.27	0.16	0.24
60	0.39	0.23	0.28
65	0.57	0.36	
69	0.79	0.53	

\*10% of disabilities are assumed to be due to service related causes and 90% to non-service related causes.



Annual Rate of Service Withdrawal	
<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Rate</u>
0	9.75%
2	8.25
4	6.00
6	4.50
8	2.63
10+	2.25

Annual Rate of Service Retirement			
<u>Age</u>	<u>&lt;30 Years of Service</u>	<u>30 Years of Service</u>	<u>&gt;=31 Years of Service</u>
50	5.0%	60.0%	50.0%
55	15.0	60.0	50.0
60	20.0	60.0	50.0
62	30.0	80.0	50.0
65	40.0	80.0	50.0
70	50.0	80.0	50.0

DEATHS AFTER RETIREMENT: According to the Pub-2010 Headcount-Weighted Below Median Mortality Table adjusted by 105% for males and 110% for females projected generationally with scale MP-2018. Representative values of the assumed annual base rates of death after retirement are as follows:

<u>Age</u>	Annual Base Rate of Death After			
	<u>Service Retirement</u>		<u>Disability Retirement</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
45	0.12%	0.07%	1.15%	1.08%
50	0.97	0.67	1.79	1.63
55	1.07	0.61	2.34	1.92
60	1.19	0.62	2.86	2.24
65	1.40	0.79	3.56	2.70
70	2.22	1.33	4.55	3.47
75	3.69	2.30	6.01	4.79
80	6.26	4.05	8.47	7.07
85	10.63	7.37	12.36	10.90
90	17.41	13.76	17.80	15.94
95	25.74	22.14	25.74	22.41



**LOADING:** The average monthly compensation was increased 4.50% to allow for the practice of including a portion of unused vacation pay in the benefit calculations.

**PERCENT MARRIED:** 95% of active members are assumed to be married, with husbands three years older than their wives.

**ACTUARIAL COST METHOD:** Entry age normal. Gains and losses are reflected in the unfunded accrued liability.

**ASSET VALUATION METHOD:** Actuarial value as developed in Schedule C. The actuarial value of assets recognizes a portion of the difference between the market value of assets and the expected value of assets, based on the assumed valuation rate of return. The amount recognized each year is 20% of the difference between market value and expected actuarial value.



## **SCHEDULE F**

### **SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF THE SYSTEM AS INTERPRETED FOR VALUATION PURPOSES**

The following summary gives the main membership, benefit and contribution provisions of the System as interpreted in preparing the actuarial valuation. "Average monthly compensation" means the average earnable compensation of a member during the highest thirty-six consecutive months of service. "Paid membership service" is service during which the member made contributions to either this System or the previous systems.

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

All regular employees and officers of Jefferson County who were members of the previous retirement systems became members of this System as of September 1, 1965. All other employees and officers of the County as of September 1, 1965 could elect to join the System. Any person becoming an employee after September 1, 1965 whose employment is subject to the Civil Service System is required to join. Employees whose employment is not subject to the Civil Service System or those who are officers may elect to join.

#### **BENEFITS**

##### **Superannuation Retirement**

Condition for Retirement	Age 60 and completion of 10 years of paid membership service, or 30 years of paid membership service, or age 55 with 30 years of service of which 20 years must be paid membership service.
Amount of Benefit	(a) The monthly pension is equal to 2-1/2% of the member's average monthly compensation multiplied by the number of years of his paid membership service, not in excess of 30 years; plus



- (b) 5/8% of average monthly compensation, multiplied by the number of years of his unpaid service.

No member shall receive a benefit in excess of 75% of average monthly compensation.

## Early Retirement

### Regular Early Retirement Benefit

Any member who has completed 30 years of service, including 10 years of paid membership service, may elect to receive a Regular Early Retirement Benefit.

The Regular Early Retirement Benefit is determined by multiplying the pension based on service and average monthly salary at the date of early retirement, by the percentage shown in the following table, according to the member's age on the birthday preceding retirement.

<u>Age</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
59	93%
58	87%
57	82%
56	77%
55	72%
54	68%
53	64%
52	60%
51	57%
50	54%
49	51%
48	48%

### 25-Year Early Retirement Benefit

Any member who has completed at least 25 years of paid membership service may elect to receive a 25-Year Early Retirement Benefit.

The 25-Year Early Retirement Benefit is determined by multiplying the pension based on service and average monthly salary at the date of early retirement by 7% per year for each year less than 30 years of paid membership.

## Non-Service Connected Disability

### Condition for Retirement

Any member who becomes disabled for reasons not connected with service after 10 or more years of paid membership service is entitled to receive a disability pension (full or partial).

### Amount of Benefit

The monthly disability pension is computed in the same manner as the superannuation retirement benefit,



reduced for early commencement by the percentage shown in the following table. The early retirement factor is based on the number of years until the member would have been eligible for unreduced retirement benefits assuming continued employment.

<u>Years Early</u>	<u>Percentage</u>	<u>Years Early</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
1	93%	7	64%
2	87	8	60
3	82	9	57
4	77	10	54
5	72	11 or more	50
6	68		

### Service Connected Disability

#### Condition for Retirement

Any member who becomes incapacitated for further performance of duty by reason of personal injury received as the result of an accident arising out of and in the course of employment is entitled to receive monthly disability benefits.

#### Amount of Benefit

The monthly disability pension is equal to 60% of the part of the member's monthly salary subject to deductions for pension purposes at the commencement of disability, reduced by workers compensation benefits.

### Deferred Retirement

#### Condition for Retirement

- (a) Any member whose service is involuntarily terminated before eligibility for voluntary retirement who has 18 years of service, including 10 years of paid membership service, is eligible to receive a deferred pension payable either at age 60 or on the date the member would have completed 30 years of service if the member had remained employed by the County, provided the member makes contributions to the system between the termination date and retirement date equal to those both the member and the County would have made during that time on the basis of the member's salary subject to deductions for pension purposes at termination date.
- (b) Any member whose service is involuntarily terminated before eligibility for voluntary retirement who has 20 years of service, including at least 10 years of paid membership service, is eligible to receive a pension, commencing immediately, if the member has attained age 55 at retirement or a deferred pension commencing at age 55 if the member is



less than age 55 at retirement. No contributions are required of the member after involuntary retirement.

- (c) Any member who has completed 10 years of paid membership service and who upon separation from service, whether voluntary or involuntary, is not eligible to receive a superannuation retirement benefit, is eligible to receive a deferred pension payable at age 60.

Amount of Benefit

The monthly pension described under (a) above is payable upon the earlier of (1) the date the member reaches age 60, or (2) the date on which the member would have completed 30 years of service had the member continued employment, and is calculated using the Superannuation Retirement Benefit formula, which is reduced in the same manner as an Early Retirement Benefit if the member has not reached age 60 at the time payment commences.

The monthly pension described under (b) above is payable upon retirement if the member has reached age 55, or, if the member has not reached age 55, payment is delayed until the member attains age 55, and is calculated in accordance with the formula used for a Superannuation Retirement Benefit.

The monthly pension described under (c) above is payable when the member reaches age 60, and is calculated by multiplying the Superannuation Retirement Benefit that the member would have been entitled to receive had the member been age 60 when service terminated by the applicable percentage below:

<u>Years of Paid Membership Time</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
10	50%
11	60
12	70
13	80
14	90
15	100

Instead of receiving a deferred pension, the member may elect to receive a refund of the member's contributions with interest.



## Return of Contributions

### Upon Termination of Service

Upon termination of service for reasons other than death, before meeting the eligibility requirements for a deferred retirement benefit, a member is entitled to the return of the member's contributions less any disability benefits paid.

### Death of Member Before Eligibility for a Deferred Retirement Benefit

Upon death before retirement and before the member is eligible for a deferred retirement benefit, the member's contributions without interest, less any disability benefit payments, are paid to the member's beneficiary, spouse, or legal representative.

## Death of Member After Eligibility For Deferred Retirement

### Condition for Benefit

Upon death in active service of a member who has completed 10 years of paid membership service, an allowance is payable to the member's surviving spouse, or if an unmarried member so elects, to the member's designated beneficiary.

### Amount of Benefit

The pre-retirement survivorship benefit is 100% of the reduced retirement pension the member would have received had retirement occurred on the day of death.

Upon actual retirement, an unmarried member who had elected the pre-retirement joint and survivorship benefit will have his benefit reduced by an amount which is of equivalent actuarial value to the actuarial cost of the coverage for the pre-retirement joint survivorship benefit under such election.

A refund of contributions plus interest is made in lieu of a survivor's benefit if the surviving spouse or dependent so elects.

## Optional Benefits

A member may elect to have the superannuation, early retirement or deferred retirement benefit otherwise payable converted to a smaller pension payable during the member's lifetime with the provision that, upon the member's death after pension payments commence, a specified part of such reduced pension will be continued to the member's designated beneficiary. In addition, a member may elect to have the member's benefit converted to a further reduced pension payable as above but with the additional provision that, if the member's designated beneficiary predeceases the member, benefit payments will revert to the unreduced amount and will be payable until the member's death.



## Increases to Retired Members and Beneficiaries

The following increases to pensions in pay status have been made:

3% per year (simple interest) with the calculation period beginning on the later of the date of retirement and October 1, 1977, and ending on September 30, 1982. (The maximum increase was 15%.)

3% per year (simple interest) with the calculation period beginning on the later of the date of retirement and October 1, 1982, and ending on September 30, 1984. (The maximum increase was 6%.)

2% per year (simple interest) with the calculation period beginning on the later of the date of retirement and October 1, 1984, and ending on September 30, 1986. (The maximum increase was 4%.)

2% per year (simple interest) with the calculation period beginning on the later of the date of retirement and October 1, 1986, and ending on September 30, 1992. (The maximum increase was 12%.)

2% per year (simple interest) retroactive to October 1, 1992 with a maximum increase of 12%.

2% per year (simple interest) retroactive to October 1, 1998 with a maximum increase of 6%.

1% per year (simple interest) retroactive to October 1, 2001.

2% per year retroactive to October 1, 2004, with the calculation period beginning on the later of the date of retirement and October 1, 2006, and ending September 30, 2007. (The maximum increase was 4%.)

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### By Members

Each member contributes 6% of compensation.

A member who has accrued the maximum retirement benefit of 75% of basic average salary may elect to terminate contributions.

### By County

The County pays an amount equal to member's contributions.



**SCHEDULE G**

**TABLE 1**

**AGE – SERVICE TABLE**

Distribution of Active Members as of October 1, 2019 by Age and Service Groups

Attained Age	Completed Years of Service									Total
	Under 1	1 to 4	5 to 9	10 to 14	15 to 19	20 to 24	25 to 29	30 to 34	35 & Over	
Under 25	24	45	1							70
Avg Pay	34,767	36,849	44,841							36,249
25 to 29	40	124	24							188
Avg Pay	34,720	41,118	48,697							40,724
30 to 34	46	134	33	14	1					228
Avg Pay	42,744	43,399	54,603	54,577	50,445					45,606
35 to 39	46	132	37	57	24	4				300
Avg Pay	37,752	47,010	61,217	62,379	55,641	55,376				51,065
40 to 44	31	114	21	59	71	43	1			340
Avg Pay	52,352	49,311	65,166	66,207	68,048	60,886	45,215			58,864
45 to 49	39	116	36	43	69	73	37	2		415
Avg Pay	55,482	55,633	54,525	68,515	69,589	65,167	66,356	58,034		61,822
50 to 54	35	87	25	46	52	67	69	7		388
Avg Pay	49,858	56,570	56,939	62,067	64,538	76,259	67,779	81,026		63,542
55 to 59	29	68	35	66	40	63	46	17	1	365
Avg Pay	53,503	50,968	65,659	64,006	66,778	62,106	66,993	80,670	68,358	62,041
60 to 64	9	34	19	41	43	27	26	16	3	218
Avg Pay	52,540	50,182	56,598	62,488	70,174	65,427	61,738	67,869	141,810	62,922
65 to 69	3	5	9	20	12	16	9	3	3	80
Avg Pay	46,668	47,124	86,686	57,030	69,959	67,609	78,370	87,645	80,137	67,829
70 & Over		6	1	4	2		3			16
Avg Pay		45,810	85,822	50,662	71,869		70,085			57,333
Total Count	302	865	241	350	314	293	191	45	7	2,608
Avg Pay	45,106	47,927	59,231	63,305	67,028	66,441	66,909	75,633	104,886	57,109

Average Age                    46.41  
 Average Service                10.49



**TABLE 2**  
**NUMBER OF RETIRED MEMBERS**  
**AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**  
**SERVICE RETIREMENTS**

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefits</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
50 and Under	2	\$ 64,155	\$ 32,078
51 – 55	47	1,977,824	42,081
56 – 60	133	5,503,933	41,383
61 – 65	402	13,537,508	33,675
66 – 70	571	17,768,456	31,118
71 – 75	413	11,395,827	27,593
76 – 80	268	6,568,614	24,510
Over 80	<u>258</u>	<u>4,865,925</u>	<u>18,860</u>
Total	2,094	\$ 61,682,243	\$ 29,457

**TABLE 3**  
**NUMBER OF RETIRED MEMBERS**  
**AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**  
**DISABILITY RETIREMENTS**

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefits</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
50 and Under	3	\$ 46,134	\$ 15,378
51 – 55	7	120,410	17,201
56 – 60	12	235,087	19,591
61 – 65	22	392,770	17,853
Over 65	<u>31</u>	<u>394,716</u>	<u>12,733</u>
Total	75	\$ 1,189,115	\$ 15,855



**TABLE 4**  
**NUMBER OF RETIRED MEMBERS**  
**AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**  
**BENEFICIARIES OF DECEASED MEMBERS**

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefits</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
50 and Under	5	\$ 52,014	\$ 10,403
51 – 55	9	165,408	18,379
56 – 60	14	269,114	19,222
61 – 65	24	458,807	19,117
66 – 70	31	645,729	20,830
71 – 75	42	779,544	18,561
76 – 80	50	707,807	14,156
Over 80	<u>88</u>	<u>1,026,191</u>	<u>11,661</u>
Total	263	\$ 4,104,613	\$ 15,607

**TABLE 5**  
**NUMBER OF DEFERRED FORMER MEMBERS**  
**AND THEIR BENEFITS BY AGE**

<u>Attained Age</u>	<u>Number of Members</u>	<u>Total Annual Benefits</u>	<u>Average Annual Benefit</u>
50 and Under	25	\$ 450,384	\$ 18,015
51 – 55	31	737,661	23,796
56 – 60	<u>40</u>	<u>756,694</u>	<u>18,917</u>
Total	112	\$ 2,198,305	\$ 19,628