Clay County, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2022



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Financial and Compliance Report

Clay County, Arkansas Officials and Quorum Court Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist county government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of county governments, as well as compliance with relevant state laws and observance of good business practices to provide accountability for tax dollars expended to support government operations.

We have performed certain limited procedures with respect to regulatory basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for Clay County, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated February 23, 2024. Management of the County is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2022:

County Judge: Mike Patterson Treasurer: Teresa Akers

Sheriff and Tax Collector: Terry Miller

County Clerk: Brande Boyd Circuit Clerk: Janet Kilbreath Assessor: Tracy Gurley

County Librarians: Gay Johnson (Piggott)

Kathy Butler (Corning)

Deana Mills (Rector) retired January 28, 2022; Amy Ward (Rector) appointed January 28, 2022

District Court Clerk: Jamie McClelland

We evaluated the County's compliance with certain state laws concerning general accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and investing and depositing of public funds.

During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local County government, state executive and oversight management, and other parties as required by Arkansas Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-417, all reports presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee are matters of public record and distribution is not limited.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Little Rock, Arkansas February 23, 2024 LOCO01122

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	 General	Road	ther Funds in the Aggregate
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$ 1,866,301 80,454	\$ 2,323,829 20,038	\$ 4,716,311 191,812 10,934
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,946,755	\$ 2,343,867	\$ 4,919,057
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending	\$ 89,597 10,934 1,216	\$ 374,875 1,352	\$ 85,469 643,871
Total Liabilities	 101,747	376,227	729,340
Fund Balances: Restricted Assigned	9,874	1,967,640	4,189,727
Unassigned Total Fund Balances	1,835,134 1,845,008	 1,967,640	 (10) 4,189,717
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,946,755	\$ 2,343,867	\$ 4,919,057

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Exhibit B

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
REVENUES			
State aid	\$ 723,025	\$ 1,604,291	\$ 398,690
Federal aid	51,313	1,854	1,443,772
Property taxes	1,140,089	547,889	443,667
Sales taxes	536,602	772,218	04.400
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	184,689	40.540	94,469
Interest Company to a company t	19,920	10,542	8,107
Officers' fees	112,783		41,592
Emergency 911 fees Jail fees	64.227		278,270
Donations	64,327		11,791
	8,172		11,791
Rent from Black River Area Development Treasurer's commission	,		10 261
Collector's commission	107,533 190,791		18,361 45,608
			45,006
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense Other	304,593 205,946	30,109	16,011
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TOTAL REVENUES	3,649,783	2,966,903	2,800,338
Less: Treasurer's commission	35,266	40,164	11,445
NET REVENUES	3,614,517	2,926,739	2,788,893
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,615,041		410,919
Law enforcement	1,499,910		69,513
Highways and streets		2,654,810	55,414
Public safety	19,157		406,477
Health	35,806		
Recreation and culture	1,242		534,495
Social services	121,470		1,591
Total Current	3,292,626	2,654,810	1,478,409
Debt Service:			
Note principal	3,963		
Note interest	4,209		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	3,300,798	2,654,810	1,478,409
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)			
EXPENDITURES	313,719	271,929	1,310,484
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,531,289	1,695,711	2,879,233
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,845,008	\$ 1,967,640	\$ 4,189,717

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	General									Road		
		Budget		Actual	F	'ariance avorable favorable)		Budget		Actual	ı	Variance Favorable nfavorable)
REVENUES	Φ.	500 005	Φ.	700 005	Φ.	400.000	•	4 000 000	•	4 004 004	Φ.	000 004
State aid	\$	536,805	\$	723,025	\$	186,220 50,113	\$	1,206,000	\$	1,604,291	\$	398,291
Federal aid Property taxes		1,200 937,000		51,313 1,140,089		203,089		427,500		1,854 547,889		1,854 120,389
Sales taxes		450,000		536,602		86,602		600,000		772,218		,
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		181,400		184,689		3,289		600,000		112,210		172,218
Interest		1,000		19,920		18,920		3,500		10,542		7,042
Officers' fees		83,000		112,783		29,783		3,300		10,342		7,042
Jail fees		45,533		64,327		18,794						
Rent from Black River Area Development		40,000		8,172		8,172						
Treasurer's commission		100,000		107,533		7,533						
Collector's commission		160,000		190,791		30,791						
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense		230,000		304,593		74,593						
Other		120,864		205,946		85,082		2,660		30,109		27,449
TOTAL REVENUES		2,846,802		3,649,783		802,981		2,239,660		2,966,903		727,243
Less: Treasurer's commission		44,000		35,266		8,734		32,053		40,164		(8,111)
NET REVENUES		2,802,802		3,614,517		811,715		2,207,607		2,926,739		719,132
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Health Recreation and culture Social services Total Current Debt Service: Note principal		1,647,906 1,833,490 33,634 36,625 800 128,341 3,680,796		1,615,041 1,499,910 19,157 35,806 1,242 121,470 3,292,626		32,865 333,580 14,477 819 (442) 6,871 388,170 (3,963)		3,094,473		2,654,810		439,663
Note interest				4,209		(4,209)						
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		3,680,796		3,300,798		379,998		3,094,473		2,654,810		439,663
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		(877,994)		313,719		1,191,713		(886,866)		271,929		1,158,795
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		195,962		1,531,289		1,335,327		813,476		1,695,711		882,235
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	(682,032)	\$	1,845,008	\$	2,527,040	\$	(73,390)	\$	1,967,640	\$	2,041,030

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

ASSETS	easurer's tomation	ollector's tomation	cuit Court tomation	rict Court Cost	sessor's ndment no. 79	inty Clerk Cost	County irder's Cost	County .ibraries	d Support Cost
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$ 53,029	\$ 74,388	\$ 99,441 397	\$ 2,969 255	\$ 16,393	\$ 23,327 547	\$ 18,682 2,172	\$ 737,961 16,833	\$ 1,520
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 53,029	\$ 74,388	\$ 99,838	\$ 3,224	\$ 16,393	\$ 23,874	\$ 20,854	\$ 754,794	\$ 1,520
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending	\$ 94	\$ 46		\$ 12	\$ 11	\$ 944	\$ 57	\$ 6,227 42	\$ 11
Total Liabilities	94	46		12	11	944	57	6,269	11
Fund Balances: Restricted Unassigned Total Fund Balances	 52,935 52,935	 74,342 74,342	\$ 99,838	 3,212	 16,382	 22,930	 20,797	748,525 748,525	 1,509
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 53,029	\$ 74,388	\$ 99,838	\$ 3,224	\$ 16,393	\$ 23,874	\$ 20,854	\$ 754,794	\$ 1,520

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	Drug	Control	Fa	munication, cility and quipment	Jai 	il Fees Act 1188		County Detention Facility	Boa	iting Safety	Eme	ergency 911		ct 988 cipal Court	Publi	c Defender		cuit Court luvenile Division
ASSETS	•	•	•	00 500	•		•		•	= 100	•		•	40	•	04.040	•	40.000
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	2	\$	22,569	\$	144 1,540	\$	11 12	\$	5,490	\$	392,370 3,556	\$	48 490	\$	31,940 849	\$	12,933 1,358
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	2	\$	22,569	\$	1,684	\$	23	\$	5,490	\$	395,926	\$	538	\$	32,789	\$	14,291
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending	\$	12			\$	11			\$	95	\$	2,181	\$	11	\$	11	\$	11
Total Liabilities		12				11				95		2,181		11		11		11
Fund Balances: Restricted Unassigned Total Fund Balances		(10) (10)	\$	22,569	_	1,673	\$	23		5,395 5,395		393,745		527 527		32,778		14,280
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	2	\$	22,569	\$	1,684	\$	23	\$	5,490	\$	395,926	\$	538	\$	32,789	\$	14,291

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	cuit Clerk missioner's Fee	ssor's Late sessment Fee	American Rescue Plan Act	Operation and intenance	La	w Library	Dı	ug Dog	nergency sk Force	Ca	eriff Car amera nations	CI	halk Bluff Grant
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$ 1,436 35	\$ 1,238	\$ 2,428,700	\$ 51,158 2,778	\$	25,392	\$	8,095	\$ 4,405 2,400	\$	845	\$	56,596
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,238	\$ 2,428,700	\$ 53,936	\$	25,392	\$	8,095	\$ 6,805	\$	845	\$	56,596
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending			\$ 4,363	\$ 201	\$	11			\$ 199			\$	37
Total Liabilities			4,363	201		11			199				37
Fund Balances: Restricted Unassigned Total Fund Balances	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,238	2,424,337	53,735		25,381	\$	8,095 8,095	6,606	\$	845		56,559
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,238	\$ 2,428,700	\$ 53,936	\$	25,392	\$	8,095	\$ 6,805	\$	845	\$	56,596

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	S	PECIAL RE\	/ENUE	FUNDS			CUSTODI	AL FU	NDS				
	Ro	ourthouse of Project Grant		blic Safety quipment Grant	easurer's	Collector's Accounts	Sheriff's		inty Clerk's	cuit Clerk's	strict Court		Totals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	1,400 58,590 10,934	\$	100,000	\$ 605	\$ 405,417	\$ 22,935	\$	77,415	\$ 72,746	\$ 64,711	\$	4,716,311 191,812 10,934
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	70,924	\$	100,000	\$ 605	\$ 405,417	\$ 22,935	\$	77,415	\$ 72,746	\$ 64,711	\$	4,919,057
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending Total Liabilities	\$	70,924 70,924			\$ 605 605	\$ 405,417 405,417	\$ 22,935 22,935	\$	77,415 77,415	\$ 72,746 72,746	\$ 64,711 64,711	\$	85,469 643,871 729,340
Fund Balances: Restricted Unassigned Total Fund Balances			\$	100,000								_	4,189,727 (10) 4,189,717
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	70,924	\$	100,000	\$ 605	\$ 405,417	\$ 22,935	\$	77,415	\$ 72,746	\$ 64,711	\$	4,919,057

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

REVENUES	Treasurer's Automation		llector's omation	uit Court omation	ict Court Cost	sessor's dment no. 79	inty Clerk Cost	Re	County corder's Cost	County ibraries
State aid Federal aid Property taxes						\$ 5,580				\$ 54,571 21,275 443,051
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees	\$ 310	\$	297	\$ 7,365 631	\$ 3,154 10	107	\$ 131 10,378	\$	118 28,521	2,826
Emergency 911 fees Donations Treasurer's commission Collector's commission	18,361		45,608							8,531
Other	 				 	 	 			 14,532
TOTAL REVENUES	18,671		45,905	7,996	3,164	5,687	10,509		28,639	544,786
Less: Treasurer's commission	 			 99			 142		391	 6,571
NET REVENUES	 18,671		45,905	 7,897	 3,164	 5,687	 10,367		28,248	 538,215
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety	8,021		32,144		11	11	4,717		31,888	
Recreation and culture Social services										 501,374
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 8,021		32,144		 11	 11	 4,717		31,888	 501,374
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	10,650		13,761	7,897	3,153	5,676	5,650		(3,640)	36,841
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	 42,285		60,581	 91941	59	 10,706	17,280		24,437	711,684
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 52,935	\$	74,342	\$ 99,838	\$ 3,212	\$ 16,382	\$ 22,930	\$	20,797	\$ 748,525

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR BADED DECEMBER 24, 2022

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

				SPECIAL REV	ENUE FUNDS			
REVENUES	Child Support Cost	Drug Control	Communication, Facility and Equipment	Jail Fees Act 1188	County Detention Facility	Boating Safety	Emergency 911	Act 988 Municipal Court
State aid Federal aid Property taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Emergency 911 fees Donations Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	\$ 9 1,350		\$ 35 1,055	\$ 18,905 11	\$ 423	\$ 1,343 33	\$ 2,869 278,270	\$ 5,065 4
TOTAL REVENUES	1,359		1,111	18,916	423	1,376	282,597	5,069
Less: Treasurer's commission	19		.,	254		18	3,758	70
NET REVENUES	1,340		1,111	18,662	423	1,358	278,839	4,999
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Recreation and culture Social services	991	\$ 12	9,475	15,080	425	247	385,949	5,464
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	991	12	9,475	15,080	425	247	385,949	5,464
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	349	(12)	(8,364)	3,582	(2)	1,111	(107,110)	(465)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,160	2	30,933	(1,909)	25	4,284	500,855	992
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,509	\$ (10)	\$ 22,569	\$ 1,673	\$ 23	\$ 5,395	\$ 393,745	\$ 527

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

(UNAUDITED)

	Public Defender	Circuit Court Juvenile Division	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	American Rescue Plan Act	Jail Operation and Maintenance	Law Library	Drug Dog
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Emergency 911 fees Donations Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	\$ 11,8§ 21			\$ 616 10	\$ 1,413,181	\$ 36,521 252	\$ 5,231 152	\$ 360
TOTAL REVENUES	12,10	5,990	298	626	1,413,181	36,773	5,383	360
Less: Treasurer's commission	2	20 39	3	8		53		
NET REVENUES	12,08	5,951	295	618	1,413,181	36,720	5,383	360
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Recreation and culture Social services	36,0	3 4,764	800	816	44,250 15,746 55,414 19,119 24,920 1,591	6,813	11	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,35	3 4,764	800	816	161,040	6,813	11	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	2,73	1,187	(505)	(198)	1,252,141	29,907	5,372	360
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	30,04	13,093	1,976	1,436	1,172,196	23,828	20,009	7,735
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 32,77	8 \$ 14,280	\$ 1,471	\$ 1,238	\$ 2,424,337	\$ 53,735	\$ 25,381	\$ 8,095

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -

REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

REVENUES	Emerger Task Fo		Sheriff Car Camera Donations	nalk Bluff Grant	Enfo	al Law rcement k Grant	Ro	ourthouse of Project Grant	E	blic Safety quipment Grant	T	otals
State aid Federal aid Property taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Emergency 911 fees Donations Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	\$ 2	,900			\$	2,359	\$	237,196 6,957	\$	100,000	1	398,690 ,443,772 443,667 94,469 8,107 41,592 278,270 11,791 18,361 45,608
TOTAL REVENUES		,900				2,359	-	244.452		100.000		16,011
	2	,900				2,359		244,153		100,000	2	,800,338
Less: Treasurer's commission												11,445
NET REVENUES	2	,900				2,359		244,153		100,000	2	,788,893
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Recreation and culture Social services	1	,162		\$ 8,201		2,359		287,281				410,919 69,513 55,414 406,477 534,495 1,591
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1	,162		 8,201		2,359		287,281			1	,478,409
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		,738		(8,201)				(43,128)		100,000		,310,484
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	4	,868	\$ 845	 64,760				43,128			2	,879,233
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 6	,606	\$ 845	\$ 56,559	\$	0	\$	0	\$	100,000	\$ 4	,189,717

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name	Fund Description
Treasurer's Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-302 established fund to receive up to 10% of treasurer's gross commissions to operate the treasurer's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated accounting and record keeping system.
Collector's Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-305 established fund to receive up to 10% of collector's gross commission to operate the collector's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated record keeping system.
Circuit Court Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive circuit court installment fees to be used for circuit court-related technology and to defray the cost of fine collection.
District Court Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive district court installment fees to be used solely for district court-related technology.
Assessor's Amendment no. 79	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-310 provides that 1% of the county's share of surplus funds from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund be allocated to county assessors for the purpose of administering Ark. Const. amend. 79.
County Clerk Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-413 established fund to receive fees collected by county clerks to be used for automated record systems and any legitimate county purpose.
County Recorder's Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-306 established fund to receive fees collected by circuit clerks to be used for automated record systems and any legitimate county purpose.
County Libraries	Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-404 established fund to account for library property tax millage levied by the quorum court for the support, operation, and maintenance of the public library.
Child Support Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 9-10-109 established fund to receive fees to offset administrative costs in the clerk's office.
Drug Control	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to arresting agency.
Communication, Facility and Equipmen	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-307, 12-41-105 established fund to receive 25% of sheriff's fees collected, phone commission funds, and profits earned from prisoner commissary services to be used to train operations staff; operate, equip, repair, or replace existing communication equipment; purchase additional communications equipment; otherwise improve a communications

facility or system for the sheriff's department; or purchase vehicles, weapons, or other equipment for the sheriff's department.

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name	Fund Description
Jail Fees Act 1188	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-129 allows a county to levy an additional fine, not to exceed \$20. Funds shall be used exclusively to defray the cost of incarcerating county prisoners, including construction and maintenance of the county jail.
County Detention Facility	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-41-505 established fund to receive 90% of a \$40 booking and administration fee assessed on persons convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor to be used exclusively for the maintenance, operation, and capital expenditures of a county jail or regional detention facility or for certificate pay for law enforcement and jailer personnel.
Boating Safety	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-101-111 established fund to receive fees to be used for operating a patrol on the waterways within the county or for emergency rescue services if the county has not established a patrol.
Emergency 911	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-10-318 established fund to receive fees collected by telephone providers for 911 emergency services.
Act 988 Municipal Court	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-22-103 established fund to account for the fine for failure to insure motor vehicles to be used for the purchase and maintenance of rescue, emergency medical, and law enforcement vehicles, communications equipment, animals owned or used by law enforcement agencies, life-saving medical apparatus, and law enforcement apparatus to be used for those purposes.
Public Defender	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established the County Administration of Justice Fund which continued to finance this fund to be used for defense of indigents.
Circuit Court Juvenile Division	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 16-13-326, 9-27-367 established fund to receive juvenile fees, court costs, and fines to provide services and supplies to juveniles at the discretion of the juvenile division of circuit court.
Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-412 established fund to receive fee awarded, when appointed as commissioner, for a sale of real or personal property under judicial decree. The funds are to be used to offset administrative costs associated with the performance of the commissioner's duties and for general operations expense of the office of circuit clerk.
Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-201 established fund to receive \$.50 fee on delinquent persons which shall be used by the county assessor to help pay for the expense of assessing property.

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name	Fund Description
American Rescue Plan Act	Established to receive and disburse Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
Jail Operation and Maintenance	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-129 allows a county to levy an additional fine, not to exceed \$20. Funds shall be used exclusively to defray the cost of incarcerating county prisoners, including construction and maintenance of the county jail. Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established the County Administration of Justice Fund which continued to finance this fund used for the defense of indigents.
Law Library	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established fund to receive costs to be used for any purpose related to establishment, maintenance, and operations of a county law library.
Drug Dog	Established to account for donations for purchase and care of a drug dog.
Emergency Task Force	Established to account for donations to help fund the Emergency Task Force.
Sheriff Car Camera Donations	Established to account for donations to purchase camera equipment for law enforcement vehicles.
Chalk Bluff Grant	Established to account for a parks and tourism grant received from the Department of Finance and Administration for operating expenses for facilities at Chalk Bluff Civil War Battlefield Park and for other purposes.
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	Established to account for federal grant for bullet proof vests for Sheriff's deputies.
Courthouse Roof Project Grant	Established to account for grants from the Arkansas Historic Preservation Program and United States Department of Agriculture to replace roofs for the county courthouses.

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name Fund Description

Public Safety Equipment Grant Established to account for grant received from the Arkansas Public Safety Equipment Grant Program for the purchase of law

enforcement equipment aiding in improving trust and relationships between law enforcement and their communities.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of property taxes and fines not distributed to the appropriate agencies.

Collector's accounts consist primarily of delinquent taxes not yet distributed to the various taxing units.

Sheriff's accounts consist primarily of fees settlement, bond, drug buy and inmate trust money.

County Clerk's accounts consist primarily of trust and insurance money and settlements due to the treasurer.

Circuit Clerk's accounts consist of trust money and settlements due to the treasurer.

District Court accounts consist primarily of fines and costs not yet distributed to the county and/or state.

1. A. Basis of Presentation - Regulatory

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of presentation as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. The law requires that the financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and road fund presented separately with all other funds included in the financial statements presented in the aggregate. This law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to actual expenditures for the general and road funds; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets.

The regulatory basis of presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide and fund financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of presentation does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with related liabilities and residual balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for purposes of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

The following types of funds are recognized in the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements.

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

<u>Road Fund</u> - The Road Fund (Special Revenue Fund) is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Road Fund accounts for and reports proceeds of state highway turnback, property taxes, and sales taxes that are restricted or committed for maintaining and constructing roads.

<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u> - Other Funds in the Aggregate consist of all funds included in the financial statements except for the General and Road Funds. The following types of funds are included in this column as follows:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Special Revenue Funds presented on Schedules 1 and 2 are reported with other funds in the aggregate.

<u>Custodial Funds</u> - Custodial Funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). The Custodial Funds presented on Schedule 1 are reported with other funds in the aggregate.

B. Basis of Accounting - Regulatory

The financial statements are prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. This regulatory basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues generally are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available except for Treasurer's and Collector's commission and Taxes apportioned — Assessor's salary and expense which are recognized when earned. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. However, most state aid received from the State Treasury, as well as county sales taxes, is by state law revenue of the year in which it was received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred. Liabilities incurred by the government on or before the end of the current period that are paid within 60 days of the end of the current period, are considered to be expenditures of the current period. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. As a result of the use of this regulatory basis of accounting, capital assets and long-term debt are not recorded in these financial statements. Pension trust funds are reported in a separate column as a part of supplementary information in order to provide users of the financial statements a better understanding of the entity as a whole.

1. (Continued)

B. Basis of Accounting - Regulatory (Continued)

The regulatory basis of accounting is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require the following major concepts: Accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of accounting does not require the previously identified concepts.

In 2022, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, Leases. The significant/material effect on the Regulatory Basis of Accounting in the current period is that certain items included in debt service in the previous period are included in the expenditure/function code of the applicable opinion unit.

C. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of financial reporting, "cash and cash equivalents" includes all demand and savings, and certificates of deposit.

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, fees, commissions and property taxes that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

Fund Balance Classifications

- 1. Restricted fund balance amounts that are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- Assigned fund balance amounts that are constrained by the Quorum Court's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.
- 3. Unassigned fund balance amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification may also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

D. Property Taxes

A lien attaches to the real property in January and on personal property in June of each year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the subsequent year, but are not considered delinquent until after October 15.

E. Budget Law

1. Legal Requirements

State law requires that the Quorum Court, before the end of each fiscal year, make appropriations, by ordinance, for the expenditures of County government for the following year. The Quorum Court may make appropriation amendments at any time during the current fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of each year. Under certain conditions, the budget may be amended subsequent to the year-end.

2. Accounting

The County prepared an annual budget on the regulatory basis for the General Fund, Road Fund, and the other operating funds.

1. (Continued)

F. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The County's highest level of decision-making authority is its Quorum Court. The establishment of amounts classified as committed fund balances and any subsequent modifications to such balances are the result of formal action taken by the Quorum Court through passage of an ordinance. The Quorum Court is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose, although a formal policy has not been established.

For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

There were no assigned fund balances at year-end.

2. Details of Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2022, are composed of the following:

	General	Road	Other Funds in			
Description	Fund	Fund	the Aggregate			
Fund Balances						
Restricted for:						
General government			\$ 2,615,941			
Law enforcement			362,956			
Highw ays and streets		\$ 1,967,640				
Public safety			405,746			
Recreation and culture			805,084			
Total Restricted		1,967,640	4,189,727			
Assigned to:						
General government	\$ 9,874					
Unassigned	1,835,134		(10)			
Totals	\$ 1,845,008	\$ 1,967,640	\$ 4,189,717			

3. Commitments

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2022:

	December 31, 2022					
Long-term liabilities Reappraisal contract	\$	1,525,883 21,960				
Total Commitments	\$	1,547,843				

3. Commitments (Continued)

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2022, are comprised of the following:

	Dec	cember 31, 2022
Direct Borrowings Promissory note to the United States Department of Agriculture dated August 26, 2010, used in aid of construction of a Head Start building. Total amount authorized is \$140,000. Interest is to accrue at 4% from the date of each advance. Payments are to be made from General Fund beginning January 28, 2011, from rentals received from Black River Area Development Council. Terms are 248 monthly payments of \$681 and will mature in 2040. The note is secured with a \$140,000 revenue bond issued in accordance with Clay County Court Order no. 2010-19 (June 28, 2010), and is held by the United States Department of Agriculture. The bond is a special obligation of the County and will be returned once the note is paid in full. Accordingly, the bond has been excluded from long-term liabilities.	\$	103,069
Financed purchase agreement dated December 15, 2022, with Cadence Equipment Finance in the amount of \$1,312,500 with an interest rate of 5.22% for the purchase of five (5) Caterpillar Motor Graders. Monthly payments of \$21,063 for 60 months and a final payment of \$262,500. No payments were made during 2022. Total Direct Borrowings		1,312,500 1,415,569
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost.		110,314
Total Long-term liabilities	\$	1,525,883

Due to the County's regulatory basis of accounting, these liabilities are not recorded in the financial statements.

The County's outstanding notes from direct borrowings of \$103,069, that are secured by bonds that are held by the United States Department of Agriculture, contain a provision that in an event of default, , the Trustee may by proper suit compel the performance of the duties of the officials of the County and officials of the State to take any action or obtain any proper relief of law or equity available under the Constitution and laws of the State.

The County's outstanding financed purchases from direct borrowings of \$1,312,500 contain a provision that in an event of default, outstanding amounts, at the Lender's sole option, may be declared immediately due and payable, and the Lender may exercise any rights and remedies, including the right to immediate possession of the collateral, available to it under applicable law.

Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

The amount of any actuarially determined accrued liability for post employment benefits other than pensions was not determined.

3. Commitments (Continued)

Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	•	Amount Authorized and Issued		Authorized		Debt Outstanding December 31, 2022		aturities to ber 31, 2022
<u>Direct Borrow</u> 8/26/10 12/15/22	<u>/ ings</u> 7/26/40 12/15/27	4.00% 5.22%	\$	140,000 1,312,500	\$	103,069 1,312,500	\$	36,931		
Total Direct	Borrow ings			1,452,500		1,415,569		36,931		
Total Long	g-Term Debt		\$	1,452,500	\$	1,415,569	\$	36,931		

Changes in Long-Term Debt

	Balance January 01, 2022 Issued			F	Retired	Balance December 31, 2022		
Direct Borrowings								
Notes payable	\$	107,032	\$	0	\$	3,963	\$	103,069
Financed purchases		0		1,312,500		0		1,312,500
Total Direct Borrowings		107,032		1,312,500		3,963		1,415,569
Total Long-Term Debt	\$	107,032	\$	1,312,500	\$	3,963	\$	1,415,569

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2022:

Years Ending		Direct Borrowings								
December 31,		Principal		nterest	Total					
2023	\$	192,966	\$	67.958	\$	260,924				
2024	Ψ	203,092	Ψ	57,833	Ψ	260,925				
2025		213,896		47,028		260,924				
2026		225,276		35,647		260,923				
2027		499,762		23,662		523,424				
2028 through 2032		27,313		13,548		40,861				
2033 through 2037		33,362		7,498		40,860				
2038 through 2040		19,902		1,072		20,974				
Totals	\$	1,415,569	\$	254,246	\$	1,669,815				

3. Commitments (Continued)

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Total Assessment Solutions Corporation on November 26, 2018, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 60 monthly payments of \$1,830 for a total of \$109,800 beginning January 2019. Contract expense for 2022 was \$21,960.

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2022:

Year	Decem	ber 31, 2022
	'	
2023	\$	21,960

4. Joint Venture: Regional Library

Clay, Greene, and Randolph Counties entered into an agreement in January 1978, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-401 to establish the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library. The agreement states that the purpose is to provide library services supplementary and in addition to those of the County Library in each of the said counties. The affairs should be governed, directed, and controlled by a commission known as the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library Commission. The library headquarters shall be the Greene County Library in Paragould. The County Library did not pay in regional library expenditures in 2022. Contact the Regional Library at 120 North 12th Street, Paragould, Arkansas 72450 to obtain financial statements.

5. Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description

The County contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. APERS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 124 W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or on their website www.apers.org.

Funding Policy

APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5% of their salary. Beginning July 1, 2022, the contribution rates shall be increased in increments of .25% per fiscal year, not to exceed 7%. The contributory rate was increased to 5.25% as of July 1, 2022. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system based on the annual actuarial valuation. The County's contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2022, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) were \$389,409.

Net Pension Liability

The requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68, under the regulatory basis of accounting, are limited to disclosure of the County's share of the collective net pension liability. The County's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$3,278,862.

6. Capital Assets

The County's capital assets records are summarized below:

	De	cember 31, 2022
Land and buildings Equipment	\$	2,622,385 4,016,019
Total	\$	6,638,404

7. Corona Virus (COVID-19)

On March 11, 2020, the Governor of Arkansas issued Executive Order 20-03 declaring an emergency and ordered Arkansas Department of Health to take action to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). In 2021, the County was awarded \$2,826,361 in federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and as of the report date, \$2,826,361 of this amount has been received. In 2022, the County was awarded \$100,000 in federal aid from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, which was a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. In 2022 and 2023, the County received funds in the amount of \$50,000 and \$50,000, respectively. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on financial statements for future reporting periods remains uncertain.

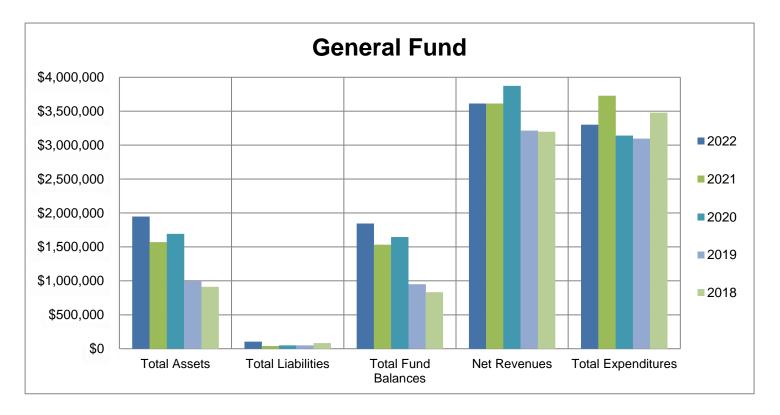
8. Interlocal Agreement - District Court

Clay County entered into a cost-sharing agreement with Greene County and the Cities of Paragould, Piggott, Corning and Rector to facilitate adequate District Court personnel and support for the 17th Judicial District. The agreement creates the new position of Managing Court Clerk, who, along with all Court deputies and staff, will serve under the sole direction of the District Judge but shall be considered employees of Greene County for the purposes of being subject to its employee handbook. Additionally, the Managing Court Clerk will be classified as an exempt employee. The entities' share of the expenses will be prorated as follows: 40% by Greene County, 10% by Clay County, 40% by Paragould, 3.7% by Piggott and Corning, and 2.6% by Rector. Greene County will send a monthly itemized bill to each county and city for the agreed-upon share of expenses. Clay County paid a total of \$27,110 to Greene County in 2022 for their share of the prorated expenses.

CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

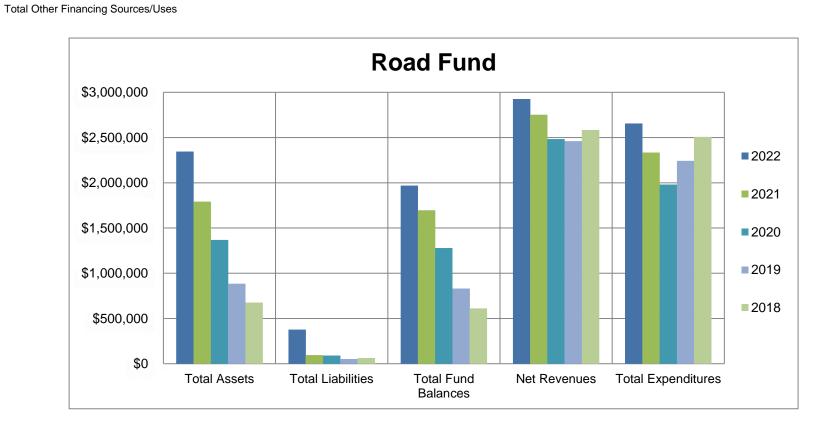
<u>General</u>	 2022	 2021 2020		1 2020		2019	2018	
Total Assets	\$ 1,946,755	\$ 1,569,689	\$	1,692,819	\$	996,701	\$	911,950
Total Liabilities	101,747	38,400		48,796		47,926		80,639
Total Fund Balances	1,845,008	1,531,289		1,644,023		948,775		831,311
Net Revenues	3,614,517	3,613,789		3,874,214		3,213,467		3,197,136
Total Expenditures	3,300,798	3,726,523		3,140,657		3,096,003		3,476,649





CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - ROAD FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

Road	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Assets	\$	2,343,867	\$	1,790,047	\$	1,368,830	\$	882,641	\$	675,107
Total Liabilities		376,227		94,336		90,246		52,340		63,695
Total Fund Balances		1,967,640		1,695,711		1,278,584		830,301		611,142
Net Revenues		2,926,739		2,750,847		2,481,361		2,459,914		2,582,946
Total Expenditures		2,654,810		2,333,720		1,980,494		2,240,755		2,507,194



CLAY COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

Other Funds in the Aggregate	2022		2021		2020		2019		2018	
Total Assets	\$	4,919,057	\$	3,278,966	\$	1,832,435	\$	1,449,542	\$	1,243,035
Total Liabilities		729,340		419,742		301,206		301,774		288,434
Total Fund Balances		4,189,717		2,859,224		1,531,229		1,147,768		954,601
Net Revenues		2,788,893		2,648,083		1,406,595		878,824		885,660
Total Expenditures		1,478,409		1,320,088		1,023,134		685,657		899,190

