Lawrence County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

December 31, 2024



LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS TABLE OF CONTENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

Independent Auditor's Report
Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an
Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards Management Letter

REGULATORY BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

	<u>Exhibit</u>
Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis	A B
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Road Funds – Regulatory Basis Notes to Financial Statements	С
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION	
	<u>Schedule</u>
Combining Balance Sheet – Other Funds in the Aggregate – Regulatory Basis	1
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Other Funds in the Aggregate – Regulatory Basis Notes to Schedules 1 and 2	2
OTHER INFORMATION	
Schedule of Capital Assets (Unaudited)	3
Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – General Fund - Regulatory Basis (Unaudited)	4-1
Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Road Fund - Regulatory Basis (Unaudited)	4-2
Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Other Funds in the Aggregate – Regulatory Basis (Unaudited)	4-3



Sen. Jim Petty Senate Chair Sen. Jim Dotson Senate Vice Chair



Rep. Robin Lundstrum House Chair Rep. RJ Hawk House Vice Chair

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Independent Auditor's Report

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

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the regulatory basis financial statements of Lawrence County, Arkansas (County), which are comprised of the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis for the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate as of December 31, 2024; the related Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis; the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Change in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Road Funds – Regulatory Basis for the year then ended; and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis financial position of the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Lawrence County, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2024; the regulatory basis revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance; and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and road fund for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412 described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Lawrence County, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2024, or the revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the County on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements permitted by the State of Arkansas.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, the County would have included another fund under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. However, under the regulatory basis, this fund is not required to be included as part of the reporting entity. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, as described in Note 1, to meet the requirements permitted by the State of Arkansas; this includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatements of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design
 and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence
 regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt
 about the County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements or to the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information is comprised of the schedules listed in the table of contents but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplemental information, and our auditor's reports thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated September 17, 2025, on our consideration of the County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Kevin William White, CPA, JD Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas September 17, 2025

LOCO03824



Sen. Jim Petty Senate Chair Sen. Jim Dotson Senate Vice Chair



Rep. Robin Lundstrum House Chair Rep. RJ Hawk House Vice Chair

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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

Independent Auditor's Report

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

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the regulatory basis financial statements of the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Lawrence County, Arkansas (County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated September 17, 2025. We issued an adverse opinion because the financial statements are prepared by the County on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, with respect to the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1, our opinions on the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate were unmodified.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We also reported to management of the County in a separate letter dated September 17, 2025.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. 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 Joseph D. Orcher

Joseph D. Archer, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas September 17, 2025



Sen. Jim Petty Senate Chair Sen. Jim Dotson Senate Vice Chair



Rep. Robin Lundstrum House Chair Rep. RJ Hawk House Vice Chair

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

MANAGEMENT LETTER

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

The commentary contained in this letter relates to the following officials who held office during 2024:

County Judge: Gary Barnhill Treasurer: Connie Mullen Sheriff: Tony Waldrupe Tax Collector: Stephanie Harris County Clerk: Brandi Parker Circuit Clerk: Michelle Evans Assessor: Becky Holder County Librarian: Ashley Burris District Court Clerk: Jamie Hill

No issues came to our attention that we considered necessary to report to management.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the Quorum Court and County 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

Joseph D. Archer, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas September 17, 2025

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024

	0	Dead	ther Funds in the
400570	 General	 Road	 Aggregate
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 2,121,866 119,118	\$ 826,781 4,430	\$ 3,381,068 23,887
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,240,984	\$ 831,211	\$ 3,404,955
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 63,970	\$ 98,886	\$ 19,643
Settlements pending	2,193	95	789,013
Total Liabilities	66,163	98,981	808,656
Fund Balances:			
Restricted		323,530	2,530,348
Assigned		408,700	66,298
Unassigned	2,174,821		 (347)
Total Fund Balances	 2,174,821	732,230	2,596,299
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,240,984	\$ 831,211	\$ 3,404,955

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

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES REGULATORY BASIS

	General	_	Road		other Funds in the Aggregate
REVENUES		•		•	
State aid	\$ 565,858	\$	1,550,832	\$	262,070
Federal aid	19,229		20,085		48,371
Property taxes	1,297,169		380,079		485,337
Sales taxes	1,312,678				3,938,032
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	296,926				108,817
Interest	95,046		41,014		91,482
Officers' fees	32,958				132,260
Jail fees	219,610				67,617
Emergency 911 fees					393,022
Treasurer's commission	120,968				16,507
Collector's commission	184,240				50,026
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	381,620				
Other	480,145		100,179		27,997
TOTAL REVENUES	5,006,447		2,092,189		5,621,538
Less: Treasurer's commission	57,145		31,480		19,218
NET REVENUES	4,949,302		2,060,709		5,602,320
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	2,519,012				405,541
Law enforcement	3,018,474				570,887
Highways and streets			2,330,495		
Public safety	73,840				458,541
Health	34,784				
Recreation and culture	3,971				583,695
Social services	108,248				
Total Current	5,758,329		2,330,495		2,018,664
Debt Service:					
Bond principal					800,000
Bond interest and other charges					129,052
Financed purchase principal	61,374		4,051		39,070
Financed purchase interest	6,671		299		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	5,826,374		2,334,845		2,986,786

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

	 General	Road	ther Funds in the Aggregate
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (877,072)	\$ (274,136)	\$ 2,615,534
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out Sales tax remitted to Lawrence Memorial Hospital	(123,161)		123,161 (2,625,355)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(123,161)		(2,502,194)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,000,233)	(274,136)	113,340
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	 3,175,054	 1,006,366	 2,482,959
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 2,174,821	\$ 732,230	\$ 2,596,299

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

Exhibit C

LAWRENCE 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, 2024

		General					Road		
	Budget	Actual	Fa	ariance avorable avorable)	Budget		Actual	Fa	ariance vorable avorable)
REVENUES	 _	 _			 _		_		
State aid	\$ 539,700	\$ 565,858	\$	26,158	\$ 1,559,500	\$	1,550,832	\$	(8,668)
Federal aid	20,100	19,229		(871)			20,085		20,085
Property taxes	1,305,500	1,297,169		(8,331)	387,800		380,079		(7,721)
Sales taxes	1,300,000	1,312,678		12,678					
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	283,440	296,926		13,486					
Interest	39,000	95,046		56,046	19,970		41,014		21,044
Officers' fees	32,000	32,958		958					
Jail fees	170,300	219,610		49,310					
Treasurer's commission	106,000	120,968		14,968					
Collector's commission	170,000	184,240		14,240					
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	245,000	381,620		136,620					
Other	 432,300	 480,145		47,845	 29,450		100,179		70,729
TOTAL REVENUES	4,643,340	5,006,447		363,107	1,996,720		2,092,189		95,469
Less: Treasurer's commission	 	 57,145		(57,145)	 		31,480		(31,480)
NET REVENUES	 4,643,340	4,949,302		305,962	1,996,720		2,060,709		63,989
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government	2,583,065	2,519,012		64,053					
Law enforcement	3,230,641	3,018,474		212,167					
Highways and streets					2,637,318		2,330,495		306,823
Public safety	72,676	73,840		(1,164)					
Health	47,028	34,784		12,244					
Recreation and culture	4,000	3,971		29					
Social services	109,722	108,248		1,474					
Total Current	 6,047,132	5,758,329		288,803	2,637,318	,	2,330,495		306,823
Debt Service:									
Financed purchase principal	60,739	61,374		(635)	65,000		4,051		60,949
Financed purchase interest	8,987	 6,671		2,316	 7,000		299		6,701
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,116,858	5,826,374		290,484	2,709,318		2,334,845		374,473
						-			

Exhibit C

LAWRENCE 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, 2024

			General				Road		
		Budget	Actual	1	Variance Favorable Infavorable)	Budget	Actual	F	/ariance avorable nfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(1,473,518)	\$ (877,072)	\$	596,446	\$ (712,598)	\$ (274,136)	\$	438,462
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers out			(123,161)		(123,161)				
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES)	(1,473,518)	(1,000,233)		473,285	(712,598)	(274,136)		438,462
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		3,025,000	 3,175,054		150,054	1,069,500	 1,006,366		(63,134)
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	1,551,482	\$ 2,174,821	\$	623,339	\$ 356,902	\$ 732,230	\$	375,328

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

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The County is a political subdivision of the state governed by an elected quorum court. The reporting entity includes all the funds of the County. Under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as established by the *Government Accounting Standards Board*, the following fund(s) of the County would have been included in the reporting entity: Lawrence Memorial Hospital. However, under Arkansas's regulatory basis described below, inclusion of this fund is not required and this fund is not included in this report.

B. 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.

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

Road Fund - 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 and property 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. See Schedules 1 and 2 for Special Revenue Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

<u>Debt Service Funds</u> - Debt Service Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for principal and interest. See Schedules 1 and 2 for the Debt Service Fund as 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). See Schedule 1 for Custodial Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. 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 part of supplementary information in order to provide users of the financial statements a better understanding of the entity as a whole.

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.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances

Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, and tax settlements that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

Fund Balance Classifications

- 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.
- 2. 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.

E. 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.

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

F. 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.

G. 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.

The County does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The County does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance when committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available. 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 committed fund balances at year-end.

NOTE 2: Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	Carrying Amount		Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC) Collateralized:	\$	1,237,576	\$ 1,239,389
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's			
trust department or agent in the County's name		5,091,389	 5,548,949
Total Deposits	\$	6,328,965	\$ 6,788,338

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$750.

NOTE 3: Legal or Contractual Provisions for Deposits and Investments

State law generally requires that county funds be deposited in federally insured banks located in the State of Arkansas. The county deposits may be in the form of checking accounts, savings accounts, and time deposits. Public funds may be invested in eligible investment securities having a maturity of not longer than 5 years from the date of acquisition unless, as documented at the time of acquisition, the investment is to fund or support a specific purpose and there are no expectations that the investment will be sold before maturity; an Arkansas bank certificate of deposit; an account established by a local government joint investment trust; or an Arkansas financial institution repurchase agreement for eligible investment securities in which the seller agrees to repurchase the investment at a price including interest earned during the holding period as determined by the repurchase agreement.

NOTE 4: Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2024, is composed of the following:

Description	General Fund		Roa	ad Fund		Other Funds in the Aggregate		
Decrease to Leave	•	440	•	440	Φ.	4.40		
Property taxes	\$	442	\$	110	\$	142		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		16,150				5,287		
Interest						7		
Officers' fees		3,080				10,295		
Jail fees		16,465				6,476		
Emergency 911 fees						1,320		
Treasurer's commission		3,574						
Collector's commission		2,533						
Other		76,874		4,320		360		
	_		_		_			
Totals	\$	119,118	\$	4,430	\$	23,887		

NOTE 5: Accounts Payable

The accounts payable balance at December 31, 2024, is composed of the following:

					Othe	er Funds in
Description	Gen	eral Fund	Ro	ad Fund	the /	Aggregate
				_	<u> </u>	_
Vendor payables	\$	63,970	\$	98,886	\$	19,643

NOTE 6: Details of Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2024, are composed of the following:

	General		Road	Other Funds in		
Description	 Fund	Fund		the	Aggregate	
Fund Balances:	 _		_			
Restricted for:						
General government				\$	440,858	
Law enforcement					819,246	
Highways and streets		\$	323,530			
Public safety					131,239	
Recreation and culture					510,512	
Debt service					628,493	
Total Restricted		\$	323,530		2,530,348	
Assigned to:						
General government					11,882	
Law enforcement					27,697	
Highw ays and streets			408,700			
Public safety					26,719	
Total Assigned			408,700		66,298	
Unassigned	\$ 2,174,821				(347)	
Totals	\$ 2,174,821	\$	732,230	\$	2,596,299	

NOTE 7: Deficit Fund Balances

The following funds have deficit fund balances as of December 31, 2024:

	mber 31, 2024
Other Funds in the Aggregate: Special Revenue Fund:	
Peer Service Specialist Grant	\$ (347)

NOTE 8: Legal Debt Limit

A. Property Tax Secured Bonded Debt

The County is subject to a constitutional limitation for bonded indebtedness equal to 10% of the total assessed value for tax purposes of real and personal property as determined by the last tax assessment. At December 31, 2024, the legal debt limit for bonded debt was \$23,249,905. There were no property tax secured bond issues.

B. Short-term Financing Obligations

The County is subject to a constitutional limitation for short-term financing obligations equal to 2.5% of the assessed value of taxable property within the County as determined by the last tax assessment. At December 31, 2024, the legal debt limit for short-term financing obligations was \$7,229,173. The amount of short-term financing obligations was \$118,010 leaving a legal debt margin of \$7,111,163.

NOTE 9: Commitments

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2024:

	December 31, 2024			
Long-term liabilities Leases Reappraisal contract	\$	3,757,942 582,310 59,973		
Total Commitments	\$	4,400,225		

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2024, are comprised of the following:

	Dec	cember 31, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>		
Law rence County Sales and Use Tax Bonds, Series 2016, dated March 1, 2016, in the amount of \$9,045,000, due in semi-annual installments of \$280,000 - \$585,000 plus interest through June 1, 2032; interest at 2-3.75%. Payments are to be made from the Law rence County Sales and Use Tax Bonds, Series 2016 Debt Service Fund.	\$	3,505,000
Direct Borrow ings		
Financed-purchase agreement dated January 27, 2021, with First National Bank of Lawrence County in the amount of \$85,300 for the purchase of land, with monthly installments of \$1,542 for 60 months at 3.25% interest. Payments are to be made from		
the General Fund.		19,559
Financed-purchase agreement dated September 23, 2021, with AT&T in the amount of \$195,350 for the purchase of a Vesta 911 System, with annual installments of \$39,070 for five years with no interest. Payments are to be made from Emergency 911 Fund.		39,070
Financed-purchase agreement dated March 8, 2023, with Santander Bank in the amount of \$133,407, for the purchase of two Dodge Ram 2500 crew cab trucks, with yearly installments of \$49,540 for 3 years at 5.60% interest. Payments are to be made		
from the General Fund.		59,381
Total Direct Borrowings		118,010
Arkansas District Judge's Retirement unfunded pension liability to be repaid over 30 years beginning January 1, 2005. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.		73,393
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost		61,539
Total Long-term liabilities	\$	3,757,942

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

NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

The County's outstanding bonds payable of \$3,505,000 contain a provision that in an event of default, the Trustee may, and upon written request of the owners of not less than 10% in principal amount of the bonds then outstanding shall, 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 in law or equity available under the Constitution and laws of the State.

The County's outstanding direct borrowings of \$118,010 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.

Change in Compensated Absences

	Dece	ember 31, 2024
Beginning balance compensated absences Ending balance compensated absences	\$	25,082 61,539
Net increase (decrease)	\$	36,457

Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	-	Amount authorized and Issued	Debt outstanding omber 31, 2024	Maturities to mber 31, 2024
<u>Bonds</u>						
3/1/16	6/1/32	2 - 3.75%	\$	9,045,000	\$ 3,505,000	\$ 5,540,000
Direct Borrow	<u>ı ings</u>					
1/27/21	1/27/26	3.25%		85,300	19,559	65,741
9/23/21	9/23/25	0.00%		195,350	39,070	156,280
3/8/23	3/8/26	5.60%		133,407	59,381	74,026
Total Direct	Borrow ings			414,057	118,010	296,047
Total Lon	g-Term Debt		\$	9,459,057	\$ 3,623,010	\$ 5,836,047

Changes in Long-Term Debt

	Balance ary 01, 2024	 Issued	 Retired	Dece	Balance mber 31, 2024
Bonds payable	\$ 4,305,000	\$ 0	\$ 800,000	\$	3,505,000
<u>Direct Borrow ings</u> Financed purchases	 222,505	 0_	104,495		118,010
Total Long-Term Debt	\$ 4,527,505	\$ 0	\$ 904,495	\$	3,623,010

NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2024:

	Bonds		Direct Borrowings									
Principal	Interest	Total	Principal	Interest	Total							
\$ 410,000	\$ 102,295	\$ 512,295	\$ 103,420	\$ 3,696	\$ 107,116							
420,000	91,502	511,502	14,590	742	15,332							
430,000	79,219	509,219										
445,000	65,547	510,547										
460,000	51,406	511,406										
1,340,000	65,547	1,405,547										
\$3,505,000	\$ 455,516	\$3,960,516	\$ 118,010	\$ 4,438	\$ 122,448							
	\$ 410,000 420,000 430,000 445,000 460,000 1,340,000	Principal Interest \$ 410,000 \$ 102,295 420,000 91,502 430,000 79,219 445,000 65,547 460,000 51,406 1,340,000 65,547	Principal Interest Total \$ 410,000 \$ 102,295 \$ 512,295 420,000 91,502 511,502 430,000 79,219 509,219 445,000 65,547 510,547 460,000 51,406 511,406 1,340,000 65,547 1,405,547	Principal Interest Total Principal \$ 410,000 \$ 102,295 \$ 512,295 \$ 103,420 420,000 91,502 511,502 14,590 430,000 79,219 509,219 445,000 65,547 510,547 460,000 51,406 511,406 1,340,000 65,547 1,405,547	Principal Interest Total Principal Interest \$ 410,000 \$ 102,295 \$ 512,295 \$ 103,420 \$ 3,696 420,000 91,502 511,502 14,590 742 430,000 79,219 509,219 445,000 65,547 510,547 460,000 51,406 511,406 1,340,000 65,547 1,405,547							

Leases

The County entered into a lease agreement for two Caterpillar Motor Graders on February 25, 2022. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$4,828 for 60 months. At the end of the lease term, the County will return the motor graders or enter into another agreement.

The County entered into a lease agreement for two Caterpillar Motor Graders on October 24, 2022. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$5,875 for 60 months. At the end of the lease term, the County will return the motor graders or enter into another agreement.

The County entered into a lease agreement for two Caterpillar Motor Graders on December 29, 2022. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$5,993 for 60 months. At the end of the lease term, the County will return the motor graders or enter into another agreement.

The County entered into a lease agreement for a Western Star Dump Truck on April 2, 2024. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$2,488 for 13 months. At the end of the lease term, the County will return the dump truck or enter into another agreement.

The County entered into a lease agreement for two Western Star Dump Trucks on May 6, 2024. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$4,977 for 13 months. At the end of the lease term, the County will return the dump trucks or enter into another agreement.

The County is obligated for the following amounts for the next three years:

Year	Decer	mber 31, 2024
2025 2026 2027	\$	247,629 200,352 134,329
Total	\$	582,310

Lease expense for 2024, was \$254,394.

NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Delta Mass Appraisal Services, Inc on November 15, 2023, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 48 monthly payments of \$1,666 for a total of \$79,965 beginning January 1, 2024. Contract expense for 2024, was \$61,640.

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2024:

Year	Decem	ber 31, 2024
2025	¢.	10.001
2025 2026	\$	19,991 19,991
2027		19,991
	-	
Total	\$	59,973

NOTE 10: Interfund Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$123,161 to the Other Funds in the Aggregate (\$27,500 to Public Defender, \$4,700 to Boating Safety and Enforcement, \$85,770 to Reappraisal Cost, \$5,000 to Rails to Trails, and \$191 to Drug Court Grant) for operations.

NOTE 11: Pledged Revenues

The County pledged future .5% sales and use taxes to repay \$9,045,000 in bonds that were issued in 2016 to provide funding for acquiring, constructing, equipping, and furnishing new jail and law enforcement facilities. Total principal and interest remaining on the bonds are \$3,505,000 and \$455,516, respectively, payable through June 1, 2032. For 2024, principal and interest and other charges paid were \$800,000 and \$129,052, respectively.

The Debt Service Fund received \$984,508 in sales taxes in 2024. Any sales taxes collected in excess of debt service payments on these bonds is permitted to be used for the early retirement of the bonds until it is repaid.

NOTE 12: Jointly Governed Organization- Third Judicial District Drug Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office of the Third Judicial District, the Sheriffs' Departments of Jackson, Lawrence, Randolph, Sharp, and the Police Departments of Ash Flat, Cherokee Village, Highland, Newport, Pocahontas, and Walnut Ridge entered into an agreement to establish the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force. Funding is provided through a Drug Law Enforcement Program grant, applied for by the Prosecuting Attorney of the Third Judicial District. No contributions or payment for expenditures were made to the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force by the County. The financial statements of the Third Judicial District Drug Task Force have not been audited.

NOTE 13: Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties and participation in a public entity risk pool. The amount of settlements, if any, has not exceeded the insurance coverage for each of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the major categories of risk from coverage in the prior year.

The County participates in the Association of Arkansas Counties Program (public entity risk pools) for coverage in the following areas:

Workers' Compensation - This program provides statutory benefits for losses incurred by County officials, employees, and volunteer fire fighters while performing work for the County. Rates for counties participating in this program are revised annually based on the cost experience of the particular county or group as determined by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Property Program – This program is a blanket policy with coverage up to \$1,100,000,000 for any one loss with a \$1,000 deductible. The County shall pay into the program each year a charge established by the Risk Management Fund Board for covered county property.

Vehicle Program

- A. Liability This program may pay all sums the County legally must pay as damages because of bodily injury, death, or property damage to which this agreement applies involving a covered county vehicle and for which the County is liable. The limit of payment by the program is \$25,000 for bodily injury per person, \$50,000 for bodily injury per accident, and \$25,000 for property damage per accident. The County shall pay into the program each year a charge established annually by the Risk Management Fund Board for covered county vehicles owned or leased by the County.
- B. Physical Damage This program covers vehicles (excluding mobile equipment) which are the property of the participating county. Property is valued at the full cost to repair or replace the property after deduction for depreciation. Loss amounts payable will be reduced by the deductible amount of \$500 per occurrence. The County agrees to pay into the program each year a service charge established annually by the Risk Management Fund Board for covered property.

General Liability Program - The program shall provide legal defense in civil rights suits against the county government of a participating county and pay judgments imposed on County officials and employees and the county government and county-formed boards and commissions. Coverage is limited to \$350,000 per case with an annual aggregate of \$350,000. The County agrees to pay into the program each year a rate established by the Risk Management Fund Board.

The County also participates in the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program covers actual losses sustained by the participating entity through any fraudulent or dishonest act or acts committed by any of the officials or employees, acting alone or in collusion with others, during the bond period to an amount not exceeding the lesser of \$300,000 or the amount of the bond. Premiums for coverage are determined by the State Risk Manager and approved by the Board. These premiums are paid by the State Treasurer from funds withheld from the County Aid Fund. There is a \$2,500 deductible per occurrence.

NOTE 14: 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.

NOTE 14: Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

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 5.75% as of July 1, 2024. 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, 2024, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) were \$531,900.

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, 2024, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$3,802,697.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

100770	easurer's tomation		Collector's Automation		utomation		cuit Court	Am	ssessor's nendment no. 79	Cou	nty Clerk's Cost	County ecorder's Cost	Cou	unty Library	ppraisal Cost	Support Cost
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 42,461	\$	151,424	\$	48,237 315	\$	9,189	\$	28,598 888	\$ 136,382 8,976	\$	519,116 419	\$ 7,990	\$ 4,835		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 42,461	\$	151,424	\$	48,552	\$	9,189	\$	29,486	\$ 145,358	\$	519,535	\$ 7,990	\$ 4,835		
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities		\$	266							\$ 174	\$	8,900 123 9,023	\$ 81 1,027 1,108			
Fund Balances: Restricted Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances	\$ 42,461		151,158	\$	48,552	\$	9,189	\$	29,486	145,184		510,512	6,882	\$ 4,835		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 42,461	\$	151,424	\$	48,552	\$	9,189	\$	29,486	\$ 145,358	\$	519,535	\$ 7,990	\$ 4,835		

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	Dru	g Control	Ма	Jail Maintenance		Jail		Jail Booking and Administration		Boating Safety and Enforcement		mergency 911	Public Defender		dult Drug Court	uvenile robation	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee		
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	13,563	\$	81,292 4,337	\$	7,350 274	\$	9,373	\$	157,785 1,320	\$	11,876 306	\$ 23,913	\$ 47,058 55	\$	4,735			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	13,563	\$	85,629	\$	7,624	\$	9,373	\$	159,105	\$	12,182	\$ 23,913	\$ 47,113	\$	4,735			
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$	6					\$	1,147	\$	2,584							
Fund Balances: Restricted Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances	\$	13,563		75,368 10,255 85,623	\$	7,624	\$	1,529 7,844 9,373		131,239 26,719 157,958		9,598	\$ 23,913	\$ 47,113 47,113	\$	4,735			
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	13,563	\$	85,629	\$	7,624	\$	9,373	\$	159,105	\$	12,182	\$ 23,913	\$ 47,113	\$	4,735			

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	SFECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																	
	Ass	sessor's Late essment Fee	Cou	dult Drug irt - Opioid ettlement	Ма	Operation and iintenance ales Tax		Idle Club Arena	Rails	s to Trails		ad and ed Grant		uvenile cer Grant	Sp	Service ecialist Grant	Fa	imunication acility and quipment
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,753	\$	20,059	\$	496,802	\$	2,567	\$	6,007	\$	178	\$	8,671	\$	(347)	\$	123,845
Accounts receivable		1,755	Ψ	20,039	Ψ ——	83	Ψ	2,307	Ψ	0,007	<u> </u>	170	<u> </u>	0,071	Ψ	(347)	Ψ	6,914
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,753	\$	20,059	\$	496,885	\$	2,567	\$	6,007	\$	178	\$	8,671	\$	(347)	\$	130,759
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:																		
Accounts payable Settlements pending					\$	6,416	\$	69										
Total Liabilities						6,416		69										
Fund Balances:																		
Restricted Assigned	\$	1,753	\$	20,059		490,469		2,498	\$	1,007 5,000	\$	178	\$	8,671			\$	130,759
Unassigned															\$	(347)		
Total Fund Balances		1,753		20,059		490,469		2,498		6,007		178		8,671		(347)		130,759
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	1,753	\$	20,059	\$	496,885	\$	2,567	\$	6,007	\$	178	\$	8,671	\$	(347)	\$	130,759

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024

		T SERVICE FUND			CUSTODI	AL FUI	NDS					
100570	Sales	ence County and Use Tax , Series 2016	easurer's ccounts	Collector's Accounts	Sheriff's Accounts	County Clerk's Accounts		Circuit Clerk's Accounts		District Court Accounts		Totals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	628,493	\$ 29,071	\$ 124,586	\$ 164,133	\$	23,844	\$	357,082	\$	89,147	\$ 3,381,068 23,887
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	628,493	\$ 29,071	\$ 124,586	\$ 164,133	\$	23,844	\$	357,082	\$	89,147	\$ 3,404,955
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$ 29,071 29,071	\$ 124,586 124,586	\$ 164,133 164,133	\$	23,844	\$	357,082 357,082	\$	89,147 89,147	\$ 19,643 789,013 808,656
Fund Balances: Restricted Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances	\$	628,493										 2,530,348 66,298 (347) 2,596,299
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	628,493	\$ 29,071	\$ 124,586	\$ 164,133	\$	23,844	\$	357,082	\$	89,147	\$ 3,404,955

LAWRENCE 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, 2024

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																
	Treasurer's Automation			llector's omation		cuit Court		sessor's ndment no. 79	Cou	nty Clerk's Cost		County der's Cost	Coun	ty Library	Re	appraisal Cost	Support Cost
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes							\$	5,466					\$	105,356 484,548	\$	112,951	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees	\$ 1,37	7	\$	4,687	\$	3,729 1,901		400	\$	1,192 8,739	\$	5,764 115,428		20,047		12	\$ 193 216
Emergency 911 fees Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	16,50)7		50,026								5_		12,256		48_	_
TOTAL REVENUES	17,88	34		54,713		5,630		5,866		9,931		121,197		622,207		113,011	409
Less: Treasurer's commission				69		91		95		156		1,968		9,456			7
NET REVENUES	17,88	34_		54,644		5,539		5,771		9,775		119,229		612,751		113,011	402
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Recreation and culture Total Current	10,41			45,588		842		11,613		6,054		111,537		583,695 583,695		197,721	
Debt Service: Bond principal Bond interest and other charges Financed purchase principal				45,500				11,010		0,004		111,007				137,721	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	10,41	0		45,588		842		11,613		6,054		111,537		583,695		197,721	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	7,47	<u> 4</u>		9,056		4,697		(5,842)		3,721		7,692		29,056		(84,710)	 402
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Sales tax remitted to Lawrence Memorial Hospital																85,770	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)																85,770	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	?) 7,47	7 4		9,056		4,697		(5,842)		3,721		7,692		29,056		1,060	402
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	34,98	37		142,102		43,855		15,031		25,765		137,492		481,456		5,822	 4,433
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 42,46	<u>S1</u>	\$	151,158	\$	48,552	\$	9,189	\$	29,486	\$	145,184	\$	510,512	\$	6,882	\$ 4,835

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

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																
	Drug Control	Drug Control		Jail Maintenance		Booking and inistration		ting Safety and orcement	Emergency 911		Public Defender		Adult Drug Court		uvenile obation	Comm	uit Clerk issioner's Fee
REVENUES										<u> </u>							
State aid																	
Federal aid Property taxes																	
Sales taxes																	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	\$ 1,58	0	\$	82,963	\$	5,440	\$	1,608			\$	5,203	\$	3,644	\$ 4,540		
Interest	48	1		2,925		245		365	\$	8,122		584		906	1,792	\$	191
Officers' fees															1,745		
Jail fees										202.000							
Emergency 911 fees Treasurer's commission										393,022							
Collector's commission																	
Other				3,536						421							
										-					 		
TOTAL REVENUES	2,06	1		89,424		5,685		1,973		401,565		5,787		4,550	8,077		191
Less: Treasurer's commission		7		1,416		99		32		5,606		93		14_	 99		3
NET REVENUES	2,05	4		88,008		5,586		1,941		395,959		5,694		4,536	 7,978		188
EXPENDITURES																	
Current:																	
General government																	
Law enforcement	80	0		82,795		3,293		900		450 544		27,053		478	321		
Public safety Recreation and culture										458,541							
Total Current	80	0		82,795		3,293		900		458,541		27,053		478	321		
Debt Service:																	
Bond principal																	
Bond interest and other charges																	
Financed purchase principal										39,070					 		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	80	0		82,795		3,293		900		497,611		27,053		478	 321		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)																	
EXPENDITURES	1,25	4		5,213		2,293		1,041		(101,652)	((21,359)		4,058	 7,657		188
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)																	
Transfers in								4,700				27,500					
Sales tax remitted to Lawrence Memorial Hospital																	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								4,700				27,500					
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER)																	
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	1,25	4		5,213		2,293		5,741		(101,652)		6,141		4,058	7,657		188
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	12,30							3,632		259,610		3,457			39,456		
	-			80,410		5,331				· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·				19,855	 		4,547
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 13,56	3	\$	85,623	\$	7,624	\$	9,373	\$	157,958	\$	9,598	\$	23,913	\$ 47,113	\$	4,735

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

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS												
	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	American Rescue Plan Act	Adult Drug Court - Opioid Settlement	Jail Operation and Maintenance Sales Tax	One Percent Hospital Sales Tax	Saddle Club Arena	Block Grant	Rails to Trails	Court Security Grant				
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees	\$ 789 61	\$ 313	\$ 21,838	\$ 328,169 110 19,239	\$ 2,625,355	\$ 41	\$ 7,400		\$ 5,063				
Jail fees Emergency 911 fees Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other				2,481		8,950		\$ 300					
TOTAL REVENUES	850	313	21,838	349,999	2,625,355	8,991	7,400	300	5,063				
Less: Treasurer's commission	6	_	_			1							
NET REVENUES	844	313	21,838	349,999	2,625,355	8,990	7,400	300	5,063				
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Recreation and culture	330	, <u> </u>	1,779	300,647		6,492	7,400	1,142	14,897				
Total Current Debt Service: Bond principal Bond interest and other charges Financed purchase principal	330	13,812	1,779	300,647		6,492	7,400	1,142	14,897				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	330	13,812	1,779	300,647		6,492	7,400	1,142	14,897				
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	514	(13,499	20,059	49,352	2,625,355	2,498		(842)	(9,834)				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Sales tax remitted to Lawrence Memorial Hospital					(2,625,355)			5,000					
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					(2,625,355)			5,000					
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	514	(13,499	20,059	49,352		2,498		4,158	(9,834)				
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,239	13,499	<u>.</u>	441,117				1,849	9,834				
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,753	\$ 0	\$ 20,059	\$ 490,469	\$ 0	\$ 2,498	\$ 0	\$ 6,007	\$ 0				

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS

					SPE	CIAL REV	ENUE FU	INDS					DEBT	SERVICE FUND	
	Lead and Seed Grant				Juvenile Officer Grant		Drug Court Grant		Peer Service Specialist Grant		Fa	munication cility and juipment	Lawrence County Sales and Use Tax Bonds, Series 2016		 Totals
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Emergency 911 fees Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other			\$	40,971	\$	8,000	\$	3,396			\$	610 6,132 67,617	\$	984,508 20,034	\$ 262,070 48,371 485,337 3,938,032 108,817 91,482 132,260 67,617 393,022 16,507 50,026 27,997
TOTAL REVENUES				40,971		8,000		3,396				74,359		1,004,542	5,621,538
Less: Treasurer's commission															 19,218
NET REVENUES				40,971		8,000		3,396				74,359		1,004,542	 5,602,320
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Recreation and culture Total Current				44,733		11,228			\$	36,995 36,995		37,568			 405,541 570,887 458,541 583,695 2,018,664
Debt Service: Bond principal Bond interest and other charges Financed purchase principal														800,000 129,052	800,000 129,052 39,070
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				44,733		11,228				36,995		37,568		929,052	 2,986,786
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES				(3,762)		(3,228)		3,396		(36,995)		36,791		75,490	 2,615,534
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Sales tax remitted to Lawrence Memorial Hospital								191							 123,161 (2,625,355)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								191							 (2,502,194)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES				(3,762)		(3,228)		3,587		(36,995)		36,791		75,490	113,340
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	\$	178		3,762		11,899		(3,587)		36,648		93,968		553,003	2,482,959
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	178	\$	0	\$	8,671	\$	0	\$	(347)	\$	130,759	\$	628,493	\$ 2,596,299

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.
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's 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 Library	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.
Reappraisal Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-1907 established fund to pay reappraisals of real property with revenue received from the State.
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.
Jail 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.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Jail Booking and Administration	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 and Enforcement	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.
Public Defender	Ark. Code Ann. § 17-19-301 authorized a bail bond fee of \$20 to be collected, which shall be remitted to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission. Three dollars of each fee is remitted back to the county quarterly to be used to defray the operating expenses of the public defender office.
Adult Drug Court	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-98-304 established fund to receive program user fees set by drug court judges to be used for the benefit and administration of the drug court program.
Juvenile Probation	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.
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.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Adult Drug Court - Opioid Settlement	Established to account for a grant from State-Wide Opioid Settlement proceeds to be used for evidence-based, evidence-informed, or promising activities, programs, or strategies that expand the availability of treatment for individuals affected by substance use disorders.
Jail Operation and Maintenance Sales Ta	x Lawrence County Ordinance no. 15-5 (September 2, 2015) provided for the passage of a sales and use tax of 0.125% by the voters, to pay for operation and jail capital improvements.
One Percent Hospital Sales Tax	Established to account for one cent sales and use tax, approved by voters effective May 2013, levied for operations and maintenance of Lawrence Memorial Hospital.
Saddle Club Arena	Established to account for income derived by advertising and for the maintenance of the Saddle Club Arena.
Block Grant	Established to account for grant received to support equipment and other needs of the local law enforcement units.
Rails to Trails	Established to account for grant received for purpose of constructing a bike and walking trail.
Court Security Grant	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-1006 established fund for the purpose of providing financial assistance to local governments to assist in the implementation of local security and emergency preparedness plans for circuit and district courts.
Lead and Seed Grant	Established to account for grant received from Arkansas Department of Human Services for drug prevention in youth.
Peers Achieving Collaborative Treatment Grant	Established to account for grant received from Arkansas Department of Human Services for vital peer recovery support services that covers salaries and fringe of peer specialists.
Juvenile Officer Grant	Established to account for grant received from Arkansas Administrative Office of the Courts to hire a part-time staff member to reduce recidivism, increased family involvement and support, provide parenting classes, and improve involvement with community-based youth services.
Drug Court Grant	Established to account for grant received from the Accountability Court Funds Grant Program to train and support Drug Court personnel.
Peer Service Specialist Grant	Established to account for grant received from Arkansas Department of Human services to provide funding for courts to employ peer recovery specialists.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Communication Facility and Equipment	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.
Lawrence County Sales and Use Tax Bonds, Series 2016	Lawrence County Ordinance nos. 6 and 7 (September 2, 2015) and 16-4 (February 2, 2016) as approved by voters authorized the issuance of sales and use tax bonds. This fund was set up in order to facilitate the retirement of the related debt.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of property taxes, Law Library monies and fees 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, seizure, and inmate trust money.

County Clerk's accounts consist of probate money and settlements due to the treasurer.

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

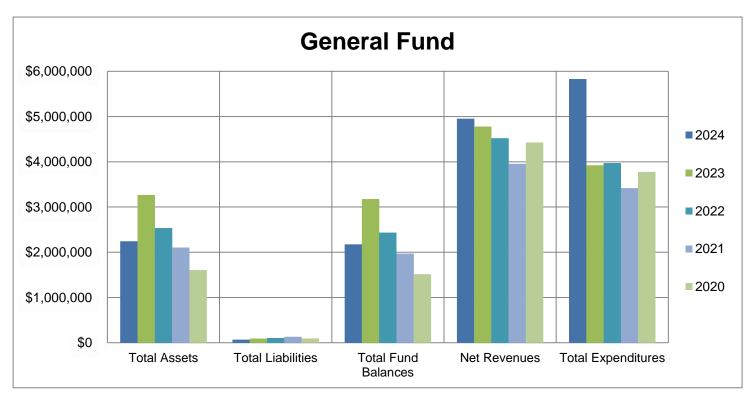
District Court accounts consist primarily of fines and costs not yet distributed to the county and/or state.

LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS OTHER INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

	 December 31, 2024
Land Buildings Equipment	\$ 405,834 9,536,736 5,411,580
Total	\$ 15,354,150

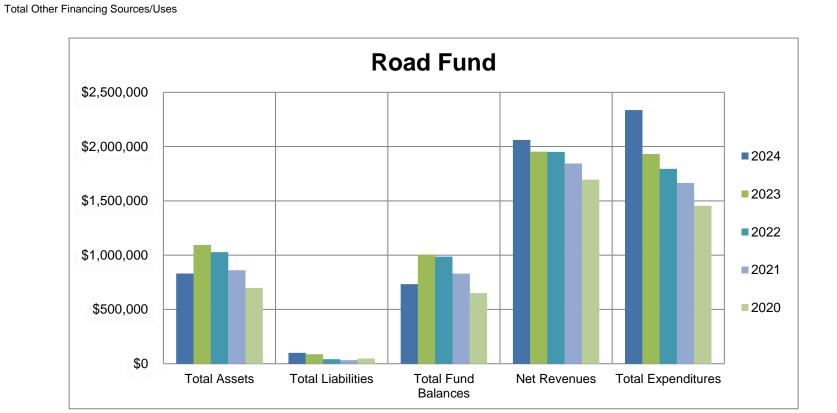
LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

<u>General</u>	2024		2023			2022	 2021	2020		
Total Assets	\$	2,240,984	\$	3,265,132	\$	2,534,921	\$ 2,101,143	\$	1,603,697	
Total Liabilities		66,163		90,078		103,492	131,014		92,439	
Total Fund Balances		2,174,821		3,175,054		2,431,429	1,970,129		1,511,258	
Net Revenues		4,949,302		4,775,827		4,519,332	3,951,356		4,425,352	
Total Expenditures		5,826,374		3,922,374		3,968,933	3,416,642		3,775,901	
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses		(123,161)		(109,828)		(89,099)	(75,843)		(65,075)	



LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - ROAD FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024 (Unaudited)

Road	2	2024	 2023		2022	 2021	2020		
Total Assets	\$	831,211	\$ 1,092,915	\$	1,025,867	\$ 860,112	\$	697,395	
Total Liabilities		98,981	86,549		41,217	31,430		48,334	
Total Fund Balances		732,230	1,006,366		984,650	828,682		649,061	
Net Revenues		2,060,709	1,952,470		1,950,492	1,844,100		1,693,966	
Total Expenditures		2,334,845	1,930,754		1,794,524	1,664,479		1,453,605	



LAWRENCE COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2024

(Unaudited)

Other Funds in the Aggregate	2024		2023			2022	 2021	2020		
Total Assets	\$	3,404,955	\$	3,033,091	\$	3,649,935	\$ 4,282,993	\$	2,863,427	
Total Liabilities		808,656		550,132		625,142	1,146,101		729,812	
Total Fund Balances		2,596,299		2,482,959		3,024,793	3,136,892		2,133,615	
Net Revenues		5,602,320		5,460,672		6,861,907	4,586,465		2,728,753	
Total Expenditures		2,986,786		3,522,040		4,548,692	3,659,031		2,369,624	
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses		(2,502,194)		(2,480,466)		(2,425,314)	75,843		65,075	

