

Monroe County, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2023

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Financial and Compliance Report

Monroe 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 Monroe County, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated August 27, 2025. Management of the County is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The findings contained in this section relate to the following officials who held office during 2023:

County Judge: P.K. Norman
Treasurer/Tax Collector: Steve Mitchell
Sheriff: Michael Neal
County Clerk: Tina Wofford
Circuit Clerk: Alice Smith
Assessor: Stacey Wilkerson
County Librarian: David Brown

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

Noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices was noted in the offices of **Treasurer/Tax Collector** and **Sheriff**.

Treasurer/Tax Collector

The Excess Treasurer's commission totaling \$31,244 was not distributed.

The Assessor's Salary & Expense per the final tax settlement was \$3,201 more than the actual office expense. In addition, the Excess Collector's Commission distributed was understated by \$7,852.

Bank reconciliations were not prepared during the year for accounts maintained by the Treasurer in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. §14-25-107.

Sheriff

The balance remaining in the Commissary bank account of \$9,463 was not identified.

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.

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
August 27, 2025
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MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Exhibit A

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,653,938	\$ 5,859,849	\$ 4,768,487
Accounts receivable	637,196	92,072	45,611
Interfund receivables			20,963
	<u>2,291,134</u>	<u>5,951,921</u>	<u>4,835,061</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 2,291,134</u>	<u>\$ 5,951,921</u>	<u>\$ 4,835,061</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 28,876	\$ 43,130	\$ 22,219
Interfund payables	20,963		
Settlements pending	330,972		2,181,687
Total Liabilities	<u>380,811</u>	<u>43,130</u>	<u>2,203,906</u>
Fund Balances:			
Restricted		5,908,791	2,639,245
Unassigned	1,910,323		(8,090)
Total Fund Balances	<u>1,910,323</u>	<u>5,908,791</u>	<u>2,631,155</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 2,291,134</u>	<u>\$ 5,951,921</u>	<u>\$ 4,835,061</u>

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

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Exhibit B

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
REVENUES			
State aid	\$ 469,492	\$ 1,322,024	\$ 131,220
Federal aid	404,440	50,586	22,326
Property taxes	611,863	331,217	53,473
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	316,618		56,815
Interest	1,433	17,138	7,260
Officers' fees	9,821		40,479
Jail fees	35,120		8,056
911 fees			182,787
Donation			10,101
Commissary profit			17,079
Treasurer's commission	45,250		8,204
Collector's commission	146,616		25,334
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	165,977		
Other	123,918	4,541	255
TOTAL REVENUES	2,330,548	1,725,506	563,389
Less: Treasurer's commission	20,597	19,519	6,810
NET REVENUES	2,309,951	1,705,987	556,579
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	856,622		461,314
Law enforcement	1,260,265		157,763
Highways and streets		1,127,691	
Public safety	13,121		85,303
Health	23,371		21,118
Recreation and culture			47,138
Social services	46,394		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,199,773	1,127,691	772,636
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	110,178	578,296	(216,057)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,800,145	5,330,495	2,847,212
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,910,323	\$ 5,908,791	\$ 2,631,155

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

MONROE 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, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Exhibit C

	General			Road		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
State aid	\$ 324,163	\$ 469,492	\$ 145,329	\$ 1,205,780	\$ 1,322,024	\$ 116,244
Federal aid	38,724	404,440	365,716	10,000	50,586	40,586
Property taxes	522,800	611,863	89,063	298,800	331,217	32,417
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	287,000	316,618	29,618			
Interest	1,800	1,433	(367)	7,450	17,138	9,688
Officers' fees	10,000	9,821	(179)			
Jail fees	40,000	35,120	(4,880)			
Treasurer's commission	65,000	45,250	(19,750)			
Collector's commission	30,000	146,616	116,616			
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	170,000	165,977	(4,023)			
Other	103,200	123,918	20,718	4,800	4,541	(259)
TOTAL REVENUES	1,592,687	2,330,548	737,861	1,526,830	1,725,506	198,676
Less: Treasurer's commission		20,597	(20,597)		19,519	(19,519)
NET REVENUES	1,592,687	2,309,951	717,264	1,526,830	1,705,987	179,157
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	914,869	856,622	58,247			
Law enforcement	1,232,542	1,260,265	(27,723)			
Highways and streets				1,617,096	1,127,691	489,405
Public safety	30,474	13,121	17,353			
Health	21,945	23,371	(1,426)			
Social services	57,593	46,394	11,199			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,257,423	2,199,773	57,650	1,617,096	1,127,691	489,405
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(664,736)	110,178	774,914	(90,266)	578,296	668,562
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		1,800,145	1,800,145		5,330,495	5,330,495
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ (664,736)	\$ 1,910,323	\$ 2,575,059	\$ (90,266)	\$ 5,908,791	\$ 5,999,057

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MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS									
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment no. 79	County Clerk's Cost	County Recorder's Cost	County Public Library	Reappraisal Cost	Child Support Cost
ASSETS									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,145	\$ 140,204	\$ 43,303	\$ 9,846	\$ 19,168	\$ 151,380	\$ 78,072	\$ 5,598	\$ 10,928
Accounts receivable		25,334	115		42	2,073	9,832		
Interfund receivables		20,963							
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 36,145</u>	<u>\$ 186,501</u>	<u>\$ 43,418</u>	<u>\$ 9,846</u>	<u>\$ 19,210</u>	<u>\$ 153,453</u>	<u>\$ 87,904</u>	<u>\$ 5,598</u>	<u>\$ 10,928</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES									
Liabilities:									
Accounts payable						\$ 4,452			
Settlements pending									
Total Liabilities						<u>4,452</u>			
Fund Balances:									
Restricted	\$ 36,145	\$ 186,501	\$ 43,418	\$ 9,846	\$ 19,210	149,001	\$ 87,904	\$ 5,598	\$ 10,928
Unassigned									
Total Fund Balances	<u>36,145</u>	<u>186,501</u>	<u>43,418</u>	<u>9,846</u>	<u>19,210</u>	<u>149,001</u>	<u>87,904</u>	<u>5,598</u>	<u>10,928</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 36,145</u>	<u>\$ 186,501</u>	<u>\$ 43,418</u>	<u>\$ 9,846</u>	<u>\$ 19,210</u>	<u>\$ 153,453</u>	<u>\$ 87,904</u>	<u>\$ 5,598</u>	<u>\$ 10,928</u>

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

	Drug Control	Jail Operation and Maintenance	County Detention Facility	Boating Safety and Enforcement	Emergency 911	Public Defender	Circuit Court Juvenile Division	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 53	\$ 107,646	\$ 39,928	\$ 10,289	\$ 892,282	\$ 28,211	\$ (4,830)	\$ 2,394
Accounts receivable		2,603	396		4,244	972		
Interfund receivables								
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 53	\$ 110,249	\$ 40,324	\$ 10,289	\$ 896,526	\$ 29,183	\$ (4,830)	\$ 2,394
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable		\$ 265			\$ 374	\$ 1,271	\$ 3,260	
Settlements pending								
Total Liabilities		265			374	1,271	3,260	
Fund Balances:								
Restricted	\$ 53	109,984	\$ 40,324	\$ 10,289	896,152	27,912		\$ 2,394
Unassigned							(8,090)	
Total Fund Balances	53	109,984	40,324	10,289	896,152	27,912	(8,090)	2,394
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 53	\$ 110,249	\$ 40,324	\$ 10,289	\$ 896,526	\$ 29,183	\$ (4,830)	\$ 2,394

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Schedule 1

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	County Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	American Rescue Plan Act	Juvenile Detention and Prisoner Care	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	Courtroom Security Grant	Sheriff Communication Facility and Equipment	Library Microfilm Memorial
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 40	\$ 1,968	\$ 939,041	\$ 6,552	\$ 1	\$ 139	\$ 4,735	\$ 63,707
Accounts receivable								
Interfund receivables								
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 40</u>	<u>\$ 1,968</u>	<u>\$ 939,041</u>	<u>\$ 6,552</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>	<u>\$ 4,735</u>	<u>\$ 63,707</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable			\$ 12,597					
Settlements pending								
Total Liabilities			<u>12,597</u>					
Fund Balances:								
Restricted	\$ 40	\$ 1,968	926,444	\$ 6,552	\$ 1	\$ 139	\$ 4,735	\$ 63,707
Unassigned								
Total Fund Balances	<u>40</u>	<u>1,968</u>	<u>926,444</u>	<u>6,552</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>139</u>	<u>4,735</u>	<u>63,707</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 40</u>	<u>\$ 1,968</u>	<u>\$ 939,041</u>	<u>\$ 6,552</u>	<u>\$ 1</u>	<u>\$ 139</u>	<u>\$ 4,735</u>	<u>\$ 63,707</u>

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
 DECEMBER 31, 2023
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Schedule 1

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS					
	Treasurer's Accounts	Collector's Accounts	Sheriff's Accounts	County Clerk's Accounts	Circuit Clerk's Accounts	Totals
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,976,604	\$ 103,198	\$ 27,030	\$ 33,230	\$ 41,625	\$ 4,768,487
Accounts receivable						45,611
Interfund receivables						20,963
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 1,976,604</u>	<u>\$ 103,198</u>	<u>\$ 27,030</u>	<u>\$ 33,230</u>	<u>\$ 41,625</u>	<u>\$ 4,835,061</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable						\$ 22,219
Settlements pending	\$ 1,976,604	\$ 103,198	\$ 27,030	\$ 33,230	\$ 41,625	2,181,687
Total Liabilities	<u>1,976,604</u>	<u>103,198</u>	<u>27,030</u>	<u>33,230</u>	<u>41,625</u>	<u>2,203,906</u>
Fund Balances:						
Restricted						2,639,245
Unassigned						(8,090)
Total Fund Balances						<u>2,631,155</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	<u>\$ 1,976,604</u>	<u>\$ 103,198</u>	<u>\$ 27,030</u>	<u>\$ 33,230</u>	<u>\$ 41,625</u>	<u>\$ 4,835,061</u>

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
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Schedule 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment no. 79	County Clerk's Cost	County Recorder's Cost	County Public Library	Reappraisal Cost	Child Support Cost
REVENUES									
State aid				\$ 2,026			\$ 3,368	\$ 59,388	
Federal aid							1,208		
Property taxes							52,994		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			\$ 1,160						
Interest	\$ 68	\$ 309	92	126	\$ 39	\$ 312	143	12	\$ 23
Officers' fees					963	36,074			36
Jail fees									
911 fees									
Donation									
Commissary profit									
Treasurer's commission	8,204								
Collector's commission		25,334							
Other							195		
TOTAL REVENUES	8,272	25,643	1,252	2,152	1,002	36,386	57,908	59,400	59
Less: Treasurer's commission		445	22	1,271	20	743	955		1
NET REVENUES	8,272	25,198	1,230	881	982	35,643	56,953	59,400	58
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government	9,149	7,946		481		47,235		59,388	70
Law enforcement									
Public safety									
Health									
Recreation and culture							46,473		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,149	7,946		481		47,235	46,473	59,388	70
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(877)	17,252	1,230	400	982	(11,592)	10,480	12	(12)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	37,022	169,249	42,188	9,446	18,228	160,593	77,424	5,586	10,940
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 36,145	\$ 186,501	\$ 43,418	\$ 9,846	\$ 19,210	\$ 149,001	\$ 87,904	\$ 5,598	\$ 10,928

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
 REGULATORY BASIS
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Schedule 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	Drug Control	Jail Operation and Maintenance	County Detention Facility	Boating Safety and Enforcement	Emergency 911	Public Defender	Circuit Court Juvenile Division	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	County Clerk Commissioner's Fee
REVENUES									
State aid				\$ 392					
Federal aid									
Property taxes						\$ 180			
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		\$ 45,734	\$ 53			9,868			
Interest		216	77	22	\$ 1,817	65	\$ 2		
Officers' fees								\$ 152	
Jail fees			8,056						
911 fees					181,994	793			
Donation									
Commissary profit									
Treasurer's commission									
Collector's commission									
Other									
TOTAL REVENUES		45,950	8,186	414	183,811	10,906	2	152	
Less: Treasurer's commission		898	158	8	2,286			3	
NET REVENUES		45,052	8,028	406	181,525	10,906	2	149	
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government									
Law enforcement		31,719		21		15,251	10,520		
Public safety					85,303				
Health									
Recreation and culture									
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		31,719		21	85,303	15,251	10,520		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		13,333	8,028	385	96,222	(4,345)	(10,518)	149	
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	\$ 53	96,651	32,296	9,904	799,930	32,257	2,428	2,245	\$ 40
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 53	\$ 109,984	\$ 40,324	\$ 10,289	\$ 896,152	\$ 27,912	\$ (8,090)	\$ 2,394	\$ 40

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
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Schedule 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	American Rescue Plan Act	Juvenile Detention and Prisoner Care	Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	Courtroom Security Grant	Mid-Delta Health Services Grant	Sheriff Communication Facility and Equipment	Library Microfilm Memorial	Totals
REVENUES									
State aid							\$ 66,046		\$ 131,220
Federal aid						\$ 21,118			22,326
Property taxes	\$ 299								53,473
Fines, forfeitures, and costs									56,815
Interest		\$ 2,669					25	\$ 1,243	7,260
Officers' fees							3,254		40,479
Jail fees									8,056
911 fees									182,787
Donation							9,986	115	10,101
Commissary profit							17,079		17,079
Treasurer's commission									8,204
Collector's commission									25,334
Other								60	255
TOTAL REVENUES	299	2,669				21,118	96,390	1,418	563,389
Less: Treasurer's commission									6,810
NET REVENUES	299	2,669				21,118	96,390	1,418	556,579
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government		337,045							461,314
Law enforcement							100,252		157,763
Public safety									85,303
Health						21,118			21,118
Recreation and culture								665	47,138
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		337,045				21,118	100,252	665	772,636
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	299	(334,376)					(3,862)	753	(216,057)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,669	1,260,820	\$ 6,552	\$ 1	\$ 139		8,597	62,954	2,847,212
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,968	\$ 926,444	\$ 6,552	\$ 1	\$ 139	\$ 0	\$ 4,735	\$ 63,707	\$ 2,631,155

MONROE COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

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

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
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 Public 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 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.
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.

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

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
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. § 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.
County 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 county 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.
Juvenile Detention and Prisoner Care	Monroe County Ordinance no. 417 (September 13, 2010) allocated Circuit Court ordered funds to be held and used for juvenile detention and prisoner care only.
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)	Established to account for grant received for the purpose of law enforcement equipment purchases.
Courtroom 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.

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

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
Mid-Delta Health Services Grant	Established to account for grant received for the purpose of funding an addition to the Mid-Delta Health System for COVID-19 related activities.
Sheriff 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.
Library Microfilm Memorial	Established to account for memorials and immaterial miscellaneous revenue for library expenditures.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of property taxes, treasurer's commission, collector's commission, and interest not distributed to the appropriate agencies.

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

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

County Clerk's accounts consist primarily of trust money.

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

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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.

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, property taxes, and federal aid that are restricted or committed for maintaining and constructing roads.

Other Funds in the Aggregate - 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:

Special Revenue Funds - 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.

Custodial Funds - 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.

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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.

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 accounts, and certificates of deposit.

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, trust funds, fire protection funds, 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.
2. 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.

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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 committed or assigned fund balances at year-end.

2. **Details of Fund Balance Classifications**

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2023, are composed of the following:

Description	General Fund	Road Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
General government			\$ 1,348,215
Law enforcement			243,267
Highways and streets		\$ 5,908,791	
Public safety			896,152
Recreation and culture			151,611
Total Restricted		<u>5,908,791</u>	<u>2,639,245</u>
Unassigned	<u>\$ 1,910,323</u>		<u>(8,090)</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 1,910,323</u>	<u>\$ 5,908,791</u>	<u>\$ 2,631,155</u>

3. **Commitments**

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2023:

	December 31, 2023
Lease	\$ 340,857
Reappraisal contract	118,776
Construction contract	<u>337,675</u>
Total Commitments	<u>\$ 797,308</u>

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

Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

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

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3. Commitments (Continued)

Lease

The County entered into a lease agreement for three Caterpillar motor graders on January 31, 2022. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$8,740 for 60 months. At the end of the lease term, the County will return the equipment. The County is obligated for the following amounts for the next four years:

Year	December 31, 2023
2024	\$ 104,879
2025	104,879
2026	104,879
2027	<u>26,220</u>
Total	<u>\$ 340,857</u>

Lease expense for 2023, was \$104,879.

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Delta Mass Appraisal Services on September 11, 2020, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 60 monthly payments of \$4,949 for a total of \$296,940 beginning January 1, 2021. Contract expense for 2023, was \$59,388.

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2023:

Year	December 31, 2023
2024	\$ 59,388
2025	<u>59,388</u>
Total	<u>\$ 118,776</u>

Construction Contract

The County was contractually obligated for the following construction contract at December 31, 2023:

Project Name	Completion Date	Contract Balance December 31, 2023
Monroe County Courthouse	December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 337,675</u>

4. Joint Venture: Regional Library

Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Counties entered into an agreement in May 1978 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-401 to establish the Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Regional Library. The agreement states that the library boards of these counties are to continue the same duties and functions that they have had in the past until said duties and functions are altered by the Quorum Court as provided by law. The County Library did not pay any regional library expenditures in 2023. Contact the Phillips, Lee, and Monroe Regional Library at 702 Porter Street, Helena, AR 72342 to obtain financial statements.

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5. Jointly Governed Organization: Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District

Pursuant to Act 752 of the Act of Arkansas of 1991, the Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District and Board were organized to protect the public health and environmental quality for its service area by establishing a regional solid waste management system in Arkansas Counties of Lonoke, Prairie, and Monroe. The District's board of directors is composed in accordance with the requirements of the Act and is comprised of representatives of the counties of the District and representatives of all first class cities, of all cities with a population of over 2,000, and of the largest city of each county in the District. The County made no contributions to or disbursements on behalf of the Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District in 2023. Separate financial statements of the Central Arkansas Regional Solid Waste Management District are available at 902 N. Center, Lonoke, Arkansas 72086.

6. 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 5.5% as of July 1, 2023. 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, 2023, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) were \$182,879.

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, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$1,569,533.

7. Capital Assets

The County's capital assets records are summarized below :

	December 31, 2023
Land	\$ 34,200
Buildings	2,222,109
Equipment	3,005,833
Total	<u>\$ 5,262,142</u>

8. 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 2022, the County was awarded \$731,188 in federal aid from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, which was a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and as of the report date, \$731,188 of this amount has been received. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on financial statements for future reporting periods remains uncertain.

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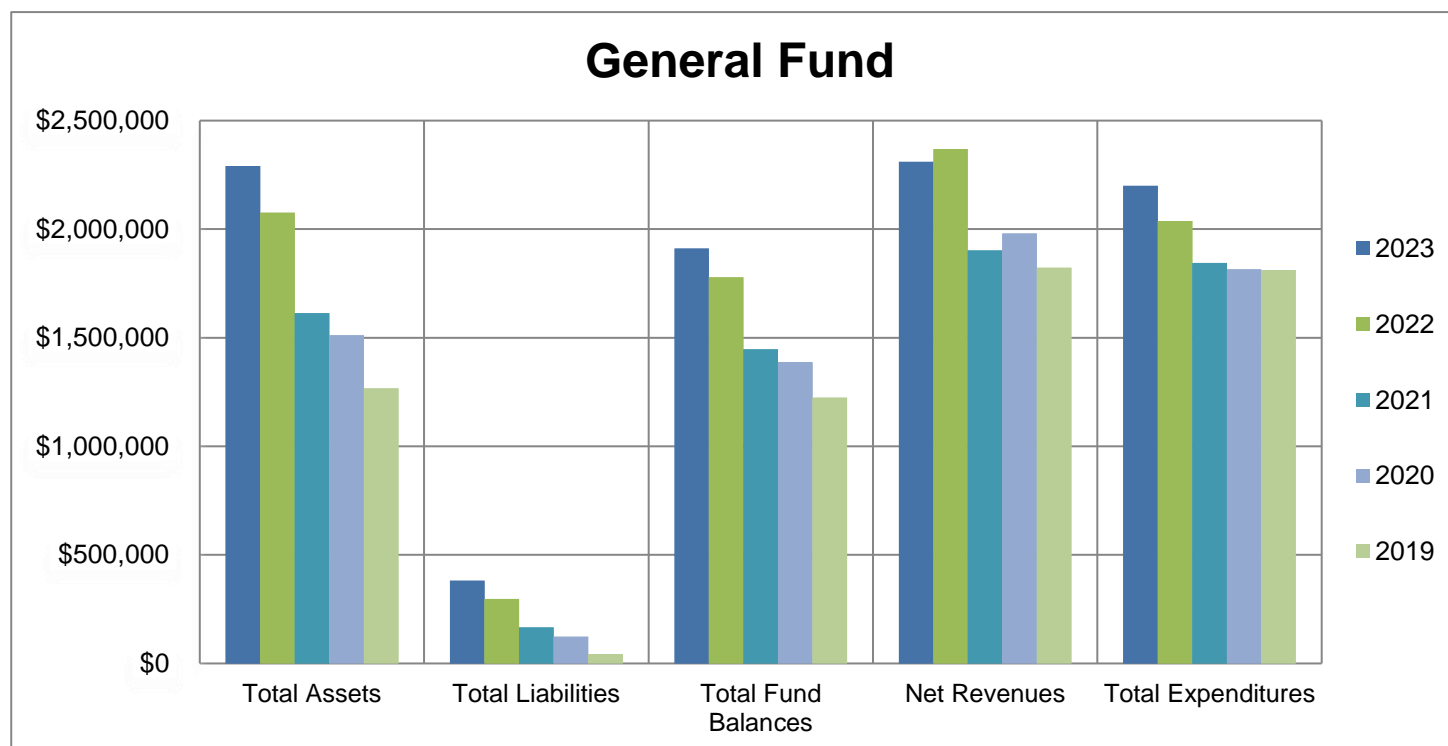
9. Related Party

The County paid GreenPoint Ag Services \$140,348 for fuel and oil in 2023. Quorum Court member Jeff Lovell is an operations manager for GreenPoint Ag Services. Monroe County Ordinance no. 606 (August 14, 2023) allows the County to conduct business with this related party.

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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS
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Schedule 3-1

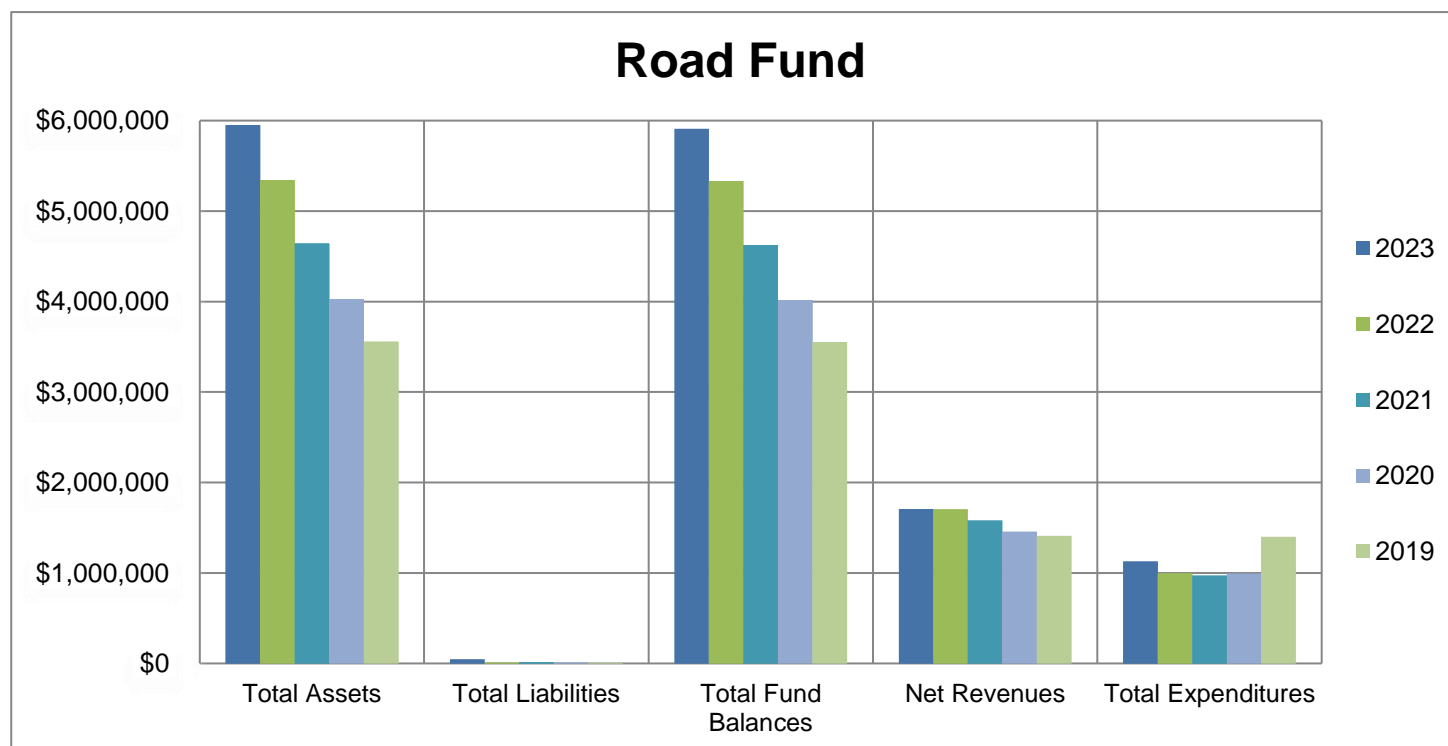
<u>General</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 2,291,134	\$ 2,075,615	\$ 1,612,381	\$ 1,511,813	\$ 1,266,676
Total Liabilities	380,811	297,724	166,182	123,571	43,197
Total Fund Balances	1,910,323	1,777,891	1,446,199	1,388,242	1,223,479
Net Revenues	2,309,951	2,369,626	1,902,620	1,979,493	1,822,459
Total Expenditures	2,199,773	2,037,934	1,844,663	1,814,730	1,812,412
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses					(62,043)



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Schedule 3-2

<u>Road</u>	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Total Assets	\$ 5,951,921	\$ 5,341,259	\$ 4,641,133	\$ 4,027,041	\$ 3,556,042
Total Liabilities	43,130	10,764	16,446	10,005	3,867
Total Fund Balances	5,908,791	5,330,495	4,624,687	4,017,036	3,552,175
Net Revenues	1,705,987	1,702,275	1,579,129	1,455,736	1,411,280
Total Expenditures	1,127,691	996,467	971,478	990,875	1,397,959
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses					



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SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS
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Schedule 3-3

<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2019</u>
Total Assets	\$ 4,835,061	\$ 4,199,381	\$ 2,282,111	\$ 1,467,490	\$ 1,378,505
Total Liabilities	2,203,906	1,352,169	185,473	217,843	222,686
Total Fund Balances	2,631,155	2,847,212	2,096,638	1,249,647	1,155,819
Net Revenues	556,579	1,413,098	1,124,966	468,717	522,227
Total Expenditures	772,636	662,524	277,975	374,889	528,539
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses					62,043

