

**Newton County, Arkansas**

**Regulatory Basis Financial Statements  
and Other Reports**

**December 31, 2024**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Independent Auditor's Report

Newton 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 Newton 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 Newton 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 Newton 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.

### **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 December 18, 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



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## 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

Newton 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 Newton 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 December 18, 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

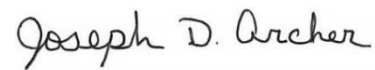
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect 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 December 18, 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. Archer, CPA  
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 18, 2025

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### MANAGEMENT LETTER

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

The findings contained in this letter relate to the following officials who held office during 2024:

County Judge: Warren Campbell  
Treasurer: Vickie Bartholomew  
Sheriff: Glenn Wheeler  
Tax Collector: Nedra Daniels  
County/Circuit Clerk: Donnie Davis  
Assessor: Stephen Willis  
County Librarian: Kenya Windel  
District Court Clerk: Amanda Hodge

We would like to communicate the following items that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comments is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management in maintaining a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations, and to improve internal control. These matters were discussed previously with County officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

#### County/Circuit Clerk

A review of payroll deductions related to supplemental insurance revealed that insurance premiums paid did not agree to payroll deductions for respective employees. Total payroll deductions in 2024 for the nine employees reviewed exceeded insurance premium costs by \$1,513. We recommend the County investigate these errors, implement controls to ensure that payroll deductions are reconciled to insurance billings, and determine how the employees will be refunded for the amount owed.

Our testing of disbursements identified a payment of \$1,232 made to a credit card company without adequate documentation. Further review revealed that this payment was related to unpaid charges in February 2022, March 2022, and September 2023, totaling \$681, which resulted in the County incurring interest and late fees totaling \$551. Supporting documentation for the original charges was not available for inspection, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-23-105. Subsequently, the County obtained documentation to support \$598 of the \$681, leaving \$83 undocumented.

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

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Joseph D. Archer, CPA  
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
December 18, 2025

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

Exhibit A

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,609,906	\$ 158,752	\$ 2,462,984
Accounts receivable	135,355	41,743	37,936
	<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 200,495</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,920</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>			
<b>Liabilities:</b>			
Accounts payable	\$ 34,003	\$ 146,193	\$ 53,145
Settlements pending	40,320		297,989
Total Liabilities	74,323	146,193	351,134
<b>Fund Balances:</b>			
Restricted		54,302	1,075,683
Committed			1,090,230
Assigned	361		
Unassigned	3,670,577		(16,127)
Total Fund Balances	3,670,938	54,302	2,149,786
	<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 200,495</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,920</b>

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

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

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
REVENUES			
State aid	\$ 554,669	\$ 1,703,240	\$ 172,328
Federal aid	674,745	622,464	67,476
Property taxes	514,079	259,538	91,173
Sales taxes	252,325		468,604
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	91,731		54,478
Interest	173,355	7,067	58,012
Officers' fees	55,620		31,098
911 fees			137,223
Jail fees	125		346,416
Sanitation fees	203,543		
Commissary profits			35,227
Treasurer's commission	117,702		13,078
Collector's commission	152,073		20,692
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	183,537		
Other	79,826	34,603	62,497
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,053,330</b>	<b>2,626,912</b>	<b>1,558,302</b>
Less: Treasurer's commission	51,196	39,390	25,646
<b>NET REVENUES</b>	<b>3,002,134</b>	<b>2,587,522</b>	<b>1,532,656</b>
EXPENDITURES			
Current:			
General government	1,803,843		165,177
Law enforcement	164,553		1,334,447
Highways and streets		2,479,372	211,586
Public safety	39,193		76,584
Sanitation	409,834		
Health	14,322		1,745
Recreation and culture			141,059
Social services	50,435		
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,482,180</b>	<b>2,479,372</b>	<b>1,930,598</b>

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

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 519,954	\$ 108,150	\$ (397,942)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)			
Transfers in			780,000
Transfers out	(740,000)		(40,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(740,000)		740,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(220,046)	108,150	342,058
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	3,890,984	(53,848)	1,807,728
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,670,938	\$ 54,302	\$ 2,149,786

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

NEWTON 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

Exhibit C

	General			Road		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES						
State aid	\$ 487,000	\$ 554,669	\$ 67,669	\$ 1,573,421	\$ 1,703,240	\$ 129,819
Federal aid	518,500	674,745	156,245	874,044	622,464	(251,580)
Property taxes	452,500	514,079	61,579	198,200	259,538	61,338
Sales taxes	200,000	252,325	52,325			
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	50,000	91,731	41,731			
Interest	50,000	173,355	123,355	8,500	7,067	(1,433)
Officers' fees	48,000	55,620	7,620			
Jail fees	28,714	125	(28,589)			
Sanitation fees	170,000	203,543	33,543			
Treasurer's commission	100,000	117,702	17,702			
Collector's commission	120,000	152,073	32,073			
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	135,000	183,537	48,537			
Other	11,373	79,826	68,453	32,225	34,603	2,378
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>2,371,087</b>	<b>3,053,330</b>	<b>682,243</b>	<b>2,686,390</b>	<b>2,626,912</b>	<b>(59,478)</b>
Less: Treasurer's commission		51,196	(51,196)		39,390	(39,390)
<b>NET REVENUES</b>	<b>2,371,087</b>	<b>3,002,134</b>	<b>631,047</b>	<b>2,686,390</b>	<b>2,587,522</b>	<b>(98,868)</b>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government	2,094,664	1,803,843	290,821			
Law enforcement	280,392	164,553	115,839			
Highways and streets				2,538,420	2,479,372	59,048
Public safety	60,579	39,193	21,386			
Sanitation	400,000	409,834	(9,834)			
Health	20,000	14,322	5,678			
Social services	54,000	50,435	3,565			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>2,909,635</b>	<b>2,482,180</b>	<b>427,455</b>	<b>2,538,420</b>	<b>2,479,372</b>	<b>59,048</b>

NEWTON 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

Exhibit C

	General			Road		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (538,548)	\$ 519,954	\$ 1,058,502	\$ 147,970	\$ 108,150	\$ (39,820)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in	31,890		(31,890)			
Transfers out	(740,000)	(740,000)	0	(50,000)		50,000
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(708,110)	(740,000)	(31,890)	(50,000)		50,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,246,658)	(220,046)	1,026,612	97,970	108,150	10,180
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	3,890,984	3,890,984	0	(53,848)	(53,848)	0
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 2,644,326</u>	<u>\$ 3,670,938</u>	<u>\$ 1,026,612</u>	<u>\$ 44,122</u>	<u>\$ 54,302</u>	<u>\$ 10,180</u>

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

NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

**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.

**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, property taxes, and federal aid that are restricted 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. See Schedules 1 and 2 for Special Revenue Funds as 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). See Schedule 1 for Custodial Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

**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 accounts and certificates of deposit.

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, officer's fees, solid waste fees, excess commissions, property taxes, and trust funds 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. Committed fund balance – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Quorum Court.
3. 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.
4. 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.

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**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.

**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)	\$ 932,441	\$ 934,365
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the County's name	5,298,450	5,515,540
Total Deposits	\$ 6,230,891	\$ 6,449,905

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$751.

**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.

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**NOTE 4: Accounts Receivable**

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

Description	General Fund	Road Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Federal aid		\$ 39,473	\$ 7,688
Property taxes	\$ 1,823	2,270	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	3,533		2,137
Officers' fees	3,474		2,175
Jail fees			14,965
Sanitation fees	8,822		
Commissary profits			3,426
Treasurer's commission	117,703		5,539
Other			2,006
Totals	<u>\$ 135,355</u>	<u>\$ 41,743</u>	<u>\$ 37,936</u>

**NOTE 5: Accounts Payable**

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

Description	General Fund	Road Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Vendor payables	\$ 25,881	\$ 135,881	\$ 41,326
Payroll taxes payable	8,122	10,312	11,819
Totals	<u>\$ 34,003</u>	<u>\$ 146,193</u>	<u>\$ 53,145</u>

**NOTE 6: Federal Funds Program Compliance**

The federal grants of the County have not yet been audited in accordance with the federal program requirements and therefore, any instances of noncompliance with federal grant requirements have not been determined. Disbursements that are not in accordance with the federal program requirements are subject to reimbursement by the County. As of report date, the County has corresponded with a firm but not officially contracted for an audit for the 2024 federal grants.

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**NOTE 7: Details of Fund Balance Classifications**

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

Description	General Fund	Road Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate
Fund Balances:			
Restricted for:			
General government			\$ 455,638
Law enforcement			71,863
Highways and streets		\$ 54,302	
Public safety			394,656
Recreation and culture			153,526
Total Restricted		54,302	1,075,683
Committed for:			
Highways and streets			1,090,230
Assigned to:			
General government	\$ 361		
Unassigned	3,670,577		(16,127)
Totals	\$ 3,670,938	\$ 54,302	\$ 2,149,786

**NOTE 8: Deficit Fund Balances**

The following fund has a deficit fund balance as of December 31, 2024:

	December 31, 2024
Other Funds in the Aggregate:	
Special Revenue Fund:	
County Jail and Sheriff's Operation	\$ (16,127)

**NOTE 9: 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 \$10,689,334. 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 \$3,058,843. There were no short-term financing obligations.

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**NOTE 10: Commitments**

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

Long-term Liabilities

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

	December 31, 2024
Reappraisal contract	\$ 281,356

Compensated Absences

Compensated absences do not vest or accumulate. The amount of compensated absences was not determined.

Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

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

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Total Assessment Solutions Corp on November 8, 2022, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 36 monthly payments of \$8,583 for a total of \$308,988 beginning January 15, 2023. On August 1, 2023, the contract was amended to \$474,300 for 60 months with the remaining 53 monthly payments being \$7,816. Contract expense for 2024, was \$93,785.

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

Year	December 31, 2024
2025	\$ 93,785
2026	93,785
2027	93,786
Total	\$ 281,356

**NOTE 11: Interfund Transfers**

The General Fund transferred \$740,000 to the Other Funds in the Aggregate for jail operations. Within Other Funds in the Aggregate, \$40,000 was transferred for operations.

**NOTE 12: Jointly Governed Organizations**

Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District

The County is a member of the Ozark Mountain Solid Waste District (District). The District is a jointly governed organization comprised of representatives from Baxter, Boone, Marion, Newton, and Searcy Counties and participating cities within the aforementioned counties. Representatives are the respective county judges and mayors unless some other representative is appointed by the participating entity. No payments were made by the County in 2024 to the District.

Fourteenth Judicial District Drug Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District, the Sheriffs' Departments of Baxter, Boone, Marion, and Newton Counties, and the Police Departments of Harrison and Mountain Home entered into an agreement to establish the Fourteenth Judicial District Drug Task Force. Funding was provided through a Drug Law Enforcement Program grant applied for by the Prosecuting Attorney of the Fourteenth Judicial District. Financial statements of the Fourteenth Judicial District Drug Task Force are not available.

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**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.

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**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](http://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 5.75% 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 \$361,164.

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 \$2,582,061.

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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	District Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment no. 79	County Recorder's Cost	County Public Library	County Library Board
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 42,601	\$ 128,799	\$ 21,038	\$ 34,128	\$ 23,381	\$ 12,003	\$ 102,681	\$ 54,242
Accounts receivable	5,539		135	370		994		
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 48,140	\$ 128,799	\$ 21,173	\$ 34,498	\$ 23,381	\$ 12,997	\$ 102,681	\$ 54,242
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES								
Liabilities:								
Accounts payable		\$ 4				\$ 7	\$ 3,397	
Settlements pending								
Total Liabilities		4				7	3,397	
Fund Balances:								
Restricted	\$ 48,140	128,795	\$ 21,173	\$ 34,498	\$ 23,381	12,990	99,284	\$ 54,242
Committed								
Unassigned								
Total Fund Balances	48,140	128,795	21,173	34,498	23,381	12,990	99,284	54,242
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 48,140	\$ 128,799	\$ 21,173	\$ 34,498	\$ 23,381	\$ 12,997	\$ 102,681	\$ 54,242

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		SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS							
		Boating Safety and Enforcement	CMRS 911 Board (Commercial Mobile Radio Service)	Public Defender	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	County Jail and Sheriff's Operation	County Road Sales Tax Matching	County Road Sales Tax Machinery
<b>ASSETS</b>									
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	2,616	\$ 381,418	\$ 7,257	\$ 1,348	\$ 3,403	\$ 393	\$ 956,643	\$ 135,192
Accounts receivable							27,244		
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>\$ 381,418</b>	<b>\$ 7,257</b>	<b>\$ 1,348</b>	<b>\$ 3,403</b>	<b>\$ 27,637</b>	<b>\$ 956,643</b>	<b>\$ 135,192</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>									
<b>Liabilities:</b>									
Accounts payable			\$ 1,762				\$ 43,764	\$ 1,605	
Settlements pending									
<b>Total Liabilities</b>			<b>1,762</b>				<b>43,764</b>	<b>1,605</b>	
<b>Fund Balances:</b>									
Restricted	\$	2,616	379,656	\$ 7,257	\$ 1,348	\$ 3,403			
Committed								955,038	\$ 135,192
Unassigned							(16,127)		
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>379,656</b>	<b>7,257</b>	<b>1,348</b>	<b>3,403</b>	<b>(16,127)</b>	<b>955,038</b>	<b>135,192</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>2,616</b>	<b>\$ 381,418</b>	<b>\$ 7,257</b>	<b>\$ 1,348</b>	<b>\$ 3,403</b>	<b>\$ 27,637</b>	<b>\$ 956,643</b>	<b>\$ 135,192</b>

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	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
	Title III Forest Reserve	Communication Facility and Equipment	American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement Fund	Parthenon Voluntary Fire Rural Community Grant	Parthenon Community Park
ASSETS					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 15,038	\$ 10,274	\$ 117,540	\$ 15,000	\$ 100,000
Accounts receivable		3,654			
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 15,038	\$ 13,928	\$ 117,540	\$ 15,000	\$ 100,000
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES					
Liabilities:					
Accounts payable	\$ 537	\$ 937	\$ 896		\$ 236
Settlements pending					
Total Liabilities	537	937	896		236
Fund Balances:					
Restricted	14,501	12,991	116,644	\$ 15,000	99,764
Committed					
Unassigned					
Total Fund Balances	14,501	12,991	116,644	15,000	99,764
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 15,038	\$ 13,928	\$ 117,540	\$ 15,000	\$ 100,000

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CUSTODIAL FUNDS

	Treasurer's Accounts	Collector's Accounts	Sheriff's Accounts	County/Circuit Clerk's Accounts	District Court Accounts	County Judge's Accounts	Totals
<b>ASSETS</b>							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 147,656	\$ 32,712	\$ 81,311	\$ 13,027	\$ 15,014	\$ 8,269	\$ 2,462,984
Accounts receivable							37,936
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 147,656</b>	<b>\$ 32,712</b>	<b>\$ 81,311</b>	<b>\$ 13,027</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 8,269</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,920</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>							
<b>Liabilities:</b>							
Accounts payable							\$ 53,145
Settlements pending	\$ 147,656	\$ 32,712	\$ 81,311	\$ 13,027	\$ 15,014	\$ 8,269	297,989
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>147,656</b>	<b>32,712</b>	<b>81,311</b>	<b>13,027</b>	<b>15,014</b>	<b>8,269</b>	<b>351,134</b>
<b>Fund Balances:</b>							
Restricted							1,075,683
Committed							1,090,230
Unassigned							(16,127)
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>							<b>2,149,786</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 147,656</b>	<b>\$ 32,712</b>	<b>\$ 81,311</b>	<b>\$ 13,027</b>	<b>\$ 15,014</b>	<b>\$ 8,269</b>	<b>\$ 2,500,920</b>

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Schedule 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	District Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment no. 79	County Recorder's Cost	County Public Library	County Library Board	Boating Safety and Enforcement
REVENUES									
State aid					\$ 3,604		\$ 49,833		\$ 711
Federal aid									
Property taxes							90,954		
Sales taxes									
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			\$ 2,599	\$ 4,213					
Interest	\$ 1,704	\$ 5,147		1,508	1,113	\$ 582	4,122	\$ 2,219	
Officers' fees						14,071			
911 fees									
Jail fees									
Commissary profits									
Treasurer's commission	13,078								
Collector's commission		20,692							
Other								12,567	
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>14,782</b>	<b>25,839</b>	<b>2,599</b>	<b>5,721</b>	<b>4,717</b>	<b>14,653</b>	<b>144,909</b>	<b>14,786</b>	<b>711</b>
Less: Treasurer's commission		87	52	105	19	293	2,862		14
<b>NET REVENUES</b>	<b>14,782</b>	<b>25,752</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>5,616</b>	<b>4,698</b>	<b>14,360</b>	<b>142,047</b>	<b>14,786</b>	<b>697</b>
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government	6,180	16,416			3,656	15,415			
Law enforcement				3,882					1,552
Highways and streets									
Public safety									
Health									
Recreation and culture							129,051	12,008	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>6,180</b>	<b>16,416</b>		<b>3,882</b>	<b>3,656</b>	<b>15,415</b>	<b>129,051</b>	<b>12,008</b>	<b>1,552</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>8,602</b>	<b>9,336</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>(1,055)</b>	<b>12,996</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>(855)</b>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in									
Transfers out									
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>									
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>8,602</b>	<b>9,336</b>	<b>2,547</b>	<b>1,734</b>	<b>1,042</b>	<b>(1,055)</b>	<b>12,996</b>	<b>2,778</b>	<b>(855)</b>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	39,538	119,459	18,626	32,764	22,339	14,045	86,288	51,464	3,471
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<b>\$ 48,140</b>	<b>\$ 128,795</b>	<b>\$ 21,173</b>	<b>\$ 34,498</b>	<b>\$ 23,381</b>	<b>\$ 12,990</b>	<b>\$ 99,284</b>	<b>\$ 54,242</b>	<b>\$ 2,616</b>

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	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS								
	CMRS 911 Board (Commercial Mobile Radio Service)	Public Defender	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	County Jail and Sheriff's Operation	County Road Sales Tax Matching	County Road Sales Tax Machinery	Title III Forest Reserve	Communication Facility and Equipment
REVENUES									
State aid		\$ 1,245				\$ 7,185			
Federal aid					\$ 34,424			\$ 33,052	
Property taxes				\$ 219					
Sales taxes						252,325	\$ 216,279		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs					47,666				
Interest					3	36,369	5,241		\$ 4
Officers' fees					13,903				3,124
911 fees	\$ 137,223								
Jail fees					346,416				
Commissary profits									35,227
Treasurer's commission									
Collector's commission									
Other					48,445		1,485		
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>137,223</b>	<b>1,245</b>		<b>219</b>	<b>490,857</b>	<b>295,879</b>	<b>223,005</b>	<b>33,052</b>	<b>38,355</b>
Less: Treasurer's commission	2,744	25		4	8,566	5,801	4,413	661	
<b>NET REVENUES</b>	<b>134,479</b>	<b>1,220</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>482,291</b>	<b>290,078</b>	<b>218,592</b>	<b>32,391</b>	<b>38,355</b>
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government									
Law enforcement					1,253,205			45,400	30,408
Highways and streets						3,131	208,455		
Public safety	66,834								
Health									
Recreation and culture									
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>66,834</b>				<b>1,253,205</b>	<b>3,131</b>	<b>208,455</b>	<b>45,400</b>	<b>30,408</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>67,645</b>	<b>1,220</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>(770,914)</b>	<b>286,947</b>	<b>10,137</b>	<b>(13,009)</b>	<b>7,947</b>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)									
Transfers in					780,000				
Transfers out	(40,000)								
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>(40,000)</b>				<b>780,000</b>				
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>27,645</b>	<b>1,220</b>		<b>215</b>	<b>9,086</b>	<b>286,947</b>	<b>10,137</b>	<b>(13,009)</b>	<b>7,947</b>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	352,011	6,037	\$ 1,348	3,188	(25,213)	668,091	125,055	27,510	5,044
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 379,656	\$ 7,257	\$ 1,348	\$ 3,403	\$ (16,127)	\$ 955,038	\$ 135,192	\$ 14,501	\$ 12,991

NEWTON 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

Schedule 2

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS					Totals
	Emergency Medical Services	American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement Fund	Parthenon Voluntary Fire Rural Community Grant	Parthenon Community Park	Lurton Pelsor Volunteer Fire Department	
REVENUES						
State aid				\$ 100,000	\$ 9,750	\$ 172,328
Federal aid						67,476
Property taxes						91,173
Sales taxes						468,604
Fines, forfeitures, and costs						54,478
Interest						58,012
Officers' fees						31,098
911 fees						137,223
Jail fees						346,416
Commissary profits						35,227
Treasurer's commission						13,078
Collector's commission						20,692
Other						62,497
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>				<b>100,000</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>1,558,302</b>
Less: Treasurer's commission						25,646
<b>NET REVENUES</b>				<b>100,000</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>1,532,656</b>
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		\$ 123,274		236		165,177
Law enforcement						1,334,447
Highways and streets						211,586
Public safety					9,750	76,584
Health	\$ 1,745					1,745
Recreation and culture						141,059
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>1,745</b>	<b>123,274</b>		<b>236</b>	<b>9,750</b>	<b>1,930,598</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(1,745)</b>	<b>(123,274)</b>		<b>99,764</b>		<b>(397,942)</b>
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)						
Transfers in						780,000
Transfers out						(40,000)
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						<b>740,000</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES</b>	<b>(1,745)</b>	<b>(123,274)</b>		<b>99,764</b>		<b>342,058</b>
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,745	239,918	\$ 15,000			1,807,728
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 116,644</u>	<u>\$ 15,000</u>	<u>\$ 99,764</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 2,149,786</u>

NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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.
District Court Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive district court installment fees to be used solely for district court-related technology.
Assessor's Amendment no. 79	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-310 provides that 1% of the county's share of surplus funds from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund be allocated to county assessors for the purpose of administering Ark. Const. amend. 79.
County 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.
County Library Board	Established by Newton County Library Board to account for fees, fines, and donations received by the Library.
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.
CMRS 911 Board (Commercial Mobile Radio Service)	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-10-318 established fund to receive fees collected by commercial mobile radio service 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.

NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
 NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2  
 DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
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.
County Jail and Sheriff's Operation	Newton County Ordinance no. 2016-15 (December 6, 2016)(pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-129) levies 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. Established to account for 75% of Sheriff's fees collected in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-307. Ark. Code Ann. § 12-41-505 established fund to receive a \$20 booking and administration fee assessed on person 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.
County Road Sales Tax Matching	Newton County Ordinance no. 92-45 (December 1, 1992) established fund to account for sales tax funds received for matching purposes.
County Road Sales Tax Machinery	Newton County Ordinance no. 92-45 (December 1, 1992) established fund to account for sales tax funds received for the purchase of machinery.
Title III Forest Reserve	Established to account for Federal Title III Forest Reserve Funds.
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.
Emergency Medical Services	Maintained by the Emergency Medical Service Board for future building and maintenance projects.

NEWTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2  
DECEMBER 31, 2024

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

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Fund Description</u>
American Rescue Plan Revenue Replacement Fund	Established to receive and disburse Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFR), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
Parthenon Voluntary Fire Rural Community Grant	Established to account for Rural Community Grant Funds to be used for adding on to the Parthenon Fire Station.
Parthenon Community Park	Established to account for Arkansas Outdoor Recreation Grant Funds to be used for the Parthenon Community Park.
Lurton Pelsor Volunteer Fire Department	Established to account for Rural Community Grant Funds to be used for equipment for the Lurton-Pelsor Volunteer Fire Department.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of treasurer's commission and settlements not yet 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, evidence, and inmate trust money.

County/Circuit Clerk's accounts consist primarily of trust money awaiting disposition by the applicable court and fee money to be settled with the treasurer.

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

County Judge's accounts consist primarily of solid waste fees awaiting settlement to the County Treasurer.

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

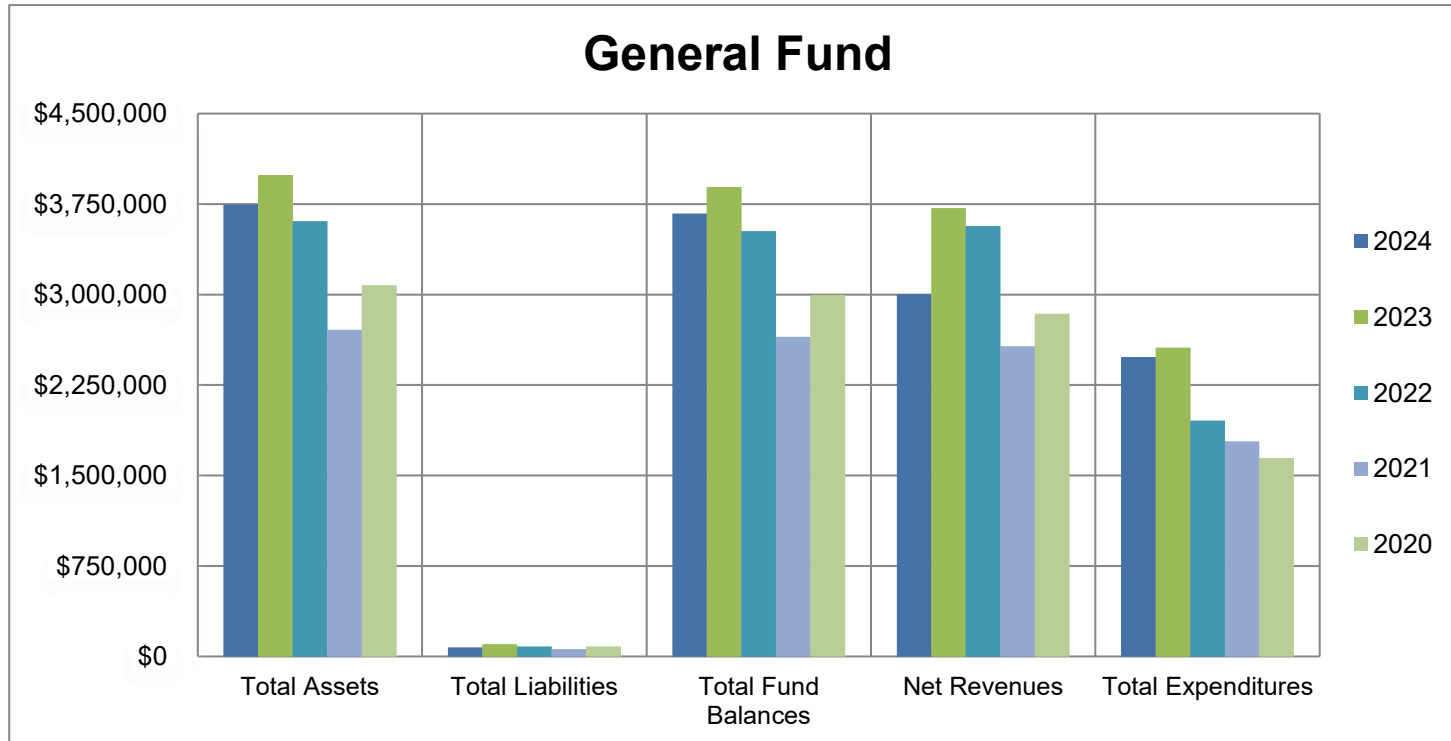
Schedule 3

	<u>December 31, 2024</u>
Land	\$ 2,000
Buildings and improvements	2,107,067
Equipment	<u>5,383,150</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 7,492,217</u></u>

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

Schedule 4-1

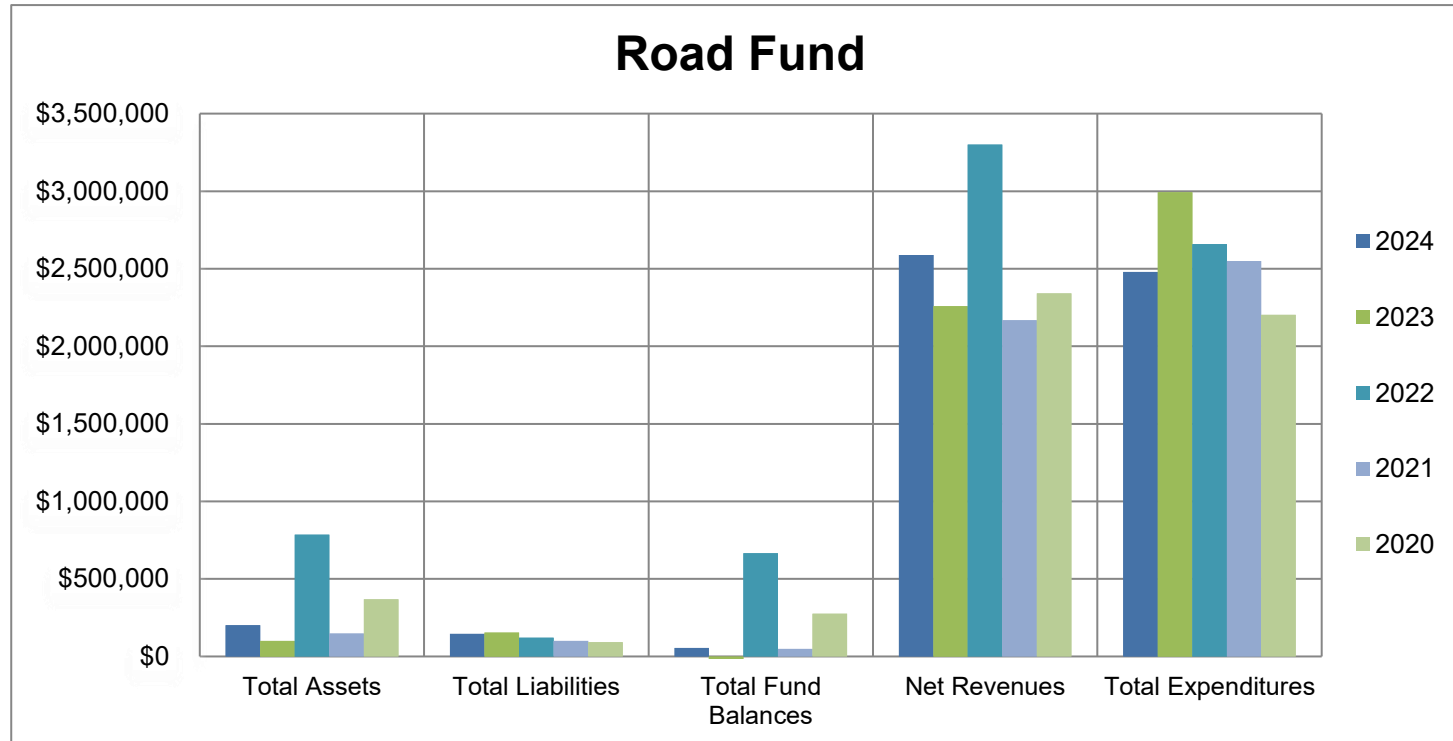
<u>General</u>	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 3,745,261	\$ 3,990,506	\$ 3,605,857	\$ 2,708,120	\$ 3,076,155
Total Liabilities	74,323	99,522	80,586	59,361	81,041
Total Fund Balances	3,670,938	3,890,984	3,525,271	2,648,759	2,995,114
Net Revenues	3,002,134	3,715,291	3,565,574	2,570,202	2,840,243
Total Expenditures	2,482,180	2,558,986	1,953,506	1,782,402	1,644,616
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(740,000)	(790,592)	(735,556)	(1,134,155)	(785,556)



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

Schedule 4-2

<u>Road</u>	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 200,495	\$ 99,269	\$ 785,147	\$ 148,302	\$ 368,570
Total Liabilities	146,193	153,117	120,155	100,060	92,743
Total Fund Balances	54,302	(53,848)	664,992	48,242	275,827
Net Revenues	2,587,522	2,257,366	3,300,970	2,168,171	2,341,354
Total Expenditures	2,479,372	2,992,172	2,659,220	2,550,180	2,203,264
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses		15,966	(25,000)	154,424	(32,000)



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

Schedule 4-3

<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u>	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
Total Assets	\$ 2,500,920	\$ 2,472,483	\$ 3,206,957	\$ 4,789,324	\$ 1,985,385
Total Liabilities	351,134	664,755	879,950	3,023,827	723,787
Total Fund Balances	2,149,786	1,807,728	2,327,007	1,765,497	1,261,598
Net Revenues	1,532,656	1,263,973	2,052,735	1,885,510	1,142,814
Total Expenditures	1,930,598	2,557,878	2,251,781	2,361,342	1,790,379
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	740,000	774,626	760,556	979,731	817,556

