

**City of Dewitt, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

City of Dewitt, Arkansas Officials and Council Members  
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist local government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of local 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 cash basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the City of Dewitt, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2022, 2021, and 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated February 7, 2024. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Funds. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The findings contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2022, 2021, and 2020:

Mayor: James "Jimmy" Black, Jr.  
Recorder/Treasurer: Lelia Bell (resigned October 5, 2022)  
Melanie Adams (appointed October 11, 2022)  
District Court Clerk: Ashley Traylor (January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020)  
Jacklyn Rawson (January 1, 2021 through July 2, 2021)  
Kaitlyn Hargrove (July 5, 2021 through December 31, 2022)  
Police Chief: Steven Bobo

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

Noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices was noted in the offices of **Recorder/Treasurer** and **District Court Clerk**.

#### Recorder/Treasurer

Fixed asset records were established, but did not include additions, deletions, control totals, and amounts, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-59-107. A similar finding was issued in the prior report.

#### District Court Clerk

The balances remaining in the bank in the amounts of \$17,371, \$9,965, and \$40,047 for 2022, 2021, and 2020, respectively, were not identified with receipts for cases not yet adjudicated and payments made on all unpaid individual time accounts, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-209.

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

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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CITY OF DEWITT, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Fund (Airport Commission)
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 275,409	\$ 1,419,199	\$ 124,956
Receipts:			
State aid	70,470	283,066	
Federal aid	5,672	311,287	769,775
Property taxes	152,082	43,946	
Franchise fees	175,993		
Sales taxes	665,269	1,663,173	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	150,407	36,301	
Interest		999	
Local permits and fees	23,510		
Mosquito fees		67,758	
Fire insurance dues		18,625	
Recycling fees		8,531	
Hanger rental fees			29,610
Fuel sales			18,130
Sanitation fees	752,326		
Loan proceeds	71,483		
Other	67,231	32,315	716
Unclassified	116,165		
Total Receipts	<u>2,250,608</u>	<u>2,466,001</u>	<u>818,231</u>
Disbursements:			
General government	385,389		
Law enforcement	719,187	527,033	
Highways and streets	18,006	857,866	
Public safety	124,643	32,278	
Sanitation	520,358	14,084	
Health		1,050,535	
Recreation and culture	43,723		
Airport			784,099
Debt service	88,389	8,231	
Total Disbursements	<u>1,899,695</u>	<u>2,490,027</u>	<u>784,099</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 626,322</u>	<u>\$ 1,395,173</u>	<u>\$ 159,088</u>

CITY OF DEWITT, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022  
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Schedule 2

	Street	Mosquito Control	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	District Court Cost	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	Rural Fire	Police Equipment	District Judge and Clerk Retirement
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 712,416	\$ 198,678	\$ 11,606	\$ 8,825	\$ 32,128	\$ 73,797	\$ 10,265	\$ 6,414
Receipts:								
State aid	265,693				17,373			
Federal aid								
Property taxes	43,946							
Sales taxes	665,269							
Fines, forfeitures, and costs				13,369			4,285	1,638
Interest	757					239	3	
Mosquito fees		67,758						
Fire insurance dues						18,625		
Recycling fees								
Other	32,315							
Total Receipts	<u>1,007,980</u>	<u>67,758</u>		<u>13,369</u>	<u>17,373</u>	<u>18,864</u>	<u>4,288</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Disbursements:								
Law enforcement			1,510	2,286			4,782	
Highways and streets	776,107							
Public safety					30,824	1,454		
Sanitation								
Health		56,636						
Debt service	8,231							
Total Disbursements	<u>784,338</u>	<u>56,636</u>	<u>1,510</u>	<u>2,286</u>	<u>30,824</u>	<u>1,454</u>	<u>4,782</u>	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 936,058</u>	<u>\$ 209,800</u>	<u>\$ 10,096</u>	<u>\$ 19,908</u>	<u>\$ 18,677</u>	<u>\$ 91,207</u>	<u>\$ 9,771</u>	<u>\$ 8,052</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
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Schedule 2

	Hospital Maintenance	Recycling	Probation	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 80,854	\$ 11,257	\$ 1,668	\$ 271,291	\$ 1,419,199
Receipts:					
State aid					283,066
Federal aid				311,287	311,287
Property taxes					43,946
Sales taxes	997,904				1,663,173
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			17,009		36,301
Interest					999
Mosquito fees					67,758
Fire insurance dues					18,625
Recycling fees		8,531			8,531
Other					32,315
Total Receipts	997,904	8,531	17,009	311,287	2,466,001
Disbursements:					
Law enforcement			17,636	500,819	527,033
Highways and streets				81,759	857,866
Public safety					32,278
Sanitation		14,084			14,084
Health	993,899				1,050,535
Debt service					8,231
Total Disbursements	993,899	14,084	17,636	582,578	2,490,027
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 84,859	\$ 5,704	\$ 1,041	\$ 0	\$ 1,395,173

CITY OF DEWITT, ARKANSAS  
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Schedule 3

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Fund (Airport Commission)
Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 311,702	\$ 1,810,918	\$ 92,993
Receipts:			
State aid	79,496	282,559	
Federal aid		313,841	104,835
Property taxes	155,536	46,817	
Franchise fees	162,411		
Sales taxes	667,111	1,667,778	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	155,556	44,930	
Interest		968	
Local permits and fees	33,592		
Mosquito fees		75,149	
Fire insurance dues		19,650	
Recycling fees		11,905	
Hanger rental fees			29,540
Fuel sales			22,751
Sanitation fees	780,001		
Other	42,833	1,750	666
Total Receipts	<u>2,076,536</u>	<u>2,465,347</u>	<u>157,792</u>
Disbursements:			
General government	386,429		
Law enforcement	967,580	77,741	
Highways and streets		1,683,121	
Public safety	91,678	5,400	
Sanitation	490,545	20,140	
Health		1,059,690	
Recreation and culture	19,677		
Airport			125,829
Debt service	156,920	10,974	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,112,829</u>	<u>2,857,066</u>	<u>125,829</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 275,409</u>	<u>\$ 1,419,199</u>	<u>\$ 124,956</u>

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 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
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Schedule 4

	Street	Mosquito Control	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	District Court Cost	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	Rural Fire	Police Equipment	District Judge and Clerk Retirement
Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 1,419,845	\$ 180,433	\$ 12,792	\$ 8,933	\$ 21,374	\$ 52,753	\$ 5,437	\$ 4,776
Receipts:								
State aid	266,617				15,942			
Federal aid							2,550	
Property taxes	46,817							
Sales taxes	667,111							
Fines, forfeitures, and costs				13,054			5,273	1,638
Interest	859					106	3	
Mosquito fees		75,149						
Fire insurance dues						19,650		
Recycling fees								
Other	250					1,500		
Total Receipts	<u>981,654</u>	<u>75,149</u>		<u>13,054</u>	<u>15,942</u>	<u>21,256</u>	<u>7,826</u>	<u>1,638</u>
Disbursements:								
Law enforcement			1,186	13,162			2,998	
Highways and streets	1,678,109							
Public safety					5,188	212		
Sanitation								
Health		56,904						
Debt service	10,974							
Total Disbursements	<u>1,689,083</u>	<u>56,904</u>	<u>1,186</u>	<u>13,162</u>	<u>5,188</u>	<u>212</u>	<u>2,998</u>	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 712,416</u>	<u>\$ 198,678</u>	<u>\$ 11,606</u>	<u>\$ 8,825</u>	<u>\$ 32,128</u>	<u>\$ 73,797</u>	<u>\$ 10,265</u>	<u>\$ 6,414</u>



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Schedule 4

	Hospital Maintenance	Recycling	Probation	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 82,973	\$ 19,492	\$ 2,110		\$ 1,810,918
Receipts:					
State aid					282,559
Federal aid				\$ 311,291	313,841
Property taxes					46,817
Sales taxes	1,000,667				1,667,778
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			24,965		44,930
Interest					968
Mosquito fees					75,149
Fire insurance dues					19,650
Recycling fees		11,905			11,905
Other					1,750
Total Receipts	1,000,667	11,905	24,965	311,291	2,465,347
Disbursements:					
Law enforcement			25,407	34,988	77,741
Highways and streets				5,012	1,683,121
Public safety					5,400
Sanitation		20,140			20,140
Health	1,002,786				1,059,690
Debt service					10,974
Total Disbursements	1,002,786	20,140	25,407	40,000	2,857,066
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	\$ 80,854	\$ 11,257	\$ 1,668	\$ 271,291	\$ 1,419,199

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Schedule 5

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Enterprise Fund (Airport Commission)
Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 175,064	\$ 1,191,798	\$ 92,100
Receipts:			
State aid	50,129	283,901	
Federal aid	130,148		
Property taxes	147,530	43,332	
Franchise fees	161,149		
Sales taxes	620,334	1,550,835	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	117,752	50,190	
Interest		1,205	
Local permits and fees	27,498		
Mosquito fees		74,954	
Fire insurance dues		19,075	
Recycling fees		6,745	
Hanger rental fees			28,205
Fuel sales			16,990
Sanitation fees	789,512		
Loan proceeds	431,048		
Other	53,085	18,440	99
Total Receipts	<u>2,528,185</u>	<u>2,048,677</u>	<u>45,294</u>
Disbursements:			
General government	361,291		
Law enforcement	1,005,005	61,597	
Highways and streets		400,669	
Public safety	77,078	10,563	
Sanitation	878,243	20,901	
Health		924,853	
Recreation and culture	24,962		
Airport			44,401
Debt service	44,968	10,974	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,391,547</u>	<u>1,429,557</u>	<u>44,401</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 311,702</u>	<u>\$ 1,810,918</u>	<u>\$ 92,993</u>

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Schedule 6

	Street	Mosquito Control	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	District Court Cost	Indigent Defense	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	Rural Fire	Police Equipment
Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 898,655	\$ 179,128	\$ 14,420	\$ 15,390	\$ 7,235	\$ 15,708	\$ 34,690	\$ 2,921
Receipts:								
State aid	249,604					15,136		
Property taxes	43,332							
Sales taxes	620,334							
Fines, forfeitures, and costs				10,214				2,980
Interest	1,123						81	1
Mosquito fees		74,954						
Fire insurance dues							19,075	
Recycling fees								
Other	18,440							
Total Receipts	<u>932,833</u>	<u>74,954</u>		<u>10,214</u>		<u>15,136</u>	<u>19,156</u>	<u>2,981</u>
Disbursements:								
Law enforcement			1,628	16,671	7,235			465
Highways and streets	400,669							
Public safety						9,470	1,093	
Sanitation								
Health		73,649						
Debt service	10,974							
Total Disbursements	<u>411,643</u>	<u>73,649</u>	<u>1,628</u>	<u>16,671</u>	<u>7,235</u>	<u>9,470</u>	<u>1,093</u>	<u>465</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 1,419,845</u>	<u>\$ 180,433</u>	<u>\$ 12,792</u>	<u>\$ 8,933</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 21,374</u>	<u>\$ 52,753</u>	<u>\$ 5,437</u>

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Schedule 6

	District Judge and Clerk Retirement	Hospital Maintenance	Recycling	Probation	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 3,137	\$ 3,676	\$ 14,487	\$ 2,351	\$ 1,191,798
Receipts:					
State aid			19,161		283,901
Property taxes					43,332
Sales taxes		930,501			1,550,835
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	1,639			35,357	50,190
Interest					1,205
Mosquito fees					74,954
Fire insurance dues					19,075
Recycling fees			6,745		6,745
Other					18,440
Total Receipts	1,639	930,501	25,906	35,357	2,048,677
Disbursements:					
Law enforcement				35,598	61,597
Highways and streets					400,669
Public safety					10,563
Sanitation			20,901		20,901
Health		851,204			924,853
Debt service					10,974
Total Disbursements		851,204	20,901	35,598	1,429,557
Cash Balance, December 31, 2020	\$ 4,776	\$ 82,973	\$ 19,492	\$ 2,110	\$ 1,810,918

CITY OF DEWITT, ARKANSAS  
OTHER INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022, 2021, AND 2020  
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Schedule 7

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts.

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:  
General, Parks and Tourism, and Animal Control

3. Cash balances at year-end in the custodial funds are as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Police Bond and Fine	\$ 2,520	\$ 1,675	\$ 1,000
District Court	52,960	33,465	49,237
Administration of Justice	9,486	4,678	3,434

These balances represent fines, forfeitures, and costs that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

4. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Buildings	\$ 3,161,141	\$ 3,161,141	\$ 3,161,141
Equipment	1,285,288	1,285,288	1,285,288
Totals	<u>\$ 4,446,429</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,429</u>	<u>\$ 4,446,429</u>

Fixed asset records were established, but did not include additions, deletions, control totals, and amounts.

5. Outstanding balances at year-end for long-term liabilities are as follows:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Financed purchases	\$ 239,954	\$ 256,303	\$ 412,485
Arkansas District Judge Retirement System Unfunded Liability			17,840
Totals	<u>\$ 239,954</u>	<u>\$ 256,303</u>	<u>\$ 430,325</u>

6. The City received federal funding in the following amounts related to COVID-19 relief:

	December 31, 2022	December 31, 2021	December 31, 2020
Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act (CARES) American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$ 311,287	\$ 311,291	\$ 130,148
Totals	<u>\$ 311,287</u>	<u>\$ 311,291</u>	<u>\$ 130,148</u>