

**City of Decatur, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2024 and 2023**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

City of Decatur, 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 Decatur, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated July 1, 2025. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Wastewater Departments. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2024 and 2023:

Mayor: Bob Tharp  
Recorder/Treasurer: Kim Wilkins  
District Court Clerk: Peggy Burke  
Police Chief: Steve Grizzle

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.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local 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.

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD  
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 1, 2025  
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CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund (Bridge Projects)
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 726,290	\$ 1,481,062	\$ 1,500
Receipts:			
State aid	26,367	178,491	
Federal aid	117,029		
Property taxes	160,138	30,432	
Franchise fees	103,476		
Sales taxes	1,079,417	57,357	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	102,550	98,817	
Interest	11,510	22,387	
Local permits and fees	116,012	13	
Alcohol sales taxes	8,784		
Contributions from other municipalities		289,935	
Other	58,886	3,635	
Transfers in		54,509	
Total Receipts	<u>1,784,169</u>	<u>735,576</u>	
Disbursements:			
General government	394,592		
Law enforcement	905,126	622,934	
Highways and streets		132,689	
Public safety	202,747	35,773	
Recreation and culture	135,222		
Debt service	46,478		
Transfers out	54,509		
Total Disbursements	<u>1,738,674</u>	<u>791,396</u>	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 771,785</u>	<u>\$ 1,425,242</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>

CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	Street	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	Emergency Vehicle (Act 988)	Drug	Benton County District Court West - Payroll and Court Cost	Benton County District Court West - Court Automation	Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Bridge	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 831,659	\$ 42,308	\$ 121,835	\$ 6,161	\$ 12,948	\$ 112,699	\$ 122,088	\$ 3,520	\$ 227,844	\$ 1,481,062
Receipts:										
State aid	145,795		32,696							178,491
Property taxes	30,432									30,432
Sales taxes	57,357									57,357
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	7,625			28,020	1,835	15,636	45,701			98,817
Interest	15,120	1,545	1,890				2,221		1,611	22,387
Local permits and fees							13			13
Contributions from other municipalities						289,935				289,935
Other				346		3,289				3,635
Transfers in						54,509				54,509
Total Receipts	<u>256,329</u>	<u>1,545</u>	<u>34,586</u>	<u>28,366</u>	<u>1,835</u>	<u>363,369</u>	<u>47,935</u>		<u>1,611</u>	<u>735,576</u>
Disbursements:										
Law enforcement		2,133		104		353,830	37,412		229,455	622,934
Highways and streets	132,689									132,689
Public safety			35,773							35,773
Total Disbursements	<u>132,689</u>	<u>2,133</u>	<u>35,773</u>	<u>104</u>		<u>353,830</u>	<u>37,412</u>		<u>229,455</u>	<u>791,396</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 955,299</u>	<u>\$ 41,720</u>	<u>\$ 120,648</u>	<u>\$ 34,423</u>	<u>\$ 14,783</u>	<u>\$ 122,238</u>	<u>\$ 132,611</u>	<u>\$ 3,520</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 1,425,242</u>

CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023  
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Schedule 3

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund (Bridge Projects)
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 826,282	\$ 1,457,676	\$ 1,500
Receipts:			
State aid	77,324	179,823	
Federal aid	77,426		
Property taxes	152,068	28,891	
Franchise fees	136,357		
Sales taxes	951,938	44,707	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	113,980	69,926	
Interest	10,193	18,966	
Local permits and fees	76,183		
Alcohol sales taxes	9,914		
Contributions from other municipalities		243,878	
Other	40,414	3,041	
Transfers in		38,581	
Total Receipts	<u>1,645,797</u>	<u>627,813</u>	
Disbursements:			
General government	459,624		
Law enforcement	789,339	405,570	
Highways and streets		195,514	
Public safety	156,331	942	
Recreation and culture	150,228		
Wastewater	105,208	2,401	
Debt service	46,478		
Transfers out	38,581		
Total Disbursements	<u>1,745,789</u>	<u>604,427</u>	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 726,290</u>	<u>\$ 1,481,062</u>	<u>\$ 1,500</u>

CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
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Schedule 4

	Street	Local Police and Fire Retirement (LOPFI)	Fire Equipment and Training (Act 833)	Emergency Vehicle (Act 988)	Drug	Benton County District Court West - Payroll and Court Cost	Benton County District Court West - Court Automation	Federal Emergency Management Association (FEMA) Bridge	Arkansas Economic Development Grants	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 785,373	\$ 41,955	\$ 91,149	\$ 37,705	\$ 11,213	\$ 142,202	\$ 117,469	\$ 3,520	\$ 2,401	\$ 224,689	\$ 1,457,676
Receipts:											
State aid	149,564		30,259								179,823
Property taxes	28,891										28,891
Sales taxes	44,707										44,707
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	7,013			12,420	1,735	15,636	33,122				69,926
Interest	11,625	1,186	1,369				1,631			3,155	18,966
Contributions from other municipalities						243,878					243,878
Other				451		2,590					3,041
Transfers in						38,581					38,581
Total Receipts	241,800	1,186	31,628	12,871	1,735	300,685	34,753			3,155	627,813
Disbursements:											
Law enforcement		833		44,415		330,188	30,134				405,570
Highways and streets	195,514										195,514
Public safety			942								942
Wastewater									2,401		2,401
Total Disbursements	195,514	833	942	44,415		330,188	30,134		2,401		604,427
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 831,659	\$ 42,308	\$ 121,835	\$ 6,161	\$ 12,948	\$ 112,699	\$ 122,088	\$ 3,520	\$ 0	\$ 227,844	\$ 1,481,062

CITY OF DECATUR, ARKANSAS  
OTHER INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND 2023  
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Schedule 5

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand accounts and certificates of deposit.

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:

General Checking, Contingency, Parks Construction, Library Growth, Fire Truck Replacement, Fire Donations, Police Donations, Police Car Replacement, and Dog Kennel Donations

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

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
District Court	\$ 34,525	\$ 23,189
Administration of Justice	16	16

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, 2024	December 31, 2023
Land	\$ 547,536	\$ 547,536
Buildings and improvements	1,160,331	1,151,931
Equipment	1,744,352	1,597,008
Totals	<u>\$ 3,452,219</u>	<u>\$ 3,296,475</u>

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

	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Financed purchases	<u>\$ 281,517</u>	<u>\$ 325,967</u>