

**City of Fouke, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2024**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

City of Fouke, 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 Fouke, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated April 16, 2026. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer System. 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 relate to the following officials who held office during 2024:

Mayor: Terry Purvis  
Recorder/Treasurer: Wanda Harris  
Police Chief: Art Parris

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 office of the **Mayor**.

#### **Mayor**

An annual audit or agreed-upon procedures report has not been completed for the City's Water and Sewer System since 2014, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-234-119. A similar finding was issued in the prior six reports dating back to 2015.

The governing body did not document the review of the prior report and accompanying comments at the first regularly scheduled meeting following receipt of the report, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-418. A similar finding was issued in the prior report.

Street Fund disbursements exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$27,343 (29%), in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-203. A similar finding was issued in the prior two reports.

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  
April 16, 2026  
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CITY OF FOUKE, ARKANSAS  
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 506,569	\$ 355,536
Receipts:		
State aid	12,016	66,442
Property taxes	41,570	5,181
Franchise fees	20,821	
Sales taxes	218,958	92,337
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	365	
Interest	8,873	2,335
Rent	4,605	9,750
Other	1,005	1,375
Total Receipts	308,213	177,420
Disbursements:		
General government	281,730	
Law enforcement	21,864	
Highways and streets		120,888
Public safety		17,541
Recreation and culture	12,357	
Contributions to water and sewer	15,473	
Debt service	5,330	2,130
Total Disbursements	336,754	140,559
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	\$ 478,028	\$ 392,397

CITY OF FOUKE, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024  
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Schedule 2

	Street	Fire Operating Operating	Fire Equipment and Training Act 833	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 179,115	\$ 14,520	\$ 2,455	\$ 159,446	\$ 355,536
Receipts:					
State aid	66,442				66,442
Property taxes	5,181				5,181
Sales taxes	69,125	23,212			92,337
Interest	2,241	11	2	81	2,335
Rent		9,750			9,750
Other	409	966			1,375
Total Receipts	<u>143,398</u>	<u>33,939</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>81</u>	<u>177,420</u>
Disbursements:					
Highways and streets	120,888				120,888
Public safety		17,481	18	42	17,541
Debt service	2,130				2,130
Total Disbursements	<u>123,018</u>	<u>17,481</u>	<u>18</u>	<u>42</u>	<u>140,559</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 199,495</u>	<u>\$ 30,978</u>	<u>\$ 2,439</u>	<u>\$ 159,485</u>	<u>\$ 392,397</u>

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OTHER INFORMATION  
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Schedule 3

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

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

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 210,400
Buildings	330,544
Equipment	<u>483,600</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,024,544</u>

3. The outstanding balance at year-end for long-term liabilities is as follows:

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>
Financed purchases	<u>\$ 20,453</u>