City of Highland, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2024

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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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 Highland, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated December 17, 2025. These procedures were not performed for the Sewer Department. 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:

Mayor: Kyle Crawford
Recorder/Treasurer: Mary Wiles
Police Chief: Steven Dravenstott

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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CITY OF HIGHLAND, 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	$ 733,570	$ 44,280
Receipts:		
State aid	32,857	80,751
Federal aid	6,000	
Property taxes	63,404	14,117
Franchise fees	71,646	
Sales taxes	665,471	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	26,361	
Interest	12,207	47
Local permits and fees	20,604	
Sale of equipment	7,200	
Other	33,218	9,039
Transfers in		95,000
Total Receipts	938,968	198,954
Disbursements:		
General government	176,691	
Law enforcement	353,440	
Highways and streets	2,368	139,073
Public safety	143,712	203
Sanitation	7,000	
Airport	5,000	
Wastewater		6,240
Debt service	24,870	44,264
Transfers out	95,000	
Total Disbursements	808,081	189,780
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	$ 864,457	$ 53,454

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Schedule 2

COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

(UNAUDITED)

	Street	American Rescue Plan Act	Grant	Fire Department-American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	$ 37,853	$ 6,231	$ 1	$ 195	$ 44,280
Receipts:					
State aid	80,751				80,751
Property taxes	14,117				14,117
Interest	38	9			47
Other	9,031			8	9,039
Transfers in	95,000				95,000
Total Receipts	198,937	9		8	198,954
Disbursements:					
Highways and streets	139,073				139,073
Public safety				203	203
Wastewater		6,240			6,240
Debt service	44,264				44,264
Total Disbursements	183,337	6,240		203	189,780
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	$ 53,453	$ 0	$ 1	$ 0	$ 53,454

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OTHER INFORMATION
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Schedule 3

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

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:
   General Fund, General Fund Reserve, Street/Fire/Police Sales Tax, Act 833, and USDA Grant

3. The cash balance at year-end in the custodial fund is as follows:

	December 31, 2024
Payroll	$ (422)

This balance represents amounts that have not been transferred from the appropriate funds for payroll related payments.

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

	December 31, 2024
Land	$ 351,976
Buildings	651,026
Equipment	1,253,471
Total	$ 2,256,473

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

	December 31, 2024
Financed purchases	$ 164,178