

Town of Pleasant Plains, 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

Town of Pleasant Plains, 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 Town of Pleasant Plains, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated February 17, 2026. Management of the Town 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: Kenneth Burns
Recorder/Treasurer: Fayla Henderson
Police Chief: Gary Franks

We evaluated the Town'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 **Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer**.

Mayor and Recorder/Treasurer

The following deficiencies were noted during our review of payroll records:

- The Recorder/Treasurer paid herself \$3,600 in excess of approved salary without adequate supporting documentation, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-42-120. Minutes from the Council meeting held in December 2023 reflect that the Recorder/Treasurer was awarded a raise; however, the minutes did not reflect the new rate of payment, and the budget was not itemized to reflect individual salary amounts.
- Payroll records and timesheets were not properly maintained for payroll tested totaling \$5,359; however, amounts paid appear to be for legitimate business purposes.

A similar finding was noted in the prior report.

Mayor

General Fund expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$199,888 (76.52%) in non-compliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-203. A similar finding was noted in the prior report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local Town 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
February 17, 2026
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TOWN OF PLEASANT PLAINS, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 132,946	\$ 81,081
Receipts:		
State aid	58,058	28,946
Property taxes	22,315	6,981
Franchise fees	15,223	
Sales taxes	336,488	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	16,007	
Interest	203	139
Local permits and fees	75	
Other	4,343	17
Transfers in		396
Total Receipts	<u>452,712</u>	<u>36,479</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	167,907	
Law enforcement	188,083	
Highways and streets		15,456
Sanitation	27,723	
Recreation and culture	4,475	
Contribution to sewer	72,538	
Transfers out	396	
Total Disbursements	<u>461,122</u>	<u>15,456</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 124,536</u>	<u>\$ 102,104</u>

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

	<u>Street</u>	<u>Emergency Law Enforcement Fines</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 80,541	\$ 540	\$ 81,081
Receipts:			
State aid	28,946		28,946
Property taxes	6,981		6,981
Interest	139		139
Other		17	17
Transfers in		396	396
Total Receipts	<u>36,066</u>	<u>413</u>	<u>36,479</u>
Disbursements:			
Highways and streets	<u>15,456</u>		<u>15,456</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 101,151</u>	<u>\$ 953</u>	<u>\$ 102,104</u>

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OTHER INFORMATION
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Schedule 3

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand accounts

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

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2024</u>
Land	\$ 29,879
Buildings	367,000
Equipment	<u>170,413</u>
Total	<u>\$ 567,292</u>