

Town of Widener, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2021

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



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Financial and Compliance Report

Town of Widener, 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 Widener, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2021, and have issued our report thereon dated March 2, 2023. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Department. 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 2021:

Mayor: Arvin Billingsley
Recorder/Treasurer: Mary Ann Billingsley
Police Chief: Rubin Ivy Jr. (Appointed September 10, 2021)
Vacant (January 1 – September 9, 2021)

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 office of **Mayor**.

Mayor

1. The General and Street Fund expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$21,410 (32%) and \$12,875 (56%), respectively, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-203. A similar finding was noted in the previous report.
2. An annual audit or agreed-upon procedures report was not completed for the Town's Water and Sewer Systems for the years 2021 and 2020, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-234-119.

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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Little Rock, Arkansas
March 2, 2023
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TOWN OF WIDENER, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
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Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 27,579	\$ 123,400
Receipts:		
State aid	4,264	44,663
Federal aid		25,483
Property taxes	7,011	
Franchise fees	11	7,004
Sales taxes	68,093	31,804
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	4,910	
Interest		27
Other	530	
Transfers in	6,100	1,985
Total Receipts	<u>90,919</u>	<u>110,966</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	84,410	12,894
Law enforcement	1,500	
Highways and streets		35,813
Public safety	590	16,413
Sanitation		22,538
Recreation and culture	375	
Contributions to water and sewer department		1,200
Transfers out	1,985	6,100
Total Disbursements	<u>88,860</u>	<u>94,958</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 29,638</u>	<u>\$ 139,408</u>

TOWN OF WIDENER, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	Street	Sanitation	Fire Equipment and Training	American Rescue Plan Act	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2021	\$ 54,511	\$ 36,259	\$ 32,630		\$ 123,400
Receipts:					
State aid	21,278		23,385		44,663
Federal aid				\$ 25,483	25,483
Franchise fees	7,004				7,004
Sales taxes		31,804			31,804
Interest	16	11			27
Transfers in	1,985				1,985
Total Receipts	<u>30,283</u>	<u>31,815</u>	<u>23,385</u>	<u>25,483</u>	<u>110,966</u>
Disbursements:					
General government				12,894	12,894
Highways and streets	35,813				35,813
Public safety			16,413		16,413
Sanitation		22,538			22,538
Contributions to water and sewer department		1,200			1,200
Transfers out		6,100			6,100
Total Disbursements	<u>35,813</u>	<u>29,838</u>	<u>16,413</u>	<u>12,894</u>	<u>94,958</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2021	<u>\$ 48,981</u>	<u>\$ 38,236</u>	<u>\$ 39,602</u>	<u>\$ 12,589</u>	<u>\$ 139,408</u>

TOWN OF WIDENER, ARKANSAS
OTHER INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2021
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3

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, Volunteer Fire, and Community and Park
3. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

	December 31, 2021
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Land and buildings	\$ 262,815
Equipment	<hr/> 191,640
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Total	<u><u>\$ 454,455</u></u>

4. The Town received federal funding of the following amount related to COVID-19 relief:

	December 31, 2021
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American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	<u><u>\$ 25,483</u></u>