

VAN BUREN COUNTY PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

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**INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING
AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES**

Van Buren County Public Water Authority
Clinton, Arkansas

I have performed the procedures listed below with respect to the financial information and state law compliance which are agreed to by the management of Van Buren County Public Water Authority for the period January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024. Management is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with the state law. An agreed upon procedures engagement involves performing specific procedures that the Van Buren County Public Water Authority has agreed to and acknowledged to be appropriate for the intended purpose of the engagement and reporting on findings based on the procedures performed below. This report is prepared in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. 14-234-119. This engagement to perform agreed-upon procedures was conducted in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the Van Buren County Public Water Authority. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

The Van Buren County Public Water Authority has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended purpose of complying with Arkansas Code §14-234-119 and the Guidelines for Conducting Agreed-upon Procedures for Water and Sewer Providers dated August 2, 2021, as published by the Arkansas Legislative Joint Auditing Committee. This report may not be suitable for any other purpose. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest to a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of this report and, as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purpose. The procedures and the associated findings are as follows:

1. Cash and Investments

- A. Prepare a proof of cash for the year and reconcile year-end bank balances to book balance.
- B. Confirm with depository institutions the cash on deposit and investments.
- C. Agree the proof of cash ending balances to the book balances within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.

Findings: *None*

2. Receipts

- A. Agree the deposits per the proof of cash for the year with the deposits per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.
- B. Agree 10 customer payments on the accounts receivable subledger to deposit and billing documents.
- C. For ten deposits, agree the cash/check composition of the deposit with receipt information.

Findings: Cash receipts were not prepared for six customer payments, but the cash was included in the ten deposits tested. The total of the cash payments not included on the cash receipts was \$619.42, and the total deposits tested were \$12,202.

3. Accounts Receivable:

- A. Agree 10 customer billings to the accounts receivable subledger.
- B. Determine that five (5) customer adjustments are properly authorized.

Findings: The public water authority did not have procedures in place for approval of customer adjustments during 2024.

4. Disbursements:

- A. Agree the disbursements per the proof of cash for the year with the disbursements per the journal within 5% or \$500, whichever is greater.
- B. Analyze all property, plant, and equipment disbursements if applicable.
- C. Select all disbursements other than payroll paid to the employees and 10 other disbursements and determine if they are adequately documented.

Findings: *None*

5. Property, Plant and Equipment - Determine that additions and disposals are properly accounted for in the records. (Materiality level - 5% of total equipment or \$500, whichever is greater.)

Findings: *None*

6. Long-Term Debt:

- A. Schedule long-term debt and verify changes in all balances for the year.
- B. Confirm loans, bonds, notes, and contracts payable with lender/trustee/contractor.
- C. Determine that the appropriate debt service accounts have been established and maintained.

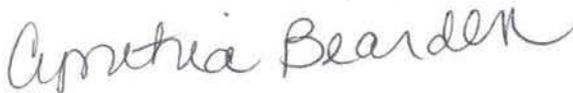
Findings: *None*

7. General

Determine that any items of significance were approved and documented in the minutes of the governing body's meeting.

I am not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on the Van Buren County Public Water Authority's financial statements or specified elements, accounts, or items thereof. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you. I am required to be independent of the Van Buren County Public Water Authority and to meet other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to the agreed-upon procedures engagement.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Van Buren County Public Water Authority and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than this specified party.



Cynthia C. Bearden
Sherwood, Arkansas
Certificate Public Accountant
December 30, 2025

**VAN BUREN COUNTY PUBLIC WATER AUTHORITY
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
AND INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT**

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To the Board of Directors
Van Buren County Public Water Authority
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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of the Van Buren County Public Water Authority, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net position – modified cash basis as of December 31, 2024, and the related statement of revenues, expenses, and other changes in net position – modified cash basis, and for determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. I have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. I did not audit or review the financial statements nor was I required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has elected to omit substantially all the disclosures ordinarily included in the financial statements prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Organization's assets, liabilities, net position, revenues, and expenses. Accordingly, these financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.



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Van Buren County Public Water Authority
Statement of Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
December 31, 2023

Assets	
Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 685,131
Restricted checking and savings accounts	\$ 84,884
Capital Assets	\$ 4,354,596
	5,124,610
Total Assets	\$ 5,124,610
Liabilities and Net position	
Current Liabilities	
Current maturity of long-term debt	\$ 81,715
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 6,080
Sales Tax Payable	\$ 7,246
Meter Deposits Outstanding	\$ 18,565
	113,605
Total Current Liabilities	\$ 113,605
Long Term Liabilities	
Long Term Debt	\$ 1,471,704
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Total Long Term Liabilities	\$ 1,471,704
Total Liabilities	\$ 1,585,310
Total net position	\$ 3,539,301
Total Liabilities and net position	\$ 5,124,610

See Independent Accountant's Compilation Report

Van Buren County Public Water Authority
Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Other Changes in Net Position - Modified Cash Basis
Year Ended December 31, 2024

Operating revenues	
Water Revenue	1,466,551
Other revenue	17,344
Interest	8,530
Total operating revenues	<u>1,492,426</u>
Operating expenses	
Contract Labor	1,305
Salaries & Wages	238,409
Payroll Expenses	57,000
Equipment Maintenance & Repair	14,253
Fuel & Vehicle Expenses	50,621
Insurance	34,504
Interest Expense	73,066
Maintenance & Repairs	118,191
Meter Purchases	14,116
Office Expense	31,984
Professional Fees	27,772
Sales Tax	88,400
Utilities	124,371
Water Purchases	579,913
Other expenses	24,132
Total operating expenses	<u>1,478,038</u>
Increase in net position	<u>14,388</u>
Net position, beginning of year	<u>3,524,913</u>
Net position, end of year	<u><u>\$ 3,539,301</u></u>

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