

**Town of Fisher, Arkansas**

**Financial and Compliance Report**

**December 31, 2020**

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### Financial and Compliance Report

Town of Fisher, 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 Fisher, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2020, and have issued our report thereon dated April 28, 2021. These procedures were not performed for the Sewer Fund. 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 2020:

Mayor: Debbie Jones  
Recorder: Vacant  
Treasurer: Vacant  
Bookkeeper: Debby Maynard

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 **Bookkeeper**.

#### **Mayor**

Although Schedule 1 of this report shows a balance of \$48,722, it was brought to our attention that as of December 31, 2020, the General Fund owed a significant amount for balances owed to the Street Fund and the Internal Revenue Service. As shown in Note 4 on Schedule 3, when these outstanding amounts were considered, the General Fund had a deficit fund balance of \$18,772.

#### **Bookkeeper**

Restricted funds from previous years of \$41,483 were not transferred to the Street Fund from the General Fund, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-59-104. The Town made payments in 2020 to reduce the balance owed to the Street Fund.

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  
April 28, 2021  
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TOWN OF FISHER, ARKANSAS  
 SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020  
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 30,894	\$ 62,396
Receipts:		
State aid	3,309	31,664
Property taxes	5,853	2,535
Franchise fees	6,326	
Sales taxes	26,234	
Donations		14,552
Other	1,600	
Transfers in		4,000
Total Receipts	<u>43,322</u>	<u>52,751</u>
Disbursements:		
General government	18,421	
Highways and streets		8,541
Public safety		25,117
Debt service	3,073	
Transfers out	4,000	
Total Disbursements	<u>25,494</u>	<u>33,658</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 48,722</u>	<u>\$ 81,489</u>

TOWN OF FISHER, ARKANSAS  
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS  
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020  
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	Street	Fire Department Operation and Maintenance	Fire Equipment and Training	Fire LOPFI Retirement	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2020	\$ 51,556	\$ 9,554	\$ 114	\$ 1,172	\$ 62,396
Receipts:					
State aid	16,834		14,830		31,664
Property taxes	1,802			733	2,535
Donations		14,552			14,552
Transfers in	2,000			2,000	4,000
Total Receipts	<u>20,636</u>	<u>14,552</u>	<u>14,830</u>	<u>2,733</u>	<u>52,751</u>
Disbursements:					
Highways and streets	8,541				8,541
Public safety		8,277	14,801	2,039	25,117
Total Disbursements	<u>8,541</u>	<u>8,277</u>	<u>14,801</u>	<u>2,039</u>	<u>33,658</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2020	<u>\$ 63,651</u>	<u>\$ 15,829</u>	<u>\$ 143</u>	<u>\$ 1,866</u>	<u>\$ 81,489</u>

TOWN OF FISHER, ARKANSAS  
OTHER INFORMATION  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2020  
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand accounts.

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

	December 31, 2020
Land	\$ 50,500
Buildings	25,000
Equipment	114,646
Total	\$ 190,146

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

	December 31, 2020
Sewer bond payable (Note 1)	\$ 86,362

Note 1:

The Town has an outstanding pollution abatement bond loan with the Arkansas Natural Resources Commission. Pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. § 15-20-208, the Town's general turnback is being withheld and remitted directly to the Commission for this outstanding balance. For the year ended December 31, 2020, turnback was applied to principal and interest.

4. Deficit General Fund Balance

The schedules included on our Financial and Compliance Reports are typically cash basis. We are including additional information here, as it was brought to our attention that the General Fund owed a significant amount for balances owed to the Street Fund and balances owed to the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) at December 31, 2019. The information below begins with the cash balances for the General and Street Funds. The computation includes changes to the cash balances for outstanding amounts owed at year end.

	General	Street
Balances as of December 31, 2020		
Cash balances per accountant's report	\$ 48,722	\$ 63,651
Due to Street Fund	(41,483)	
Due from General Fund		41,483
Due to the IRS*	(26,011)	
Restated balances as of December 31, 2020	\$ (18,772)	\$ 105,134

\*Amount noted as of November 16, 2020.