

# **South Central Service Cooperative**

## **Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports**

**June 30, 2025**



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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

South Central Service Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members  
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

#### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements**

##### ***Opinions***

We have audited the financial statements of each major governmental fund of the South Central Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

##### ***Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2025, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005 described in Note 1.

##### ***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the accompanying financial statements referred to above do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2025, or the changes in financial position for the year then ended.

##### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Cooperative, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

##### ***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by the Cooperative on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) as provided in Act 2201 of 2005, as described in Note 1, to meet the requirements of the State of Arkansas. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Cooperative's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

### ***Other Information***

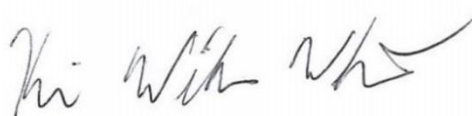
Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information comprises the Schedule of Capital Assets and the Schedule of Selected Information for the Last Five Years – Regulatory Basis but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements and our auditor's report thereon. Our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the regulatory basis financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

**Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 15, 2026 on our consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Kevin William White, CPA, JD  
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 15, 2026  
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## LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS  
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH *GOVERNMENT AUDITING  
STANDARDS*

### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

South Central Service Cooperative and Cooperative Board Members  
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*), the financial statements of each major governmental fund of the South Central Service Cooperative (the "Cooperative"), as of and for the year ended June 30, 2025, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 15, 2026. We issued an adverse opinion because the Cooperative prepared the financial statements on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Arkansas Code, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive. However, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the respective regulatory basis financial position of each major governmental fund of the Cooperative as of June 30, 2025, and the respective regulatory basis changes in financial position thereof and the respective regulatory basis budgetary comparison for the general and special revenue funds for the year then ended, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

#### **Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the regulatory basis financial statements, we considered the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Cooperative's internal control.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.


#### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Cooperative's regulatory basis financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of the state constitution, state and federal laws and regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Matt Fink, CPA  
Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas  
April 15, 2026

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS  
JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit A

	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash	\$ 2,476,151	\$ 608,450
Accounts receivable	16,726	115,784
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,492,877</b>	<b>\$ 724,234</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,159	\$ 6,766
Fund Balances:		
Restricted	162,332	717,468
Assigned	765,758	
Unassigned	1,559,628	
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>2,487,718</b>	<b>717,468</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 2,492,877</b>	<b>\$ 724,234</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -  
GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit B

	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
REVENUES		
State assistance	\$ 2,119,937	
Federal assistance		\$ 1,000,349
Investment income	150,599	
Other revenues	1,406,456	6,027
 TOTAL REVENUES	 3,676,992	 1,006,376
EXPENDITURES		
Regular programs	911,012	105,372
Special education	439,572	
Student support services	393,737	29,202
Instructional staff support services	774,377	297,681
General administration support services	234,662	
Central services support services	420,160	225,356
Operation and maintenance of plant services	251,064	296,557
Other support services	6,175	
Food services operations		31,502
Non-programmed costs	22,882	121,603
Debt Service:		
Principal retirement	11,140	
Interest and fiscal charges	376	
 TOTAL EXPENDITURES	 3,465,157	 1,107,273
 EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	 211,835	 (100,897)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		
Transfers in		11,649
Transfers out	(11,649)	
 TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	 (11,649)	 11,649
 EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	 200,186	 (89,248)
 FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	 2,287,532	 806,716
 FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	 \$ 2,487,718	 \$ 717,468

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
<b>REVENUES</b>						
State assistance	\$ 2,130,543	\$ 2,119,937	\$ (10,606)			
Federal assistance				\$ 1,002,935	\$ 1,000,349	\$ (2,586)
Activity revenues	1,200		(1,200)			
Investment income	150,000	150,599	599			
Other revenues	1,167,866	1,406,456	238,590		6,027	6027
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>3,449,609</b>	<b>3,676,992</b>	<b>227,383</b>	<b>1,002,935</b>	<b>1,006,376</b>	<b>3,441</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>						
Regular programs	912,796	911,012	1,784	124,821	105,372	19,449
Special education	439,567	439,572	(5)			
Career education programs	500		500			
Student support services	393,737	393,737		29,198	29,202	(4)
Instructional staff support services	796,135	774,377	21,758	349,820	297,681	52,139
General administration support services	246,460	234,662	11,798			
Central services support services	436,819	420,160	16,659	224,185	225,356	(1,171)
Operation and maintenance of plant services	407,515	251,064	156,451	216,686	296,557	(79,871)
Other support services	6,175	6,175				
Food services operations				31,502	31,502	
Non-programmed costs	68,583	22,882	45,701	156,087	121,603	34,484
Debt Service:						
Principal retirement	11,200	11,140	60			
Interest and fiscal charges	443	376	67			
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>3,719,930</b>	<b>3,465,157</b>	<b>254,773</b>	<b>1,132,299</b>	<b>1,107,273</b>	<b>25,026</b>
<b>EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>(270,321)</b>	<b>211,835</b>	<b>482,156</b>	<b>(129,364)</b>	<b>(100,897)</b>	<b>28,467</b>
<b>OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>						
Transfers in	108,294		(108,294)		11,649	11,649
Transfers out	(14,002)	(11,649)	2,353			
<b>TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)</b>	<b>94,292</b>	<b>(11,649)</b>	<b>(105,941)</b>		<b>11,649</b>	<b>11,649</b>

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -  
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2025

Exhibit C

	General			Special Revenue		
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	\$ (176,029)	\$ 200,186	\$ 376,215	\$ (129,364)	\$ (89,248)	\$ 40,116
FUND BALANCES - JULY 1	<u>2,295,322</u>	<u>2,287,532</u>	<u>(7,790)</u>	<u>793,275</u>	<u>806,716</u>	<u>13,441</u>
FUND BALANCES - JUNE 30	<u>\$ 2,119,293</u>	<u>\$ 2,487,718</u>	<u>\$ 368,425</u>	<u>\$ 663,911</u>	<u>\$ 717,468</u>	<u>\$ 53,557</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2025

**1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

A. Reporting Entity

The Board of Education, an eleven member group, is the level of government, which has responsibilities over all activities within the jurisdiction of the South Central Service Cooperative (Cooperative). There are no component units.

B. Description of Funds

Major governmental funds (per the regulatory basis of accounting) are defined as General and Special Revenue.

General Fund – The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

Special Revenue Fund – The Special Revenue Fund is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service. The Special Revenue Fund includes federal revenues and related expenditures, restricted for specific educational programs or projects. If applicable, the Special Revenue Fund also includes required matching for those federal programs, program income required to be used to further the objectives of those programs, and transfers from the general fund to supplement such programs.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with a regulatory basis of accounting (RBA). This basis of accounting is prescribed by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-413(c) and requires that financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and special revenue fund presented separately and all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate. The law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to the actual expenditures for the general fund and special revenue funds of the entity; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets, including land, buildings, and equipment. The law further stipulates that the State Board of Education shall promulgate the rules necessary to administer the regulatory basis of presentation.

The RBA is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets, leases, and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of compensated absences and the net pension liability in the financial statements, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The RBA does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

The accompanying financial statements are presented on a fund basis. A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts, which are segregated for purposes of recording specific activities or attaining certain objectives. Major governmental funds are defined as general and special revenue, and such funds are presented separately in the financial statements. All other governmental funds are presented in the aggregate. Fiduciary fund types are presented in a separate column in the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis. Revenues are reported by major sources and expenditures are reported by major function. Other transactions, which are not reported as revenues or expenditures, are reported as other financing sources and uses. Transactions related to the recording of installment contracts and financed purchases are reported as other financing sources. Changes in private-purpose funds will be reflected in the notes to the financial statements.

D. Revenue Recognition Policies

Revenues are recognized when they become susceptible to accrual in accordance with the RBA.

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2025

**1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

E. Capital Assets

Information on capital assets and related depreciation is reported at Schedule 1. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual data is not available. Capital assets purchased are recorded as expenditures in the applicable fund at the time of purchase. Donated capital assets are reported at acquisition value when received. The Cooperative maintains a threshold level of \$1,000 for capitalizing equipment. Library holdings are not capitalized.

No salvage value is taken into consideration for depreciation purposes. All capital assets, other than land and construction in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Life in Years
Improvements/infrastructure	20
Buildings	50
Equipment	5-20

F. Fund Balance Classifications

1. Restricted fund balance – represents amounts that are restricted to specific purposes when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through bond covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
2. Assigned fund balances – represents amounts that are constrained by the Cooperative’s *intent* to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed.
3. Unassigned fund balance – represents amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that has not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification can also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

G. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The Director, in conjunction with other management and accounting personnel, is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose. The Cooperative’s Board of Education has not adopted a formal policy addressing this authorization.

The Cooperative revenues, expenditures, and fund balances are tracked in the accounting system by numerous sources of funds. The fund balances of these sources of funds are combined to derive the Cooperative’s total fund balances by fund. It is uncommon for an individual source of funds to contain restricted and unrestricted (committed, assigned, or unassigned) funds. The Cooperative does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when expenditures are incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. Cooperative personnel decide which resources (source of funds) to use at the time expenditures are incurred. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The Cooperative does not have a policy addressing which resources to use within the unrestricted fund balance when committed, assigned, or unassigned fund balances are available. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

H. Stabilization Arrangements

The Cooperative’s Board of Education has not formally set aside amounts for use in emergency situations or when revenue shortages or budgetary imbalances arise.

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2025

**1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

I. Minimum Fund Balance Policies

The Cooperative's Board of Education has not formally adopted a minimum fund balance policy.

J. Budget and Budgetary Accounting

The Cooperative is required by state law to prepare an annual budget. The annual budget is prepared on a fiscal year basis. The Cooperative does not prepare and submit amended budgets during the fiscal year. The State Department of Education's regulations allow for the cash basis or the modified accrual basis. However, the majority of the cooperatives employ the cash basis method.

The Cooperative budgets intra-fund transfers. Significant variances may result in the comparison of transfers at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Special Revenue Funds – Regulatory Basis because only interfund transfers are reported at the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds – Regulatory Basis. Additionally, the Cooperative routinely budgets restricted federal programs as part of the special revenue fund.

Budgetary perspective differences are not considered to be significant, because the structure of the information utilized in preparing the budget and the applicable fund financial statements is essentially the same.

K. Encumbrances

The Cooperative does not utilize encumbrance accounting.

**2: CASH DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS**

Cash deposits are carried at cost. The Cooperative's cash deposits at June 30, 2025, were as follows:

	Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC)	\$ 250,000
Collateralized:	
Collateral held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the Cooperative's name	2,890,629
Total Deposits	\$ 3,140,629

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$50.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2025

**3: ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE**

Accounts receivable at June 30, 2025, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Federal assistance		\$ 115,757
Other	\$ 16,726	27
Totals	\$ 16,726	\$ 115,784

**4: ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**

Accounts payable at June 30, 2025, were comprised of the following:

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Vendor payables	\$ 5,159	\$ 6,766

**5: COMMITMENTS**

The Cooperative was contractually obligated for the following at June 30, 2025:

- A. Lease (lease of nonfinancial assets with initial noncancelable lease terms in excess of one year)

General description of lease and leasing arrangements: The Cooperative executed an intergovernmental agreement with the City of Camden, Arkansas (the "City") on December 1, 2010, for the lease of a building. The Cooperative is obligated to pay all costs to amortize the 40-year United States Department of Agriculture Bonds of \$1,586,000, issued by the City for the new construction of the building. The Cooperative will remit to the City base monthly payments of \$6,456 for the entire term of the bonds.

Future minimum lease payments for the succeeding years:

Year Ended June 30,	Amount
2026	\$ 77,472
2027	77,472
2028	77,472
2029	77,472
2030	77,472
2031-2035	387,360
2036-2040	387,360
2041-2045	387,360
2046-2050	387,360
2051	38,736
Total	\$ 1,975,536

Lease payments were approximately \$77,472 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
JUNE 30, 2025

**5: COMMITMENTS (Continued)**

B. Long-term Debt Issued and Outstanding

The Cooperative is presently paying on the following long-term debt:

<u>Date of Issue</u>	<u>Date of Final Maturity</u>	<u>Rate of Interest</u>	<u>Amount Authorized and Issued</u>	<u>Debt Outstanding June 30, 2025</u>	<u>Maturities To June 30, 2025</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>					
6/23/20	5/23/30	0.5%	<u>\$ 111,753</u>	<u>\$ 56,715</u>	<u>\$ 55,038</u>

Changes in Long-term Debt

	<u>Balance July 1, 2024</u>	<u>Issued</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2025</u>
<u>Direct Borrowings</u>				
Installment contract	<u>\$ 67,855</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 11,140</u>	<u>\$ 56,715</u>

Future Principal and Interest Payments

<u>Year Ended June 30,</u>	<u>Direct Borrowings</u>		
	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2026	\$ 11,207	\$ 310	\$ 11,517
2027	11,275	242	11,517
2028	11,343	174	11,517
2029	11,410	106	11,516
2030	11,480	37	11,517
Totals	<u>\$ 56,715</u>	<u>\$ 869</u>	<u>\$ 57,584</u>

**6: INTERFUND TRANSFERS**

The Cooperative transferred \$11,649 from the general fund to the special revenue fund to supplement its child and adult care food program.

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**7: RETIREMENT PLAN**

Arkansas Teacher Retirement System

Plan Description

The Cooperative contributes to the Arkansas Teacher Retirement System (ATRS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all Arkansas public school employees and education-related agencies, except certain non-teaching school employees. ATRS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Teacher Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for ATRS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Teacher Retirement System, 1400 West Third Street, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 501-682-1517, or by visiting the ATRS website at [www.artrs.gov](http://www.artrs.gov).

Funding Policy

ATRS has contributory and noncontributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 7% of their salaries. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate determined by the Board of Trustees, based on the annual actuarial valuation. The current employer rate is 15% of covered salaries. The employer contribution was paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education from the Public School Fund, except for those employees paid from federal funding. Employer contributions for those employees were paid by the Cooperative. The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education's contributions to ATRS for the Cooperative during the year ended June 30, 2025, were \$345,188, equal to the required contributions. The Cooperative's contributions to ATRS for the year ended June 30, 2025, were \$24,176, equal to the required contributions.

Net Pension Liability

The Division of Elementary and Secondary Education has stipulated that, under the regulatory basis of accounting, the requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68 would be limited to disclosure of the Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability. The Cooperative's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2024, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$2,957,982.

**8: RISK MANAGEMENT**

The Cooperative is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Cooperative carries commercial insurance for board legal liability and business trip accidental death and dismemberment.

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas School Boards Association – Worker's Compensation Trust (the Trust), a self-insurance trust voluntarily established on July 1, 1994, pursuant to state law. The Trust is responsible for obtaining and administering workers' compensation insurance coverage for its members, as well as obtaining reinsurance coverage for those claims that exceed the standard policy limits. In its administrative capacity, the Trust is responsible for monitoring, negotiating, and settling claims that have been filed on behalf of and against member entities. The Cooperative contributes annually to this program.

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas Fidelity Bond Trust Fund administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program provides coverage for actual losses sustained by its members through fraudulent or dishonest acts committed by officials or employees. Each loss is limited to \$300,000 with a \$2,500 deductible. Premiums for coverage are paid by the Chief Fiscal Officer of the State of Arkansas from funds withheld from the Public School Fund.

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**8: RISK MANAGEMENT (Continued)**

The Cooperative participates in the Arkansas Public School Insurance Trust Fund Program administered by the Risk Management Division of the Arkansas Insurance Department. The program's general objectives are to formulate, develop, and administer, on behalf of member entities, a program of insurance to obtain lower costs for property and vehicles coverage, and to develop a comprehensive loss control program. The fund uses a reinsurance policy to reduce exposure to large losses on insured events. The Cooperative pays an annual premium for its buildings, contents, and vehicles.

Settled claims have not exceeded coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage from the prior year in the major categories of risk.

**9: ON-BEHALF PAYMENTS**

The allocation of the health insurance premiums paid by the Division of Elementary and Secondary Education to the Employee Benefits Division, on-behalf of the Cooperative's employees, totaled \$91,690 for the year ended June 30, 2025.

**10: DETAILS OF GOVERNMENTAL FUND BALANCE CLASSIFICATIONS DISPLAYED IN THE AGGREGATE**

Description	Governmental Funds	
	Major	
	General	Special Revenue
Restricted for:		
Child nutrition programs		\$ 27
Medical services		614,147
Special education programs	\$ 65,943	
Child care and development		100,259
Other purposes	96,389	3,035
Total Restricted	<u>162,332</u>	<u>717,468</u>
Assigned to:		
Professional development	238,789	
Head start	181,587	
Early childhood	246,413	
Other purposes	98,969	
Total Assigned	<u>765,758</u>	
Unassigned	<u>1,559,628</u>	
Totals	<u>\$2,487,718</u>	<u>\$ 717,468</u>

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 SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS  
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 (Unaudited)

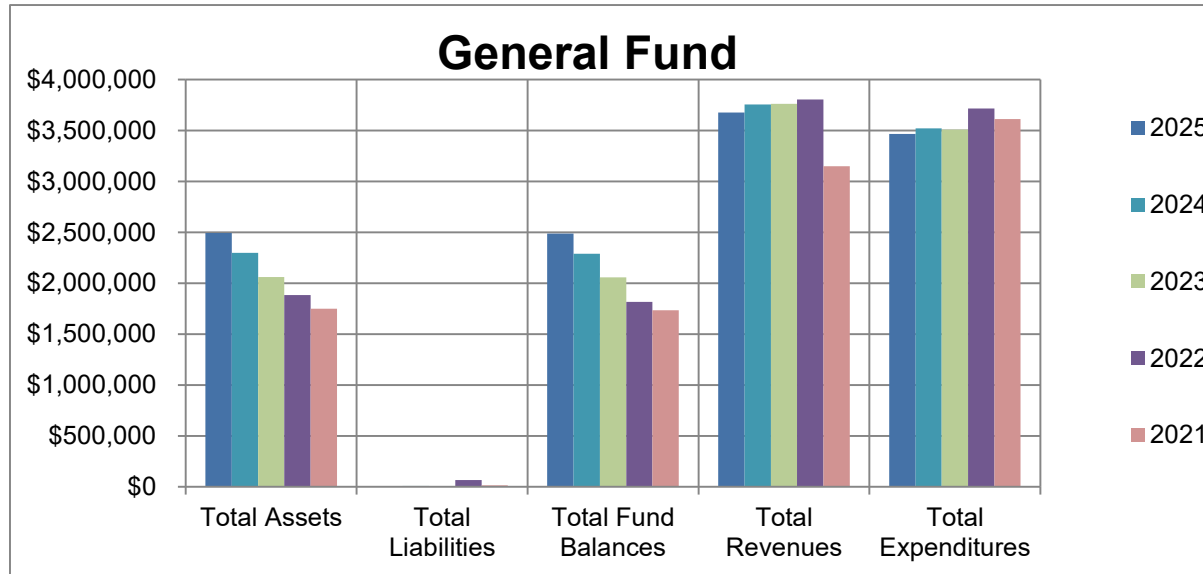
Schedule 1

	Balance June 30, 2025
Nondepreciable capital assets:	
Land	\$ 37,729
Depreciable capital assets:	
Buildings	151,684
Improvements/infrastructure	23,017
Equipment	797,944
Total depreciable capital assets	972,645
Less accumulated depreciation for:	
Buildings	83,038
Improvements/infrastructure	15,740
Equipment	286,396
Total accumulated depreciation	385,174
Total depreciable capital assets, net	587,471
Capital assets, net	\$ 625,200

SOUTH CENTRAL SERVICE COOPERATIVE  
 SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - REGULATORY BASIS  
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Schedule 2

<u>General Fund</u>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 2,492,877	\$ 2,296,948	\$ 2,058,990	\$ 1,881,925	\$ 1,749,702
Total Liabilities	5,159	9,416	976	65,987	14,675
Total Fund Balances	2,487,718	2,287,532	2,058,014	1,815,938	1,735,027
Total Revenues	3,676,992	3,753,982	3,760,241	3,804,045	3,147,982
Total Expenditures	3,465,157	3,519,912	3,508,032	3,716,821	3,611,413
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(11,649)	(4,552)	(10,133)	(6,313)	111,753



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Schedule 2

<b>Special Revenue Fund</b>	Year Ended June 30,				
	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021
Total Assets	\$ 724,234	\$ 824,971	\$ 985,100	\$ 1,056,082	\$ 632,739
Total Liabilities	6,766	18,255		102,716	
Total Fund Balances	717,468	806,716	985,100	953,366	632,739
Total Revenues	1,006,376	851,352	1,231,826	1,238,606	1,956,985
Total Expenditures	1,107,273	1,034,288	897,825	654,979	1,854,231
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	11,649	4,552	(302,267)	(263,000)	

