Carroll County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

December 31, 2023



LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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Independent Auditor's Report

Carroll County, Arkansas Officials and Quorum Court Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the regulatory basis financial statements of Carroll County, Arkansas (County), which are comprised of the Balance Sheet – Regulatory Basis for the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate as of December 31, 2023, the related Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Regulatory Basis; and the Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances – Budget and Actual – General and Road Funds – Regulatory Basis for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis financial position of the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Carroll County, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2023; the regulatory basis revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance; and the budgetary comparisons for the general fund and road fund for the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412 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 regulatory basis 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 general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Carroll County, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2023, or the revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balance and, where applicable, cash flows thereof 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. 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 County, 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 County on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, to meet the requirements permitted by 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. § 10-4-412, as described in Note 1, to meet the requirements permitted by the State of Arkansas; this includes determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances. 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 misstatements, 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 County'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 judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatements 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 County'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 County'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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole. The accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the regulatory basis financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the accompanying supplementary information listed in the table of contents is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the regulatory basis financial statements as a whole on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information included in the report. The other information is comprised of the schedules listed in the table of contents but does not include the regulatory basis financial statements, supplemental information, and our auditor's reports 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 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 October 8, 2024, on our consideration of the County'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 the results of the testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. The report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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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

Carroll County, Arkansas Officials and Quorum Court 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, the regulatory basis financial statements of the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Carroll County, Arkansas (County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's regulatory basis financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated October 8, 2024. We issued an adverse opinion because the financial statements are prepared by the County on the basis of the financial reporting provisions of Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412, 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 described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material. However, with respect to the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1, our opinions on the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate were unmodified.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the County'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 financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County'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 entity's 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 County's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulation, 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*.

We also reported to management of the County in a separate letter dated October 8, 2024.

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. 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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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Carroll County, Arkansas Officials and Quorum Court Members Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

The commentary contained in this letter relates to the following officials who held office during 2023:

County Judge: David Writer Treasurer: Makita Williams Sheriff: Daniel Klatt Tax Collector: Krista Burnett County Clerk: Connie Doss Circuit Clerk: Sara Huffman Assessor: Jeannie Davidson County Librarian: Julie Hall and Tammy Martin District Court Clerk: Rexanna Lilly Airport Manager: Mark Pepple

We would like to communicate the following items that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comments is to provide constructive feedback and guidance, in an effort to assist management in maintaining a satisfactory level of compliance with the state constitution, laws and regulations, and to improve internal control. These matters were discussed previously with County officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

Sheriff

On December 14, 2023, former Carroll County Deputy Blake Ringberg was charged with Forgery, Theft of Property, and Tampering with a Public Record. Prior to resigning from employment on October 28, 2022, Ringberg served as coordinator of and received unallowable compensation from the Selective Traffic Enforcement Program (STEP) Grant.

Airport Manager

Bank reconciliations were not prepared for the Airport bank accounts, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-25-107.

Prenumbered receipts were not issued for all items of income, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-25-108.

This letter is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, the Quorum Court and County 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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CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
ASSETS	 		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,807,848	\$ 1,896,421	\$ 14,060,086
Accounts receivable	313,545	311,612	118,527
Interfund receivables	 	 	 4,167
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,121,393	\$ 2,208,033	\$ 14,182,780
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 152,583	\$ 96,305	\$ 406,221
Interfund payables	4,167		
Settlements pending	604,414		1,207,778
Total Liabilities	 761,164	 96,305	 1,613,999
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	15,548	2,111,728	12,251,598
Committed	1,307,424		112,840
Assigned			328,754
Unassigned	2,037,257		(124,411)
Total Fund Balances	 3,360,229	2,111,728	 12,568,781
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,121,393	\$ 2,208,033	\$ 14,182,780

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

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

					0	ther Funds in the
		General		Road		Aggregate
REVENUES State aid	\$	884,432	\$	2,380,770	\$	285,159
Federal aid	Ψ	133,374	Ψ	41,623	Ψ	272,925
Property taxes		2,865,891		1,281,879		1,090,261
Sales taxes		2,000,001		1,201,070		2,758,725
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		585,938				70,020
Interest		18,308		13,189		61,893
Officers' fees		296,552				147,468
Jail fees						398,766
911 fees						466,408
Sale of equipment				332,960		,
Fuel sales						174,605
Commissary profits and phones						183,498
Treasurer's commission		210,102				32,381
Collector's commission		347,360				112,710
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense		519,212				
Other		288,913		28,729		200,908
TOTAL REVENUES		6,150,082		4,079,150		6,255,727
Less: Treasurer's commission		62,329		63,099		69,392
NET REVENUES		6,087,753		4,016,051		6,186,335
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		2,723,276				305,115
Law enforcement		3,070,403				2,418,781
Highways and streets				3,753,269		
Public safety		120,554				2,055,458
Health		35,586				
Recreation and culture						1,140,127
Social services		122,626				
Airport		6,583	1			531,378
Total Current		6,079,028		3,753,269		6,450,859
Debt Service:						
Financed purchase principal				298,944		
Financed purchase interest				10,520		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,079,028		4,062,733		6,450,859

Exhibit B

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	a 1		-	Other Funds in the
	 General	 Road		Aggregate
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 8,725	\$ (46,682)	\$	(264,524)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in				2,316,200
Transfers out	(50,000)			(2,266,200)
Contribution to Carroll County Solid Waste Authority	 (19,250)			(· · ·)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	 (69,250)			50,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(60,525)	(46,682)		(214,524)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	 3,420,754	 2,158,410		12,783,305
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,360,229	\$ 2,111,728	\$	12,568,781

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

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Exhibit C

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

		General			Road				
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)			
REVENUES		• • • • • • • • •	• ()	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	• • • • • • • • • • • •	•			
State aid	\$ 909,800	\$ 884,432	\$ (25,368)	\$ 1,930,800	\$ 2,380,770	\$ 449,970			
Federal aid	0.000 500	133,374	133,374	30,000	41,623	11,623			
Property taxes	3,266,500	2,865,891	(400,609)	1,092,000	1,281,879	189,879			
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	286,500	585,938	299,438	0.400	40,400	0.700			
Interest	11,000	18,308	7,308	9,400	13,189	3,789			
Officers' fees	157,500	296,552	139,052		222.000	222.000			
Sale of equipment	205 000	010 100	F 400		332,960	332,960			
Treasurer's commission	205,000	210,102	5,102						
Collector's commission	400,000	347,360	(52,640)						
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense Other	490,000	519,212	29,212	22.000	20 720	F 700			
Other	306,565	288,913	(17,652)	23,000	28,729	5,729			
TOTAL REVENUES	6,032,865	6,150,082	117,217	3,085,200	4,079,150	993,950			
Less: Treasurer's commission		62,329	(62,329)		63,099	(63,099)			
NET REVENUES	6,032,865	6,087,753	54,888	3,085,200	4,016,051	930,851			
EXPENDITURES									
Current:									
General government	2,949,989	2,723,276	226,713						
Law enforcement	3,231,938	3,070,403	161,535						
Highways and streets				4,588,342	3,753,269	835,073			
Public safety	236,918	120,554	116,364						
Health	40,500	35,586	4,914						
Social services	101,036	122,626	(21,590)						
Airport	6,700	6,583	117						
Total Current	6,567,081	6,079,028	488,053	4,588,342	3,753,269	835,073			
Debt Service:									
Financed purchase principal				276,746	298,944	(22,198)			
Financed purchase interest				11,356	10,520	836			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,567,081	6,079,028	488,053	4,876,444	4,062,733	813,711			

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General				Road								
	Budget		Budget Actual		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(534,216)	\$	8,725	\$	542,941	\$	(1,791,244)	\$	(46,682)	\$	1,744,562	
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers out Contribution to Carroll County Solid Waste Authority TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				(50,000) (19,250) (69,250)		(50,000) (19,250) (69,250)							
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(534,216)		(60,525)		473,691		(1,791,244)		(46,682)		1,744,562	
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		3,698,716		3,420,754		(277,962)		2,200,654		2,158,410		(42,244)	
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	3,164,500	\$	3,360,229	\$	195,729	\$	409,410	\$	2,111,728	\$	1,702,318	

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

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Financial Reporting Entity

The County is a political subdivision of the state governed by an elected quorum court. The reporting entity includes all the funds of the County.

B. Basis of Presentation - Regulatory

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of presentation as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. The law requires that the financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and road fund presented separately with all other funds included in the financial statements presented in the aggregate. This 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 actual expenditures for the general and road funds; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets.

The regulatory basis of presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide and fund financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of presentation does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with related liabilities and residual balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for purposes of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

The following types of funds are recognized in the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements.

<u>General Fund</u> - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

<u>Road Fund</u> - The Road Fund (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 or capital projects. The Road Fund accounts for and reports proceeds of state highway turnback, property taxes, and federal aid that are restricted or committed for maintaining and constructing roads.

<u>Other Funds in the Aggregate</u> - Other Funds in the Aggregate consist of all funds included in the financial statements except for the General and Road Funds. The following types of funds are included in this column as follows:

<u>Special Revenue Funds</u> - Special Revenue Funds are 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 or capital projects. See Schedules 1 and 2 for Special Revenue Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

<u>Capital Projects Funds</u> - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlay, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. See Schedules 1 and 2 for the Capital Projects Fund as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

<u>Custodial Funds</u> - Custodial Funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). See Schedule 1 for Custodial Funds as reported with other funds in the aggregate.

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

C. Basis of Accounting - Regulatory

The financial statements are prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. This regulatory basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues generally are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available except for Treasurer's and Collector's commission and Taxes apportioned – Assessor's salary and expense which are recognized when earned. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. However, most state aid received from the State Treasury, as well as county sales taxes, is by state law revenue of the year in which it was received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred. Liabilities incurred by the government on or before the end of the current period. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. As a result of the use of this regulatory basis of accounting, capital assets and long-term debt are not recorded in these financial statements. Pension trust funds are reported in a separate column as part of supplementary information in order to provide users of the financial statements a better understanding of the entity as a whole.

The regulatory basis of accounting is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require the following major concepts: Accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of accounting does not require the previously identified concepts.

D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of financial reporting, "cash and cash equivalents" includes all demand and savings accounts, and certificates of deposit.

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, excess commissions, and property taxes that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

Fund Balance Classifications

- Restricted fund balance amounts that are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either

 (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations
 of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- 2. Committed fund balance amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Quorum Court.
- 3. Assigned fund balance amounts that are constrained by the Quorum Court's intent to be used for specific purposes but are neither restricted nor committed.
- 4. Unassigned fund balance amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification may also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

E. Property Taxes

A lien attaches to the real property in January and on personal property in June of each year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the subsequent year but are not considered delinquent until after October 15.

F. Budget Law

1. Legal Requirements

State law requires that the Quorum Court, before the end of each fiscal year, make appropriations, by ordinance, for the expenditures of County government for the following year. The Quorum Court may make appropriation amendments at any time during the current fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of each year. Under certain conditions, the budget may be amended subsequent to the year-end.

2. Accounting

The County prepared an annual budget on the regulatory basis for the General Fund, Road Fund, and the other operating funds.

G. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures

The County's highest level of decision-making authority is its Quorum Court. The establishment of amounts classified as committed fund balances and any subsequent modifications to such balances are the result of formal action taken by the Quorum Court through passage of an ordinance. The Quorum Court is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose, although a formal policy has not been established.

The County does not have a policy addressing whether it considers restricted or unrestricted amounts to have been spent when an expenditure is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted amounts are available. For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. The County 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.

NOTE 2: Cash Deposits with Financial Institutions

Cash deposits are carried at cost (carrying value). A comparison of the bank balance and carrying value is as follows:

	Carrying Amount		 Bank Balance
Insured (FDIC) Collateralized:	\$	1,820,345	\$ 1,818,483
Collateral held by the County's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the			
County's name		17,940,485	 19,261,614
Total Deposits	\$	19,760,830	\$ 21,080,097

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$3,525.

NOTE 3: Legal or Contractual Provisions for Deposits and Investments

State law generally requires that county funds be deposited in federally insured banks located in the State of Arkansas. The county deposits may be in the form of checking accounts, savings accounts, and time deposits. Public funds may be invested in eligible investment securities having a maturity of not longer than 5 years from the date of acquisition unless, as documented at the time of acquisition, the investment is to fund or support a specific purpose and there are no expectations that the investment will be sold before maturity; an Arkansas bank certificate of deposit; an account established by a local government joint investment trust; or an Arkansas financial institution repurchase agreement for eligible investment securities in which the seller agrees to repurchase the investment at a price including interest earned during the holding period as determined by the repurchase agreement.

NOTE 4: Accounts Receivable

The accounts receivable balance at December 31, 2023, is composed of the following:

Description	Ge	neral Fund	nd Road Fund		 er Funds in Aggregate
State aid			\$	248,889	
Property taxes	\$	26,785		45,421	\$ 36,307
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		27,704			3,827
Interest					5
Officers' fees		22,004			8,037
Jail fees					25,243
911 fees					11,651
Commissary profits and phones					8,117
Treasurer's commission		210,102			
Other		4,295			1,570
Treasurer's commission charged		22,655		17,302	 23,770
Totals	\$	313,545	\$	311,612	\$ 118,527

NOTE 5: Accounts Payable

The accounts payable balance at December 31, 2023, is composed of the following:

Description	Ge	General Fund		bad Fund	 er Funds in Aggregate
Vendor payables Salaries payable Payroll taxes payable	\$	110,082 34,563 7,938	\$	96,305	\$ 406,221
Totals	\$	152,583	\$	96,305	\$ 406,221

NOTE 6: Interfund Balances

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances are as follows:

		December 31, 2023							
	Inte	erfund	Int	erfund					
	Rece	eivables	Payables						
General Fund			\$	4,167					
Other Funds in the Aggregate:									
Special Revenue Funds:									
Airport Commission	\$	4,167							
Totals	\$	4,167	\$	4,167					

Interfund receivables and payables consist of \$4,167 in monthly assistance the County has not paid to the Airport Commission. This amount was settled in 2024.

NOTE 7: Details of Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2023, are composed of the following:

Description	General Fund	Road Fund	Other Funds in the Aggregate			
Fund Balances:	 					
Restricted for:						
General government			\$	4,497,943		
Law enforcement	\$ 15,548			6,048,731		
Highw ays and streets		\$ 2,111,728				
Public safety				713,074		
Recreation and culture	 	 		991,850		
Total Restricted	15,548	2,111,728		12,251,598		
Committed for: General government Law enforcement Total Committed	 1,307,424			<u>112,840</u> 112,840		
Assigned to: Airport				328,754		
Unassigned	 2,037,257			(124,411)		
Totals	\$ 3,360,229	\$ 2,111,728	\$	12,568,781		

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NOTE 8: Deficit Fund Balances

The following funds have deficit fund balances as of December 31, 2023:

	000	
		2023
Other Funds in the Aggregate:		
Capital Projects Funds:		
Central Dispatch/Detention Center	\$	(124,411)

NOTE 9: Legal Debt Limit

A. Property Tax Secured Bonded Debt

The County is subject to a constitutional limitation for bonded indebtedness equal to 10% of the total assessed value for tax purposes of real and personal property as determined by the last tax assessment. At December 31, 2023, the legal debt limit for bonded debt was \$54,924,327. There were no property tax secured bond issues.

B. Short-term Financing Obligations

The County is subject to a constitutional limitation for short-term financing obligations equal to 2.5% of the assessed value of taxable property within the County as determined by the last tax assessment. At December 31, 2023, the legal debt limit for short-term financing obligations was \$16,396,530. The amount of short-term financing obligations was \$309,179 leaving a legal debt margin of \$16,087,351.

NOTE 10: Commitments

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2023:

De	cember 31, 2023
\$	427,687
	439,334
	1,253,873
\$	2,122,759

NOTE 10: Commitments (Continued)

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2023, are comprised of the following:

	Dec	ember 31, 2023
Direct Borrow ings		
Financed purchase agreement with John Deere in the amount of \$1,337,516 for the purchase of eight road graders. The agreement was dated March 31, 2020, and an interest rate of 2.25% to be paid in monthly installments of \$23,986 for 59 months. On October 12, 2023, one grader was paid off in full. Beginning on October 12, 2023, the remaining seven road graders were to be paid back at an interest rate of 2.36% to be paid in monthly installments of \$20,937 for 18		
months. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	\$	309,179
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost		118,508
Total Long-term liabilities	\$	427,687

Due to the County's regulatory basis of accounting, these liabilities are not recorded in the financial statements.

The County's outstanding direct borrowings of \$309,179 contain a provision that in an event of default, outstanding amounts, at the Lender's sole option, may be declared immediately due and payable, and the Lender may exercise any rights and remedies, including the right to immediate possession of the collateral, available to it under applicable law.

Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

The amount of any actuarially determined accrued liability for post employment benefits other than pensions was not determined.

Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

				Amount	Debt		I	Vaturities
Date	Date of Fina	al Rate of	A	uthorized	Outstand	ing		to
of Issue	Maturity	Interest	a	nd Issued	 ecember 31	, 2023	Dece	mber 31, 2023
<u>Direct Borrow</u> 3/31/20	<u>/ ings</u> 3/12/25	2.25 - 2.36%	\$	1,337,516	\$ 3	09,179	\$	1,028,337
Changes in L	ong-Term De	ebt						
		Balance					Balance	
	<u>_</u>	January 01, 2023		lssued	 Retired		nber 31,	
Direct Borrow	<u>ings</u>							
Financed pure	chases	\$ 608,123	\$	0	\$ 298,944	\$	309	9,179

NOTE 10: Commitments (Continued)

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2023:

Years Ending			Direct	Direct Borrow ings								
December 31,	F	Principal	lr	nterest	Total							
2024 2025	\$	246,612 62,567	\$	4,635 246	\$	251,247 62,813						
Totals	\$	309,179	\$	4,881	\$	314,060						

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with CAMA Technology on November 11, 2022, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 36 monthly payments of \$18,306 for a total of \$659,0000, beginning January 2023. Contract expense for 2023, was \$219,667.

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2023:

Year	Decer	mber 31, 2023
2024 2025	\$	219,667 219,667
Total	\$	439,334

Construction Contract

The County was contractually obligated for the following construction contract at December 31, 2023:

	Estimated Completion		ract Balance
Project Name	Date	Decer	mber 31, 2023
Ka-Comm Radio Project	December 1, 2024	\$	1,253,873

NOTE 11: Interfund Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$50,000 to the Other Funds in the Aggregate (OFA) Airport Commission for operations. Within the OFA, the Sales Tax Fund transferred \$2,012,500 to the County Detention Facility Fund for jail operations and \$253,700 to the Emergency 911 Fund for central dispatching operations.

NOTE: 12: Hospital Lease

Effective January 1, 1995, the County entered into an assignment and lease agreement with Carroll Regional Medical Center (the Center), a nonprofit hospital corporation organized under the laws of the State of Arkansas. Under the terms of the agreement, the Center agreed to lease the hospitals land, buildings, and improvements for a period of four-year beginning January 1, 1995. The agreement provides the lease shall be automatically renewed at the end of the original lease term for ten successive terms of five years; unless either party provides written notice to the other party of its intention to cancel the lease. In connection with this lease, the County assigned operating assets of the hospital to the Center. This agreement has been continued in 2023.

NOTE 13: Joint Ventures

Carroll and Madison Library System

Carroll and Madison Counties entered into an agreement on January 19, 2000, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-401 to establish the Carroll and Madison Library System (the System). The agreement states the intent is to enhance the public library services to all residents of Carroll and Madison Counties. The System is financed by state aid and members' contributions. Payment in the amount of \$72,701 were made to the System during the 2023 year. Separate financial statements of the Carroll and Madison Library System are available at CAMLS, 106 Spring Street, Berryville, AR 72616-3846.

Carroll County Solid Waste District

The Cities of Eureka Springs, Berryville, and Green Forest and Carroll County entered into an agreement pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-233-101 – 14-233-21, creating the Carroll County Solid Waste Authority (CCSWA). On October 28, 2019, the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission approved the CCSAW to become a single county Regional Solid Waste Management District. On September 10, 2020, CCSWA board approved changing its name to Carroll County Solid Waste District (CCSWD). The CCSWD was established in an effort to adequately, reliably, and economically dispose of the Cities' and County's solid waste. Payment in the amount of \$19,250 was made to CCSWD during the 2023 year. Separate financial statements of the CCSWD are available at: 3190 East Van Buren Street, Eureka Springs, AR 72632.

NOTE 14: Jointly Governed Organization

Ozark Regional Transit, Inc.

Carroll County participates in the Ozark Regional Transit, Inc. (ORT), a jointly governed organization. The ORT provides transit services among the various locations of its members. The majority of ORT funding in through the Federal Transportation Administration (FTA), which is both rural and urbanized area funding and local funding that is provided by the members of ORT. The FTA rural funding is provided through Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department. Participants include Benton, Carroll, and Washington Counties, as well as other entities within each of these counties. Carroll County paid \$1,500 to ORT for their share of the transportation benefits provided to its members. Financial statements may be obtained at: Ozark Regional Transit, Inc., 2423 E. Robinson Avenue, Springdale, AR 72764.

NOTE 15: Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by commercial insurance purchased from independent third parties and participation in a public entity risk pool. The amount of settlements, if any, has not exceeded the insurance coverage for each of the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance coverage in the major categories of risk from coverage in the prior year.

The County participates in the Association of Arkansas Counties Program (public entity risk pools) for coverage in the following areas:

Workers' Compensation - This program provides statutory benefits for losses incurred by County officials, employees, and volunteer fire fighters while performing work for the County. Rates for counties participating in this program are revised annually based on the cost experience of the particular county or group as determined by the Workers' Compensation Commission.

Vehicle Program

- A. Liability This program may pay all sums the County legally must pay as damages because of bodily injury, death, or property damage to which this agreement applies involving a covered county vehicle and for which the County is liable. The limit of payment by the program is \$25,000 for bodily injury per person, \$50,000 for bodily injury per accident, and \$25,000 for property damage per accident. The County shall pay into the program each year a charge established annually by the Risk Management Fund Board for covered county vehicles owned or leased by the County.
- B. Physical Damage This program covers vehicles (excluding mobile equipment) which are the property of the participating county. Property is valued at the full cost to repair or replace the property after deduction for depreciation. Loss amounts payable will be reduced by the deductible amount of \$500 per occurrence. The County agrees to pay into the program each year a service charge established annually by the Risk Management Fund Board for covered property.

NOTE 15: Risk Management (Continued)

General Liability Program - The program shall provide legal defense in civil rights suits against the county government of a participating county and pay judgments imposed on County officials and employees and the county government and county-formed boards and commissions. Coverage is limited to \$500,000 per case with an annual aggregate of \$750,000. The County agrees to pay into the program each year a rate established by the Risk Management Fund Board.

The County also participates in the Self-Insured Fidelity Bond Program administered by the Governmental Bonding Board. This program covers actual losses sustained by the participating entity through any fraudulent or dishonest act or acts committed by any of the officials or employees, acting alone or in collusion with others, during the bond period to an amount not exceeding the lesser of \$300,000 or the amount of the bond. Premiums for coverage are determined by the State Risk Manager and approved by the Board. These premiums are paid by the State Treasurer from funds withheld from the County Aid Fund. There is a \$2,500 deductible per occurrence.

NOTE 16: Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description

The County contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. APERS, 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 Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 124 W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or on their website www.apers.org.

Funding Policy

APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5% of their salary. Beginning July 1, 2022, the contribution rates shall be increased in increments of .25% per fiscal year, not to exceed 7%. The contributory rate was increased to 5.5% as of July 1, 2023. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system based on the annual actuarial valuation. The County's contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2023, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) were \$855,012.

Net Pension Liability

The requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68, under the regulatory basis of accounting, are limited to disclosure of the County's share of the collective net pension liability. The County's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$7,338,031.

NOTE 17: Corona Virus (COVID-19)

On March 11, 2020, the Governor of Arkansas issued Executive Order 20-03 declaring an emergency and ordered Arkansas Department of Health to take action to prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19). In 2022, the County was awarded \$100,000 in federal aid from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, which was a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and as of the report date, \$100,000 of this amount has been received. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on financial statements for future reporting periods remains uncertain.

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																	
100570		easurer's utomation	-	Collector's Automation		Circuit Court Automation		nssessor's mendment Col no. 79		County Clerk's Cost		County ecorder's Cost	Child Support Cost		Drug Control		[County Detention Facility
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	221,766	\$	800,490 27	\$	25,777 568	\$	56,189	\$	44,938 2,104	\$	150,687 5,488	\$	1,756	\$	12,741 42	\$	1,295,828 29,813
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	221,766	\$	800,517	\$	26,345	\$	56,189	\$	47,042	\$	156,175	\$	1,756	\$	12,783	\$	1,325,641
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$	2,204	\$	582 582	\$	528 528			\$	6,060	\$	51			\$	26,605 26,605
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned	\$	221,766		798,313		25,763		55,661	\$	47,042		150,115		1,705	\$	12,783		1,299,036
Total Fund Balances		221,766		798,313		25,763		55,661		47,042		150,115		1,705		12,783		1,299,036
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	221,766	\$	800,517	\$	26,345	\$	56,189	\$	47,042	\$	156,175	\$	1,756	\$	12,783	\$	1,325,641

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																	
	Sa	Boating afety and orcement	and Emergency			Drug Court Program		Circuit Court Juvenile Division/Juvenile Probation Fee		Detention Center Commissary		cuit Clerk missioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee		American Rescue Plan Act			Sales Tax
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	32,364 1	\$	703,345 13,990	\$	2,375 1	\$	21,434 521	\$	111,607 1,233	\$	6,718 6	\$	10,339 90	\$	3,159,586	\$	4,454,684 14,286
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	32,365	\$	717,335	\$	2,376	\$	21,955	\$	112,840	\$	6,724	\$	10,429	\$	3,159,586	\$	4,468,970
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$	4,261	\$	83	\$	61										
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned	\$	32,365		713,074		2,293		21,894	\$	112,840	\$	6,724	\$	10,429	\$	3,159,586	\$	4,468,970
Total Fund Balances		32,365		713,074		2,293		21,894		112,840		6,724		10,429		3,159,586		4,468,970
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	32,365	\$	717,335	\$	2,376	\$	21,955	\$	112,840	\$	6,724	\$	10,429	\$	3,159,586	\$	4,468,970

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																	
100570	County Public Help America In Library Vote			Imp	Court Improvement Carroll County Grant Fair Grant				Commu Airport Facilit Commission Equip			y and Juvenile			Circuit Clerk E- Recording Grant		Peer ecovery pecialist Grant	
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	954,416 42,180	\$	4,750	\$	1,500	\$	4,000	\$	324,587 4,167	\$	112,883 8,177	\$	14,567	\$	40,352	\$	50,000
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	996,596	\$	4,750	\$	1,500	\$	4,000	\$	328,754	\$	121,060	\$	14,567	\$	40,352	\$	50,000
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities	\$	8,746 8,746																
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances		987,850	\$	4,750	\$	1,500	\$	4,000	\$	328,754	\$	121,060	\$	14,567	\$	40,352	\$	50,000
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	996,596	\$	4,750	\$	1,500	\$	4,000	\$	328,754	\$	121,000	\$	14,567	\$	40,352	\$	50,000
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	-	APITAL ECTS FUND	CUSTODIAL FUNDS												
	Dispat	Central Dispatch/Detention Center		Treasurer's Accounts		Collector's Accounts		Sheriff's Accounts		inty Clerk's	Circuit Clerk's Accounts		District Court Accounts		 Totals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	232,629	\$	555,315	\$	265,233	\$	122,683	\$	39,691	\$	138,164	\$	86,692	\$ 14,060,086 118,527 4,167
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	232,629	\$	555,315	\$	265,233	\$	122,683	\$	39,691	\$	138,164	\$	86,692	\$ 14,182,780
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities	\$	357,040	\$	555,315 555,315	\$	265,233 265,233	\$	122,683 122,683	\$	39,691 39,691	\$	138,164 138,164	\$	86,692 86,692	\$ 406,221 1,207,778 1,613,999
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances		(124,411) (124,411)													 12,251,598 112,840 328,754 (124,411) 12,568,781
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	232,629	\$	555,315	\$	265,233	\$	122,683	\$	39,691	\$	138,164	\$	86,692	\$ 14,182,780

				SPECIAL REV	/ENUE FUNDS			
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment no. 79	County Clerk's Cost	County Recorder's Cost	Child Support Cost	Drug Control
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes				\$ 10,326				6 005
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees 911 fees Fuel sales Commissary profits and phones	\$ 1,494	\$ 5,302	\$ 175 6,966	422	\$ 325 30,412	\$ 1,139 83,055	\$ 14	\$205 91
Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	32,381	112,710 55		9		6		
TOTAL REVENUES	33,875	118,067	7,141	10,757	30,737	84,200	14	296
Less: Treasurer's commission		79	102	215	438	1,259		4
NET REVENUES	33,875	117,988	7,039	10,542	30,299	82,941	14	292
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Recreation and culture Airport	2,581	121,041	2,702	6,480	32,238	85,049	433	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,581	121,041	2,702	6,480	32,238	85,049	433	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	31,294	(3,053)	4,337	4,062	(1,939)	(2,108)	(419)	292
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out								
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)								
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	R) 31,294	(3,053)	4,337	4,062	(1,939)	(2,108)	(419)	292
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	190,472	801,366	21,426	51,599	48,981	152,223	2,124	12,491
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 221,766	\$ 798,313	\$ 25,763	\$ 55,661	\$ 47,042	\$ 150,115	\$ 1,705	\$ 12,783

				SPECIAL	REVENUE FUNDS			
	County Detention Facility	Boating Safety and Enforcement	Emergency 911	Drug Court Program	Circuit Court Juvenile Division/Juvenile Probation Fee	Detention Center Commissary	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Assessment Fee
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes		\$ 2,779						\$ 4,121
Sales taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees	\$ 69,570 4,359 398,766	232	\$ 4,047	\$245 18	\$ 136 15,420	\$ 776	\$ 50 1,142	57
911 fees Fuel sales Commissary profits and phones Treasurer's commission Collector's commission			466,408					
Other	20,933		2,955			12,489		
TOTAL REVENUES	493,628	3,011	473,410	263	15,556	13,265	1,192	4,178
Less: Treasurer's commission	1,488	3	6,807	4	234	12	18	61
NET REVENUES	492,140	3,008	466,603	259	15,322	13,253	1,174	4,117
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Recreation and culture Airport	2,131,585	4,000	678,957	527	4,027		1,000	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	2,131,585	4,000	678,957	527	4,027		1,000	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,639,445)	(992)	(212,354)	(268)	11,295	13,253	174	4,117
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	2,012,500		253,700					
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	2,012,500		253,700					
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	373,055	(992)	41,346	(268)	11,295	13,253	174	4,117
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	925,981	33,357	671,728	2,561	10,599	99,587	6,550	6,312
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1,299,036	\$ 32,365	\$ 713,074	\$ 2,293	\$ 21,894	\$ 112,840	\$ 6,724	\$ 10,429

				SPECIAL RE	EVENUE FUNDS			
	American Rescue Plan Act	Sales Tax	County Public Library	Help America Vote	Court Improvement Grant	Carroll County Fair Grant	Airport Commission	Communication Facility and Equipment
REVENUES State aid			\$ 98,409					
Federal aid			φ 90,409				\$ 272,925	
Property taxes			1,086,140				φ 272,020	
Sales taxes		\$ 2,758,725	,, -					
Fines, forfeitures, and costs								
Interest		34,307	5,799				561	\$ 53
Officers' fees								10,473
Jail fees 911 fees								
Fuel sales							174,605	
Commissary profits and phones Treasurer's commission							114,000	183,498
Collector's commission								
Other			69,031				54,235	41,195
TOTAL REVENUES		2,793,032	1,259,379				502,326	235,219
Less: Treasurer's commission		41,575	17,093					
NET REVENUES		2,751,457	1,242,286				502,326	235,219
EXPENDITURES								
Current:								
General government								
Law enforcement	\$ 972,171	12,500						213,490
Public safety Recreation and culture	φ 972,171		1,140,127					
Airport			1,140,127				531,378	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	972,171	12,500	1,140,127				531,378	213,490
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(972,171)	2,738,957	102,159				(29,052)	21,729
	(972,171)	2,730,937	102,139				(29,052)	21,729
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in							50,000	
Transfers out		(2,266,200)						
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		(2,266,200)					50,000	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(972,171)	472,757	102,159				20,948	21,729
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	4,131,757	3,996,213	885,691	\$ 4,750	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,000	307,806	99,331
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 3,159,586	\$ 4,468,970	\$ 987,850	\$ 4,750	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 328,754	\$ 121,060

				S	PECIAL	REVENUE	FUNDS			CAPITAL IECTS FUND	
	Juvenile Of Grant	ficer	Hi: Cou	oll County storical urthouse Fund		rt Security ant Fund		uit Clerk E- ording Grant	Recovery ialist Grant	Central tch/Detention Center	 Totals
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees 911 fees Fuel sales Commissary profits and phones Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	\$7,	000	\$	44,145	\$	20,000	\$	52,500	\$ 50,000	\$ 2,536	\$ 285,159 272,925 1,090,261 2,758,725 70,020 61,893 147,468 398,766 466,408 174,605 183,498 32,381 112,710 200,908
TOTAL REVENUES	7,	000		44,145		20,000		52,500	50,000	2,536	6,255,727
Less: Treasurer's commission									 	 	 69,392
NET REVENUES	7,	000		44,145		20,000		52,500	 50,000	 2,536	 6,186,335
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Recreation and culture Airport	29,	950		44,145		20,000		12,148		404,330	305,115 2,418,781 2,055,458 1,140,127 531,378
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	29,	950		44,145		20,000		12,148		 404,330	 6,450,859
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(22,	950)						40,352	 50,000	 (401,794)	 (264,524)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											 2,316,200 (2,266,200) 50,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(22,	950)						40,352	50,000	(401,794)	 (214,524)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	37,	517							 	277,383	12,783,305
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 14,	567	\$	0	\$	0	\$	40,352	\$ 50,000	\$ (124,411)	\$ 12,568,781

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name	Fund Description
Treasurer's Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-302 established fund to receive up to 10% of treasurer's gross commissions to operate the treasurer's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated accounting and record keeping system.
Collector's Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-305 established fund to receive up to 10% of collector's gross commission to operate the collector's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated record keeping system.
Circuit Court Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive circuit court installment fees to be used for circuit court-related technology and to defray the cost of fine collection.
Assessor's Amendment no. 79	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-310 provides that 1% of the county's share of surplus funds from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund be allocated to county assessors for the purpose of administering Ark. Const. amend. 79.
County Clerk's Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-413 established fund to receive fees collected by county clerks to be used for automated record systems and any legitimate county purpose.
County Recorder's Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-306 established fund to receive fees collected by circuit clerks to be used for automated record systems and any legitimate county purpose.
Child Support Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 9-10-109 established fund to receive fees to offset administrative costs in the clerk's office.
Drug Control	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to arresting agency.
County Detention Facility	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-41-505 established fund to receive 90% of a \$40 booking and administration fee assessed on persons convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor to be used exclusively for the maintenance, operation, and capital expenditures of a county jail or regional detention facility or for certificate pay for law enforcement and jailer personnel.
Boating Safety and Enforcement	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-101-111 established fund to receive fees to be used for operating a patrol on the waterways within the county or for emergency rescue services if the county has not established a patrol.

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name	Fund Description
Emergency 911	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-10-318 established fund to receive fees collected by telephone providers for 911 emergency services.
Drug Court Program	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-98-304 established fund to receive program user fees set by drug court judges to be used for the benefit and administration of the drug court program.
Circuit Court Juvenile Division/Juvenile Probation Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-326 established fund to collect juvenile fees and provide services and supplies to juveniles at the discretion of the juvenile division of circuit court.
Detention Center Commissary	Carroll County Ordinance no. 2007-40 (November 19, 2007) established fund to receive profits from the sale of commissary items to prisoners, turned over to the County Treasurer from the County Sheriff's Inmate Trust Fund, to provide necessary medical services for prisoners who cannot pay.
Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-412 established fund to receive fee awarded, when appointed as commissioner, for a sale of real or personal property under judicial decree. The funds are to be used to offset administrative costs associated with the performance of the commissioner's duties and for general operations expense of the office of circuit clerk.
Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-201 established fund to receive \$.50 fee on delinquent persons which shall be used by the county assessor to help pay for the expense of assessing property.
American Rescue Plan Act	Established to receive and disburse Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
Sales Tax	Carroll County voters passed a 0.5% sales tax on July 11, 2000, to be used to construct, equip, and operate the county jail facility. The tax may also be used for future expansion and capital improvements of the county jail and for county roads.
County Public Library	Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-404 established fund to account for library property tax millage levied by the quorum court for the support, operation, and maintenance of the public library.
Help America Vote	Established to account for federal grant received to improve access to polling places for disabled voters.

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name	Fund Description
Court Improvement Grant	Established to account for state grant received for Circuit Court improvements.
Carroll County Fair Grant	Established to account for state grant received for county fairground improvements.
Airport Commission	Ark. Code Ann. § 14-357-107 stipulates that all revenues derived from the operation of the airport, after paying the operating expenses and maintenance, may be set aside and used for additional improvements on the airport or for any lawful purpose. Carroll County Ordinance no. 78-16 (August 16, 1978) established for the Airport Commission to oversee the operations of the airport, as allowed by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-357-101.
Communication Facility and Equipment	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-307, 12-41-105 established fund to receive 25% of sheriff's fees collected, phone commission funds, and profits earned from prisoner commissary services to be used to train operations staff; operate, equip, repair, or replace existing communication equipment; purchase additional communications equipment; otherwise improve a communications facility or system for the sheriff's department; or purchase vehicles, weapons, or other equipment for the sheriff's department.
Juvenile Officer Grant	Carroll County Ordinance no. 2022-15 (May 16, 2022) established fund to receive a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts for law enforcement expenditures.
Carroll County Historical Courthouse Fun	d Established fund to receive a grant from the Arkansas Historical Preservation Program (AHPP) for the repair of the Carroll County courthouses.
Court Security Grant Fund	Established fund to receive a grant from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC) for security upgrades for Carroll County courthouses.
Circuit Clerk E-Recording Grant	Established fund to receive a grant from the Association of Arkansas Counties (AAC) for the purchase of e-recording software.
Peer Recovery Specialist Grant	Carroll County Ordinance no. 2023-49 (December 19, 2023) established fund to receive a grant from the Arkansas Department of Human Services (ADHS) for a Peer Recovery Specialist full time position.

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

Fund Name

Fund Description

Central Dispatch/Detention Center Carroll County Ordinance no. 2015-7 (March 16, 2015) established fund for anticipated capital expenditures related to the Carroll County Central Dispatch and the Carroll County Detention Center.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of treasurer's commission, County Law Library funds, and interest not distributed to the appropriate agencies.

Collector's accounts consist primarily of delinquent taxes not yet distributed to the various taxing units.

Sheriff's accounts consist primarily of fees settlement, bond, evidence, and inmate trust money.

County Clerk's accounts consist primarily of fee money to be settled with the treasurer.

Circuit Clerk's accounts consist of trust money and settlements due to the treasurer.

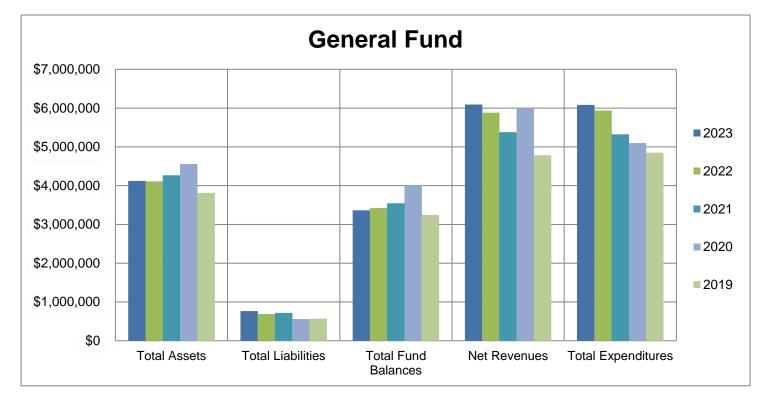
District Court accounts consist primarily of fines and costs not yet distributed to the county and/or state.

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS OTHER INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

	De	ecember 31, 2023
Land	\$	1,019,529
Buildings		8,395,141
Improvements		4,167,632
Equipment		9,288,051
Construction in Progress		1,369,710
Total	\$	24,240,063

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

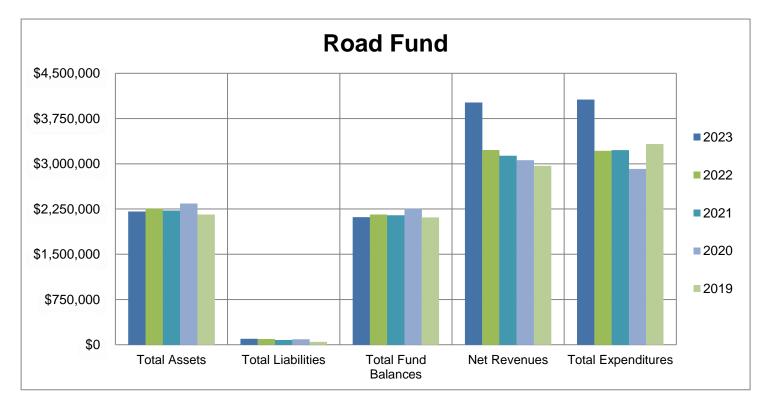
General	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019
Total Assets	\$ 4,121,393	\$ 4,106,687	\$ 4,262,904	\$ 4,559,228	\$ 3,809,949
Total Liabilities	761,164	685,933	718,218	556,300	568,510
Total Fund Balances	3,360,229	3,420,754	3,544,686	4,002,928	3,241,439
Net Revenues	6,087,753	5,879,840	5,373,727	5,979,428	4,779,045
Total Expenditures	6,079,028	5,934,522	5,320,131	5,093,689	4,847,481
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(69,250)	(69,250)	(511,838)	(124,250)	(109,250)



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CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - ROAD FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

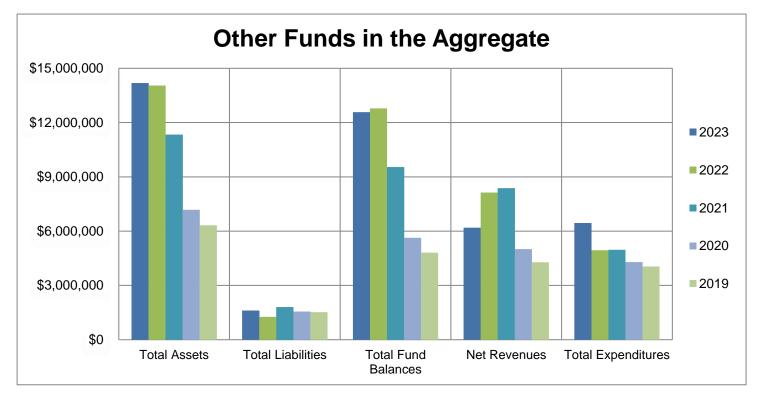
Road	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019
Total Assets	\$ 2,208,033	\$ 2,253,084	\$ 2,224,200	\$ 2,342,345	\$ 2,157,169
Total Liabilities	96,305	94,674	78,093	88,421	45,946
Total Fund Balances	2,111,728	2,158,410	2,146,107	2,253,924	2,111,223
Net Revenues	4,016,051	3,226,141	3,132,509	3,057,701	2,964,845
Total Expenditures	4,062,733	3,213,838	3,224,573	2,915,000	3,325,291
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses			(15,753)		



Schedule 4-2

CARROLL COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

Other Funds in the Aggregate	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019
Total Assets	\$ 14,182,780	\$ 14,047,371	\$ 11,334,396	\$ 7,176,104	\$ 6,317,008
Total Liabilities	1,613,999	1,264,066	1,796,812	1,549,190	1,513,083
Total Fund Balances	12,568,781	12,783,305	9,537,584	5,626,914	4,803,925
Net Revenues	6,186,335	8,133,321	8,369,316	4,999,954	4,273,464
Total Expenditures	6,450,859	4,937,600	4,966,987	4,281,965	4,045,995
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	50,000	50,000	508,341	105,000	90,000



Schedule 4-3