# Pope County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

December 31, 2023



LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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# LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Independent Auditor's Report

Pope 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 Pope 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 – 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 Pope 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 Pope 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 30, 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

Pope 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 Pope 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 30, 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 30, 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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# LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

### MANAGEMENT LETTER

Pope 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: Ben Cross Treasurer: Larry Holman Sheriff: Shane Jones Tax Collector: Jennifer Haley County Clerk: Pam Ennis Circuit Clerk: Rachel Oertling Assessor: Dana Baker Library Director: Riley Taurone (appointed February 21, 2023) Sherry Simpson (resigned February 17, 2023)

We would like to communicate the following item that came to our attention during this audit. The purpose of such comment 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. This matter was discussed previously with County officials during the course of our audit fieldwork and at the exit conference.

#### Other Issue

Two unauthorized withdrawals of \$3,000 and \$5,000 were made from the County Treasurer's bank account on January 30, 2023, and February 2, 2023, respectively. Entity personnel discovered the unauthorized withdrawals upon review of the affected bank account and funds were recovered from the bank.

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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Little Rock, Arkansas October 30, 2024

### POPE COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
ASSETS			
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 12,610,369	\$ 3,586,803	\$ 17,355,173
Accounts receivable	339,923	24,255	653,913
Interfund receivables	 	 21,081	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 12,950,292	\$ 3,632,139	\$ 18,009,086
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 67,041	\$ 306,674	\$ 350,202
Interfund payables	11,168		9,913
Settlements pending	 		 2,674,286
Total Liabilities	 78,209	 306,674	 3,034,401
Fund Balances:			
Restricted		3,150,401	14,079,890
Committed			30,338
Assigned		175,064	864,457
Unassigned	 12,872,083		
Total Fund Balances	 12,872,083	 3,325,465	 14,974,685
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 12,950,292	\$ 3,632,139	\$ 18,009,086

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

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

				Ot	her Funds in the
	General		Road	Α	ggregate
REVENUES State aid	\$ 924,27	2 \$	3,408,558	\$	457,206
Federal aid	پ <u>1,033,43</u>		90,013	φ	396,658
Property taxes	1,627,59		2,772,202		1,422,755
Sales taxes	5,878,72		2,112,202		1,422,700
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	819,17				248,852
Interest	1,140,66		196,754		423,679
Officers' fees	209,17		100,101		398,636
Jail fees	990,16				288,266
Franchise fees	76,83				200,200
Donations	,	•			36,000
Ambulance fees					3,387,319
911 fees					989,908
Public safety 911 reimbursements					657,546
Sale of land and buildings	2,410,66	8			· · · <b>,</b> · · ·
Treasurer's commission	378,38	3			64,354
Collector's commission	344,68	3			132,622
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	668,49				
Other	256,17		244,964		195,737
TOTAL REVENUES	16,758,45	2	6,712,491		9,099,538
Less: Treasurer's commission	148,46	8	82,113		91,771
NET REVENUES	16,609,98	4	6,630,378	1	9,007,767
EXPENDITURES					
Current:					
General government	4,033,74				442,644
Law enforcement	8,288,15				754,375
Highways and streets	494,87	8	7,079,490		
Public safety					2,231,889
Health	45,95				5,538,971
Recreation and culture	129,15				1,663,671
Social services	175,53	<u>/</u>			307,875
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	13,167,42	6	7,079,490		10,939,425

Exhibit B

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

	General	Road	-	other Funds in the Aggregate
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 3,442,558	\$ (449,112)	\$	(1,931,658)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	 121,000 (568,179)			572,578 (125,399)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	 (447,179)			447,179
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	2,995,379	(449,112)		(1,484,479)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	 9,876,704	 3,774,577		16,459,164
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 12,872,083	\$ 3,325,465	\$	14,974,685

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

Exhibit B

### POPE 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	Fa	ariance avorable favorable)	 Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES				<u> </u>	/	 		
State aid	\$ 873,000	\$	924,272	\$	51,272	\$ 3,395,503	\$ 3,408,558	\$ 13,055
Federal aid	972,246		1,033,436		61,190	85,200	90,013	4,813
Property taxes	1,481,100		1,627,594		146,494	2,534,500	2,772,202	237,702
Sales taxes	5,500,000		5,878,727		378,727			
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	665,000		819,179		154,179			
Interest	800,000		1,140,664		340,664	166,200	196,754	30,554
Officers' fees	174,140		209,174		35,034			
Jail fees	703,600		990,168		286,568			
Franchise fees	72,000		76,839		4,839			
Sale of land and buildings	2,400,000		2,410,668		10,668			
Treasurer's commission	360,000		378,383		18,383			
Collector's commission	335,000		344,683		9,683			
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	650,000		668,490		18,490			
Other	507,470		256,175		(251,295)	 125,150	 244,964	119,814
TOTAL REVENUES	15,493,556		16,758,452		1,264,896	6,306,553	6,712,491	405,938
Less: Treasurer's commission			148,468		(148,468)	 	 82,113	(82,113)
NET REVENUES	15,493,556		16,609,984		1,116,428	 6,306,553	 6,630,378	323,825
EXPENDITURES Current:								
General government	4,715,537		4,033,746		681,791			
Law enforcement	9,242,029		8,288,159		953,870			
Highways and streets	2,984,427		494,878		2,489,549	7,989,319	7,079,490	909,829
Health	55,800		45,953		9,847			
Recreation and culture	149,063		129,153		19,910			
Social services	180,390		175,537		4,853	 	 	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	17,327,246		13,167,426		4,159,820	 7,989,319	 7,079,490	909,829

Exhibit C

### POPE 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						
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)	Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)				Actual		Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	
EXPENDITURES	\$ (1,8	33,690)	\$	3,442,558	\$	5,276,248	\$	(1,682,766)	\$	(449,112)	\$	1,233,654
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out		19,000 68,179)		121,000 (568,179)		2,000		285,000				(285,000)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(44	49,179)		(447,179)		2,000		285,000				(285,000)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(2,28	82,869)		2,995,379		5,278,248		(1,397,766)		(449,112)		948,654
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	9,68	87,171		9,876,704		189,533		3,794,964		3,774,577		(20,387)
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 7,40	04,302	\$	12,872,083	\$	5,467,781	\$	2,397,198	\$	3,325,465	\$	928,267

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

Exhibit C

#### 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 Schedule 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 money market accounts and certificates of deposit.

#### Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, officers' fees, property taxes and trust accounts 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.

#### 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.

#### NOTE 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

#### 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)	\$ 1,254,422	\$ 1,640,735
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the County's agent, pledging bank or		
pledging bank's trust department or agent in the		
County's name	32,294,846	34,514,651
Total Deposits	\$ 33,549,268	\$ 36,155,386

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$3,077.

#### 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	Gei	General Fund		Road Fund		er Funds in Aggregate
State aid			\$	330	\$	19,221
Property taxes	\$	24,135		11,266		6,181
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		68,999				14,030
Interest		49,011				169
Officers' fees		5,667				6,810
Jail fees		161,934				25,002
Franchise fees		18,874				
Ambulance fees						565,982
911 fees						11,832
Other		11,303		12,659		4,686
Totals	\$	339,923	\$	24,255	\$	653,913

### NOTE 5: Accounts Payable

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

Description	Gen	eral Fund Road Fund		 er Funds in Aggregate	
Vendor payables	\$	67,041	\$	306,674	\$ 350,202

### NOTE 6: Interfund Balances

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances are as follows:

	December 31, 2023				
	Interfund			terfund	
	Ree	ceivables	Pa	ayables	
General Fund			\$	11,168	
Road Fund	\$	21,081			
Other Funds in the Aggregate:					
Special Revenue Funds:					
County Library				151	
Emergency 911				430	
Emergency Medical Services				9,268	
Assessor's Late Assessment Fee				64	
Totals	\$	21,081	\$	21,081	

Interfund receivables and payables relate to reimbursements for fuel. These balances were paid in January 2024.

### NOTE 7: Details of Fund Balance Classifications

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

	General	Road	Other Funds in			
Description	Fund	Fund	th	e Aggregate		
Fund Balances						
Restricted for:						
General government			\$	8,718,703		
Law enforcement				485,941		
Highw ays and streets		\$ 3,150,401				
Public safety				104,399		
Health				3,617,679		
Recreation and culture				1,153,168		
Total Restricted		 3,150,401		14,079,890		
Committed for:						
General government				3,393		
Law enforcement				26,878		
Public safety				67		
Total Committed				30,338		
Assigned to:						
Law enforcement				2,752		
Highw ays and streets		175,064		,		
Public safety				822,738		
Recreation and culture				38,967		
Total Assigned		 175,064		864,457		
Unassigned	\$ 12,872,083					
Totals	\$ 12,872,083	\$ 3,325,465	\$	14,974,685		

#### NOTE 8: 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 \$103,042,348. 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 \$38,866,002. There were no short-term financing obligations.

#### NOTE 9: Commitments

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

	De	ecember 31, 2023
Long-term liabilities	\$	681,447
Leases Reappraisal contract		2,268,471 877,896
Construction contracts		10,023,199
Total Commitments	\$	13,851,013

#### Long-term Liabilities

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

	Dec	cember 31,
		2023
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and		
sick leave adjusted to current salary cost	\$	681,447

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

#### 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

#### <u>Leases</u>

The County entered into four lease agreements for motor graders on January 15, 2023. Terms of the leases are monthly rental payments of \$4,793, \$4,793, \$5,395, and \$5,395, respectively, for 60 months. At the end of the lease term, the County can purchase the equipment for \$1 or return the equipment.

The County entered into a lease agreement for a motor grader on February 15, 2023. Terms of the lease are monthly rental payments of \$5,395 for 60 months. At the end of the lease term, the County can purchase the equipment for \$1 or return the equipment.

The County entered into five lease agreements for dump trucks on April 15, 2023. Terms of each lease are monthly rental payments of \$2,541 for 48 months. At the end of the lease term, the County has an option to pay a balloon payment of \$98,000 on each lease to keep the equipment or the option to return the equipment.

#### NOTE 9: Commitments (Continued)

#### Leases (Continued)

The County is obligated for the following amounts for the next five years:

Year	Decer	nber 31, 2023
2024	\$	461,719
2025		461,719
2026		461,719
2027		852,150
2028		31,164
Total	\$	2,268,471

Lease expense for 2023 was \$379,730.

#### County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Total Assessment Solutions Corporation on December 6, 2021, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 60 monthly payments of \$24,386 for a total of \$1,463,160 beginning January 15, 2022. Contract expense for 2023, was \$292,632.

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

Year	Decen	nber 31, 2023
2024	\$	292,632
2025	Ŷ	292,632
2026		292,632
Total	\$	877,896

#### **Construction Contracts**

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

Project Name	Completed or Estimated Completion Date	 tract Balance mber 31, 2023
EMS Facility	May 2025	\$ 5,783,463
Road Department	May 2025	3,988,426
Condensate Drains	April 2024	149,775
Elevator	March 2024	 101,535
Total Construction Contracts		\$ 10,023,199

#### NOTE 10: Interfund Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$568,179 to the Other Funds in the Aggregate to supplement operations of the Emergency 911 Fund. The Other Funds in the Aggregate (County Clerk's Cost, Recorder's Cost, and Circuit Clerk Passport) transferred \$121,000 to the General Fund of which \$106,000 was unrestricted fees pursuant to Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-306, -413 and \$15,000 was to defray the costs related to the processing of passports. Within Other Funds in the Aggregate, Child Support Cost transferred \$4,399 to Recorder's Cost in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 9-10-109.

#### NOTE 11: Jointly Governed Organizations

#### West River Valley Regional Solid Waste Management District

Conway, Crawford, Franklin, Johnson, Logan, Perry, Pope, Scott, and Yell Counties, and the Cities of Van Buren, Ozark, Atkins, Booneville, Alma, Clarksville, Russellville, Paris, Charleston, Morrilton, Waldron, and Dardanelle entered into an agreement in 1997 to form the West River Valley Regional Solid Waste Management District (District) in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-707. The County did not provide any funding to the District during 2023. Separate financial statements may be obtained at 24087 Highway 164, Clarksville, AR 72830.

#### Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District, the Sheriffs' Departments of Pope, Johnson, and Franklin Counties and Police Departments of Russellville, Clarksville, and Ozark entered into an agreement to establish the Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force. Funding was provided through a Drug Law Enforcement Program grant applied for by the Prosecuting Attorney of the Fifth Judicial District. The County provided funding of \$3,800 to the Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force during 2023. Financial statements of the Fifth Judicial District Drug Task Force are not available.

#### NOTE 12: 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.

Property Program – This program is a blanket policy with coverage up to \$1,100,000,000 for any one loss with a \$2,000 deductible. The County shall pay into the program each year a charge established by the Risk Management Fund Board for covered county property.

#### 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.

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 \$350,000 per case with an annual aggregate of \$350,000. The County agrees to pay into the program each year a rate established by the Risk Management Fund Board.

#### NOTE 12: Risk Management (Continued)

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 13: 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 \$1,672,142.

#### 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 \$14,350,946.

#### NOTE 14: 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 \$989,191 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, \$989,191 of this amount has been received. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on financial statements for future reporting periods remains uncertain.

					SP	ECIAL	REVENUE	FUN	DS				
	reasurer's utomation			rcuit Court utomation	assessor's mendment No. 79	Cοι	inty Clerk's Cost	R	ecorder's Cost	Сог	unty Library	d Support Cost	nmunications Facility & Equipment
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 272,658	\$ 296,969	\$	165,557 1,405	\$ 131,190	\$	79,808 622	\$	373,524 3,645	\$	793,883 9,349	\$ 3,493 3	\$ 120,016 23,991
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 272,658	\$ 296,969	\$	166,962	\$ 131,190	\$	80,430	\$	377,169	\$	803,232	\$ 3,496	\$ 144,007
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending Total Liabilities		\$ 260 260	\$	1,951				\$	3,341 3,341	\$	6,686 151 6,837		\$ 39,912 39,912
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Total Fund Balances	\$ 272,658	 296,709		165,011	\$ 131,190	\$	80,430		373,828		796,395	\$ 3,496 3,496	 104,095
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 272,658	\$ 296,969	\$	166,962	\$ 131,190	\$	80,430	\$	377,169	\$	803,232	\$ 3,496	\$ 144,007

							SPECI	AL R	REVENUE FUN	NDS					
	Dru	ıg Control	ail Operation & Maintenance		oating Safety	Eme	ergency 911	E	Emergency Medical Services		Public efender	dult Drug Court	J	cuit Court Iuvenile Division	Criminal Justice
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	12,607	\$ 20,872 14,516	\$	6,402	\$	900,662 30,582	\$	3,060,784 567,551	\$	4,859 471	\$ 45,002 150	\$	61,126 780	\$ 27,236
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	12,607	\$ 35,388	\$	6,402	\$	931,244	\$	3,628,335	\$	5,330	\$ 45,152	\$	61,906	\$ 27,236
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$ 1,887	\$	182	\$	9,897 430 10,327	\$	1,388 9,268 10,656				\$	4,065	
Fund Balances:			 1,007		102		10,327		10,000					4,000	
Restricted Committed Assigned	\$	12,607	33,501		6,220		98,179 822,738		3,617,679	\$	2,578 2,752	\$ 45,152		57,841	\$ 27,236
Total Fund Balances		12,607	 33,501		6,220		920,917		3,617,679		5,330	 45,152		57,841	 27,236
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	12,607	\$ 35,388	\$	6,402	\$	931,244	\$	3,628,335	\$	5,330	\$ 45,152	\$	61,906	\$ 27,236

							SPECIA	AL REV	ENUE FU	INDS					
ASSETS		cuit Clerk missioner's Fee	ssessor's Late sessment Fee	Pro	g Control - osecuting Attorney	Dis	trict Court Cost		n Ban ines	W	Animal /elfare & Control	cuit Clerk assport	rary Capital Projects	•	e County Flag
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	11,204	\$ 14,750 118	\$	11,302	\$	27,456	\$	67	\$	26,878	\$ 2,663 730	\$ 362,343	\$	6,324
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	11,204	\$ 14,868	\$	11,302	\$	27,456	\$	67	\$	26,878	\$ 3,393	\$ 362,343	\$	6,324
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$ 64			\$	873								
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Total Fund Balances	\$	11,204	 14,804	\$	11,302		26,583 26,583	\$	67	\$	26,878	\$ 3,393	\$ 323,376 38,967 362,343	\$	6,324
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	11,204	\$ 14,868	\$	11,302	\$	27,456	\$	67	\$	26,878	\$ 3,393	\$ 362,343	\$	6,324

		SPE	CIAL	REVENUE FU	JNDS			С	USTODIAL FUN	DS			
	Ja	larold & ckie Neal dowment		American escue Plan Act	Equ	c Safety ipment Grant	reasurer's Accounts	ollector's Accounts	Sheriff's Accounts		nty Clerk's ccounts	cuit Clerk's Accounts	 Totals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$	33,397	\$	7,807,820	\$	35	\$ 460,532	\$ 57,357	\$ 1,223,821	\$	66,772	\$ 865,804	\$ 17,355,173 653,913
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	33,397	\$	7,807,820	\$	35	\$ 460,532	\$ 57,357	\$ 1,223,821	\$	66,772	\$ 865,804	\$ 18,009,086
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Interfund payables Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$	279,760			\$ 460,532 460,532	\$ 57,357 57,357	\$ 1,223,821 1,223,821	\$	66,772 66,772	\$ 865,804 865,804	\$ 350,202 9,913 2,674,286 3,034,401
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Total Fund Balances	\$	33,397 33,397		7,528,060	\$	35							 14,079,890 30,338 864,457 14,974,685
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	33,397	\$	7,807,820	\$	35	\$ 460,532	\$ 57,357	\$ 1,223,821	\$	66,772	\$ 865,804	\$ 18,009,086

				SF	PECIAL REVENUE F	UNDS			
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment No. 79	County Clerk's Cost	Recorder's Cost	County Library	Child Support Cost	Communications Facility & Equipment
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs		\$ 45	\$ 16,599	\$ 21,603			\$ 109,605 13,404 1,419,591		
Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Donations Ambulance fees	\$ 15,228	12,098	9,761	7,700	\$ 4,208 32,346	\$23,981 319,806	35,563 23,678	\$	\$ 6,189 8,243 268,171
911 fees Public safety 911 reimbursements Treasurer's commission Collector's commission	64,354	132,622							
Other				·		6	23,710		·
TOTAL REVENUES	79,582	144,765	26,360	29,303	36,554	343,793	1,625,551	4,595	282,603
Less: Treasurer's commission		137	320	365	458	4,372	20,107	59	3,720
NET REVENUES	79,582	144,628	26,040	28,938	36,096	339,421	1,605,444	4,536	278,883
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety	61,142	98,895	24,451	2,922	18,911	259,106			298,950
Health Recreation and culture Social services							1,508,536		
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	61,142	98,895	24,451	2,922	18,911	259,106	1,508,536		298,950
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	18,440	45,733	1,589	26,016	17,185	80,315	96,908	4,536	(20,067)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out					(6,000)	4,399 (100,000)		(4,399)	
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					(6,000)	(95,601)		(4,399)	
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	18,440	45,733	1,589	26,016	11,185	(15,286)	96,908	137	(20,067)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	254,218	250,976	163,422	105,174	69,245	389,114	699,487	3,359	124,162
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 272,658	\$ 296,709	\$ 165,011	\$ 131,190	\$ 80,430	\$ 373,828	\$ 796,395	\$ 3,496	\$ 104,095

							SPE	CIAL REVEN	IUE FU	NDS						
	Drug (	Control	Operation & intenance	Boatin	g Safety	Eme	rgency 911	Emerger Medica Service	ıl -	Public D	Defender	lult Drug Court	J	cuit Court uvenile Division	Crimir	nal Justice
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes				\$	4,486	\$	75,000 75,379	\$ 16	,189	\$	2,049		\$	14,000		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Donations	\$	732	\$ 158,864 1,226 20,095		369		51,879	215	,616		28,650 276 4,507	\$ 2,562 5,780		1,880 3,358 8,265	\$	23,664 1,763
Ambulance fees 911 fees Public safety 911 reimbursements Treasurer's commission							989,908 657,546	3,387	,319							
Collector's commission Other			 				38,593	132	,576			 		850		
TOTAL REVENUES		732	180,185		4,855		1,888,305	3,751	,700		35,482	8,342		28,353		25,427
Less: Treasurer's commission			 2,232		61		12,865	43	,945		366	 		173		323
NET REVENUES		732	 177,953		4,794		1,875,440	3,707	,755		35,116	 8,342		28,180		25,104
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Health Recreation and culture Social services			172,100		4,449		2,227,440	4,174	,431		33,976	3,710		17,693		20,719
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			 172,100		4,449		2,227,440	4,174	,431		33,976	 3,710		17,693		20,719
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		732	 5,853		345		(352,000)	(466	,676)		1,140	 4,632		10,487		4,385
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out							568,179									
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							568,179									
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	)	732	5,853		345		216,179	(466	,676)		1,140	4,632		10,487		4,385
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		11,875	 27,648		5,875		704,738	4,084	,355		4,190	 40,520		47,354		22,851
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	12,607	\$ 33,501	\$	6,220	\$	920,917	\$ 3,617	,679	\$	5,330	\$ 45,152	\$	57,841	\$	27,236

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS																
	Circuit Cle Commission Fee		Ass	sor's Late essment Fee	Pro	g Control - secuting ttorney		ict Court Cost	Burn B	an Fines		l Welfare Control		uit Clerk ssport		ary Capital <sup>&gt;</sup> rojects	County
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Donations Ambulance fees 911 fees Public safety 911 reimbursements Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	\$	646 270	\$	3,119 792	\$	2,072	\$	17,111 1,617 2	\$	4	\$	2,084 1,502	\$	592 15,041	\$	114,274 19,209	\$ 311 2,100
TOTAL REVENUES		916		3,911		2,072		18,730		4		3,586		15,633		133,483	 2,411
Less: Treasurer's commission		11		49		26		237		·		45		198		1,680	3
NET REVENUES		905		3,862		2,046		18,493		4		3,541		15,435		131,803	 2,408
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Health Recreation and culture Social services				1,668		60,096		19,023								52,780	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				1,668		60,096		19,023								52,780	
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		905		2,194		(58,050)		(530)		4		3,541		15,435		79,023	 2,408
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		905		2,194		(58,050)		(530)		4		3,541		(15,000) (15,000) 435		79,023	2,408
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	10	,299		12,610		69,352		27,113		63		23,337		2,958		283,320	3,916
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31		,204	\$	14,804	\$	11,302	\$	26,583	\$	67	\$	26,878	\$	3,393	\$	362,343	\$ 6,324

			SPE	ECIAL F	REVENUE FUND	S				CAPITAL JECTS FUND	
	Pope County Law Enforcement Training Center		Harold & Jackie Neal Endowment	Am	erican Rescue Plan Act		ublic Safety ipment Grant	eleton Park Grant	MAR	VA Workshop Grant	Totals
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Donations Ambulance fees 911 fees Public safety 911 reimbursements Treasurer's commission Collector's commission Other	\$ 43	5	\$ 1,654 10,222			\$	2,511	\$ 100,000	\$	307,875	\$ 457,206 396,658 1,422,755 248,852 423,679 398,636 288,266 36,000 3,387,319 988,908 657,546 64,354 132,622 195,737
TOTAL REVENUES	43		11,876				2,511	100,000		307,875	9,099,538
Less: Treasurer's commission			19					 			 91,771
NET REVENUES	43		11,857				2,511	 100,000		307,875	 9,007,767
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Health Recreation and culture Social services	1,181		2,355	\$	1,364,540		102,476	100,000		307,875	442,644 754,375 2,231,889 5,538,971 1,663,671 307,875
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,181		2,355		1,364,540		102,476	100,000		307,875	10,939,425
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(1,138		9,502		(1,364,540)		(99,965)				 (1,931,658)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out											 572,578 (125,399)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)											 447,179
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	) (1,138	)	9,502		(1,364,540)		(99,965)				(1,484,479)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1,138		23,895		8,892,600		100,000				 16,459,164
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 0		\$ 33,397	\$	7,528,060	\$	35	\$ 0	\$	0	\$ 14,974,685

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 commission 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.
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.
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.
County 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.
Child Support Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 9-10-109 established fund to receive fees to offset administrative costs in the clerk's office.
Communications Facility & Equipment	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-307, 12-41-105 established fund to receive 25% of sheriff's fees collected, phone commissions, 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.
Drug Control	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to arresting agency.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Jail Operation & Maintenance	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-129 allows a county to levy an additional fine, not to exceed \$20. Funds shall be used exclusively to defray the cost of incarcerating county prisoners, including construction and maintenance of the county jail. In addition, Ark. Code Ann. § 12-41-505 authorized a \$40 booking and administration fee to be assessed on persons convicted of a felony or Class A misdemeanor. 90% of this fee is to be used for the maintenance, operation, and capital expenditures of a county jail or regional detention facility and for certificate pay for law enforcement and jail personnel.
Boating Safety	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.
Emergency 911	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-10-318 established fund to receive fees collected by telephone providers for 911 emergency services.
Emergency Medical Services	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 20-13-303 - 20-13-305 and Pope County Ordinance no. 79-O-39 (December 26, 1979) established fund to receive fees to provide for ambulance services for the County.
Public Defender	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established the County Administration of Justice Fund which continued to finance this fund to be used for defense of indigents.
Adult Drug Court	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	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-326 established fund to collect juvenile fees, court costs, and fines to provide services and supplies to juveniles and support court programs at the discretion of the juvenile division of circuit court.
Criminal Justice	Pope County Ordinance no. 95-O-40 (July 6, 1995) established fund to receive a portion of circuit court fines to be used to acquire, maintain, repair, and replace equipment used by the sheriff's department and circuit court.
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.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
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.
Drug Control - Prosecuting Attorney	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to the prosecuting attorney.
District Court Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-126 authorizes district court filing fees for writs of garnishment and executions to be appropriated for any permissible use in the administration of the district court.
Burn Ban Fines	Pope County Ordinance no. 96-O-14 (March 7, 1996) allows the County to collect fines, not to exceed \$500, for citizens that willfully burn under a burn ban. Fines collected are appropriated back to the County Firefighter's Association.
Animal Welfare & Control	Pope County Ordinance no. 2015-O-62 (November 5, 2015) established fund to receive fines collected pursuant to Pope County Ordinance no. 2015-O-50 (October 6, 2015). The funds are to be used to pay expenses related to the collection of animals who fall under the jurisdiction of Pope County Ordinance no. 2015-O-50 (October 6, 2015).
Circuit Clerk Passport	Pope County Ordinance no. 2019-O-65 (November 8, 2019) established fund to receive fees collected related to the processing of passport applications.
Library Capital Projects	Pope County Ordinance no. 2020-O-4 (January 8, 2020) established fund to account for donations and other restricted revenues received that are to be used for the Pope County Library System expansion, construction, maintenance and operation.
Pope County Flag	Pope County Ordinance no. 2020-O-46 (September 4, 2020) established fund to account for donations received that are to be used for upkeep of the flag.
Pope County Law Enforcement Training Center	Pope County Ordinance no. 2020-O-47 (September 4, 2020) established fund to account for donations received that are to be used for the Pope County Law Enforcement Training Center.
Harold & Jackie Neal Endowment	Established to account for donations received that are to be used for the Pope County Library.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
American Rescue Plan Act	Pope County Ordinance no. 2022-O-13 (February 7, 2022) established fund to account for the revenue replacement portion of the Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFR), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency.
Public Safety Equipment Grant	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-1-103 established fund to account for a grant received from the Arkansas Public Safety Equipment Grant Program for the purchase of law enforcement equipment that aids in improving trust and relationships between law enforcement and their communities.
Appleton Park Grant	Pope County Ordinance no. 2023-O-30 (May 4, 2023) established fund to account for grant funds received through the Arkansas State Parks Outdoor Recreation Grants program.
MARVA Workshop Grant	Pope County Ordinance no. 2022-O-36 (May 5, 2022) established fund to account for community development block grant funds received for the MARVA Workshop project.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of funds held for the law library, insurance premiums, and property taxes not distributed to the appropriate agencies.

Collector's accounts consist primarily of property tax settlements due to the treasurer.

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

County Clerk's accounts consist primarily of trust money awaiting disposition by the applicable court.

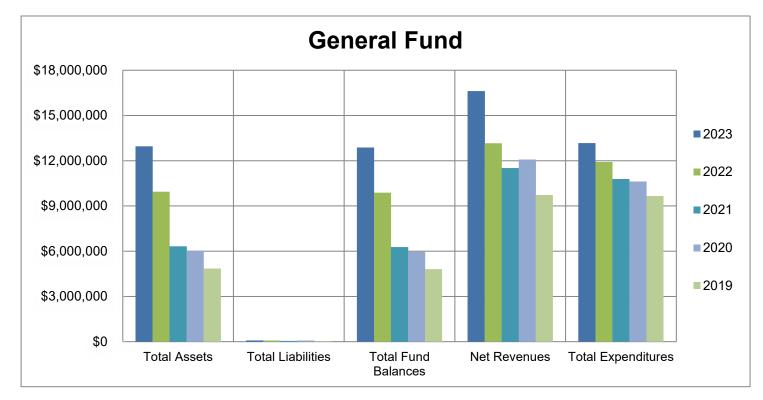
Circuit Clerk's accounts consist of trust money and settlements due to the treasurer.

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

Land Buildings and improvements Equipment Infrastructure	December 31, 2023
Land	\$ 976,350
Buildings and improvements	14,720,506
Equipment	13,153,924
Infrastructure	383,889,889
Construction-in-progress	2,358,000
Total	\$ 415,098,669

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

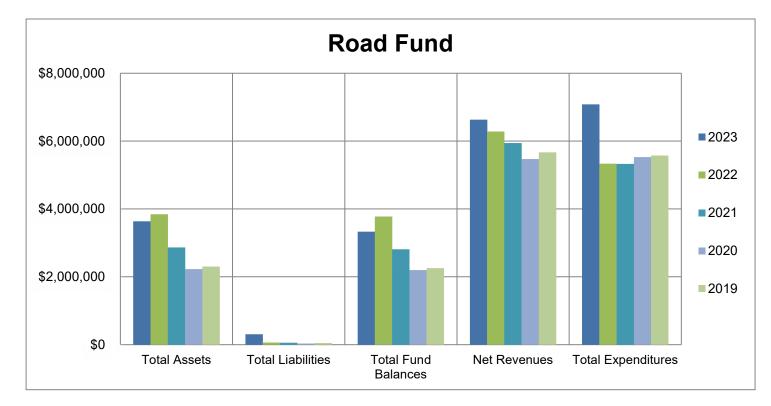
General	 2023	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019
Total Assets	\$ 12,950,292	\$ 9,941,699	\$ 6,315,081	\$ 6,025,452	\$ 4,846,281
Total Liabilities	78,209	64,995	46,137	68,321	39,521
Total Fund Balances	12,872,083	9,876,704	6,268,944	5,957,131	4,806,760
Net Revenues	16,609,984	13,149,524	11,511,972	12,078,318	9,729,265
Total Expenditures	13,167,426	11,912,247	10,788,824	10,615,403	9,657,706
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(447,179)	2,370,483	(411,335)	(334,230)	(71,246)



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#### POPE 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	\$ 3,632,139	\$ 3,840,046	\$ 2,865,011	\$ 2,225,129	\$ 2,298,155
Total Liabilities	306,674	65,469	54,842	29,095	45,330
Total Fund Balances	3,325,465	3,774,577	2,810,169	2,196,034	2,252,825
Net Revenues	6,630,378	6,279,375	5,941,079	5,467,711	5,664,832
Total Expenditures	7,079,490	5,331,467	5,326,944	5,524,502	5,573,822
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses		16,500			



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#### POPE 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	\$ 18,009,086	\$ 18,484,493	\$ 16,660,831	\$ 10,007,792	\$ 8,781,487
Total Liabilities	3,034,401	2,024,429	2,075,710	2,197,767	1,435,895
Total Fund Balances	14,974,685	16,460,064	14,585,121	7,810,025	7,345,592
Net Revenues	9,007,767	14,041,971	14,297,920	7,912,554	7,495,665
Total Expenditures	10,939,425	9,780,045	7,934,159	7,751,533	7,233,211
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	447,179	(2,386,983)	411,335	325,098	71,246

