Union County, Arkansas

Regulatory Basis Financial Statements and Other Reports

December 31, 2022



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Independent Auditor's Report

Union 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 Union 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, 2022, and the related Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Balances and 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 Union County, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2022; the regulatory basis revenues, expenditures, and changes in net position; 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 Union County, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2022, or the revenues, expenditures, and changes in net position 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.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the financial statements, in 2022 the County adopted new accounting guidance, Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, Leases. Our opinions are not modified with respect to this matter.

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 or to 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 March 14, 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 compliance 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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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

Union 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 Union County, Arkansas (County), as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, 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 March 14, 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 March 14, 2024.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to described 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.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Little Rock, Arkansas March 14, 2024



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MANAGEMENT LETTER

Union 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 2022:

County Judge: Mike Loftin

Treasurer: Debbie Ray (Retired May 19, 2022)

Lexie Kelley (Appointed May 5, 2022 - Resigned October 27, 2022)

Misti Conley (Appointed October 28, 2022)

Sheriff: Ricky Roberts
Tax Collector: Karen Scott

County Clerk: Shannon Phillips (Retired June 30, 2022)

Alice Lowery (Appointed July 1, 2022)

Circuit Clerk: Cheryl Cochran-Wilson

Assessor: Vicki Deaton

District Court Clerk: Lisa Bailey

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.

County Judge, Treasurer, and County Clerk

The County Clerk and Treasurer were paid \$4,923 and \$3,692, respectively, for unused vacation upon their retirement, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-805.

County Judge

Road Fund expenditures exceeded appropriations by \$432,416, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-14-1102.

Tax Collector

A Delinquent Real Estate Tax Book was not retained and maintained as permanent public record, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 26-37-106

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.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

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Little Rock, Arkansas March 14, 2024

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General	Road	Other Funds in the Aggregate
ASSETS	 _	 _	 _
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 13,371,339	\$ 10,370,719	\$ 27,699,017
Accounts receivable	1,521,382	471,058	210,308
Interfund receivables	 	 22,270	 40,273
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 14,892,721	\$ 10,864,047	\$ 27,949,598
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES			
Liabilities:			
Accounts payable	\$ 128,108	\$ 649,661	\$ 1,200,649
Interfund payables	62,543		
Settlements pending	1,242,092		8,770,578
Total Liabilities	1,432,743	649,661	9,971,227
Fund Balances:			
Restricted	5,998,242		17,883,699
Committed			12,427
Assigned	1,699,179	10,214,386	90,237
Unassigned	5,762,557		(7,992)
Total Fund Balances	13,459,978	10,214,386	17,978,371
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 14,892,721	\$ 10,864,047	\$ 27,949,598

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

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - REGULATORY BASIS

					С	other Funds in the
DEVELUE		General		Road		Aggregate
REVENUES State aid	\$	902,477	\$	3,700,700	¢	479,423
Federal aid	Ф	902,477 473,041	Ф	5,700,700 5,220	\$	4,374,880
Property taxes		3,788,792		2,149,058		686,503
Sales taxes		2,598,311		1,732,207		3,575,771
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		283,450		1,732,207		275,600
Interest		91,559		73,645		110,010
Officers' fees		83,373		70,040		390,428
Sanitation fees		476,840				372,267
Phone commissions		170,010				153,978
Donations						7,340
Insurance premiums collected		718,279		55,883		25,372
911 fees		-, -		,		391,877
Jail fees		924,611				,
Stop loss health reimbursement		116,650				
Rental Income		134,883				88,900
Sale of equipment		85,000				
Treasurer's commission		171,954				51,707
Collector's commission		412,260				30,585
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense		618,794				
Other		248,177		216,571		67,332
TOTAL REVENUES		12,128,451		7,933,284		11,081,973
Less: Treasurer's commission		60,656		55,389		46,914
NET REVENUES		12,067,795		7,877,895		11,035,059
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		3,017,578				1,702,579
Law enforcement		6,693,043				495,598
Highways and streets		113,364		7,622,040		717,977
Public safety		378,320				227,189
Sanitation		520,204				4,194,477
Health		39,958				
Recreation and culture		155,135				383,157
Social services		159,372				
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		11,076,974		7,622,040		7,720,977

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES REGULATORY BASIS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022

	General	Road	_	other Funds in the Aggregate
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ 990,821	\$ 255,855	\$	3,314,082
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out Reimbursement to Union County Solid Waste Property taxes remitted to South Arkansas Community College	(90,273)			90,273 (711,748) (423,901)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	 (90,273)			(1,045,376)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	900,548	255,855		2,268,706
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	12,559,430	9,958,531		15,709,665
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 13,459,978	\$ 10,214,386	\$	17,978,371

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

Exhibit C

UNION 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, 2022

	General					Road						
		Variance Favorable Budget Actual (Unfavorable)		avorable	e		Actual	F	/ariance avorable favorable)			
REVENUES		_				_				_		_
State aid	\$	829,293	\$	902,477	\$	73,184	\$	2,956,000	\$	3,700,700	\$	744,700
Federal aid		576,375		473,041		(103,334)		4,800		5,220		420
Property taxes		3,474,500		3,788,792		314,292		1,989,000		2,149,058		160,058
Sales taxes		2,250,000		2,598,311		348,311		1,400,000		1,732,207		332,207
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		363,600		283,450		(80,150)						
Interest		28,951		91,559		62,608		35,275		73,645		38,370
Officers' fees		109,125		83,373		(25,752)						
Sanitation fees		500,000		476,840		(23,160)						
Insurance premiums collected		1,700,000		718,279		(981,721)				55,883		55,883
Jail fees		912,000		924,611		12,611						
Stop loss health reimbursement				116,650		116,650						
Rental Income				134,883		134,883						
Sale of equipment				85,000		85,000						
Treasurer's commission		195,000		171,954		(23,046)						
Collector's commission		400,000		412,260		12,260						
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense		510,000		618,794		108,794						
Other		892,800		248,177		(644,623)		360,800		216,571		(144,229)
TOTAL REVENUES		12,741,644		12,128,451		(613,193)		6,745,875		7,933,284		1,187,409
Less: Treasurer's commission				60,656		(60,656)				55,389		(55,389)
NET REVENUES		12,741,644		12,067,795		(673,849)		6,745,875		7,877,895		1,132,020
EXPENDITURES Current:												
General government		6,348,210		3,017,578		3,330,632						
Law enforcement		7,361,887		6,693,043		668,844						
Highways and streets				113,364		(113,364)		7,189,624		7,622,040		(432,416)
Public safety		637,153		378,320		258,833						
Sanitation		476,827		520,204		(43,377)						
Health		70,897		39,958		30,939						
Recreation and culture		221,408		155,135		66,273						
Social services		198,609		159,372		39,237			_			
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		15,314,991		11,076,974		4,238,017		7,189,624		7,622,040		(432,416)

Exhibit C

UNION 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, 2022

	General					Road						
		Budget		Actual		Variance Favorable Infavorable)		Budget		Actual	F	Variance avorable nfavorable)
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$	(2,573,347)	\$	990,821	\$	3,564,168	\$	(443,749)	\$	255,855	\$	699,604
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out		587,963 (2,250)		(90,273)		(587,963) (88,023)		160,634				(160,634)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)		585,713		(90,273)		(675,986)		160,634				(160,634)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		(1,987,634)		900,548		2,888,182		(283,115)		255,855		538,970
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		4,816,210		12,559,430		7,743,220		8,046,564		9,958,531		1,911,967
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	2,828,576	\$	13,459,978	\$	10,631,402	\$	7,763,449	\$	10,214,386	\$	2,450,937

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.

Road Fund - 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, federal aid, and property taxes 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>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 that are paid within 60 days of the end of the current period, are considered to be expenditures 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.

In 2022, the County implemented Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 87, Leases. The significant/material effect on the Regulatory Basis of Accounting in the current period is that certain items included in debt service in the previous period are included in the expenditure/function code of the applicable opinion unit.

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, property taxes and funds held in trust that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

Fund Balance Classifications

- 1. 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.
- Committed fund balance amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Quorum Court.
- 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)	\$ 1,532,005	\$ 1,799,388
Collateralized:		
Collateral held by the County's agent, pledging bank or pledging bank's trust department or agent in the		
County's name	49,906,885	52,001,166
Total Deposits	\$ 51,438,890	\$ 53,800,554

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$2,185.

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, 2022, is composed of the following:

		eneral Fund	R	oad Fund	 Other Funds in the Aggregate		
Property taxes	\$	802,220	\$	465,668	\$ 74,793		
Sanitation fees		74,231			48,158		
911 fees					9,511		
Jail fees					10,705		
Collector's commission		384,211			30,585		
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense		241,732					
Other		18,988		5,390	 36,556		
Totals	\$	1,521,382	\$	471,058	\$ 210,308		

NOTE 5: Accounts Payable

The accounts payable balance at December 31, 2022, is composed of the following:

Description	Gei	neral Fund	Ro	oad Fund	 ner Funds in Aggregate
Vendor payables	\$	128,108	\$	649,661	\$ 1,200,649

NOTE 6: Interfund Balances

Individual fund interfund receivable and payable balances are as follows:

		Decembe	r 31, 2022				
	Ir	nterfund	ln	terfund			
	Re	ceivables	Pa	Payables			
General Fund			\$	62,543			
Road Fund	\$	22,270					
Other Funds in the Aggregate: Special Revenue Funds:							
Reappraisal Cost		40,273					
Totals	\$	62,543	\$	62,543			

Interfund receivables and payables consist of errors in depositing restricted revenues and interfund loans. These balances were repaid in 2023.

NOTE 7: Details of Fund Balance Classifications

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2022, are composed of the following:

		General		Road	Ot	Other Funds in		
Description	Fund			Fund	th	the Aggregate		
Fund Balances:				_	·			
Restricted for:								
General government	\$	1,224,373			\$	7,865,984		
Law enforcement						2,218,238		
Public safety						1,151,357		
Sanitation						6,647,031		
Health		4,759,915						
Recreation and culture		13,954				1,089		
Total Restricted		5,998,242				17,883,699		
Committed for:								
General government						12,427		
Assigned to:								
General government						4,500		
Law enforcement						85,737		
Highways and streets			\$	10,214,386				
Sanitation		1,683,934						
Recreation and culture		15,245						
Total Assigned		1,699,179		10,214,386		90,237		
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Unassigned		5,762,557				(7,992)		
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Totals	\$	13,459,978	\$	10,214,386		17,978,371		

NOTE 8: Deficit Fund Balances

The following funds have deficit fund balances as of December 31, 2022:

	December 31, 2022				
Other Funds in the Aggregate: Special Revenue Funds: Victim Witness	\$ (274)				
Indigent Defense	 (7,718)				
Total	\$ (7,992)				

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, 2022, the legal debt limit for bonded debt was \$97,068,266. There were no property tax secured bond issues.

NOTE 9: Legal Debt Limit (Continued)

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, 2022, the legal debt limit for short-term financing obligations was \$24,267,067. There were no short-term financing obligations.

NOTE 10: Commitments

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2022:

	Dec	ember 31, 2022
Long-term liabilities	\$	127,412
Leases	Ψ	81,574
Body camera and taser contract		142,518
Reappraisal contract		322,212
Grant administration contract		56,250
Total Commitments	\$	729,966

. Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2022, are comprised of the following:

	ember 31, 2022
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost	\$ 127,412

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.

Leases

The County entered into two leases dated December 22, 2017 and June 11, 2018, with Negawatt Partners, LLC. For the upgrading or replacing of lighting fixtures and associated lamps with LED lighting. Terms of the leases require \$212,000 and \$34,178 to be paid in monthly payments of \$2,524 and \$407, respectively, for 84 months.

Year	Decem	ber 31, 2022				
2023 2024	\$	35,170 35,170				
2025 Total	\$	11,234 81,574				

Lease expense for 2022, was \$35,710.

NOTE 10: Commitments (Continued)

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Total Assessment Solutions on October 29, 2018, for a county-wide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 60 monthly payments of \$26,851 for a total of \$1,611,060 beginning January 15, 2019. Contract expense for 2022, was \$322,212.

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2022:

Year	Decem	ber 31, 2022
2023	\$	322,212

Body camera and taser contract

The County entered into a contract dated November 19, 2020, for tasers and body cameras, along with annual license and monitoring services. Terms of the contract require annual payments for five years. Contract expenses were not paid in 2022.

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

Year	Decen	ecember 31, 2022						
2023 2024	\$	47,506 95,012						
Total	\$	142,518						

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Grant Administration

The County entered into a contract with the Southwest Arkansas Planning and Development District, Inc. on December 14, 2021, in the amount of \$225,000 for the administration of the County's American Rescue Plan Act grant. \$112,500 (50%) was paid upon signing the agreement. The remaining amounts shall be paid as follows: \$56,250 (25%) upon receipt of the 2nd tranche of funds and \$56,250(25%) due upon substantial project completion. Contract expense for 2022 was \$56,250.

NOTE 11: Interfund Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$90,273 to the Other Funds in the Aggregate (Reappraisal Cost \$40,273 and Indigent Defense \$50,000) for operating expenses.

NOTE 12: Joint Venture

Barton Public Library

Union County and the City of El Dorado entered into an agreement in May 1956 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-401 to establish the Barton Public Library. The agreement states that the County and City Library Boards shall by agreement employ a librarian. Two members from the County Library Board, two members from the City Library Board, and a fifth member from either of the boards are appointed to serve as the executive Library Committee. The Committee, working with the Librarian, prepares the budget, allocates the expenses to be paid by each of the library boards, and addresses other details as to the operations of the library. These recommendations presented to a joint meeting of the County Library and City Library Boards for approval or disapproval. The title to the land and buildings are in the name of the city of El Dorado Library. The books and equipment belonging to each Library are marked and inventoried to indicate ownership by the respective library board. The County Library paid \$383,157 for regional library expenditures in 2022. Separate financial statements of the Barton Public Library are not available.

NOTE 13: Jointly Governed Organization: Thirteenth Judicial District Drug Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorney's Office of the Thirteenth Judicial District, the Sheriff's Departments of Calhoun, Cleveland, Columbia, Dallas, Ouachita, and Union Counties, and the Police Departments of the Camden, El Dorado, Fordyce, Hampton, Magnolia, Rison, and Smackover entered into an agreement to establish the Thirteenth Judicial District Drug Task Force. The agreement covers the period of July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and may be extended upon mutual agreement. Funding provided through a Drug Law Enforcement grant, applied for by the Prosecuting Attorney of the Thirteenth Judicial District. No contributions or payments for expenditures were made to the Thirteenth Judicial Drug Task Force by the County. The 2022 financial statements of the Thirteenth Judicial Drug Task Force have not been audited.

NOTE 14: 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 \$1,000 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.

Vehicle Program

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.

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 15: 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 5.25% as of July 1, 2022. 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, 2022, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) were \$1,107,358.

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, 2022, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was \$9,324,067.

NOTE 16: 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 2021, the County was awarded \$7,513,525 in federal aid from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021, and as of the report date, \$7,513,525 of this amount has been received. In 2022, the County was awarded \$194,021 in federal aid from the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund, which was a part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021. In 2022 and 2023, the County received funds in the amount of \$97,010 and \$97,010, respectively. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on financial statements for future reporting periods remains uncertain.

NOTE 17: Employee Self-Insurance Benefit Plan

The County participates in an Employee Self-Insurance Benefit Plan. The County is required to maintain a benefit plan account which will be sufficient at all times to fund plan benefits and plan-related expenses. Health insurance claims administered by Trustmark are paid from this account. As of December 31, 2022, the balance of this account was \$4,759,915 and is reflected in the financial statements as a portion of the General Fund's Restricted Fund Balance.

NOTE 18: Subsequent Events

The County entered into a construction manager contract with Ideal Construction Co., Inc on June 9, 2023 to renovate the former Warner Brown Hospital for a new 911 call center and emergency management center. The project has a projected cost of \$5,807,628.

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022

	easurer's utomation	Collector's Automation		Circuit Court Automation		District Court Automation		Assessor's Amendment no. 79		County Clerk's Cost		County Recorder's Cost		Sheriff's utomation
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$ 112,707	\$	158,900 30,585	\$	67,941	\$	54,994	\$	70,944	\$	35,411	\$	927,252	\$ 22,747
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 112,707	\$	189,485	\$	67,941	\$	54,994	\$	70,944	\$	35,411	\$	927,252	\$ 22,747
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities	\$ 264													
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned	 112,443	\$	ŕ	\$	67,941	\$	54,994	\$	70,944	\$,	\$	922,752 4,500	\$ 22,747
Total Fund Balances	 112,443		189,485		67,941		54,994		70,944		35,411		927,252	 22,747
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 112,707	\$	189,485	\$	67,941	\$	54,994	\$	70,944	\$	35,411	\$	927,252	\$ 22,747

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Cou	inty Library	Solid Waste		County Clerk Operating		Reappraisal Cost		Child Support Cost		Communications Facility and Equipment		Dr	ug Court	Jail Operation and Maintenand	
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	(25,853) 26,942	\$	7,700,266 50,173	\$	3,168	\$	(40,273) 40,273	\$	6,300	\$	741,404 10,705	\$	1,907	\$	384,187
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	1,089	\$	7,750,439	\$	3,168	\$	0	\$	6,300	\$	752,109	\$	1,907	\$	384,187
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$	1,103,408							\$	2,195 2,195			\$	28,940 10,698 39,638
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances	\$	1,089		6,647,031	\$	3,168			\$	6,300		749,914	\$	1,907		265,999 78,550 344,549
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	1,089	\$	7,750,439	\$	3,168	\$	0	\$	6,300	\$	752,109	\$	1,907	\$	384,187

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022

	Boat	ing Safety	Em	ergency 911	E	mergency Vehicle	Victi	m Witness	Indi	gent Defense	Adult	Drug Court	Puk	olic Safety	luvenile bation Fee
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	18,864	\$	1,143,534 9,511	\$	1,827	\$	(167)	\$	(7,645)	\$	6,685	\$	7,624	\$ 40,790 34,541
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	18,864	\$	1,153,045	\$	1,827	\$	(167)	\$	(7,645)	\$	6,685	\$	7,624	\$ 75,331
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities			\$	9,312 9,312			\$	107	\$	73 73					
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned	\$	18,864		1,143,733	\$	1,827		(274)		(7,718)	\$	6,685	\$	7,624	\$ 68,144 7,187
Total Fund Balances		18,864		1,143,733		1,827		(274)		(7,718)		6,685		7,624	75,331
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	18,864	\$	1,153,045	\$	1,827	\$	(167)	\$	(7,645)	\$	6,685	\$	7,624	\$ 75,331

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022

	uit Clerk's nissioner's Fee	Assessor's Late Fee		e American Rescue E Plan Act				 uth Arkansas Community College	Animal Control		District Court Cost		La	w Library	
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$ 4,647	\$	6,330	\$	6,519,149	\$	22,834	\$ 3,754 47,851	\$	12,427	\$	851,077	\$	85,405	
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,647	\$	6,330	\$	6,519,149	\$	22,834	\$ 51,605	\$	12,427	\$	851,077	\$	85,405	
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities				\$	56,250 56,250								\$	100	
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances	\$ 4,647	\$	6,330 6,330		6,462,899	\$	22,834	\$ 51,605 51,605	\$	12,427	\$	851,077 851,077		85,305 85,305	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 4,647	\$	6,330	\$	6,519,149	\$	22,834	\$ 51,605	\$	12,427	\$	851,077	\$	85,405	

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022

CUSTODIAL FUNDS

	-	reasurer's Accounts	Collector's Accounts		Sheriff's Accounts	unty Clerk's Accounts	rcuit Clerk's Accounts	strict Court	Totals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable Interfund receivables	\$	5,149,753	\$ 424,956	\$	37,952	\$ 175,794	\$ 2,961,123	\$ 10,302	\$ 27,699,017 210,308 40,273
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	5,149,753	\$ 424,956	\$	37,952	\$ 175,794	\$ 2,961,123	\$ 10,302	\$ 27,949,598
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities	\$	5,149,753 5,149,753	\$ 424,956 424,956	\$	37,952 37,952	\$ 175,794 175,794	\$ 2,961,123 2,961,123	\$ 10,302 10,302	\$ 1,200,649 8,770,578 9,971,227
Fund Balances: Restricted Committed Assigned Unassigned Total Fund Balances									17,883,699 12,427 90,237 (7,992) 17,978,371
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	5,149,753	\$ 424,956	\$	37,952	\$ 175,794	\$ 2,961,123	\$ 10,302	\$ 27,949,598

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS													
	Treasurer's Automation	Collector's Automation	Circuit Court Automation	District Court Automation	Assessor's Amendment no. 79	County Clerk's Cost	County Recorder's Cost	Sheriff's Automation	County Library					
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes					\$ 14,322				\$ 141,099 432 244,167					
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Sanitation fees Phone commissions Donations	\$ 810	\$ 1,173	\$ 6,958 532	\$ 21,781 374	843	\$ 329 6,538	\$ 7,005 370,288	\$ 184 3,135						
Insurance premiums collected 911 fees							1,202							
Rental Income Treasurer's commission Collector's commission	51,707	30,585												
Other			6	20		3	152	1	89					
TOTAL REVENUES	52,517	31,758	7,496	22,175	15,165	6,870	378,647	3,320	385,787					
Less: Treasurer's commission			106	398	2	58	3,207	27	1,541					
NET REVENUES	52,517	31,758	7,390	21,777	15,163	6,812	375,440	3,293	384,246					
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety	50,764	30,000	3,600	11,024	39,000	14,404	241,707	2,381						
Sanitation Recreation and culture									383,157					
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,764	30,000	3,600	11,024	39,000	14,404	241,707	2,381	383,157					
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	1,753	1,758	3,790	10,753	(23,837)	(7,592)	133,733	912	1,089					
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Reimbursement to Union County Solid Waste Property taxes remitted to South Arkansas Community College														
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)														
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	1,753	1,758	3,790	10,753	(23,837)	(7,592)	133,733	912	1,089					
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	110,690	187,727	64,151	44,241	94,781	43,003	793,519	21,835						
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 112,443	\$ 189,485	\$ 67,941	\$ 54,994	\$ 70,944	\$ 35,411	\$ 927,252	\$ 22,747	\$ 1,089					

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS											
	Solid Waste	County C Operati		Reappraisal Cost	Child Support Cost	F	mmunications Facility and Equipment	Drug Court	Jail Operatio and Maintenance		Safety	Emergency 911
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes	\$ 3,575,771			\$ 281,939						\$	4,066	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Sanitation fees Phone commissions	62,700	\$	24 632		\$ 57 876	\$	6,046 8,930 153,978		\$ 146,85 2,93		142	\$ 8,545
Donations Insurance premiums collected 911 fees Rental Income Treasurer's commission	21,901											1,157 391,877
Collector's commission Other	30,115				1		49		1,40	7	534	161
TOTAL REVENUES	3,994,060		656	281,939	934		169,003		151,19	4	4,742	401,740
Less: Treasurer's commission	33,453				8		1,011		97	2	35	3,306
NET REVENUES	3,960,607		656	281,939	926		167,992		150,22	2	4,707	398,434
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Sanitation	714,071 4,179,543			322,212	1,787		145,684		158,81	5	2,092	227,189
Recreation and culture TOTAL EXPENDITURES	4,893,614			322,212	1,787		145,684		158,81	5	2,092	227,189
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	(933,007)		656	(40,273)	(861)		22,308		(8,59	3)	2,615	171,245
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Reimbursement to Union County Solid Waste Property taxes remitted to South Arkansas Community College				40,273								
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				40,273								
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(933,007)		656		(861)		22,308		(8,59	3)	2,615	171,245
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	7,580,038	2	2,512		7,161		727,606	\$ 1,907	353,14	2 .	16,249	972,488
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 6,647,031	\$ 3	3,168	\$ 0	\$ 6,300	\$	749,914	\$ 1,907	\$ 344,54	9 \$	18,864	\$ 1,143,733

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS

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	Emerge Vehic		Victir	m Witness	ndigent Defense	ult Drug Court	Pub	lic Safety		ivenile ation Fee	uit Clerk's missioner's Fee	sor's Late Fee	American Rescue Plan Act
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes			\$	19,836	\$ 1,723							\$ 1,160	\$ 3,756,763
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Sanitation fees Phone commissions Donations	\$	75 15		36,100 58	9,779 46	\$ 850 52	\$	483 61	\$	35 345	\$ 38 29	45	8,221
Insurance premiums collected 911 fees Rental Income Treasurer's commission Collector's commission				1,112									
Other					1_	 				34,541	 	 	
TOTAL REVENUES		90		57,106	11,549	902		544		34,921	67	1,205	3,764,984
Less: Treasurer's commission		1			 15	 				1	 	 	
NET REVENUES		89		57,106	 11,534	 902		544		34,920	 67	 1,205	3,764,984
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Sanitation Recreation and culture				69,652	75,250								398,494 3,906 3,906
TOTAL EXPENDITURES				69,652	75,250								406,306
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		89_		(12,546)	(63,716)	902		544		34,920	 67	 1,205	3,358,678
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Reimbursement to Union County Solid Waste Property taxes remitted to South Arkansas Community College					 50,000								
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)					50,000								
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		89		(12,546)	(13,716)	902		544		34,920	67	1,205	3,358,678
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		1,738		12,272	 5,998	 5,783		7,080		40,411	 4,580	 5,125	3,104,221
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	1,827	\$	(274)	\$ (7,718)	\$ 6,685	\$	7,624	\$	75,331	\$ 4,647	\$ 6,330	\$ 6,462,899

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS

							SPE	ECIAL RE	VENUE	FUNDS							<u> </u>
	Equitabl Sharing G		Com	Arkansas munity illege	Anima	al Control	Union C Solid V Autho	Vaste		ict Court Cost	Reso	olute Grant		fex Saw Grant	Lav	w Library	Totals
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes			\$	36,274 540 441,176							\$	596,500	\$	809			\$ 479,423 4,374,880 686,503 3,575,771
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Sanitation fees Phone commissions Donations	\$	187			\$	7,340	\$	1,652 68,694	\$	29,787 6,872					\$	22,898 721	275,600 110,010 390,428 372,267 153,978 7,340
Insurance premiums collected 911 fees Rental Income Treasurer's commission Collector's commission					Ψ		;	88,900									25,372 391,877 88,900 51,707 30,585
Other				173		75	-			4			-				67,332
TOTAL REVENUES		187		478,163		7,415	1	59,246		36,663		596,500		809		23,619	11,081,973
Less: Treasurer's commission				2,657						116							46,914
NET REVENUES		187		475,506		7,415	1	59,246		36,547		596,500		809		23,619	11,035,059
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Highways and streets Public safety Sanitation Percentian and culture						6,902		11,028				596,500		809		27,100	1,702,579 495,598 717,977 227,189 4,194,477
Recreation and culture TOTAL EXPENDITURES						6,902	-	11,028				596,500		809	-	27,100	383,157 7,720,977
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		187		475,506		513	1.	48,218		36,547						(3,481)	3,314,082
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Reimbursement to Union County Solid Waste Property taxes remitted to South Arkansas Community College			((423,901)			(7	11,748)									90,273 (711,748) (423,901)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				(423,901)			(7	11,748)									(1,045,376)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		187		51,605		513	-	63,530)		36,547						(3,481)	2,268,706
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	22	,647				11,914	5	63,530		814,530						88,786	15,709,665
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 22	,834	\$	51,605	\$	12,427	\$	0	\$	851,077	\$	0	\$	0	\$	85,305	\$ 17,978,371

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.
District Court Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive district court installment fees to be used solely for district 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 records 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 records systems and any legitimate county purpose.
Sheriff's Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-53-210 established fund to partially reimburse county law enforcement agency for cost of making copies of accident reports and traffic violations. Funds collected shall be retained for support of the law enforcement agency.
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.
Solid Waste	Ark. Code Ann. § 8-6-212 authorizes counties to fund a solid waste management system for the county by assessing fees, charges, and licenses. Each fee, charge, and license shall be based on a fee schedule contained in an ordinance. Union County Ordinance no. 422 (November 16, 1995) authorized solid waste collection and disposal fees on each household located in the County. Union county Ordinance no. 472 (September 16, 1977) established fund for the collection of the County's one percent sales and use tax for the purpose of the operation and/or maintenance of residential solid waste collections and disposal systems.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
County Clerk Operating	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-20-407 established a \$2 marriage license fee to be used for County Clerk's cost.
Reappraisal Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-1907 established fund to pay reappraisals of real property with revenue received from the State.
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 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.
Drug Court	Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to arresting agency.
Jail Operation and Maintenance	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. 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.
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 Vehicle	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-22-103 established fund to account for the fine for failure to insure motor vehicles to be used for the purchase and maintenance of rescue, emergency medical, and law enforcement vehicles, communications equipment, animals owned or used by law enforcement agencies, life-saving medical apparatus, and law enforcement apparatus to be used for those purposes.
Victim Witness	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-21-151 established fund to receive district court costs levied to be used by prosecuting attorney for operating victim/witness program.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Indigent Defense	Ark. Code Ann. § 14-20-102 established fund to receive funds distributed in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 to be used to pay reasonable and necessary costs incurred in the defense of indigent persons, the representation of persons against whom involuntary admissions procedures have been brought, and for representation of persons deemed incompetent by the court, defraying the costs of the juvenile division of chancery court; and for defraying the medical and dental costs for indigent defendants in the county jail. Ark. Code Ann. § 17-19-301 authorized a bail bond fee of \$20 to be collected, which shall be remitted to the Arkansas Public Defender Commission. Three dollars of each fee is remitted back to the county quarterly to be used to defray the operating expenses of the public defender office.
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.
Public Safety	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-34-108 established fund to receive 25% of the district court fines levied for violations of the Child Passenger Protection Code to be used for promotion of public safety.
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. Ark. Code Ann. § 9-27-316 established fund to collect fees and costs to offset expenses of juvenile cases.
Circuit Clerk's 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 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.
Equitable Sharing Grant	Established to receive federal forfeiture funds from the Department of Justice Asset Forfeiture Program for the purpose of providing additional law enforcement resources.
South Arkansas Community College	Established by special election (March 31, 1992) and Union County Court Order no. 92-13A (April 2, 1992) to receive property tax revenue to be used for support of the community college.

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Animal Control	Established by Union County Ordinance no. 1541 (November 21, 2019) to levy a voluntary contribution in the amount of \$10 per every tax statement in Union County for the purpose of establishing animal population control in the unincorporated areas of the County.
Union County Solid Waste Authority	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 14-233-101 - 14-233-122 authorizes counties to join with one or more municipalities to create and become members of a sanitation authority. This fund was established by Union County Ordinance no. 161 (December 14, 1984) for the purpose of participating in projects that are necessary for the disposal, treatment, or handling of solid waste.
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.
Resolute Grant	Established by Union County Ordinance no. 1656 (August 18, 2022) to receive community development block grant funds on behalf of Resolute to purchase equipment.
Conifex Saw Mill Grant	Federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds received to be used towards equipment or infrastructure improvements at the Conifex Timber, Inc. facility in El Dorado, Arkansas. This project has a potential of providing an economic impact through jobs creation.
Law Library	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-23-101 established fund to receive court costs to be used for any purpose related to the establishment, maintenance, and operation of a county law library.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of property taxes 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 trust money.

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

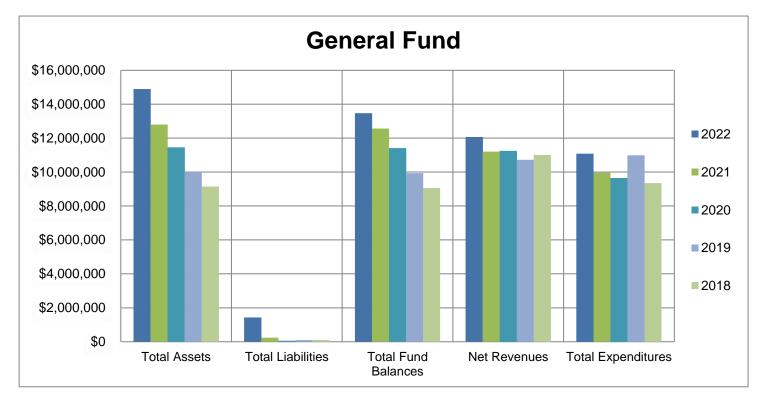
District Court accounts consist primarily of fines and costs not yet distributed to the county and/or state.

UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS OTHER INFORMATION SCHEDULE OF CAPITAL ASSETS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

	 December 31, 2022
Land Buildings Equipment	\$ 148,001 13,272,811 13,327,376
Total	\$ 26,748,188

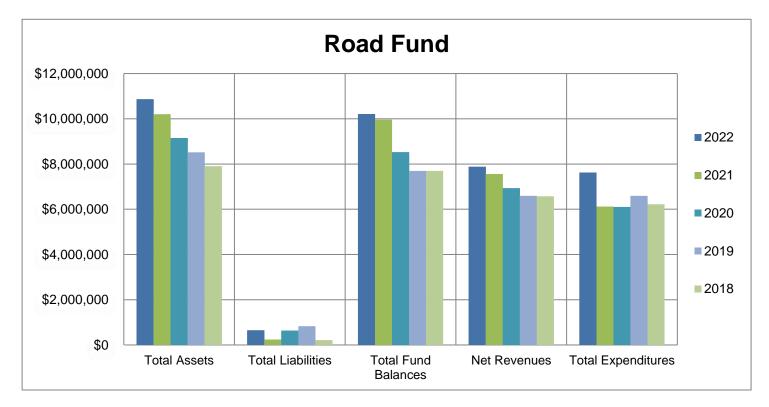
UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

<u>General</u>	2022		2021			2020	 2019	2018	
Total Assets	\$	14,892,721	\$	12,792,295	\$	11,456,419	\$ 10,011,185	\$	9,147,751
Total Liabilities		1,432,743		232,865		51,595	86,283		89,403
Total Fund Balances		13,459,978		12,559,430		11,404,824	9,924,902		9,058,348
Net Revenues		12,067,795		11,201,993		11,249,570	10,716,478		11,004,210
Total Expenditures		11,076,974		9,957,114		9,642,157	10,984,024		9,341,516
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses		(90,273)		(90,273)		(115,273)	1,134,100		(145,720)



UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - ROAD FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Road	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019	2018	
Total Assets	\$ 10,864,047	\$ 10,198,753	\$ 9,149,833	\$ 8,513,609	\$	7,900,596
Total Liabilities	649,661	240,222	630,689	823,080		207,099
Total Fund Balances	10,214,386	9,958,531	8,519,144	7,690,529		7,693,497
Net Revenues	7,877,895	7,556,745	6,932,002	6,589,724		6,570,956
Total Expenditures	7,622,040	6,117,358	6,103,387	6,592,692		6,216,502



UNION COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2022 (Unaudited)

Other Funds in the Aggregate	2022		2021		 2020	 2019	2018	
Total Assets	\$	27,949,598	\$	19,847,082	\$ 14,993,711	\$ 13,312,907	\$	13,105,232
Total Liabilities		9,971,227		4,137,417	3,960,204	3,018,795		3,788,327
Total Fund Balances		17,978,371		15,709,665	11,033,507	10,294,112		9,316,905
Net Revenues		11,035,059		10,672,959	6,237,521	6,020,327		6,283,756
Total Expenditures		7,720,977		5,710,852	5,159,314	4,058,033		7,097,119
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses		(1,045,376)		(369,039)	(338,812)	(985,087)		(335,876)

