# Van Buren 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

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

# Unmodified Opinions on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis financial position of the general fund, road fund, and other funds in the aggregate of Van Buren 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 Van Buren 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 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 February 6, 2025, 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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# 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

Van Buren 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 Van Buren 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 February 6, 2025. 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 February 6, 2025.

# **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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Joseph D. Archer, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas February 6, 2025 Arkansas



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# LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

# MANAGEMENT LETTER

Van Buren 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: Dale James Treasurer: Mistie Wilson Sheriff: Eric Koonce Tax Collector: Laura Shannon County Clerk: Pam Bradford Circuit Clerk: Debbie Gray Assessor: Emma Smiley County Librarian: Deborah Meyer District Court Clerk: Tami McHam

No issues came to our attention that we considered necessary to report to management.

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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Joseph D. Archer, CPA Deputy Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas February 6, 2025

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

		Comonal		Deed		ther Funds in the
ASSETS		General		Road	/	Aggregate
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	4,102,145	\$	896,119	\$	3,099,648
Accounts receivable	Ψ	244,533	Ψ	35,952	Ψ	92,679
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TOTAL ASSETS	\$	4,346,678	\$	932,071	\$	3,192,327
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES						
Liabilities:						
Accounts payable	\$	55,919	\$	81,147	\$	49,527
Settlements pending						864,471
Total Liabilities		55,919		81,147		913,998
Fund Balances:						
Restricted				604,405		1,856,229
Assigned		1,272,592		246,519		422,100
Unassigned		3,018,167				
Total Fund Balances		4,290,759		850,924		2,278,329
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$	4,346,678	\$	932,071	\$	3,192,327

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

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

					0	ther Funds in the
		General		Road		Aggregate
REVENUES State aid	\$	746,155	\$	2,327,797	\$	67,456
Federal aid	φ	740,155 311,147	φ	315,799	φ	97,009
Property taxes		1,151,584		869,986		450,252
Sales taxes		2,044,636		009,900		1,488,755
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		2,044,030				98,279
Interest		105,021		18,270		35,004
Officers' fees		50,038		10,270		215,357
Jail fees		282,959				186,445
Sanitation fees		202,959				620,953
911 fees						317,110
Treasurer's commission		127,615				29,336
Collector's commission		263,268				66,097
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense		463,562				00,007
Other		369,352		59,595		82,605
TOTAL REVENUES		6,189,148		3,591,447		3,754,658
Less: Treasurer's commission		54,365		34,194		34,925
NET REVENUES		6,134,783		3,557,253		3,719,733
EXPENDITURES						
Current:						
General government		2,288,230				1,225,771
Law enforcement		3,814,334				180,421
Highways and streets				3,748,087		
Public safety		136,383				694,034
Sanitation						587,377
Health		32,881				64,944
Recreation and culture						258,581
Social services		283,728				89,991
Total Current		6,555,556		3,748,087		3,101,119
Debt Service:						
Financed purchase principal		14,174		360,391		291,886
Financed purchase interest		1,404		35,443		62,825
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		6,571,134		4,143,921		3,455,830

Exhibit B

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

			0	ther Funds in the
	 General	 Road		Aggregate
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	\$ (436,351)	\$ (586,668)	\$	263,903
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)				
Transfers in				368,092
Transfers out	(355,000)	(13,092)		(4.474.407)
Sales taxes collected and remitted to fire departments	 	 		(1,471,427)
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	 (355,000)	 (13,092)		(1,103,335)
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER)				
EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(791,351)	(599,760)		(839,432)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	 5,082,110	1,450,684		3,117,761
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 4,290,759	\$ 850,924	\$	2,278,329

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

Exhibit B

# VAN BUREN 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	F	Variance <sup>-</sup> avorable nfavorable)		Budget		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)
REVENUES	¢ 500	140	ф <u>740 4</u> ГГ	¢	100.007	¢	0.005.000	¢	0 007 707	¢ 00.707
State aid Federal aid	\$ 566,		\$ 746,155	\$	180,007	\$	2,305,000	\$	2,327,797	\$ 22,797
Property taxes	128, 990,		311,147		183,147 161,084		18,000 770,000		315,799	297,799 99,986
Sales taxes	990, 1,640,		1,151,584 2,044,636		404,436		770,000		869,986	99,900
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	251,		2,044,030		22,211					
Interest	231, 14,		105,021		91,021				18,270	18,270
Officers' fees	42,		50,038		7,838				10,270	10,270
Jail fees	320,		282,959		(37,041)					
Treasurer's commission	95,		127,615		32,615					
Collector's commission	245,		263,268		18,268					
Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense	400,		463,562		63,562					
Other	393,		369,352		(24,633)		30,000		59,595	29,595
TOTAL REVENUES	5,086,		6,189,148		1,102,515		3,123,000		3,591,447	468,447
TO THE REVENCED	0,000,		0,109,140		1,102,515		5,125,000		5,551,447	400,447
Less: Treasurer's commission			54,365		(54,365)				34,194	(34,194)
NET REVENUES	5,086,	633	6,134,783		1,048,150		3,123,000		3,557,253	434,253
EXPENDITURES										
Current:										
General government	2,381,		2,288,230		93,110					
Law enforcement	3,864,	177	3,814,334		49,843					
Highways and streets							4,105,753		3,748,087	357,666
Public safety	170,		136,383		34,103					
Health	33,		32,881		256					
Social services	362,		283,728		78,443					
Total Current	6,811,	311	6,555,556		255,755		4,105,753		3,748,087	357,666
Debt Service:										
Financed purchase principal			14,174		(14,174)				360,391	(360,391)
Financed purchase interest			1,404		(1,404)				35,443	(35,443)
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,811,	311	6,571,134		240,177		4,105,753		4,143,921	(38,168)

Exhibit C

# VAN BUREN 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	Variance Favorable Budget Actual (Unfavorable)			Budget Ad		Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)		
EXPENDITURES	\$ (1,724,678	3) \$	(436,351)	\$ 1,288,327	\$	(982,753)	\$	(586,668)	\$ 396,085	5
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Transfers out	25,000 (180,000		(355,000)	 (25,000) (175,000)		(262,800)		(13,092)	249,708	8
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)	(155,00	))	(355,000)	(200,000)		(262,800)		(13,092)	249,708	3
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	(1,879,67	3)	(791,351)	1,088,327		(1,245,553)		(599,760)	645,793	3
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	4,102,87	<u> </u>	5,082,110	979,233		1,138,000		1,450,684	312,684	4
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 2,223,19	) \$	4,290,759	\$ 2,067,560	\$	(107,553)	\$	850,924	\$ 958,477	7

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, federal funds, and other revenues 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.

### D. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances

#### Cash and Cash Equivalents

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

### Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, excess commissions, trusts, officers' fees, property taxes, and payroll withholdings 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. 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
- 3. 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.

There were no committed fund balances at year end.

#### 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)	\$ 8,097,187	\$ 8,831,395		

The above total deposits do not include cash on hand of \$725.

### NOTE 3: Legal or Contractual Provisions for Deposits and Investments

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

# NOTE 4: Accounts Receivable

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

Description	Ge	General Fund		Road Fund		r Funds in \ggregate
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	\$	22,903			\$	7,747
Officers' fees		3,953				16,336
Jail fees		39,064				
Sanitation fees						3,520
911 fees						3,804
Treasurer's commission		127,615				29,336
Other		1,339	\$	4,718		15
Treasurer's commission charged		49,659		31,234		31,921
Totals	\$	244,533	\$	35,952	\$	92,679

# NOTE 5: Accounts Payable

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

Description	Ger	neral Fund	Road Fund		 er Funds in Aggregate
Vendor payables Salaries payable	\$	41,881 14,038	\$	75,954 5,193	\$ 46,129 3,398
Totals	\$	55,919	\$	81,147	\$ 49,527

### NOTE 6: Details of Fund Balance Classifications

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

Description		General Fund		Road Fund		ner Funds in
Description Fund Balances:		Fund		Fund		Aggregate
Restricted for:						
General government					\$	978,612
Law enforcement					Ψ	328,008
Highways and streets			\$	604,405		320,000
Public safety			Ψ	004,400		19,434
Sanitation						48,711
Health						382,840
Recreation and culture						98,624
Total Restricted				604,405		1,856,229
Total Restricted				004,405		1,630,229
Assigned to:						
General government	\$	1,272,592				
Law enforcement	•	, , ,				28,236
Highways and streets				246,519		,
Public safety				210,010		33,656
Sanitation						41,183
Recreation and culture						319,025
Total Assigned		1,272,592		246,519		422,100
Total / toolgrida		1,272,002		240,010		422,100
Unassigned		3,018,167				
-						
Totals	\$	4,290,759	\$	850,924	\$	2,278,329

# NOTE 7: 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 \$35,498,658. 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 \$9,677,095. The amount of short-term financing obligations was \$1,862,063 leaving a legal debt margin of \$7,815,032.

# NOTE 8: Commitments

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

	De	cember 31, 2023
Long-term liabilities Reappraisal contract	\$	2,017,772 540,672
Total Commitments	\$	2,558,444

# NOTE 8: Commitments (Continued)

# Long-term Liabilities

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

	December 31, 2023
<u>Direct Borrowings</u> Financed purchase dated January 30, 2015, with White River Planning and Development District, Inc. in the amount of \$3,100,000, with interest rate of 4.95% for the purchase of a public library facility. An initial payment of \$1,000,000 was due one year after completion of the project with annual payments of \$330,000 for eight years and a final payment of \$359,320. Payments are to be made from the County Public Library Fund.	\$ 921,574
Financed purchase dated March 22, 2019, with John Deere Financial in the amount of \$216,016 with interest rate of 3.99% for the purchase of a 2018 motor grader. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,506 for 59 months and a final payment of \$100,000. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	103,998
Financed purchase dated March 29, 2019, with John Deere Financial in the amount of \$175,016 with interest rate of 3.99% for the purchase of a 2016 motor grader. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,123 for 59 months and a final payment of \$75,000. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	78,483
Financed purchase dated May 2, 2019, with First Service Bank in the amount of \$550,000 with interest rate of 3.33% for the purchase of quarry equipment used to crush gravel. The County will make monthly payments of \$9,977 for 60 months. Payments are to be made from the Road	49,463
Financed purchase dated May 24, 2019, with John Deere Financial in the amount of \$179,016 with interest rate of 3.5% for the purchase of a 2016 motor grader. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,082 for 59 months and a final payment of \$79,000. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	86,126
Financed purchase dated May 24, 2019, with John Deere Financial in the amount of \$178,016 with interest rate of 3.5% for the purchase of a 2016 motor grader. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,079 for 59 months and a final payment of \$78,000. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	85,128
Financed purchase dated July 17, 2019, with John Deere Financial in the amount of \$172,500 with interest rate of 3.5% for the purchase of a 2016 motor grader. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,062 for 59 months and a final payment of \$72,500. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	83,285
Financed purchase dated January 31, 2020, with John Deere Financial in the amount of \$376,016 with interest rate of 2.9% for the purchase of two 2017 motor graders. The County will make monthly payments of \$4,073 for 59 months and a final payment of \$176,000. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	218,692
Financed purchase dated August 21, 2020, with Bancorp South Bank in the amount of \$165,000 with interest rate of 2.49% to refinance three 2015 Mack dump trucks. The County will make monthly payments of \$3,615 for 48 months. Payments are to be made from the Road	24,836
Financed purchase dated October 22, 2020, with First Service Bank in the amount of \$70,392 with interest rate of 4% for the purchase of a heating and air unit for the courthouse annex. The County will make monthly payments of \$1,298 for 60 months. Payments are to be made from the General Fund.	27,391

# NOTE 8: Commitments (Continued)

### Long-term Liabilities (Continued)

Financed purchase dated September 3, 2021, with Bruckner Finance in the in the amount of \$110,395 with interest rate of 2.69% to refinance a lease purchase agreement with Kansas State Bank dated October 27, 2016, for the purchase of two 2017 Mack GU713 dump trucks. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,423 for 48 months. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	51,956
Financed purchase dated January 25, 2022, with First Service Bank in the amount of \$94,000 with interest rate of 4% for the purchase of a tractor and boom mow er. The County will make monthly payments of \$2,047 for 50 months beginning November 5, 2022. Payments are to be made from the Road Fund.	68,939
Financed purchase dated February 17, 2022, with Kansas State Bank in the amount of \$43,395, with interest rate of 3.22% to refinance a lease purchase agreement with Kansas State Bank dated March 1, 2017, for the purchase of a 2016 Mack CHU613 tractor. The County will make monthly payments of \$1,091 for 42 months. Payments are to be made from the Solid Waste Management Fund.	20,183
Financed purchase dated November 28, 2022, with First Service Bank in the amount of \$52,500 with interest rate of 4% for the purchase of two trailers for solid waste. The County will make monthly payments of \$968 for 60 months. Payments are to be made from the Solid Waste Management Fund.	42,009
Total Direct Borrow ings	1,862,063
Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost	155,709
Total Long-term liabilities	\$ 2,017,772

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

The County's outstanding direct borrowings of \$1,862,063 contain a provision that in an event of default, outstanding amounts, at the Lender's sole option, may be declared immediately due and payable, and the Lender may exercise any rights and remedies, including the right to immediate possession of the collateral, available to it under applicable law.

### NOTE 8: Commitments (Continued)

### Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

Date of Issue	Date of Final Maturity	Rate of Interest	Amount Authorized and Issued		Debt utstanding mber 31, 2023	Maturities to mber 31, 2023
Direct Borrov	w ings					
1/30/15	1/3/26	4.95%	\$	3,100,000	\$ 921,574	\$ 2,178,426
3/22/19	3/22/24	3.99%		216,016	103,998	112,018
3/29/19	3/29/24	3.99%		175,016	78,483	96,533
5/2/19	5/2/24	3.33%		550,000	49,463	500,537
5/24/19	5/24/24	3.5%		179,016	86,126	92,890
5/24/19	5/24/24	3.5%		178,016	85,128	92,888
7/17/19	7/17/24	3.5%		172,500	83,285	89,215
1/31/20	1/31/25	2.9%		376,016	218,692	157,324
8/21/20	6/23/24	2.49%		165,000	24,836	140,164
10/22/20	10/22/25	4%		70,392	27,391	43,001
9/3/21	9/27/25	2.69%		110,395	51,956	58,439
1/25/22	12/5/26	4%		94,000	68,939	25,061
2/17/22	8/1/25	3.22%		43,395	20,183	23,212
11/28/22	11/28/27	4%		52,500	 42,009	 10,491
Total Lon	ng-Term Debt		\$	5,482,262	\$ 1,862,063	\$ 3,620,199

# Changes in Long-Term Debt

	E	Balance							Balance
	Janua	ary 01, 2023	01, 2023 Issued Retired					Dece	mber 31, 2023
Direct Borrow ings									
Financed purchases	\$	2,528,514	\$		0	\$	666,451	\$	1,862,063

### Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

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

Years Ending		Direct	Borrow ings	
December 31,	 Principal		nterest	 Total
2024	\$ 925,400	\$	65,101	\$ 990,501
2025	550,581		36,446	587,027
2026	375,645		19,852	395,497
2027	10,437		213	10,650
Totals	\$ 1,862,063	\$	121,612	\$ 1,983,675

# County-Wide Reappraisal Contract

The County entered into a contract with Total Assessment Solutions Corporation on October 30, 2020, for a countywide reappraisal. The County is obligated for 60 monthly payments of \$22,528 for a total of \$1,351,680 beginning January 1, 2021. Contract expense for 2023, was \$270,336.

### NOTE 8: Commitments (Continued)

County-Wide Reappraisal Contract (Continued)

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

Year	Decem	ber 31, 2023
2024	\$	270,336
2025		270,336
Total	\$	540,672

### NOTE 9: Interfund Transfers

The General Fund transferred \$355,000 to Other Funds in the Aggregate (Emergency 911 \$175,000 and County Public Library \$180,000) to supplement operations. The County Road Fund transferred \$13,092 of assigned funds to Other Funds in the Aggregate (Solid Waste Management) for debt service payments.

### NOTE 10: Jointly Governed Organizations

### Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library

Faulkner and Van Buren Counties entered into an agreement on June 20, 2006, in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-401 to establish the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library System (System). The agreement states that the Board of Trustees of the System shall be the governing body and shall have the power, authority, and duties provided for in Act 742 of 1977. The Faulkner and Van Buren Library Boards will continue to be responsible for the supervision of their respective county library systems. The System shall be financed by the State Aid to which Faulkner and Van Buren Counties are entitled. The County and branch library personnel for each county are the responsibility of each county's board with salaries to be paid from county funds. The County Library did not pay any regional library expenditures in 2023. Contact the Faulkner-Van Buren Regional Library System at 1900 Tyler Street, Conway, AR 72032 to obtain financial statements.

### White River Regional Solid Waste Management District

The County is a member of the White River Regional Solid Waste Management District. This is a jointly governed organization comprised of Cleburne, Fulton, Independence, Izard, Jackson, Sharp, Stone, Van Buren, White, and Woodruff Counties and participating cities within the aforementioned counties. Representatives are the respective county judges and mayors unless some other representative is appointed by the participating entity. Van Buren County did not make any payments to the White River Regional Solid Waste Management District in 2023.

# Twentieth Judicial District Drug Crime Task Force

The Prosecuting Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial District, the Sheriffs' Departments of Faulkner, Van Buren, and Searcy Counties, and the Conway Police Department entered into an agreement to establish the Twentieth Judicial District Drug Crime Task Force. Funding was provided through a Drug Law Enforcement Program grant applied for by the Prosecuting Attorney of the Twentieth Judicial District. The County did not provide any funding to the Twentieth Judicial District Drug Crime Task Force. Financial statements of the Twentieth Judicial District Drug Crime Task Force. Financial statements of the Twentieth Judicial District Drug Crime Task Force.

# NOTE 11: 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.

### NOTE 11: Risk Management (Continued)

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.

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 12: Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

### **Plan Description**

The County contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multipleemployer 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.

### NOTE 12: Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (Continued)

### 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 \$731,411.

#### 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 \$6,277,241.

### Note 13: Hospital Lease

On August 22, 1991, Van Buren County entered into a lease transaction with Ozark Health, Inc., a nonprofit corporation, to enact the assignment and lease agreement dated as of April 3, 1969. The parties agreed that the termination date of the original lease dated April 3, 1969, would be extended from December 1994 to December 31, 2004. The agreement provides the lessee with the right and option to review and extend the agreement on an annual basis over the term of the lease. In connection with the lease, the County assigned the operating assets, and the Corporation assumed all contractual liabilities at the hospital.

On June 20, 2002, the parties entered into a lease agreement that terminated the above mentioned lease upon the completion of a newly constructed hospital and nursing home facility. The agreement provides for the transfer of operations and all tangible personal property from the original hospital and nursing home to the new hospital and nursing home as a going concern. The initial term of the lease was for ten years beginning on the date Ozark Health, Inc. began to occupy and operate the facility as a hospital and nursing home with an option to renew and extend the lease for two successive periods of ten years each. Ozark Health, Inc. exercised the first extension of the lease on July 21, 2011. Ozark Health, Inc. exercised the extension of the lease on January 11, 2024, making the extension effective from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2034.

### 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 \$336,422 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, \$336,422 of this amount has been received. The extent of the impact of COVID-19 on financial statements for future reporting periods remains uncertain.

				SF	PECIAL REV	/ENUE	E FUNDS			
	asurer's omation	collector's utomation	cuit Court tomation		trict Court tomation	Am	ssessor's nendment no. 79	nty Clerk Cost	County corder Cost	unty Public Library
ASSETS										
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 93,679 29,336	\$ 271,204	\$ 64,565 327	\$	23,843 1,896	\$	39,369 64	\$ 8,279 451	\$ 260,612 17,886	\$ 318,051 3,659
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 123,015	\$ 271,204	\$ 64,892	\$	25,739	\$	39,433	\$ 8,730	\$ 278,498	\$ 321,710
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:										
Accounts payable Settlements pending				\$	1,440					\$ 2,685
Total Liabilities					1,440					 2,685
Fund Balances:										
Restricted Assigned	\$ 123,015	\$ 271,204	\$ 64,892		24,299	\$	39,433	\$ 8,730	\$ 278,498	319,025
Total Fund Balances	 123,015	 271,204	 64,892		24,299		39,433	 8,730	 278,498	 319,025
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 123,015	\$ 271,204	\$ 64,892	\$	25,739	\$	39,433	\$ 8,730	\$ 278,498	\$ 321,710

				SPECIAL F	REVENUE FUNDS			
	Solid Waste Management	Child Support Cost	Jail Maintenance	Boating Safety and Enforcement	Emergency 911	Emergency Vehicle	Victim/Witness	Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee
ASSETS								
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 109,544 9,370	\$ 14,873 7	\$    65,080	\$ 8,340 21	\$	\$	\$	\$ 13,113 2
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 118,914	\$ 14,880	\$ 70,472	\$ 8,361	\$ 43,144	\$ 5,220	\$ 25,505	\$ 13,115
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:								
Accounts payable Settlements pending	\$ 29,020		\$ 1,365	\$ 51	\$ 9,488		\$ 270	
Total Liabilities	29,020		1,365	51	9,488		270	
Fund Balances:								
Restricted	48,711	\$ 14,880	40,881	8,310		\$ 5,220	25,235	\$ 13,115
Assigned	41,183		28,226		33,656			
Total Fund Balances	89,894	14,880	69,107	8,310	33,656	5,220	25,235	13,115
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 118,914	\$ 14,880	\$ 70,472	\$ 8,361	\$ 43,144	\$ 5,220	\$ 25,505	\$ 13,115

						ę	SPECIAL REV	/ENUE F	UNDS					
	sessor's Late essment Fee		merican scue Plan Act		Hospital aintenance	an	Department d Rescue d Sales Tax	Equ	y Sheriff uitable aring	unty Law ∟ibrary	I	County Library Building	Fa	munication cility and quipment
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,510	\$	229,225	\$	384,853			\$	438	\$ 13,654	\$	98,624	\$	149,879
Accounts receivable	 4				1,057	\$	14,214			 566				
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 2,514	\$	229,225	\$	385,910	\$	14,214	\$	438	\$ 14,220	\$	98,624	\$	149,879
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities:														
Accounts payable Settlements pending		\$	2,002	\$	3,070					\$ 136				
Total Liabilities			2,002		3,070					 136				
Fund Balances:														
Restricted Assigned	\$ 2,514		227,223		382,840	\$	14,214	\$	428 10	14,084	\$	98,624	\$	149,879
Total Fund Balances	 2,514	_	227,223	_	382,840		14,214		438	 14,084		98,624		149,879
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 2,514	\$	229,225	\$	385,910	\$	14,214	\$	438	\$ 14,220	\$	98,624	\$	149,879

	CUSTODIAL FUNDS													
	Treasure Accour		Collector's Accounts			Sheriff's Accounts		County Clerk's .ccounts		cuit Clerk's		trict Court	ecycling Center	Totals
ASSETS Cash and cash equivalents Accounts receivable	\$ 302	,531	\$	146,721	\$	53,685	\$	91,184	\$	172,562	\$	94,061	\$ 3,727	\$ 3,099,648 92,679
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 302	,531	\$	146,721	\$	53,685	\$	91,184	\$	172,562	\$	94,061	\$ 3,727	\$ 3,192,327
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES Liabilities: Accounts payable Settlements pending Total Liabilities	\$ 302 302		\$	146,721 146,721	\$	53,685 53,685	\$	91,184 91,184	\$	172,562 172,562	\$	94,061 94,061	\$ 3,727 3,727	\$ 49,527 864,471 913,998
Fund Balances: Restricted Assigned Total Fund Balances														1,856,229 422,100 2,278,329
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES	\$ 302	,531	\$	146,721	\$	53,685	\$	91,184	\$	172,562	\$	94,061	\$ 3,727	\$ 3,192,327

	SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS													
		surer's		ector's mation		uit Court		ict Court omation	Ame	essor's endment o. 79	nty Clerk Cost	County Recorder Cos		unty Public Library
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs					\$	3,127	\$	6,813 24,594	\$	6,708			\$	35,329 205 344,567
Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Sanitation fees 911 fees	\$	2,084	\$	4,820	φ	1,413		378		895	\$ 146 5,698	\$		4,129
Treasurer's commission		29,336												
Collector's commission		4 470		66,097										040
Other		1,170		2,099							 			916
TOTAL REVENUES		32,590		73,016		4,540		31,785		7,603	5,844	211,068		385,146
Less: Treasurer's commission						31		252		70	 60	2,130		4,006
NET REVENUES		32,590		73,016		4,509		31,533		7,533	 5,784	208,938		381,140
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety		14,846		32,647				22,395		981	5,455	163,993		
Sanitation Health Recreation and culture Social services Total Current		14,846		32,647				22,395		981	 5,455	163,993		238,765 238,765
Debt Service: Financed purchase principal Financed purchase interest														269,958 60,042
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		14,846		32,647				22,395		981	 5,455	163,993		568,765
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		17,744		40,369		4,509		9,138		6,552	329	44,945		(187,625)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in														180,000
Sales taxes collected and remitted to fire departments														
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)														180,000
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		17,744		40,369		4,509		9,138		6,552	329	44,945		(7,625)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	1	105,271	2	230,835		60,383		15,161		32,881	 8,401	233,553		326,650
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 1	123,015	\$ 2	271,204	\$	64,892	\$	24,299	\$	39,433	\$ 8,730	\$ 278,498	\$	319,025

						S	SPECIAL R	EVENUE	FUNDS						
	Solid Waste Management	Chi	ld Support Cost	Jai Mainter		Safe	eting ety and rcement	Emer 9	gency 11		ergency ehicle	Victim	n/Witness	Comm	it Clerk ssioner's ee
REVENUES	<b>A</b> 40.500					<b>^</b>	0.051								
State aid Federal aid	\$ 12,569					\$	2,251								
Property taxes	5,785														
Sales taxes				<u>م</u> -	7 0 4 0					•	4 750	•	0.004		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest	1,827	\$	329		7,618 1,518		171	\$	2,400	\$	1,756 101	\$	2,921 642	\$	291
Officers' fees	1,021	Ŷ	688		.,			Ŷ	2,100				0.2	Ŷ	190
Jail fees	000.050														
Sanitation fees 911 fees	620,953							3	17,110						
Treasurer's commission								Ū	,						
Collector's commission															
Other	28							-	53,086						
TOTAL REVENUES	641,162		1,017	5	9,136		2,422	3	72,596		1,857		3,563		481
Less: Treasurer's commission	6,382		7		593		24		4,532		18		28		2
NET REVENUES	634,780		1,010	5	8,543		2,398	3	68,064		1,839		3,535		479
EXPENDITURES Current:															
General government				_											
Law enforcement Public safety				5	9,967		701	6	94,034				5,178		
Sanitation	587,377							0.	04,004						
Health															
Recreation and culture Social services															
Total Current	587,377			5	9,967		701	6	94,034				5,178		
Debt Service:															
Financed purchase principal	21,928														
Financed purchase interest	2,783														
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	612,088			5	9,967		701	6	94,034				5,178		
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER)															
EXPENDITURES	22,692		1,010	(	1,424)		1,697	(3	25,970)		1,839		(1,643)		479
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)															
Transfers in Sales taxes collected and remitted to fire departments	13,092							1	75,000						
	12 002								75.000						
	13,092								75,000						
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES	35,784		1,010	(	1,424)		1,697	(1	50,970)		1,839		(1,643)		479
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	54,110		13,870	7	0,531		6,613	1	84,626		3,381		26,878		12,636
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 89,894	\$	14,880	\$ 6	9,107	\$	8,310	\$	33,656	\$	5,220	\$	25,235	\$	13,115

	SPECIAL REVENUE						FUNDS			
	Assessor's L Assessment		American Rescue Plan Act		lospital	and F	e Department Rescue Squad Sales Tax	County Sheriff Equitable Sharing	g	County Law Library
REVENUES State aid				\$	10,599					
Federal aid				Ψ	10,000					
Property taxes	\$	400			99,500					
Sales taxes						\$	1,488,755			¢ 0.000
Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest		52			7,778			\$ 10	0	\$ 8,263 363
Officers' fees		02			.,			÷		
Jail fees										
Sanitation fees 911 fees										
Treasurer's commission										
Collector's commission										
Other					472					
TOTAL REVENUES		452			118,349		1,488,755	10	D	8,626
Less: Treasurer's commission		5			1,157		15,561			67
NET REVENUES		447			117,192		1,473,194	1(	0	8,559
EXPENDITURES										
Current: General government			\$ 1,007,849							
Law enforcement			2,486							18,381
Public safety										
Sanitation Health			20,000		44,944					
Recreation and culture			20,000		44,944					
Social services									_	
Total Current			1,030,335		44,944					18,381
Debt Service:										
Financed purchase principal Financed purchase interest									-	
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			1,030,335		44,944				-	18,381
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		447	(1,030,335)		72,248		1,473,194	1(	0	(9,822)
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in										
Sales taxes collected and remitted to fire departments							(1,471,427)			
TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES)							(1,471,427)			
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		447	(1,030,335)		72,248		1,767	10	D	(9,822)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1	2,	,067	1,257,558		310,592		12,447	428	В	23,906
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$ 2	,514	\$ 227,223	\$	382,840	\$	14,214	\$ 438	8	\$ 14,084

		ty Library uilding	Fac	nunication sility and uipment		ior Center Grant	 Totals
REVENUES State aid Federal aid Property taxes Sales taxes Fines, forfeitures, and costs Interest Officers' fees Jail fees Sanitation fees 911 fees Treasurer's commission Collector's commission	\$	328	\$	13 3,029 186,445	\$	89,991	\$ 67,456 97,009 450,252 1,488,755 98,279 35,004 215,357 186,445 620,953 317,110 29,336 66,097
Other		24,834					 82,605
TOTAL REVENUES		25,162		189,487		89,991	3,754,658
Less: Treasurer's commission							 34,925
NET REVENUES		25,162		189,487		89,991	 3,719,733
EXPENDITURES Current: General government Law enforcement Public safety Sanitation Health Recreation and culture Social services Total Current Debt Service:		19,816 19,816		71,313		<u>89,991</u> 89,991	 1,225,771 180,421 694,034 587,377 64,944 258,581 89,991 3,101,119
Financed purchase principal Financed purchase interest							 291,886 62,825
TOTAL EXPENDITURES		19,816		71,313		89,991	 3,455,830
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES		5,346		118,174			 263,903
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) Transfers in Sales taxes collected and remitted to fire departments TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES		5,346		118,174			 368,092 (1,471,427) (1,103,335) (839,432)
FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1		93,278		31,705			3,117,761
FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31	\$	98,624	\$	149,879	\$	0	\$ 2,278,329

# VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2 DECEMBER 31, 2023

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 a fund to receive up to 10% of the Treasurer's gross commissions to operate the Treasurer's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated record keeping system.
Collector's Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-305 established a fund to receive up to 10% of the Collector's gross commissions 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 a fund to receive circuit court installment fees to be used for circuit court-related technology and to defray the cost of the fine collection.
District Court Automation	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established a 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 Fund to be allocated to the county assessors for the purpose of administering Ark. Const. Amend. 79.
County Clerk Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-413 established fund to receive fees collected by county clerks to be used for automated record systems and any legitimate county purpose.
County Recorder 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 Public Library	Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-404 established a fund to account for library property tax millage levied by the quorum court for the support, operation, and the maintenance of the library.
Solid Waste Management	Van Buren County Ordinance no. 2008-63 (October 16, 2008) established a fund to receive a volunteer tax for the recycling center.
Child Support Cost	Ark. Code Ann. § 9-10-109 established a fund to receive fees to offset administrative costs in the Clerk's office.
Jail 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.
Boating Safety and Enforcement	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-101-111 established a fund to receive fees used for operating a patrol on the waterways within the County or for emergency rescue services if the County has not established a patrol.

# VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2 DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
Emergency 911	Ark. Code Ann. § 12-10-308 established a fund to receive fees collected by commercial mobile radio service and telephone providers for 911 emergency services.
Emergency Vehicle	Ark. Code Ann. § 27-22-103 established a 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 a fund to receive District Court costs levied to be used by the Prosecuting Attorney for operating a victim/witness program.
Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-412 established a fund to receive a 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 the Circuit Clerk.
Assessor's Late Assessment Fee	Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-201 established fund to receive \$.50 fee on delinquent persons which shall be used by the county assessor to help pay for the expense of assessing property.
American Rescue Plan Act	Established to receive and disburse Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (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.
Hospital Maintenance	Van Buren County Ordinance no. 2008-65 (October 16, 2008) established a fund to receive a .3 mills property tax for hospital maintenance.
Fire Department and Rescue Squad Sales Tax	Van Buren County Ordinance no. 2019-59 (December 19, 2019) established fund to receive a one-half percent sales and use tax for the purpose of funding operations personnel, expenses and capital expenditures of the Van Buren County Rescue Squad and the qualifying volunteer fire departments in the County.
County Sheriff Equitable Sharing	Van Buren County Ordinance no. 2020-28 (October 15, 2020) established to receive and monitor disbursements of drug forfeiture funds received from the 20th Judicial District Prosecuting Attorney.
County Law Library	Ark. Code Ann. § 16-23-105 established fund to receive collections from the costs levied and to fund the law library expenditures.

# VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2 DECEMBER 31, 2023

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

Fund Name	Fund Description
County Library Building	County Library Board established fund to receive library fees, fines and donations, for library purposes and to monitor disbursements of the County Library.
Communication Facility and Equipment	Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-307, 12-41-105 established fund to receive 25% of Sheriff's fees collected, phone commission funds, and profits earned from prisoner commissary services to be used to train operations staff; operate, equip, repair, or replace existing communication equipment; purchase additional communications equipment; otherwise improve a communications facility or system for the sheriff's department; or purchase vehicles, weapons, or other equipment for the sheriff's department.
Senior Center Grant	Van Buren County Ordinance no. 2021-41 (November 15, 2021) established fund to account for a grant received to purchase equipment and a vehicle for the Van Buren County Senior Center.

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of treasurer's commission not distributed to the appropriate agencies.

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

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

County Clerk's accounts consist primarily of fee money to be settled with the treasurer and payroll withholdings not distributed to the appropriate entities.

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.

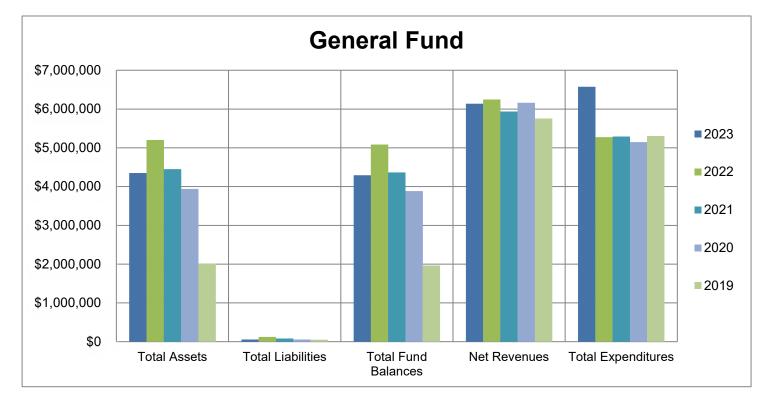
Recycling Center account consist of sanitation fees not yet settled with the treasurer.

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

	De	ecember 31, 2023
Land Buildings Equipment	\$	745,678 21,298,567 9,934,146
Total	\$	31,978,391

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

General	2023	 2022	 2021	 2020	 2019
Total Assets	\$ 4,346,678	\$ 5,203,175	\$ 4,444,844	\$ 3,937,411	\$ 2,012,927
Total Liabilities	55,919	121,065	82,707	55,092	49,711
Total Fund Balances	4,290,759	5,082,110	4,362,137	3,882,319	1,963,216
Net Revenues	6,134,783	6,245,686	5,935,928	6,157,742	5,755,739
Total Expenditures	6,571,134	5,270,713	5,288,693	5,144,082	5,302,069
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(355,000)	(255,000)	(167,417)	905,443	(328,270)

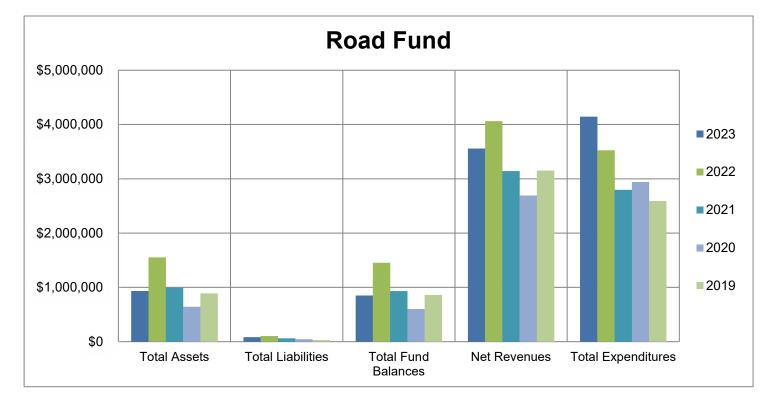


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# VAN BUREN COUNTY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - ROAD FUND - REGULATORY BASIS DECEMBER 31, 2023 (Unaudited)

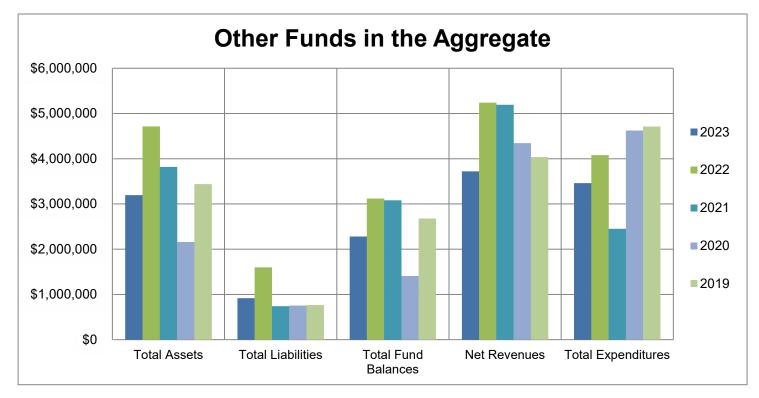
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Road	2023		2022	 2021	2020	 2019
Total Assets	\$ 932,07	1\$	1,552,031	\$ 991,586	\$ 642,297	\$ 888,031
Total Liabilities	81,14	7	101,347	60,530	43,241	28,109
Total Fund Balances	850,92	1	1,450,684	931,056	599,056	859,922
Net Revenues	3,557,25	3	4,059,194	3,139,637	2,693,862	3,148,686
Total Expenditures	4,143,92	1	3,525,246	2,794,881	2,940,812	2,589,216
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(13,09	2)	(14,320)	(12,756)	(13,916)	(26,391)



# VAN BUREN 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	\$ 3,192,327	\$ 4,713,210	\$ 3,818,277	\$ 2,157,758	\$ 3,437,009
Total Liabilities	913,998	1,595,449	739,364	751,630	762,609
Total Fund Balances	2,278,329	3,117,761	3,078,913	1,406,128	2,674,400
Net Revenues	3,719,733	5,235,631	5,189,482	4,341,786	4,033,151
Total Expenditures	3,455,830	4,076,803	2,449,381	4,621,874	4,709,623
Total Other Financing Sources/Uses	(1,103,335)	(1,119,980)	(1,098,697)	(988,184)	354,661



Schedule 4-3