

City of Ashdown, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2024

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



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Financial and Compliance Report

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Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist local government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of local governments, as well as compliance with relevant state laws and observance of good business practices to provide accountability for tax dollars expended to support government operations.

We have performed certain limited procedures with respect to cash basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for the City of Ashdown, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024, and have issued our report thereon dated April 16, 2025. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Funds. Management of the City is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2024:

Mayor: Trey Cobb
Recorder/Treasurer: Kirk Mounts
District Court Clerk: Kristi Lewis
Police Chief: Boyd Kennemore
Park Director: Bradley Day

We evaluated the City's' compliance with certain state laws concerning general and district court accounting, budgeting, purchasing, and investing and depositing of public funds.

During our evaluation, nothing came to our attention that would warrant disclosure in this report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local government, state executive and oversight 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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Kevin William White, CPA, JD
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Little Rock, Arkansas
April 16, 2025
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CITY OF ASHDOWN, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Firemen's Pension and Relief Trust Fund
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Cash and Investment Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 1,705,805	\$ 858,828	\$ 645,857
Receipts:			
State aid	77,896	350,385	4,073
Federal aid	71,269	19,684	
Property taxes		80,598	
Franchise fees	227,341		
Sales taxes	1,827,337	1,121,040	
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	255,315	72,451	
Interest	25,045	11,046	44,394
Local permits and fees	4,944	56,596	
Sanitation fees		693,313	
Insurance proceeds		130,213	
Contributions from water and sewer department	230,000		
Donations	142,980	4,000	
Net increase/(decrease) in fair value of investments			59,820
Other	86,973	2,835	
Transfers in		599,427	
Total Receipts	<u>2,949,100</u>	<u>3,141,588</u>	<u>108,287</u>
Disbursements:			
General government	429,603		
Law enforcement	1,338,829	272,465	
Highways and streets	445,826	645,605	
Public safety	170,874	174,470	66,471
Sanitation	1,983	798,297	
Recreation and culture	299,155		
Debt service		95,436	
Transfers out	225,000	374,427	
Contributions to water and sewer department		746,613	
Total Disbursements	<u>2,911,270</u>	<u>3,107,313</u>	<u>66,471</u>
Cash and Investment Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 1,743,635</u>	<u>\$ 893,103</u>	<u>\$ 687,673</u>

CITY OF ASHDOWN, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	<u>Street</u>	<u>Sales Tax Surplus</u>	<u>Sanitation</u>	<u>District Court Automation</u>	<u>District Court Cost</u>	<u>Prisoner Fee</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 8,141	\$ 379,131	\$ 300,649	\$ 94,610	\$ 3,395	\$ 53,474
Receipts:						
State aid	350,385					
Federal aid						
Property taxes	80,598					
Sales taxes						
Fines, forfeitures, and costs				14,115	1,867	35,907
Interest	529	3,914	4,037	1,164	59	861
Local permits and fees			56,596			
Sanitation fees			693,313			
Insurance proceeds			130,213			
Donations						
Other			2,835			
Transfers in	225,000	374,427				
Total Receipts	<u>656,512</u>	<u>378,341</u>	<u>886,994</u>	<u>15,279</u>	<u>1,926</u>	<u>36,768</u>
Disbursements:						
Law enforcement		211,226		11,472		24,412
Highways and streets	625,921					
Public safety		174,470				
Sanitation			798,297			
Debt service	17,269	44,328	33,839			
Transfers out						
Contributions to water and sewer department						
Total Disbursements	<u>643,190</u>	<u>430,024</u>	<u>832,136</u>	<u>11,472</u>		<u>24,412</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 21,463</u>	<u>\$ 327,448</u>	<u>\$ 355,507</u>	<u>\$ 98,417</u>	<u>\$ 5,321</u>	<u>\$ 65,830</u>

CITY OF ASHDOWN, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
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Schedule 2

	Ordinance no. 691 (September 7, 1999) Sales Tax	Police Court Fines	Hagan Road Drainage Project	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2024	\$ 60	\$ 19,368		\$ 858,828
Receipts:				
State aid				350,385
Federal aid			\$ 19,684	19,684
Property taxes				80,598
Sales taxes	1,121,040			1,121,040
Fines, forfeitures, and costs		20,562		72,451
Interest	121	361		11,046
Local permits and fees				56,596
Sanitation fees				693,313
Insurance proceeds				130,213
Donations		4,000		4,000
Other				2,835
Transfers in				599,427
Total Receipts	<u>1,121,161</u>	<u>24,923</u>	<u>19,684</u>	<u>3,141,588</u>
Disbursements:				
Law enforcement		25,355		272,465
Highways and streets			19,684	645,605
Public safety				174,470
Sanitation				798,297
Debt service				95,436
Transfers out	374,427			374,427
Contributions to water and sewer department	746,613			746,613
Total Disbursements	<u>1,121,040</u>	<u>25,355</u>	<u>19,684</u>	<u>3,107,313</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2024	<u>\$ 181</u>	<u>\$ 18,936</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 893,103</u>

CITY OF ASHDOWN, ARKANSAS
 OTHER INFORMATION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3

1. Cash and investments balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts, certificates of deposit, and mutual funds.
2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:
 General, Sales Tax, Street Maintenance, Library Building, and Equipment Savings
3. Cash balances at year-end in the custodial funds are as follows:

	December 31, 2024
District Court - City Division	\$ 33,569
District Court - County Division	31,753
District Court - Foreman	5,500

These balances represent fines, forfeitures, and costs that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

4. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

	December 31, 2024
Land	\$ 211,300
Buildings	1,207,247
Improvements	1,379,433
Equipment	4,239,986
Total	\$ 7,037,966

5. The outstanding balance at year-end for long-term liabilities is as follows:

	December 31, 2024
Financed purchases	\$ 129,902