

City of Lamar, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2023 and 2022

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



CITY OF LAMAR, ARKANSAS
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Financial and Compliance Report

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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 Lamar, Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated June 17, 2024. These procedures were not performed for the Water and Sewer Department. 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 2023 and 2022:

Mayor: Jerry Boen
Recorder/Treasurer: Elizabeth Parks
District Court Clerk: Kortney Morrison
Police Chief: Gaston Griggs

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 City 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
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
June 17, 2024
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CITY OF LAMAR, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	<u>General Fund</u>	<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>Capital Projects Fund - Concession Stand</u>	<u>Trust Fund - Cemetery Perpetual Care</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 661,981	\$ 211,396	\$ 24,582	\$ 74,437
Receipts:				
State aid	42,435	166,301		
Federal aid	2,817			
Property taxes	79,477	20,440		
Franchise fees	62,664			
Sales taxes	387,499	243,875		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	79,013	2,129		
Interest	5,887	100	27	
Local permits and fees	10,028			
Other	28,122	191	2,500	
Total Receipts	<u>697,942</u>	<u>433,036</u>	<u>2,527</u>	
Disbursements:				
General government	413,614	100,037		
Law enforcement	56,651			
Highways and streets		482,621		
Public safety	49,022			
Recreation and culture	131,851			
Cemetery	464			
Debt service	799	24,532		
Total Disbursements	<u>652,401</u>	<u>607,190</u>		
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 707,522</u>	<u>\$ 37,242</u>	<u>\$ 27,109</u>	<u>\$ 74,437</u>

CITY OF LAMAR, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

	<u>Street</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan (ARPA)</u>	<u>District Court Automation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 108,042	\$ 100,726	\$ 2,628	\$ 211,396
Receipts:				
State aid	166,301			166,301
Property taxes	20,440			20,440
Sales taxes	243,875			243,875
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			2,129	2,129
Interest		100		100
Other	191			191
Total Receipts	<u>430,807</u>	<u>100</u>	<u>2,129</u>	<u>433,036</u>
Disbursements:				
General government		100,037		100,037
Highways and streets	477,376			477,376
Debt service	29,777			29,777
Total Disbursements	<u>507,153</u>	<u>100,037</u>		<u>607,190</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 31,696</u>	<u>\$ 789</u>	<u>\$ 4,757</u>	<u>\$ 37,242</u>

CITY OF LAMAR, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds	Capital Projects Fund - Concession Stand	Trust Fund - Cemetery Perpetual Care
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 493,476	\$ 115,566		\$ 74,437
Receipts:				
State aid	56,573	291,332		
Federal aid	3,000	178,382		
Property taxes	68,200	20,578		
Franchise fees	55,927			
Sales taxes	373,699	227,431		
Fines, forfeitures, and costs	69,438	2,203		
Interest	1,608	390	\$ 12	
Local permits and fees	9,353			
Other	72,834	2,761	24,570	
Unclassified	2,295			
Total Receipts	<u>712,927</u>	<u>723,077</u>	<u>24,582</u>	
Disbursements:				
General government	368,195	165,318		
Law enforcement	24,631	40		
Highways and streets		434,295		
Public safety	37,556			
Recreation and culture	75,988			
Cemetery	8,183			
Debt service	2,505	27,594		
Contribution to water	27,364			
Total Disbursements	<u>544,422</u>	<u>627,247</u>		
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 661,981</u>	<u>\$ 211,396</u>	<u>\$ 24,582</u>	<u>\$ 74,437</u>

CITY OF LAMAR, ARKANSAS
 COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 4

	<u>Street</u>	<u>American Rescue Plan (ARPA)</u>	<u>District Court Automation</u>	<u>Total</u>
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$ 27,632	\$ 87,549	\$ 385	\$ 115,566
Receipts:				
State aid	291,332			291,332
Federal aid		178,382		178,382
Property taxes	20,578			20,578
Sales taxes	227,431			227,431
Fines, forfeitures, and costs			2,203	2,203
Interest	277	113		390
Other	2,681		80	2,761
Total Receipts	<u>542,299</u>	<u>178,495</u>	<u>2,283</u>	<u>723,077</u>
Disbursements:				
General government		165,318		165,318
Law enforcement			40	40
Highways and streets	434,295			434,295
Debt service	27,594			27,594
Total Disbursements	<u>461,889</u>	<u>165,318</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>627,247</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	<u>\$ 108,042</u>	<u>\$ 100,726</u>	<u>\$ 2,628</u>	<u>\$ 211,396</u>

CITY OF LAMAR, ARKANSAS
OTHER INFORMATION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022
(UNAUDITED)

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand accounts and certificates of deposit.
2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts:
General, Volunteer Fire Department, and Local Police and Fire Retirement - Fire
3. Cash balances at year-end in the custodial funds are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
District Court	\$ 13,867	\$ 22,229

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, 2023	December 31, 2022
Land	\$ 84,556	\$ 84,556
Buildings	632,463	558,448
Equipment	761,129	754,021
Totals	\$ 1,478,148	\$ 1,397,025

5. Outstanding balances at year-end for long-term liabilities are as follows:

	December 31, 2023	December 31, 2022
Financed purchases	\$ 75,501	\$ 68,896

6. The City received federal funding in the following amount related to COVID-19 relief:

	December 31, 2022
American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA)	\$ 178,382