

Town of Hunter, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2023

LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE



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LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Financial and Compliance Report

Town of Hunter, Arkansas Officials and Council Members
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 Town of Hunter, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated March 26, 2025. Management of the Town is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The findings contained in this section relate to the following officials who held office during 2023:

Mayor: Dwain Melvin
Recorder/Treasurer: Jamie Byers

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

Noncompliance with state law and accepted accounting practices was noted in the offices of **Mayor** and **Recorder/Treasurer**.

Mayor

Street Fund expenditures exceeded budgeted appropriations by \$28,038 (80%), in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-58-203.

Recorder/Treasurer

Restricted funds from previous years of \$5,544 were not transferred to the Street Fund from General Fund, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 27-70-207. The Town council passed Resolution 2-2022, to pay 10% of general revenues to the Street Fund until the balance is paid in full. Payments of \$3,758 were made during 2023 to reduce the balance owed to the Street Fund. A similar finding was noted in the previous report.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local Town 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
March 26, 2025
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TOWN OF HUNTER, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds
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Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 24,083	\$ 122,413
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Receipts:		
State aid	1,566	15,416
Property taxes	10,306	2,053
Franchise fees	4,412	
Sales taxes	16,666	
Interest		156
Local permits and fees		5,885
Donations		24,827
Refunds		2,108
Other	116	3
Transfers in		3,759
Total Receipts	<u>33,066</u>	<u>54,207</u>
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Disbursements:		
General government	27,768	
Highways and streets		63,038
Public safety		22,057
Recreation and culture	106	
Community development	2,225	
Transfers out	3,759	
Total Disbursements	<u>33,858</u>	<u>85,095</u>
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Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 23,291</u>	<u>\$ 91,525</u>

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

Schedule 2

	Street	Fire Equipment and Training	Volunteer Fire Department	Total
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 81,986	\$ 21,584	\$ 18,843	\$ 122,413
Receipts:				
State aid	8,689	6,727		15,416
Property taxes	2,053			2,053
Interest		85	71	156
Local permits and fees			5,885	5,885
Donations			24,827	24,827
Refunds			2,108	2,108
Other			3	3
Transfers in	3,759			3,759
Total Receipts	<u>14,501</u>	<u>6,812</u>	<u>32,894</u>	<u>54,207</u>
Disbursements:				
Highways and streets	63,038			63,038
Public safety			22,057	22,057
Total Disbursements	<u>63,038</u>		<u>22,057</u>	<u>85,095</u>
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	<u>\$ 33,449</u>	<u>\$ 28,396</u>	<u>\$ 29,680</u>	<u>\$ 91,525</u>

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OTHER INFORMATION
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Schedule 3

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand accounts.
2. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

	<u>December 31, 2023</u>
Land	\$ 10,200
Buildings	224,765
Equipment	<u>181,083</u>
Total	<u><u>\$ 416,048</u></u>