Town of Strawberry, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2022



LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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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 Town of Strawberry, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated March 28, 2024. These procedures were not performed for the Water Department and the Lynn/Strawberry Sewer Project. Management of the Town is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The commentary contained in this section relate to the following officials who held office during 2022:

Mayor: Gregg Cooper Recorder/Treasurer: Twila Massey

We evaluated the Town's compliance with certain state laws concerning general 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 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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TOWN OF STRAWBERRY, ARKANSAS SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

| | General Fund | Special Revenue Funds |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Cash Balance, January 1, 2022 | \$ 181,178 | \$ 111,792 |
| Receipts: | | |
| State aid | 3,998 | 28,698 |
| Federal aid | | 29,005 |
| Property taxes | 2,549 | 2,256 |
| Franchise fees | 15,727 | |
| Sales taxes | 30,159 | |
| Interest | 430 | 307 |
| Local permits and fees | 21,882 | |
| Rental | 1,000 | |
| Other | 3,213 | 1 |
| Total Receipts | 78,958 | 60,267 |
| Disbursements: | | |
| General government | 76,876 | 22,255 |
| Highways and streets | | 13,329 |
| Public safety | 21,523 | 807 |
| Total Disbursements | 98,399 | 36,391 |
| Cash Balance, December 31, 2022 | \$ 161,737 | \$ 135,668 |

Schedule 1

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

| | Street | | Fire Equipment and Training | | American Rescue Plan Act | | Total | |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|--------|-------|---------|
| Cash Balance, January 1, 2022 | \$ | 60,600 | \$ | 22,159 | \$ | 29,033 | \$ | 111,792 |
| Receipts: | | | | | | | | |
| State aid | | 23,138 | | 5,560 | | | | 28,698 |
| Federal aid | | | | | | 29,005 | | 29,005 |
| Property taxes | | 2,256 | | | | | | 2,256 |
| Interest | | 166 | | 59 | | 82 | | 307 |
| Other | | | _ | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Total Receipts | | 25,560 | | 5,620 | | 29,087 | | 60,267 |
| Disbursements: | | | | | | | | |
| General government | | | | | | 22,255 | | 22,255 |
| Highways and streets | | 13,329 | | | | | | 13,329 |
| Public safety | | | _ | 807 | | | | 807 |
| Total Disbursements | | 13,329 | | 807 | | 22,255 | | 36,391 |
| Cash Balance, December 31, 2022 | \$ | 72,831 | \$ | 26,972 | \$ | 35,865 | \$ | 135,668 |

Schedule 2

TOWN OF STRAWBERRY, ARKANSAS OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

- 1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit.
- 2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts: General and Fire Department
- 3. The Municipality's capital assets records are summarized below:

| | Dec | December 31, 2022 | | |
|--------------------------------|-----|------------------------------|--|--|
| Land Buildings Equipment | \$ | 85,321 528,168 325,657 | | |
| Total | \$ | 939,146 | | |

4. The Town received federal funding of the following amount related to COVID-19 relief:

| | December 31, 2022 | |
|---------------------------------|----------------------|--------|
| American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) | \$ | 29,005 |

Schedule 3