

Town of Tupelo, Arkansas

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2023



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Town of Tupelo, 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 Tupelo, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated November 4, 2024. Management of the Town is responsible for maintaining the financial records and complying with state laws and accepted accounting practices.

The finding contained in this section relates to the following officials who held office during 2023:

Mayor: Hannah Garner (Appointed July 31, 2023)
Melissa Runyon (Resigned July 31, 2023)
Recorder/Treasurer: Chelsea Golden

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 office of **Recorder/Treasurer**.

Recorder/Treasurer

Restricted funds from previous years of \$2,913 were not transferred to the Street Fund from the General Fund, as required by Ark. Code Ann. § 14-59-104. The City Council passed Resolution 2023-5, to pay 10% of general revenues to the Street Fund each year until the balance is paid in full. Payments of \$4,500 were made in 2023 in compliance with Resolution 2023-5 to reduce the balance owed to the Street Fund. A similar finding was noted in the previous three reports.

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
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
November 4, 2024
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TOWN OF TUPELO, ARKANSAS
 SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION
 FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
 (UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

	General Fund	Special Revenue Fund (Street)
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 13,357	\$ 91,791
Receipts:		
State aid	1,064	5,905
Property taxes	1,984	993
Franchise fees	4,926	
Sales taxes	12,389	
Interest	39	170
Rent	1,254	
Other	3,003	146
Transfers in		4,500
Total Receipts	24,659	11,714
Disbursements:		
General government	11,370	
Highways and streets		12,504
Sanitation	10,274	
Health	3,373	
Transfers out	4,500	
Total Disbursements	29,517	12,504
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 8,499	\$ 91,001

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OTHER INFORMATION
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- 1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand accounts and certificates of deposit.

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

	<u>December 31,</u> <u>2023</u>
Land	\$ 5,453
Buildings	40,278
Equipment	<u>46,508</u>
Total	<u>\$ 92,239</u>