OFFICE OF THE PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

Fifth Judicial District

Pope, Johnson, and Franklin Counties

Financial and Compliance Report

December 31, 2023 and 2022



LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE

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Financial and Compliance Report

Prosecuting Attorney, Fifth Judicial District Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of prosecuting attorneys, 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 Prosecuting Attorney, Fifth Judicial District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022, and have issued our report thereon dated January 14, 2025. The Prosecuting Attorney 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 official who held office during 2023 and 2022:

Prosecuting Attorney: Jeff Phillips

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, the Prosecuting Attorney, 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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Little Rock, Arkansas January 14, 2025 LOPA00523

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

	 General Fund	Special Revenue Funds		
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$ 21,692	\$	27,643	
Receipts:				
Hot check fees	5,744			
Forfeitures	5,206			
Federal grants			267,085	
Interest	12			
County funds			18,400	
Other	25,198			
Transfers in			8,547	
Total Receipts	 36,160		294,032	
Disbursements:				
Law enforcement	30,546		292,899	
Transfers out			8,547	
Total Disbursements	 30,546		301,446	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 27,306	\$	20,229	

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 (UNAUDITED)

	Violence Against Victim/Witness Women Act		•	Federal Forfeitures		Totals		
Cash Balance, January 1, 2023	\$	23,759	\$	3,269	\$	615	\$	27,643
Receipts:								
Federal grants		200,232		66,853				267,085
County funds		18,400						18,400
Transfers in				8,547				8,547
Total Receipts		218,632		75,400				294,032
Disbursements:								
Law enforcement		220,742		72,157				292,899
Transfers out		8,547						8,547
Total Disbursements		229,289		72,157				301,446
Cash Balance, December 31, 2023	\$	13,102	\$	6,512	\$	615	\$	20,229

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	0	General Fund	Special Revenue Funds		
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	8,482	\$	26,702	
Receipts:					
Hot check fees		4,518			
Forfeitures		11,838			
Federal grants				259,774	
Interest		7			
County funds				18,400	
Other		24,899			
Transfers in				2,254	
Total Receipts		41,262		280,428	
Disbursements:					
Law enforcement		28,052		277,233	
Transfers out				2,254	
Total Disbursements		28,052		279,487	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	\$	21,692	\$	27,643	

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COMBINING SCHEDULE OF FINANCIAL INFORMATION - SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2022 (UNAUDITED)

	Victi			Violence Against Women Act		Federal Forfeitures		Totals	
Cash Balance, January 1, 2022	\$	23,555	\$	2,532	\$	615	\$	26,702	
Receipts:									
Federal grants		192,624		67,150				259,774	
County funds		18,400						18,400	
Transfers in				2,254				2,254	
Total Receipts		211,024		69,404				280,428	
Disbursements:									
Law enforcement		208,566		68,667				277,233	
Transfers out		2,254						2,254	
Total Disbursements		210,820		68,667				279,487	
Cash Balance, December 31, 2022	\$	23,759	\$	3,269	\$	615	\$	27,643	

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY, FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OTHER INFORMATION FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND 2022 (UNAUDITED)

1. Cash balances on the Financial Schedules include demand and savings accounts.

2. The General Fund column on the Financial Schedules includes the following bank accounts: PA Fees (General) and Drug Control (Operating)

3. Cash balances at year-end in the custodial funds are as follows:

De		December 31, 2023		ember 31, 2022
Asset Forfeiture Fund	\$	492	\$	491
Hot Check Trust		111,867		110,665
Escrow		18,207		18,205

These balances represent forfeitures and hot check restitutions that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

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

	December 31, 2023		Dec	December 31, 2022			
Equipment	\$ 86,310		\$	81,359			