# Crittenden County, Arkansas

# Financial and Compliance Report

**December 31, 2023**

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# LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE
## ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

TO: Auditee

FROM: Joseph D. Archer, CPA
Deputy Legislative Auditor

DATE: February 14, 2025

SUBJECT: Legislative Joint Auditing Committee Review Of:

Crittenden County
December 31, 2023

The enclosed report will be early released on February 19, 2025 and will be presented to the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee for its review at a later date.

*If your presence at the meeting is requested, you will be notified in a separate letter.*

As a reminder, Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-418 requires the Quorum Court to review this report and accompanying comments, if applicable, at the first regularly scheduled meeting following the receipt of this report, if received at least ten days prior to the meeting. If the report is received less than 10 days prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting, the report may be reviewed at the following meeting. The Quorum Court is required to take appropriate action relating to each finding and recommendation in the report, and the minutes of the meeting shall document the review of the findings and recommendations and actions taken.

Please refer to the "Meetings" tab on our website at arklegaudit.gov or the meeting calendar on the General Assembly webpage at arkleg.state.ar.us for any additional changes to meeting dates.

If you should have any questions or comments regarding this matter, please feel free to contact us.

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# LEGISLATIVE JOINT AUDITING COMMITTEE
## ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Financial and Compliance Report

Crittenden County, Arkansas Officials and Quorum Court Members
Legislative Joint Auditing Committee

A priority of Arkansas Legislative Audit is to assist county government officials by promoting sound financial management and accountability of government resources. The Legislative Auditor reports on the fiscal affairs of county 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 regulatory basis financial information and compliance with certain state laws and accepted accounting practices for Crittenden County, Arkansas, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and have issued our report thereon dated January 8, 2025. Management of the County 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:

County Judge: Woody Wheeless
Treasurer: Matt Thompson
Sheriff: Michael Allen
Tax Collector: Ellen Foote
County Clerk: Paula Brown
Circuit Clerk: Terry Hawkins
Assessor: Kimberly Hollowell

We evaluated the County'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 the **County Clerk.**

**County Clerk**

Accounts payable of $217,436 were not recorded in the current period appropriations journal, in noncompliance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-71-101.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the Legislative Joint Auditing Committee, local County 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.

ARKANSAS LEGISLATIVE AUDIT

Kevin William White, CPA, JD
Legislative Auditor

Little Rock, Arkansas
January 8, 2025
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Exhibit A

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
BALANCE SHEET - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

| | General | Road | Other Funds in the Aggregate |
|---|---|---|---|
| ASSETS | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 16,468,026 | $ 7,560,326 | $ 25,482,927 |
| Accounts receivable | 1,352,298 | 35,723 | 396,617 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $ 17,820,324 | $ 7,596,049 | $ 25,879,544 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | |
| Accounts payable | $ 389,108 | $ 2,261 | $ 331,633 |
| Settlements pending | 94,404 | | 4,258,191 |
| Total Liabilities | 483,512 | 2,261 | 4,589,824 |
| Fund Balances: | | | |
| Restricted | 2,500 | 7,593,788 | 16,342,490 |
| Committed | | | 4,492,330 |
| Assigned | 2,126 | | 454,900 |
| Unassigned | 17,332,186 | | |
| Total Fund Balances | 17,336,812 | 7,593,788 | 21,289,720 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | $ 17,820,324 | $ 7,596,049 | $ 25,879,544 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Exhibit B

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

| | General | Road | Other Funds in the Aggregate |
|---|---|---|---|
| REVENUES | | | |
| State aid | $ 584,138 | $ 2,181,731 | $ 295,351 |
| Federal aid | 175,171 | 7,451 | 45,605 |
| Property taxes | 538,612 | 500,381 | 187,007 |
| Sales taxes | 3,628,901 | 1,550,075 | 7,750,377 |
| Fines, forfeitures, and costs | 1,085,632 | | 397,931 |
| Interest | 324,273 | 146,546 | 372,535 |
| Officers' fees | 258,165 | | 254,491 |
| Franchise fees | 47,009 | | |
| Southland breakage and gaming tax | 4,461,355 | | |
| Insurance premium collected | 17,453 | | |
| Jail fees | | | 455,110 |
| Sanitation fees | | | 189,263 |
| Emergency 911 fees | | | 404,177 |
| Treasurer's commission | 276,991 | | 56,418 |
| Collector's commission | 436,069 | | 170,515 |
| Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense | 855,419 | | |
| Other | 437,044 | 20,139 | 215,655 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 13,126,232 | 4,406,323 | 10,794,435 |
| Less: Treasurer's commission | 113,365 | 23,940 | 99,832 |
| NET REVENUES | 13,012,867 | 4,382,383 | 10,694,603 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | |
| Current: | | | |
| General government | 4,490,658 | | 2,587,764 |
| Law enforcement | 4,753,336 | | 8,103,765 |
| Highways and streets | | 2,743,809 | |
| Public safety | | | 517,289 |
| Sanitation | | | 69,961 |
| Health | 135,100 | | |
| Recreation and culture | 24,344 | | 419,383 |
| Social services | 52,588 | | |
| Total Current | 9,456,026 | 2,743,809 | 11,698,162 |
| Debt Service: | | | |
| Financed purchases principal | | 180,316 | |
| Financed purchases interest | | 24,272 | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 9,456,026 | 2,948,397 | 11,698,162 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Exhibit B

| | General | Road | Other Funds in the Aggregate |
|---|---|---|---|
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | $ 3,556,841 | $ 1,433,986 | $ (1,003,559) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | |
| Transfers in | 2,500 | | 142,000 |
| Transfers out | (142,000) | | (2,500) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | (139,500) | | 139,500 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | 3,417,341 | 1,433,986 | (864,059) |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1 | 13,919,471 | 6,159,802 | 22,153,779 |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | $ 17,336,812 | $ 7,593,788 | $ 21,289,720 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Exhibit C

| | General | | | Road | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| REVENUES | | | | | | |
| State aid | $ 219,996 | $ 584,138 | $ 364,142 | $ 2,207,833 | $ 2,181,731 | $ (26,102) |
| Federal aid | 124,000 | 175,171 | 51,171 | | 7,451 | 7,451 |
| Property taxes | 342,500 | 538,612 | 196,112 | 473,541 | 500,381 | 26,840 |
| Sales taxes | 3,112,000 | 3,628,901 | 516,901 | 1,300,000 | 1,550,075 | 250,075 |
| Fines, forfeitures, and costs | 745,000 | 1,085,632 | 340,632 | | | |
| Interest | 121,700 | 324,273 | 202,573 | 58,000 | 146,546 | 88,546 |
| Officers' fees | 158,000 | 258,165 | 100,165 | | | |
| Franchise fees | 40,000 | 47,009 | 7,009 | | | |
| Southland breakage and gaming tax | 3,300,000 | 4,461,355 | 1,161,355 | | | |
| Insurance premium collected | 10,000 | 17,453 | 7,453 | | | |
| Treasurer's commission | 240,000 | 276,991 | 36,991 | | | |
| Collector's commission | 350,000 | 436,069 | 86,069 | | | |
| Taxes apportioned - Assessor's salary and expense | 503,000 | 855,419 | 352,419 | | | |
| Other | 545,000 | 437,044 | (107,956) | 81,500 | 20,139 | (61,361) |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 9,811,196 | 13,126,232 | 3,315,036 | 4,120,874 | 4,406,323 | 285,449 |
| Less: Treasurer's commission | | 113,365 | (113,365) | | 23,940 | (23,940) |
| NET REVENUES | 9,811,196 | 13,012,867 | 3,201,671 | 4,120,874 | 4,382,383 | 261,509 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | |
| General government | 10,984,520 | 4,490,658 | 6,493,862 | | | |
| Law enforcement | 4,863,492 | 4,753,336 | 110,156 | | | |
| Highways and streets | | | | 3,721,606 | 2,743,809 | 977,797 |
| Health | 142,308 | 135,100 | 7,208 | | | |
| Recreation and culture | 50,000 | 24,344 | 25,656 | | | |
| Social services | 61,141 | 52,588 | 8,553 | | | |
| Total Current | 16,101,461 | 9,456,026 | 6,645,435 | 3,721,606 | 2,743,809 | 977,797 |
| Debt Service: | | | | | | |
| Financed purchases principal | | | | | 180,316 | (180,316) |
| Financed purchases interest | | | | | 24,272 | (24,272) |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 16,101,461 | 9,456,026 | 6,645,435 | 3,721,606 | 2,948,397 | 773,209 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES -
BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL AND ROAD FUNDS - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Exhibit C

| | General | | | Road | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) | Budget | Actual | Variance Favorable (Unfavorable) |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | $ (6,290,265) | $ 3,556,841 | $ 9,847,106 | $ 399,268 | $ 1,433,986 | $ 1,034,718 |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | 650,000 | 2,500 | (647,500) | | | |
| Transfers out | | (142,000) | (142,000) | | | |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | 650,000 | (139,500) | (789,500) | | | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | (5,640,265) | 3,417,341 | 9,057,606 | 399,268 | 1,433,986 | 1,034,718 |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1 | 11,467,494 | 13,919,471 | 2,451,977 | 5,674,841 | 6,159,802 | 484,961 |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | $ 5,827,229 | $ 17,336,812 | $ 11,509,583 | $ 6,074,109 | $ 7,593,788 | $ 1,519,679 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

| | SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Treasurer's Automation | Collector's Automation | Court Automation | Assessor's Amendment no. 79 | County Recorder's Cost / Machinery and Equipment | County Library | Landfill | Reappraisal Cost | Child Support Cost |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 178,996 | $ 230,816 | $ 123,855 | $ 59,622 | $ 49,799 | $ 75,111 | $ 4,457,925 | $ 40,619 | $ 399 |
| Accounts receivable | 56,431 | 170,529 | 709 | 4 | 20,830 | 8,353 | 34,406 | 139 | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $ 235,427 | $ 401,345 | $ 124,564 | $ 59,626 | $ 70,629 | $ 83,464 | $ 4,492,331 | $ 40,758 | $ 399 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | $ 1 | $ 1 | $ 1 | | $ 129 | $ 605 | $ 1 | $ 8 | |
| Settlements pending | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities | 1 | 1 | 1 | | 129 | 605 | 1 | 8 | |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 235,426 | 401,344 | 124,563 | $ 59,626 | 70,500 | | | 40,750 | $ 399 |
| Committed | | | | | | | 4,492,330 | | |
| Assigned | | | | | | 82,859 | | | |
| Total Fund Balances | 235,426 | 401,344 | 124,563 | 59,626 | 70,500 | 82,859 | 4,492,330 | 40,750 | 399 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | $ 235,427 | $ 401,345 | $ 124,564 | $ 59,626 | $ 70,629 | $ 83,464 | $ 4,492,331 | $ 40,758 | $ 399 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

| | SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Drug Control | Jail | Search and Rescue | Emergency 911 | Public Defender | Drug Court Fees Act 490 | Juvenile Division | Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee | Assessor's Late Fee |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 17,275 | $ 9,463,632 | $ 12,713 | $ 194,954 | $ 57,310 | $ 2,529 | $ 36,806 | $ 16,465 | $ 19,446 |
| Accounts receivable | 113 | 90,232 | 1 | 3,946 | 7,381 | 100 | 2,284 | 1 | 195 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $ 17,388 | $ 9,553,864 | $ 12,714 | $ 198,900 | $ 64,691 | $ 2,629 | $ 39,090 | $ 16,466 | $ 19,641 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | $ 4,057 | $ 142,293 | | $ 456 | $ 42 | $ 159 | | | $ 44 |
| Settlements pending | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities | 4,057 | 142,293 | | 456 | 42 | 159 | | | 44 |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | 13,331 | 9,159,286 | $ 12,714 | 182,444 | | 2,470 | | $ 16,466 | 19,597 |
| Committed | | | | | | | | | |
| Assigned | | 252,285 | | 16,000 | 64,649 | | $ 39,090 | | |
| Total Fund Balances | 13,331 | 9,411,571 | 12,714 | 198,444 | 64,649 | 2,470 | 39,090 | 16,466 | 19,597 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | $ 17,388 | $ 9,553,864 | $ 12,714 | $ 198,900 | $ 64,691 | $ 2,629 | $ 39,090 | $ 16,466 | $ 19,641 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 1

| | SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | | | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Police Radar and Equipment | Emergency Management | East Arkansas Youth Services | Renovation Grant | Mental Health Collaboration | Law Library | American Rescue Plan Act | Sheriff's Communication Facility and Equipment | United States Department of Agriculture - Earle Library |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 31,344 | $ 17 | $ 16,812 | $ 9,488 | $ 2,428 | $ 54,335 | $ 6,062,012 | $ 9,936 | $ 92 |
| Accounts receivable | | | | | | 963 | | | |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $ 31,344 | $ 17 | $ 16,812 | $ 9,488 | $ 2,428 | $ 55,298 | $ 6,062,012 | $ 9,936 | $ 92 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | | | | | | $ 7 | $ 183,829 | | |
| Settlements pending | | | | | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities | | | | | | 7 | 183,829 | | |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | $ 31,344 | | $ 16,812 | $ 9,488 | $ 2,428 | 55,291 | 5,878,183 | $ 9,936 | $ 92 |
| Committed | | | | | | | | | |
| Assigned | | $ 17 | | | | | | | |
| Total Fund Balances | 31,344 | 17 | 16,812 | 9,488 | 2,428 | 55,291 | 5,878,183 | 9,936 | 92 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | $ 31,344 | $ 17 | $ 16,812 | $ 9,488 | $ 2,428 | $ 55,298 | $ 6,062,012 | $ 9,936 | $ 92 |

Schedule 1

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

| | CUSTODIAL FUNDS | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Treasurer's Accounts | Collector's Accounts | Sheriff's Accounts | County Clerk's Accounts | Circuit Clerk's Accounts | County Judge's Accounts | Juvenile Probation Accounts | Totals |
| ASSETS | | | | | | | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | $ 3,037,048 | $ 376,076 | $ 285,117 | $ 150,540 | $ 406,496 | $ 736 | $ 2,178 | $ 25,482,927 |
| Accounts receivable | | | | | | | | 396,617 |
| TOTAL ASSETS | $ 3,037,048 | $ 376,076 | $ 285,117 | $ 150,540 | $ 406,496 | $ 736 | $ 2,178 | $ 25,879,544 |
| LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | | | | | | | | |
| Liabilities: | | | | | | | | |
| Accounts payable | | | | | | | | $ 331,633 |
| Settlements pending | $ 3,037,048 | $ 376,076 | $ 285,117 | $ 150,540 | $ 406,496 | $ 736 | $ 2,178 | 4,258,191 |
| Total Liabilities | 3,037,048 | 376,076 | 285,117 | 150,540 | 406,496 | 736 | 2,178 | 4,589,824 |
| Fund Balances: | | | | | | | | |
| Restricted | | | | | | | | 16,342,490 |
| Committed | | | | | | | | 4,492,330 |
| Assigned | | | | | | | | 454,900 |
| Total Fund Balances | | | | | | | | 21,289,720 |
| TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES | $ 3,037,048 | $ 376,076 | $ 285,117 | $ 150,540 | $ 406,496 | $ 736 | $ 2,178 | $ 25,879,544 |

Schedule 2

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

| | SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Treasurer's Automation | Collector's Automation | Court Automation | Assessor's Amendment no. 79 | County Recorder's Cost / Machinery and Equipment | County Library | Landfill | Reappraisal Cost | Child Support Cost | Drug Control |
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | | |
| State aid | | | | $ 12,629 | | $ 60,128 | | $ 187,635 | | |
| Federal aid | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | | | | | | 184,511 | | | | |
| Sales taxes | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fines, forfeitures, and costs | | | $ 3,083 | | | | | | | $ 2,664 |
| Interest | $ 1,580 | $ 1,865 | 1,058 | 493 | $ 860 | 823 | $ 117,098 | 151 | $ 3 | 149 |
| Officers' fees | | | | | 246,039 | | | | 72 | |
| Jail fees | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitation fees | | | | | | | 189,263 | | | |
| Emergency 911 fees | | | | | | | | | | |
| Treasurer's commission | 56,418 | | | | | | | | | |
| Collector's commission | | 170,515 | | | | | | | | |
| Other | | | | | | 27,500 | | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 57,998 | 172,380 | 4,141 | 13,122 | 246,899 | 272,962 | 306,361 | 187,786 | 75 | 2,813 |
| Less: Treasurer's commission | 17 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 2,900 | 2,223 | 967 | 185 | | 4,059 |
| NET REVENUES | 57,981 | 172,360 | 4,130 | 13,117 | 243,999 | 270,739 | 305,394 | 187,601 | 75 | (1,246) |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | | | | | |
| General government | 37,689 | 102,124 | 45,193 | 8,394 | 362,662 | | | 171,998 | | |
| Law enforcement | | | | | | | | | | |
| Public safety | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitation | | | | | | | 69,961 | | | |
| Recreation and culture | | | | | | 347,722 | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 37,689 | 102,124 | 45,193 | 8,394 | 362,662 | 347,722 | 69,961 | 171,998 | | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 20,292 | 70,236 | (41,063) | 4,723 | (118,663) | (76,983) | 235,433 | 15,603 | 75 | (1,246) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers out | | | | | | | | | | (2,500) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | | | | (2,500) |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | 20,292 | 70,236 | (41,063) | 4,723 | (118,663) | (76,983) | 235,433 | 15,603 | 75 | (3,746) |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1 | 215,134 | 331,108 | 165,626 | 54,903 | 189,163 | 159,842 | 4,256,897 | 25,147 | 324 | 17,077 |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | $ 235,426 | $ 401,344 | $ 124,563 | $ 59,626 | $ 70,500 | $ 82,859 | $ 4,492,330 | $ 40,750 | $ 399 | $ 13,331 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE -
REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

| | SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Jail | Search and Rescue | Emergency 911 | Public Defender | Drug Court Fees Act 490 | Juvenile Division | Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee | Assessor's Late Fee | Police Radar and Equipment | Emergency Management |
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | | |
| State aid | | $ 1,893 | | $ 1,899 | | | | | | |
| Federal aid | | | | | | | | | | |
| Property taxes | | | | | | | | $ 2,496 | | |
| Sales taxes | $ 7,750,377 | | | | | | | | | |
| Fines, forfeitures, and costs | 258,011 | | | 101,388 | $ 2,850 | $ 16,863 | | | | |
| Interest | 190,084 | 102 | $ 649 | 201 | 16 | 117 | $ 134 | 148 | $ 272 | |
| Officers' fees | | | | | | | 352 | | | |
| Jail fees | 306,160 | | | | | | | | | |
| Sanitation fees | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emergency 911 fees | | | 404,177 | | | | | | | |
| Treasurer's commission | | | | | | | | | | |
| Collector's commission | | | | | | | | | | |
| Other | 88,063 | | 100,000 | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 8,592,695 | 1,995 | 504,826 | 103,488 | 2,866 | 16,980 | 486 | 2,644 | 272 | |
| Less: Treasurer's commission | 88,135 | 1 | 61 | 1,153 | | 1 | 1 | 46 | | |
| NET REVENUES | 8,504,560 | 1,994 | 504,765 | 102,335 | 2,866 | 16,979 | 485 | 2,598 | 272 | |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | | | | | |
| General government | | | | | | | | | | |
| Law enforcement | 7,662,369 | 2,652 | | 206,858 | 2,701 | 41,000 | | | 3,504 | |
| Public safety | | | 517,289 | | | | | | | |
| Sanitation | | | | | | | | | | |
| Recreation and culture | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 7,662,369 | 2,652 | 517,289 | 206,858 | 2,701 | 41,000 | | | 3,504 | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 842,191 | (658) | (12,524) | (104,523) | 165 | (24,021) | 485 | 2,598 | (3,232) | |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | | | | 100,000 | | 42,000 | | | | |
| Transfers out | | | | | | | | | | |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | 100,000 | | 42,000 | | | | |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | 842,191 | (658) | (12,524) | (4,523) | 165 | 17,979 | 485 | 2,598 | (3,232) | |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1 | 8,569,380 | 13,372 | 210,968 | 69,172 | 2,305 | 21,111 | 15,981 | 16,999 | 34,576 | $ 17 |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | $ 9,411,571 | $ 12,714 | $ 198,444 | $ 64,649 | $ 2,470 | $ 39,090 | $ 16,466 | $ 19,597 | $ 31,344 | $ 17 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 2

| | SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS | | | | | | CAPITAL PROJECTS FUNDS | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | East Arkansas Youth Services | Renovation Grant | Mental Health Collaboration | Law Library | American Rescue Plan Act | Sheriff's Communication Facility and Equipment | Community Development Block Grant - Earle Library | United States Department of Agriculture - Earle Library | Totals |
| REVENUES | | | | | | | | | |
| State aid | $ 31,167 | | | | | | | | $ 295,351 |
| Federal aid | | | | | | | | $ 45,605 | 45,605 |
| Property taxes | | | | | | | | | 187,007 |
| Sales taxes | | | | | | | | | 7,750,377 |
| Fines, forfeitures, and costs | | | | $ 13,072 | | | | | 397,931 |
| Interest | | | | 473 | $ 56,221 | $ 38 | | | 372,535 |
| Officers' fees | | | | | | 8,028 | | | 254,491 |
| Jail fees | | | | | | 148,950 | | | 455,110 |
| Sanitation fees | | | | | | | | | 189,263 |
| Emergency 911 fees | | | | | | | | | 404,177 |
| Treasurer's commission | | | | | | | | | 56,418 |
| Collector's commission | | | | | | | | | 170,515 |
| Other | | | | | | | | 92 | 215,655 |
| TOTAL REVENUES | 31,167 | | | 13,545 | 56,221 | 157,016 | | 45,697 | 10,794,435 |
| Less: Treasurer's commission | | | | 47 | | | | | 99,832 |
| NET REVENUES | 31,167 | | | 13,498 | 56,221 | 157,016 | | 45,697 | 10,694,603 |
| EXPENDITURES | | | | | | | | | |
| Current: | | | | | | | | | |
| General government | | | | | 1,859,704 | | | | 2,587,764 |
| Law enforcement | | | | 20,887 | | 163,794 | | | 8,103,765 |
| Public safety | | | | | | | | | 517,289 |
| Sanitation | | | | | | | | | 69,961 |
| Recreation and culture | 25,934 | | | | | | $ 122 | 45,605 | 419,383 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES | 25,934 | | | 20,887 | 1,859,704 | 163,794 | 122 | 45,605 | 11,698,162 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES | 5,233 | | | (7,389) | (1,803,483) | (6,778) | (122) | 92 | (1,003,559) |
| OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | | | |
| Transfers in | | | | | | | | | 142,000 |
| Transfers out | | | | | | | | | (2,500) |
| TOTAL OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) | | | | | | | | | 139,500 |
| EXCESS OF REVENUES AND OTHER SOURCES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES AND OTHER USES | 5,233 | | | (7,389) | (1,803,483) | (6,778) | (122) | 92 | (864,059) |
| FUND BALANCES - JANUARY 1 | 11,579 | $ 9,488 | $ 2,428 | 62,680 | 7,681,666 | 16,714 | 122 | | 22,153,779 |
| FUND BALANCES - DECEMBER 31 | $ 16,812 | $ 9,488 | $ 2,428 | $ 55,291 | $ 5,878,183 | $ 9,936 | $ 0 | $ 92 | $ 21,289,720 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

| Fund Name | Fund Description |
| --- | --- |
| Treasurer's Automation | Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-302 established fund to receive up to 10% of Treasurer's gross commissions to operate the Treasurer's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated accounting and record keeping system. |
| Collector's Automation | Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-305 established fund to receive up to 10% of collector's gross commission to operate the collector's office and to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated record keeping system. |
| Court Automation | Ark. Code Ann. § 16-13-704 established fund to receive circuit court installment fees to be used for circuit court-related technology and to defray the cost of fine collection. |
| Assessor's Amendment no. 79 | Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-310 provides that 1% of the county's share of surplus funds from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund be allocated to county assessors for the purpose of administering Ark. Const. amend. 79. |
| County Recorder's Cost / Machinery and Equipment | Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-306 established fund to receive at least 25% of the fees collected by circuit clerks to be used to purchase, maintain, and operate an automated records system. |
| County Library | Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-404 established fund to account for library property tax millage levied by the quorum court for the support, operation, and maintenance of the public library. |
| Landfill | Crittenden County Ordinance no. 1986-1 (June 17, 1986) established fund to receive fees collected by the Treasurer for the purpose of collecting and disposing of solid waste. |
| Reappraisal Cost | Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-1907 established fund to pay reappraisals of real property with revenue received from the State. |
| Child Support Cost | Ark. Code Ann. § 9-10-109 established fund to receive fees to offset administrative costs in the Clerk's office. |
| Drug Control | Ark. Code Ann. § 5-64-505 established fund to receive asset forfeitures resulting from drug offense cases due to arresting agency. |
| Jail | Established by Crittenden County Ordinance no. 1997-12 (September 23, 1997) levying 3/4 cent sales and use tax as approved by the voters for the purpose of operating and maintaining jail and related facilities. Additionally, Ark. Code Ann. § 16-17-129 allows a county to levy an additional fine, not to exceed $20. Funds shall be used exclusively to defray the cost of incarcerating county prisoners; construction, maintenance, and operation of the county jail; purchase and maintenance of jail equipment; and training, salaries, and certificate pay for jailers and deputy sheriffs. |

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

| Fund Name | Fund Description |
|---|---|
| Search and Rescue | Ark. Code Ann. § 27-101-111 established fund to receive fees to be used for operating a patrol on the waterways within a county or for emergency rescue services if the county has not established a patrol. |
| Emergency 911 | Ark. Code Ann. § 12-10-318 established fund to receive fees collected by telephone providers for 911 emergency services. |
| Public Defender | Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established the County Administration of Justice Fund which continued to finance this fund used for defense of indigents. |
| Drug Court Fees Act 490 | Ark. Code Ann. § 16-98-304 established fund to receive program user fees set by drug court judges to be used for the benefit and administration of the drug court program. |
| Juvenile Division | Ark. Code Ann. §§ 16-13-326, 9-27-367 established fund to receive juvenile fees, court costs, and fines to provide services and supplies to juveniles at the discretion of the juvenile division of circuit court. |
| Circuit Clerk Commissioner's Fee | Ark. Code Ann. § 21-6-412 established fund to receive fee awarded, when appointed as Commissioner, for a sale of real or personal property under judicial decree. The funds are to be used to offset administrative costs associated with the performance of the Commissioner's duties and for general operations expense of the office of Circuit Clerk. |
| Assessor's Late Fee | Ark. Code Ann. § 26-26-201 established fund to receive $.50 fee on delinquent persons which shall be used by the county assessor to help pay for the expense of assessing property. |
| Police Radar and Equipment | Crittenden County Ordinance no. 1996-17 (August 20, 1996) established fund to receive $2 of every fine to Municipal Court Clerk's office at West Memphis to be used to purchase police equipment, radar equipment, radar certifications, and emergency equipment. |
| Emergency Management | Established to account for grants received for Homeland Security and Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program. |
| East Arkansas Youth Services | Established to account for Juvenile Accountability Block Grant received for the purpose of supporting operations of community corrections expenses such as facility maintenance and repairs, food, insurance, and utilities. |
| Renovation Grant | Established to account for a historical preservation grant received for courthouse renovations. |
| Mental Health Collaboration | Established to account for grants received from the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) to help individuals in the justice system with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders. |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
NOTES TO SCHEDULES 1 AND 2
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

The following funds and descriptions represent all funds reported as other funds in the aggregate.

| Fund Name | Fund Description |
|---|---|
| Law Library | Ark. Code Ann. § 16-10-307 established fund to receive costs to be used for any purpose related to establishment, maintenance, and operations of a county law library. |
| American Rescue Plan Act | Established to receive and disburse Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLRF), a part of the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021, to support response to and recovery from the COVID-19 public health emergency. |
| Sheriff's Communication Facility and Equipment | Ark. Code Ann. §§ 21-6-307, 12-41-105 established fund to receive 25% of sheriff's fees collected and phone commission funds to be used for communications equipment and repair and to train operations staff. |
| Community Development Block Grant - Earle Library | Established to account for a grant received from Arkansas Economic Development Commission for the construction of a public library in the City of Earle, Arkansas. |
| United States Department of Agriculture - Earle Library | Established to account for a grant received from United States Department of Agriculture for the construction of a public library in the City of Earle, Arkansas. |

Treasurer's accounts consist primarily of property taxes, commissions, and bond money not distributed to the appropriate agencies.

Collector's accounts consist primarily of property taxes not yet distributed to the various taxing units.

Sheriff's accounts consist primarily of fees settlement, bond, and inmate trust money.

County Clerk's accounts consist primarily of payroll, trust money, and fee money to be settled with the Treasurer.

Circuit Clerk's accounts consist of trust money and settlements due to the Treasurer.

County Judge's account consists of planning commission money not yet remitted to the Treasurer.

Juvenile Probation account consists primarily of juvenile fees not yet remitted to the Treasurer.

**1. A. Basis of Presentation - Regulatory**

The financial statements are presented in accordance with the regulatory basis of presentation as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. The law requires that the financial statements be presented on a fund basis with, as a minimum, the general fund and road fund presented separately with all other funds included in the financial statements presented in the aggregate. This law also stipulates that the financial statements consist of a balance sheet; a statement of revenues, expenditures, and changes in fund balances; a comparison of the final adopted budget to actual expenditures for the general and road funds; notes to financial statements; and a supplemental schedule of capital assets.

The regulatory basis of presentation is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require that basic financial statements present government-wide and fund financial statements. Additionally, GAAP require the following major concepts: Management's Discussion and Analysis, separate financial statements for fiduciary fund types and other requirements for fiduciary fund types, specific procedures for the identification of major governmental funds, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of presentation does not require government-wide financial statements or the previously identified concepts.

A fund is defined as a fiscal and accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts recording cash and other financial resources, together with related liabilities and residual balances, and changes therein, which are segregated for purposes of carrying on specific activities or attaining certain objectives in accordance with special regulations, restrictions, or limitations.

The following types of funds are recognized in the accompanying regulatory basis financial statements.

**General Fund** - The General Fund is used to account for and report all financial resources not accounted for and reported in another fund.

**Road Fund** - The Road Fund (Special Revenue Fund) is used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Road Fund accounts for and reports proceeds of state highway turnback, property taxes, and sales tax that are restricted or committed for maintaining and constructing roads.

**Other Funds in the Aggregate** - Other Funds in the Aggregate consist of all funds included in the financial statements except for the General and Road Funds. The following types of funds are included in this column as follows:

Special Revenue Funds - Special Revenue Funds are used to account for and report the proceeds of specific revenue sources that are restricted or committed to expenditure for specified purposes other than debt service or capital projects. The Special Revenue Funds presented on Schedules 1 and 2 are reported with other funds in the aggregate.

Capital Projects Funds - Capital Projects Funds are used to account for and report financial resources that are restricted, committed, or assigned to expenditure for capital outlay, including the acquisition or construction of capital facilities and other capital assets. The Capital Projects Funds presented on Schedules 1 and 2 are reported with other funds in the aggregate.

Custodial Funds - Custodial Funds are used to report resources held by the reporting government in a purely custodial capacity (assets equal liabilities). The Custodial Funds presented on Schedule 1 are reported with other funds in the aggregate.

**1. (Continued)**

**B. Basis of Accounting - Regulatory**

The financial statements are prepared on the regulatory basis of accounting as prescribed or permitted by Ark. Code Ann. § 10-4-412. This regulatory basis differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Revenues generally are recognized as soon as they are both measurable and available except for Treasurer's and Collector's commission and Taxes apportioned – Assessor's salary and expense which are recognized when earned. Revenues are considered to be available when they are collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the government considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current period. However, most state aid received from the State Treasury, as well as county sales taxes, is by state law revenue of the year in which it was received by the government. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred. Liabilities incurred by the government on or before the end of the current period that are paid within 60 days of the end of the current period, are considered to be expenditures of the current period. However, debt service expenditures, as well as expenditures related to compensated absences and claims and judgments, are recorded only when payment is due. As a result of the use of this regulatory basis of accounting, capital assets and long-term debt are not recorded in these financial statements. Pension trust funds are reported in a separate column as a part of supplementary information in order to provide users of the financial statements a better understanding of the entity as a whole.

The regulatory basis of accounting is not in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). GAAP require the following major concepts: Accrual basis of accounting for government-wide financial statements, including depreciation expense, modified accrual basis of accounting for fund financial statements, separate identification of special and extraordinary items, inclusion of capital assets and debt in the financial statements, inclusion of the net pension liability in the financial statements, and applicable note disclosures. The regulatory basis of accounting does not require the previously identified concepts.

**C. Assets, Liabilities, and Fund Balances**

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For the purpose of financial reporting, "cash and cash equivalents" includes all demand and savings accounts and certificates of deposit.

Settlements Pending

Settlements pending are considered fines, forfeitures, costs, excess commissions and property taxes that have not been transferred to the appropriate entities.

Fund Balance Classifications

1. Restricted fund balance – amounts that are restricted when constraints placed on the use of resources are either (a) externally imposed by creditors (such as through debt covenants), grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

2. Committed fund balance – amounts that can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal action of the Quorum Court.

3. Assigned fund balance – amounts that are constrained by the Quorum Court's intent to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed.

4. Unassigned fund balance – amounts that have not been assigned to other funds and that have not been restricted, committed, or assigned to specific purposes within the general fund. This classification may also include negative amounts in other governmental funds, if expenditures incurred for specific purposes exceeded the amounts restricted, committed, or assigned to those purposes.

**D. Property Taxes**

A lien attaches to the real property in January and on personal property in June of each year. Property taxes are collectible beginning the first business day of March of the subsequent year, but are not considered delinquent until after October 15.

**1. (Continued)**

**E. Budget Law**

1. Legal Requirements

State law requires that the Quorum Court, before the end of each fiscal year, make appropriations, by ordinance, for the expenditures of County government for the following year. The Quorum Court may make appropriation amendments at any time during the current fiscal year. Appropriations lapse at the end of each year. Under certain conditions, the budget may be amended subsequent to the year-end.

2. Accounting

The County prepared an annual budget on the regulatory basis for the General Fund, Road Fund, and the other operating funds.

**F. Fund Balance Classification Policies and Procedures**

The County's highest level of decision-making authority is its Quorum Court. The establishment of amounts classified as committed fund balances and any subsequent modifications to such balances are the result of formal action taken by the Quorum Court through passage of an ordinance. The Quorum Court is authorized to assign amounts to a specific purpose, although a formal policy has not been established.

For classification of fund balance amounts, restricted resources are considered spent before unrestricted. When expenditures are incurred for purposes for which amounts in any of the unrestricted fund balance classifications could be used, committed amounts are reduced first, followed by assigned amounts, and then unassigned amounts.

**2. Details of Fund Balance Classifications**

Fund balance classifications at December 31, 2023, are composed of the following:

| Description | General Fund | Road Fund | Other Funds in the Aggregate |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fund Balances: | | | |
| Restricted for: | | | |
| General government | | | $ 6,856,342 |
| Law enforcement | $ 2,500 | | 9,286,800 |
| Highways and streets | | $ 7,593,788 | |
| Public safety | | | 182,444 |
| Recreation and culture | | | 16,812 |
| Capital outlay | | | 92 |
| Total Restricted | 2,500 | 7,593,788 | 16,342,490 |
| Committed for: | | | |
| Sanitation | | | 4,492,330 |
| Assigned to: | | | |
| Law enforcement | 470 | | 356,024 |
| Public safety | | | 16,017 |
| Recreation and culture | 1,656 | | 82,859 |
| Total Assigned | 2,126 | | 454,900 |
| Unassigned | 17,332,186 | | |
| Totals | $ 17,336,812 | $ 7,593,788 | $ 21,289,720 |

## 3. Commitments

Total commitments consist of the following at December 31, 2023:

| | December 31, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Long-term liabilities | $ 14,660,465 |

Long-term Liabilities

Long-term liabilities at December 31, 2023, are comprised of the following:

| | December 31, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Direct Borrowings | |
| The County entered into a financed purchase agreement for $207,850 for a Caterpillar Motor Grader dated December 20, 2021. Terms are 60 monthly payments of $3,734 at 2.989% interest. Payments are made from the Road Fund. | $ 131,606 |
| The County entered into a financed purchase agreement for $207,850 for a Caterpillar Motor Grader dated December 20, 2021. Terms are 60 monthly payments of $3,734 at 2.989% interest. Payments are made from the Road Fund. | 131,606 |
| The County entered into a financed purchase agreement for $207,850 for a Caterpillar Motor Grader dated December 23, 2021. Terms are 60 monthly payments of $3,734 at 2.989% interest. Payments are made from the Road Fund. | 124,766 |
| The County entered into a financed purchase agreement for $207,850 for a Caterpillar Motor Grader dated January 5, 2022. Terms are 60 monthly payments of $3,734 at 2.989% interest. Payments are made from the Road Fund. | 128,371 |
| The County entered into a financed purchase agreement for $193,664 for a Knuckleboom Truck dated September 2, 2022. Terms are 60 monthly payments of $2,736 with a balloon payment of $54,535, at 3.90% interest. Payments are made from the Road Fund. | 161,337 |
| Total Direct Borrowings | 677,686 |
| Compensated absences consisting of accrued vacation and sick leave adjusted to current salary cost | 521,698 |
| Landfill closure and postclosure care costs | 13,461,081 |
| Total Long-term liabilities | $ 14,660,465 |

Due to the County's regulatory basis of accounting, these liabilities are not recorded in the financial statements.

The County's outstanding financed purchases from direct borrowings of $677,686 contain a provision that in an event of default, outstanding amounts, at the Lender's sole option, may be declared immediately due and payable, and the Lender may exercise any rights and remedies, including the right to immediate possession of the collateral, available to it under applicable law.

**3. Commitments (Continued)**

Post Employment Benefits Other Than Pensions

The amount of any actuarially determined accrued liability for post employment benefits other than pensions was not determined.

Landfill Closure and Postclosure Care Costs

State and federal laws and regulations require that Crittenden County place a final cover on its landfill when closed and perform certain maintenance functions at the landfill site for 30 years after closure. Although closure and postclosure care costs will be paid only near or after the date that the landfill stops accepting waste, the County recognizes a portion of these closure and postclosure care costs each year based on landfill capacity used as of each balance sheet date. The estimated liability for landfill closure and postclosure care costs has a balance of $13,461,081 as of December 31, 2023, which is based on the use of 84.34% of the estimated capacity of the landfill. The County will recognize the remaining cost of closure and postclosure care of $2,499,731 as the remaining capacity is filled. These amounts are based on what it would cost to perform all closure and postclosure care in 2023. The County expects to close the landfill in 2025. Actual cost may be higher due to inflation, changes in technology, or changes in regulations. The County contracted with Santek Environmental of Arkansas, LLC for operation of landfill as of October 1, 2008. Santek Environmental of Arkansas, LLC has a money market account in the amount of $1,515,299 located in the bank reserved for the closure and postclosure care costs as of December 31, 2023. The County has an irrevocable line of credit in the amount of $5,289,842 dated as of June 16, 2024.

Sanitary Landfill Operation Agreement

Crittenden County, Arkansas entered into an agreement on October 1, 2008, with Santek Environmental of Arkansas, LLC. The agreement states that the County desires and that the contractor is willing to manage the landfill with the time period being 12 month periods and may be renewed annually if both parties agree. The contractor will be required to deposit into the financial assurance account an amount equal to the closure and postclosure care cost obligations as required by the state for the period under their management. The contractor agrees to pay the County those fees of tonnage disposed of at the landfill during the term of this agreement in an amount equal to the sum of $1.35 per ton of solid waste.

Long-Term Debt Issued and Outstanding

| Date of Issue | Date of Final Maturity | Rate of Interest | Amount Authorized and Issued | Debt Outstanding December 31, 2023 | Maturities to December 31, 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Direct Borrowings | | | | | |
| 12/20/21 | 12/20/26 | 2.989% | $ 207,850 | $ 131,606 | $ 76,244 |
| 12/20/21 | 12/20/26 | 2.989% | 207,850 | 131,606 | 76,244 |
| 12/23/21 | 12/23/26 | 2.989% | 207,850 | 124,766 | 83,084 |
| 1/5/22 | 1/5/27 | 2.989% | 207,850 | 128,371 | 79,479 |
| 9/2/22 | 9/2/27 | 3.90% | 193,664 | 161,337 | 32,327 |
| Total Long-Term Debt | | | $ 1,025,064 | $ 677,686 | $ 347,378 |

Changes in Long-Term Debt

| | Balance January 01, 2023 | Issued | Retired | Balance December 31, 2023 |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Direct Borrowings | | | | |
| Total financed purchases | * $ 858,002 | $ 0 | $ 180,316 | $ 677,686 |

*Includes a prior year adjustment of $2,878 for previous years additional principal payments.

**3. Commitments (Continued)**

Debt Service Requirements to Maturity

The County is obligated for the following amounts at December 31, 2023:

| Years Ending December 31, | Direct Borrowings Principal | Direct Borrowings Interest | Direct Borrowings Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| 2024 | $ 192,814 | $ 19,242 | $ 212,056 |
| 2025 | 198,925 | 13,131 | 212,056 |
| 2026 | 205,203 | 6,856 | 212,059 |
| 2027 | 80,744 | 2,142 | 82,886 |
| Totals | $ 677,686 | $ 41,371 | $ 719,057 |

**4. Interfund Transfers**

The General Fund transferred $142,000 to Other Funds in the Aggregate (Public Defender $100,000 and Juvenile Division $42,000) for operational purposes. Other Funds in the Aggregate (Drug Control) transferred $2,500 to General Fund's Drug Buy for operational purposes.

**5. Joint Venture: Regional Library**

Crittenden and Mississippi Counties entered into an agreement in July 1991 in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 13-2-401 to establish the Mississippi County/Crittenden County Regional Library. The agreement states that the purpose for forming the regional library is "...providing improved library services to the people of the two counties. Each county shall provide its own library facilities and exercises exclusive control, ownership, and management thereof and pay the salaries of regional county personnel in that county". The business of the Mississippi County/Crittenden County Regional Library is to be conducted by a regional board, composed of the two administrative County Boards (10 members) which Boards shall continue to function over their respective systems. The Regional Library Board shall approve the employment and termination of regional library personnel, the regional budget and expenditures, and regional library policies. The system headquarters shall be in Mississippi County, Arkansas. No funds were paid by Crittenden County to the Mississippi County/Crittenden County Regional Library. Contract the Mississippi County/Crittenden County Regional Library at 200 North 5th Street, Blytheville, Arkansas 72315 to obtain financial statements.

**6. Southland Greyhound Park, Breakage and Gaming Tax**

The Southland Greyhound Park Breakage and Gaming Tax consist of casino gaming tax and the County's share of the odd cents or breaks after distributions of each pari-mutuel pool. In accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 23-11-509, breakage is computed as the amount of odd cents remaining in each pari-mutuel pool after redistributions are made in a sum equal to the next lowest multiple of ten cents ($.10). Crittenden County and the cities within the County receive a pro rata share totaling one-third (1/3) of the total breakage.

Amendment one hundred to the Arkansas Constitution established a casino gaming tax to be paid by licensee holders conducting casino gaming equal to 13% on the first $150,000,000 of net gaming receipts and 20% on net receipts that exceeds $150,000,001. Net casino gaming taxes are distributed as follows: 55% to the State of Arkansas, 17.5% to the Arkansas Racing Commission Purse and Awards Fund, 8% to the county in which the casino is located, and 19.5% to the city in which the casino is located.

## 7. Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System

Plan Description

The County contributes to the Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System (APERS), a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan. APERS, administered by a Board of Trustees, provides retirement and disability benefits, annual cost-of-living adjustments, and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. Benefit provisions are established by State law and can be amended only by the Arkansas General Assembly. The Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for APERS. That report may be obtained by writing to Arkansas Public Employees Retirement System, 124 W. Capitol, Suite 400, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201, by calling 1-800-682-7377, or on their website www.apers.org.

Funding Policy

APERS has contributory and non-contributory plans. Contributory members are required by State law to contribute 5% of their salary. Beginning July 1, 2022, the contribution rates shall be increased in increments of .25% per fiscal year, not to exceed 7%. The contributory rate was increased to 5.5% as of July 1, 2023. Each participating employer is required by State law to contribute at a rate established by the Board of Trustees of the system based on the annual actuarial valuation. The County's contributions to the plan for the year ended June 30, 2023, (date of APERS Employer Allocation Report) were $1,489,564.

Net Pension Liability

The requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement no. 68, under the regulatory basis of accounting, are limited to disclosure of the County's share of the collective net pension liability. The County's proportionate share of the collective net pension liability at June 30, 2023, (actuarial valuation date and measurement date) was $12,783,992.

## 8. Capital Assets

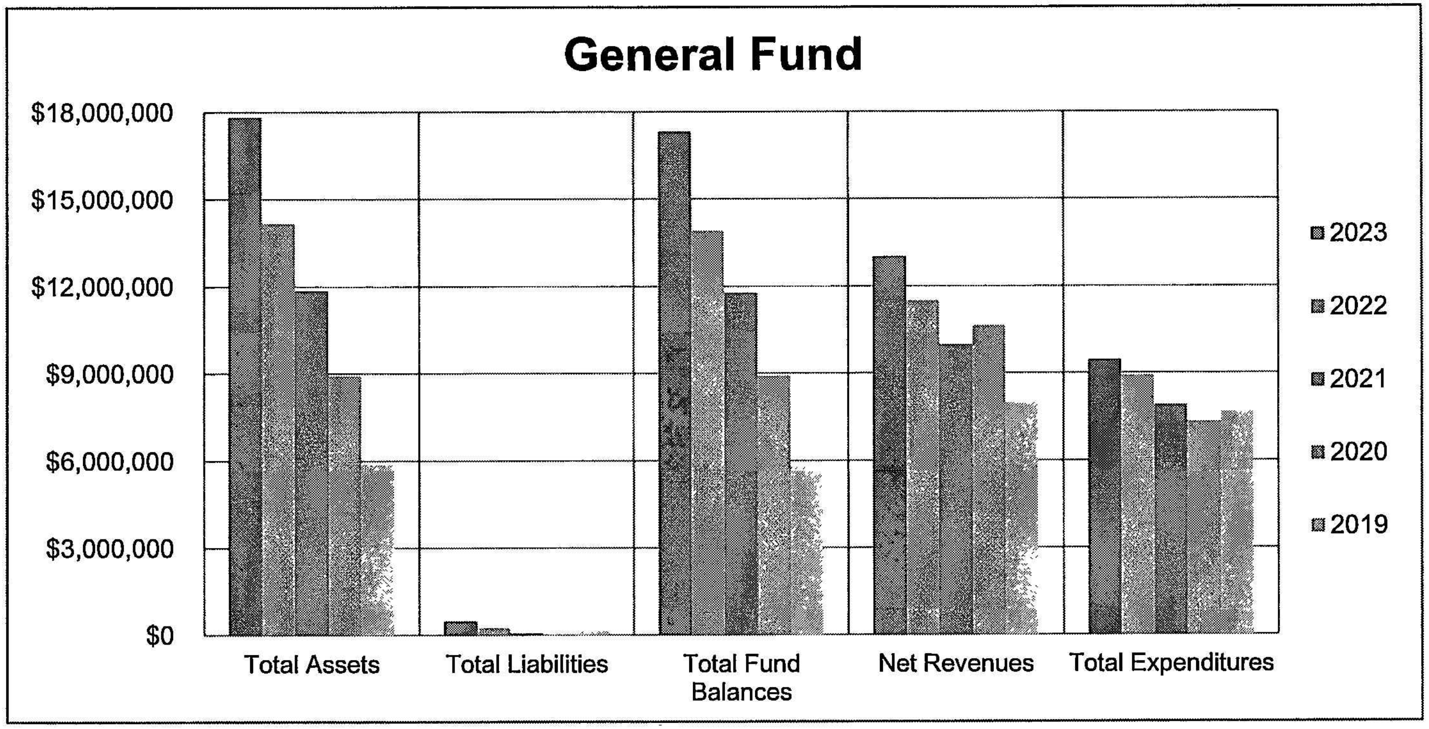
The County's capital assets records are summarized below

| | December 31, 2023 |
|---|---|
| Land | $ 1,201,835 |
| Buildings | 50,879,374 |
| Equipment | 6,726,972 |
| Total | $ 58,808,181 |

CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - GENERAL FUND - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3-1

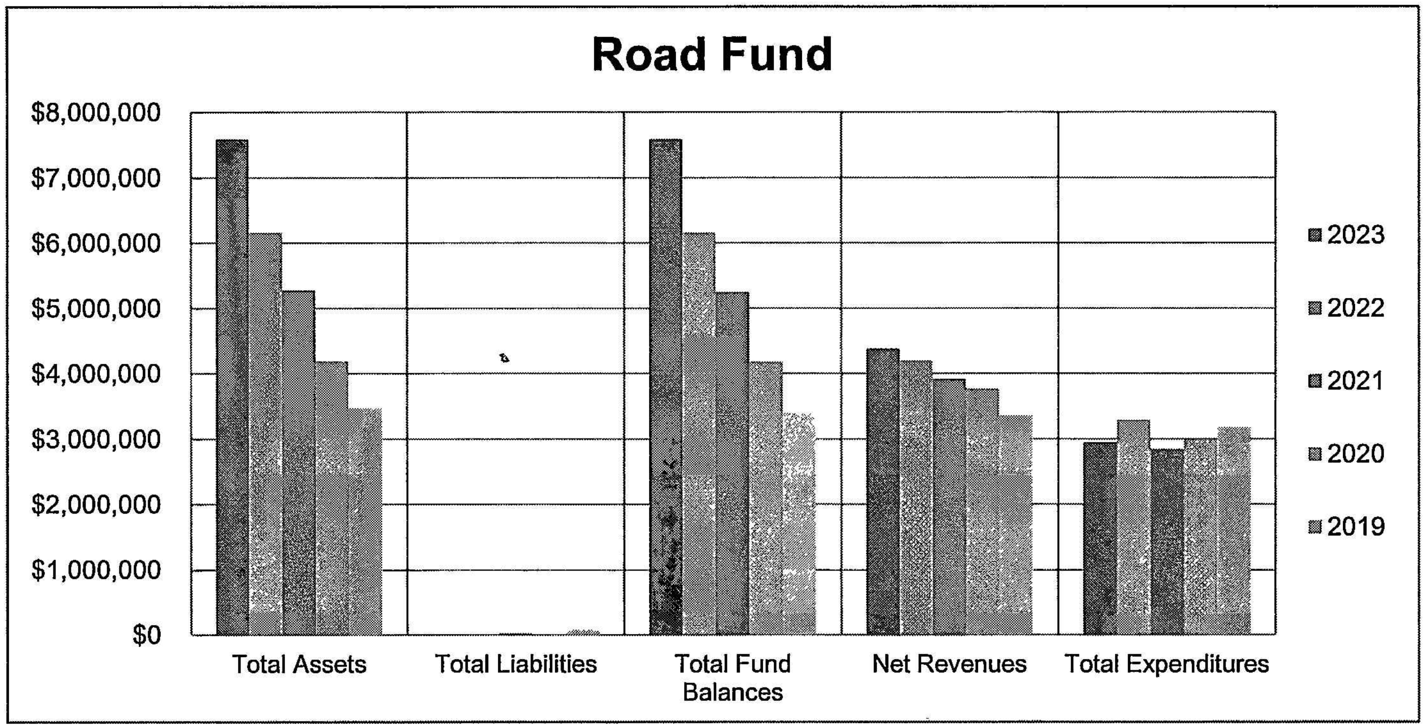
| General | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Assets | $ 17,820,324 | $ 14,169,760 | $ 11,861,890 | $ 8,935,577 | $ 5,910,173 |
| Total Liabilities | 483,512 | 250,289 | 74,549 | 23,758 | 136,242 |
| Total Fund Balances | 17,336,812 | 13,919,471 | 11,787,341 | 8,911,819 | 5,773,931 |
| Net Revenues | 13,012,867 | 11,509,038 | 9,982,824 | 10,659,241 | 7,988,636 |
| Total Expenditures | 9,456,026 | 8,911,908 | 7,905,908 | 7,347,053 | 7,673,925 |
| Total Other Financing Sources/Uses | (139,500) | (465,000) | 798,606 | (174,300) | (180,845) |



CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - ROAD FUND - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3-2

| **Road** | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Assets | $ 7,596,049 | $ 6,164,367 | $ 5,278,883 | $ 4,189,421 | $ 3,483,267 |
| Total Liabilities | 2,261 | 4,565 | 26,993 | 4,681 | 79,238 |
| Total Fund Balances | 7,593,788 | 6,159,802 | 5,251,890 | 4,184,740 | 3,404,029 |
| Net Revenues | 4,382,383 | 4,199,937 | 3,917,224 | 3,773,106 | 3,368,047 |
| Total Expenditures | 2,948,397 | 3,292,025 | 2,850,074 | 2,992,395 | 3,190,071 |
| Total Other Financing Sources/Uses | | | | | |



CRITTENDEN COUNTY, ARKANSAS
SCHEDULE OF SELECTED INFORMATION FOR THE LAST FIVE YEARS - OTHER FUNDS IN THE AGGREGATE - REGULATORY BASIS
DECEMBER 31, 2023
(UNAUDITED)

Schedule 3-3

| **Other Funds in the Aggregate** | 2023 | 2022 | 2021 | 2020 | 2019 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Total Assets | $ 25,879,544 | $ 26,166,538 | $ 21,547,476 | $ 23,988,882 | $ 21,126,274 |
| Total Liabilities | 4,589,824 | 4,012,759 | 4,137,842 | 3,850,973 | 3,390,407 |
| Total Fund Balances | 21,289,720 | 22,153,779 | 17,409,634 | 20,137,909 | 17,735,867 |
| Net Revenues | 10,694,603 | 14,729,996 | 15,027,928 | 16,178,880 | 13,533,709 |
| Total Expenditures | 11,698,162 | 10,450,851 | 17,036,644 | 13,955,841 | 13,727,954 |
| Total Other Financing Sources/Uses | 139,500 | 465,000 | (798,606) | 174,300 | 180,845 |