

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Pulaski County, Missouri

The Office of the State Auditor contracted for an audit of Pulaski County's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, through the state Office of Administration, Division of Purchasing and Materials Management. The audit includes an audit of each county officer in fulfillment of our duties under Section 29.230.1, RSMo. A copy of this audit, performed by Stopp & VanHoy CPAs and Business Advisors, is attached.

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July 2024 Report No. 2024-049



RECOMMENDATION SUMMARY

Recommendations in the audit of Pulaski County

2022-001	The county prepare budgets for all applicable funds and periodically review its actual expenditures as compared to budgeted amounts. An amended budget should be prepared and approved as necessary to comply with statutes. Additionally, the county should closely monitor fund balances on an ongoing basis.
2022-002	The county develop the required internal control documentation. In addition, study the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) internal control guidance and tools as a means to begin the process. Once this documentation is complete, those charged with governance have a responsibility to understand the controls and ensure they are operating effectively.
2022-003	The Treasurer's office implement the necessary accounting procedures to perform reconciliation of all bank accounts and county funds accurately.
2022-004	The county implement internal controls to ensure that the schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) completely and accurately states the expenditures of federal awards of the county each year, such as performing a reconciliation between the SEFA and underlying accounting records. Federal reimbursement grants should be reported on the SEFA based on reimbursable expenditures made during the year.
2024-005	The county implement internal controls to ensure that the Project and Expenditure reports completely and accurately state the cumulative expenditures and current period expenditures of funds expended under the COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds including performing a reconciliation between the reporting to be submitted and the underlying accounting records. Additionally, the county should include the omitted expenditures in the next Project and Expenditure Report submission using the procedures reflected in the U.S. Department of Treasury <i>Project and Expenditure Report Guide</i> , as applicable to the covered period being submitted.

The County of Pulaski Waynesville, Missouri Independent Auditor's Report and Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2022



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Pulaski County, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pulaski County, Missouri, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Pulaski County, Missouri's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of each fund of Pulaski County, Missouri as of December 31, 2022, and their respective cash receipts and disbursements, and budgetary results for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Missouri law as described in Note 1.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles section of our report, the financial statements do not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of each fund of Pulaski County, Missouri as of December 31, 2022, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Pulaski County, Missouri and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared by Pulaski County, Missouri on the basis of accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Missouri law to demonstrate compliance with the State of Missouri's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Missouri law to demonstrate compliance with the State of Missouri's regulatory basis of accounting and budget laws. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Pulaski County, Missouri's ability to continue as a going concern for the twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Pulaski County, Missouri's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control–related matters that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Pulaski County, Missouri's basic financial statements. The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by the audit requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance), is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 28, 2024 on our consideration of Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash

All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

For the year ended December 31, 2022

Fund		Cash and Equivalents January 1, 2022			Receipts 2022	Disbursements 2022	Cash and Equivalents December 31, 2022
General Revenue		\$	1,697,381	\$	5,720,091	\$ 5,352,070	\$ 2,065,402
Special Road and Bridge		Ψ	415,970	Ψ	2,456,858	2,654,179	218,649
American Rescue Plan Act			5,147,394		5,189,191	3,299,828	7,036,757
Assessment			885,470		445,595	347,064	984,001
Law Enforcement Sales Tax			328,731		2,853,909	2,824,876	357,764
Courthouse Repair and Maintenance			2,432,282		28,703	-	2,460,985
Election Service			44,813		5,467	829	49,451
Help America Vote Act			40,200		12,763	7,420	45,543
Crisis			12,367		13,761	12,367	13,761
Law Officer Training			2,311		12,994	13,258	2,047
Civil Fees			696		35,272	34,994	974
Sheriff Revolving			-		20,022	19,089	933
Inmate Security			51,366		165,000	185,007	31,359
MO SMART Grant			7,325		24,425	24,275	7,475
Federal Drug Seizure			1		-	-	1
Collector's Tax Maintenance			105,713		43,944	44,620	105,037
County Law Enforcement Restitution			8,781		43,131	43,465	8,447
Prosecuting Attorney Training			2,459		8,958	9,605	1,812
Prosecuting Attorney Delinquent			4,668		836	1,021	4,483
Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Handling			3,000		11,567	7,069	7,498
Prosecuting Attorney Federal Forfeiture			192		-	-	192
Prosecuting Attorney Victim Advocate			751		8	-	759
Recorder User			15,900		17,006	8,626	24,280
Recorder Technology			10,011		10,904	9,438	11,477
LEPC Chemical Preparedness			1,408		17	-	1,425
Highway H Maintenance			32,586		126,242	91,570	67,258
MODOT Deputy Sheriff OT Grant			880		248	281	847
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Grant			-		61,035	-	61,035
Community Development Block Grant			-		2,500	2,500	-
Senior Citizens Service Board			180,469		254,978	240,215	195,232
Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped			849,045		834,840	842,272	841,613
	Total	\$	12,282,170	\$	18,400,265	\$ 16,075,938	\$ 14,606,497

See Notes to the Financial Statements

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	General Revenue Fund							
	Budget	Actual						
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$ 94,750	\$ 95,377						
Sales Taxes	2,700,000	2,881,204						
Intergovernmental	10,681,716	382,571						
Charges for Services	735,486	767,047						
Interest	9,500	24,109						
Other Receipts	78,600	133,977						
Transfers In	90,360	1,435,806						
Total Receipts	14,390,412	5,720,091						
<u>Disbursements</u>								
County Commission	257,976	238,212						
County Clerk	143,897	140,558						
Elections	291,776	141,201						
Buildings and Grounds	480,957	204,017						
Employee Fringe Benefits	306,000	219,744						
County Treasurer	64,787	61,035						
County Collector	158,729	148,046						
Recorder of Deeds	23,000	16,194						
Circuit Clerk	160,060	163,638						
Court Administration	19,747	16,695						
Public Administrator	110,022	108,998						
Sheriff	915,250	872,403						
Jail	458,176	489,955						
Prosecuting Attorney	477,785	471,898						
Juvenile Officer	198,276	198,276						
Coroner	213,211	135,145						
Associate Circuit Judge	8,300	4,873						
Emergency Management	66,038	89,814						
Other Disbursements	6,152,100	1,631,368						
Transfers Out	<u>-</u>	-						
Emergency Fund	250,000	-						
Total Disbursements	10,756,087	5,352,070						
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$ 3,634,325	\$ 368,021						
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1	1,697,381	1,697,381						
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$ 5,331,706	\$ 2,065,402						

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Special Road a	Special Road and Bridge Fund						
	Budget	Actual						
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$ 1,040,000	\$ 1,169,504						
Sales Taxes	-	-						
Intergovernmental	1,491,794	1,264,713						
Charges for Services	100	400						
Interest	6,000	7,686						
Other Receipts	18,400	14,555						
Transfers In	<u>-</u> _							
Total Receipts	2,556,294	2,456,858						
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries	866,819	725,052						
Employee Fringe Benefits	260,200	247,497						
Supplies	316,000	258,286						
Insurance	55,000	61,917						
Road and Bridge Materials	479,900	534,764						
Equipment Repairs	120,500	133,084						
Equipment Purchases	228,900	190,322						
Road and Bridge Construction	17,500	-						
Other Disbursements	97,680	58,524						
Debt Service	425,000	394,733						
Transfers Out	50,000	50,000						
Total Disbursements	2,917,499	2,654,179						
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$ (361,205)	\$ (197,321)						
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1	415,970	415,970						
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$ 54,765	\$ 218,649						

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	American Res	scue Plan Act Fund	Assessment Fund			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
Receipts						
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sales Taxes	-	-	-	-		
Intergovernmental	5,093,658	5,109,146	360,000	424,919		
Charges for Services	-	=	6,000	9,393		
Interest	50,000	79,945	8,500	11,283		
Other Receipts	-	100	-	-		
Transfers In	-	-	-	-		
Total Receipts	5,143,658	5,189,191	374,500	445,595		
<u>Disbursements</u>						
Salaries	-	-	221,234	214,728		
Employee Fringe Benefits	-	-	75,000	56,857		
Materials and Supplies	-	15,325	16,000	23,629		
Services	10,252,804	720,386	166,400	23,877		
Other Disbursements	-	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay	-	1,218,671	43,500	27,973		
Transfers Out	-	1,345,446	-	-		
Total Disbursements	10,252,804	3,299,828	522,134	347,064		
Receipts Over (Under)						
Disbursements	\$ (5,109,146) \$ 1,889,363	\$ (147,634)	\$ 98,531		
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1	5,147,394	5,147,394	885,470	885,470		
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$ 38,248	\$ 7,036,757	\$ 737,836	\$ 984,001		

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Law Enforcemen	nt Sales Tax Fund	Courthouse Repair and Maintenance Fund			
	Budget	Actual	Budget	Actual		
Receipts		_				
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
Sales Taxes	2,700,000	2,848,731	-	-		
Intergovernmental	-	-	-	-		
Charges for Services	-	-	-	-		
Interest	3,000	5,178	12,500	28,701		
Other Receipts	-	-	-	2		
Transfers In						
Total Receipts	2,703,000	2,853,909	12,500	28,703		
<u>Disbursements</u>						
Salaries	1,092,629	1,083,919	-	-		
Employee Fringe Benefits	327,228	280,549	-	-		
Materials and Supplies	500	3,976	-	-		
Services	225,000	171,870	-	-		
Other Disbursements	71,000	-	-	-		
Capital Outlay	-	-	325,000	-		
Debt Service	1,300,000	1,272,372	-	-		
Transfers Out	12,190	12,190	<u> </u>			
Total Disbursements	3,028,547	2,824,876	325,000			
Receipts Over (Under)						
Disbursements	\$ (325,547)	\$ 29,033	\$ (312,500)	\$ 28,703		
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1	328,731	328,731	2,432,282	2,432,282		
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$ 3,184	\$ 357,764	\$ 2,119,782	\$ 2,460,985		

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Election Service Fund					Help America Vote Act Fu		
	H	Budget	I	Actual	Budget			Actual
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Sales Taxes		-		_		-		-
Intergovernmental		6,215		1,946		-		-
Charges for Services		3,500		2,961		15,000		12,230
Interest		350		560		400		533
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-
Transfers In								
Total Receipts		10,065		5,467		15,400		12,763
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries		-		-		-		-
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-
Materials and Supplies		5,000		113		20,000		7,420
Services		15,000		716		-		=
Other Disbursements		-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		=
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		20,000		829		20,000		7,420
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$	(9,935)	\$	4,638	\$	(4,600)	\$	5,343
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		44,813		44,813		40,200		40,200
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	34,878	\$	49,451	\$	35,600	\$	45,543

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Crisis Fund				I	Law Officer T	Fraining Fund	
		Budget	1	Actual	I	Budget		Actual
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	=	\$	-	\$	-
Sales Taxes		_		_		-		-
Intergovernmental		_		_		3,000		2,701
Charges for Services		12,000		13,639		11,000		7,269
Interest		120		122		20		24
Other Receipts		-		-		-		3,000
Transfers In								
Total Receipts		12,120		13,761		14,020		12,994
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries		-		-		-		-
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-
Materials and Supplies		-		-		2,020		-
Services		12,367		12,367		12,000		13,258
Other Disbursements		_		_		-		-
Capital Outlay		_		_		-		-
Transfers Out				_		_		
Total Disbursements		12,367		12,367		14,020		13,258
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$	(247)	\$	1,394	\$	-	\$	(264)
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		12,367	_	12,367		2,311		2,311
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	12,120	\$	13,761	\$	2,311	\$	2,047

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Civil Fees Fund					Sheriff Revolving Fund			
	F	Budget	A	Actual	E	Budget	Actual		
Receipts									
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Sales Taxes		-		-		-		-	
Intergovernmental		-				-		-	
Charges for Services		25,000		35,247		40,500		20,015	
Interest		80		25		125		7	
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-	
Transfers In								-	
Total Receipts		25,080		35,272		40,625		20,022	
<u>Disbursements</u>									
Salaries		-		-		-		-	
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-	
Materials and Supplies		23,920		34,994		24,000		9,945	
Services		-		-		16,000		9,144	
Other Disbursements		-		-		-		-	
Capital Outlay		-		-		-			
Transfers Out		=_		-				=_	
Total Disbursements		23,920		34,994		40,000		19,089	
Receipts Over (Under)									
Disbursements	\$	1,160	\$	278	\$	625	\$	933	
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		696		696					
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	1,856	\$	974	\$	625	\$	933	

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

		Inmate Sec	⁷ und	MO SMART Grant Fund				
	Budget			Actual	I	Budget	Actual	
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	=	\$	-
Sales Taxes		-		_		_		-
Intergovernmental		-		_		38,700		24,425
Charges for Services		172,000		153,621		-		-
Interest		3,000		502		_		-
Other Receipts		-		10,877		400		-
Transfers In				_		_		
Total Receipts		175,000		165,000		39,100		24,425
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries		-		-		35,000		22,563
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		3,700		1,712
Materials and Supplies		100,000		156,965		_		-
Services		91,000		28,042		_		-
Other Disbursements		-		_		_		-
Capital Outlay		-		_		_		-
Transfers Out								
Total Disbursements		191,000		185,007		38,700		24,275
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$	(16,000)	\$	(20,007)	\$	400	\$	150
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		51,366		51,366		7,325		7,325
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	35,366	\$	31,359	\$	7,725	\$	7,475

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Federal Drug Seizure Fund				Collector's Tax Ma			aintenance Fund	
	В	Budget		Actual		Budget		Actual	
Receipts						_		_	
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Sales Taxes		-		-		-		-	
Intergovernmental		27,000		-		-		-	
Charges for Services		-		-		46,000		42,543	
Interest		-		-		1,300		1,293	
Other Receipts		-		-		-		108	
Transfers In		-						=	
Total Receipts		27,000		-	'	47,300		43,944	
<u>Disbursements</u>									
Salaries		-		-		-		-	
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-	
Materials and Supplies		-		-		51,000		33,610	
Services		-		-		12,000		1,010	
Other Disbursements		-		-		-		-	
Capital Outlay		27,000		-		-		-	
Transfers Out		_		-		10,000		10,000	
Total Disbursements		27,000		-		73,000		44,620	
Receipts Over (Under)									
Disbursements	\$	-	\$	-	\$	(25,700)	\$	(676)	
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		1		1		105,713		105,713	
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	1	\$	1	\$	80,013	\$	105,037	

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	County Law Restituti		Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund				
	 Budget		Actual	I	Budget	- A	Actual
Receipts							
Property Taxes	\$ -	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Sales Taxes	-		-		_		-
Intergovernmental	-		-		-		-
Charges for Services	52,000		42,600		10,000		8,957
Interest	50		109		5		1
Other Receipts	-		422		_		-
Transfers In	 		-				
Total Receipts	52,050		43,131		10,005		8,958
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Salaries	-		-		-		-
Employee Fringe Benefits	-		-		-		-
Materials and Supplies	41,400		27,865		-		-
Services	-		-		10,000		9,605
Other Disbursements	-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay	-		-		-		-
Transfers Out	 15,600		15,600				
Total Disbursements	 57,000		43,465		10,000		9,605
Receipts Over (Under)							
Disbursements	\$ (4,950)	\$	(334)	\$	5	\$	(647)
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1	 8,781		8,781		2,459		2,459
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$ 3,831	\$	8,447	\$	2,464	\$	1,812

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

		Prosecutin Delinque		Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Handling Fund				
	H	Budget		Actual	Budget			Actual
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Sales Taxes		-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental		-		-		-		-
Charges for Services		2,000		827		9,000		11,506
Interest		1		9		10		61
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-
Transfers In		-		-		-		-
Total Receipts		2,001		836		9,010		11,567
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries		-		-		-		-
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-
Materials and Supplies		-		-		8,950		7,069
Services		4,000		1,021		-		-
Other Disbursements		-		-		50		-
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		-
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		4,000		1,021		9,000		7,069
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$	(1,999)	\$	(185)	\$	10	\$	4,498
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		4,668		4,668		3,000		3,000
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	2,669	\$	4,483	\$	3,010	\$	7,498

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

		Prosecutin Federal For		Prosecuting Attorney Victim Advocate Fund				
	В	udget	A	ctual	Ві	ıdget	A	ctual
Receipts						_		
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Sales Taxes		-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental		-		-		-		-
Charges for Services		-		-		750		-
Interest		-		-		10		8
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-
Transfers In		-				-		-
Total Receipts		-		-		760		8
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries		-		-		-		-
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-
Materials and Supplies		192		-		-		-
Services		-		-		750		-
Other Disbursements		-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		-
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements		192				750		-
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$	(192)	\$	-	\$	10	\$	8
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		192		192		751		751
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$		\$	192	\$	761	\$	759

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

		Recorder	User Fu	I	Recorder Technology Fund				
	H	Budget		Actual	I	Budget		Actual	
Receipts								_	
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-	
Sales Taxes		-		-		-		-	
Intergovernmental		-		-		-		-	
Charges for Services		16,000		16,766		9,000		10,764	
Interest		150		240		100		140	
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-	
Transfers In									
Total Receipts		16,150		17,006		9,100		10,904	
<u>Disbursements</u>									
Salaries		-		-		-		-	
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-	
Materials and Supplies		15,000		8,626		9,000		9,438	
Services		-		-		-		-	
Other Disbursements		-		-		-		-	
Capital Outlay		-		-		-		-	
Transfers Out		-		-		-		-	
Total Disbursements		15,000		8,626		9,000		9,438	
Receipts Over (Under)									
Disbursements	\$	1,150	\$	8,380	\$	100	\$	1,466	
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		15,900		15,900		10,011		10,011	
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	17,050	\$	24,280	\$	10,111	\$	11,477	

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	LEPO	LEPC Chemical Preparedness Fund					Highway H Maintenance Fund				
		Budget		ctual		Budget		Actual			
<u>Receipts</u>											
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-	\$	115,000	\$	125,274			
Sales Taxes		-		-		-		-			
Intergovernmental		11,000		-		-		-			
Charges for Services		100		-		-		-			
Interest		-		17		1,000		968			
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-			
Transfers In		-		-		-		-			
Total Receipts		11,100		17		116,000		126,242			
<u>Disbursements</u>											
Salaries		-		-		-		-			
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		-		-			
Materials and Supplies		500		-		-		-			
Services		500		-		-		-			
Other Disbursements		-		-		_		-			
Capital Outlay		-		-		112,430		89,000			
Transfers Out		-		-		2,570		2,570			
Total Disbursements		1,000				115,000		91,570			
Receipts Over (Under)											
Disbursements	\$	10,100	\$	17	\$	1,000	\$	34,672			
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		1,408		1,408		32,586		32,586			
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	11,508	\$	1,425	\$	33,586	\$	67,258			

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	N	MODOT Dep Grant	uty Sheri Fund	Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Grant Fund				
	I	Budget	A	ctual		dget		Actual
Receipts								
Property Taxes	\$	_	\$	-	\$	-	\$	-
Sales Taxes		_		-		-		-
Intergovernmental		28,000		248		-		61,035
Charges for Services		-		-		-		-
Interest		-		-		-		-
Other Receipts		-		-		-		-
Transfers In		12,000		-		-		-
Total Receipts		40,000		248		-		61,035
<u>Disbursements</u>								
Salaries		6,000		249		-		-
Employee Fringe Benefits		500		32		-		-
Materials and Supplies		-		-		-		-
Services		-		-		-		-
Other Disbursements		_		-		-		-
Capital Outlay		20,000		-		-		_
Transfers Out		_		-		-		_
Total Disbursements		26,500		281		-		-
Receipts Over (Under)								
Disbursements	\$	13,500	\$	(33)	\$	-	\$	61,035
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1		880		880				
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$	14,380	\$	847	\$		\$	61,035

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Community Development Block Grant Fund					
	Bue	dget	A	Actual		
Receipts	-			_		
Property Taxes	\$	-	\$	-		
Sales Taxes		-		-		
Intergovernmental		-		2,500		
Charges for Services		-		-		
Interest		-		-		
Other Receipts		-		-		
Transfers In		-		-		
Total Receipts		-		2,500		
<u>Disbursements</u>						
Salaries		-		-		
Employee Fringe Benefits		-		-		
Materials and Supplies		-		-		
Services		-		2,500		
Other Disbursements		-		-		
Capital Outlay		-		-		
Transfers Out						
Total Disbursements				2,500		
Receipts Over (Under)						
Disbursements	\$	-	\$	-		
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1						
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$		\$	<u>-</u>		

Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis

	Senior (Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped Fund				
	Budget		Actual		Budget		Actual
Receipts		,		,		'	
Property Taxes	\$ 240,000	\$	252,326	\$	369,941	\$	420,220
Sales Taxes	-		-		-		-
Intergovernmental	1,000		801		355,050		414,270
Charges for Services	-		-		-		-
Interest	2,100		1,851		500		-
Other Receipts	_		-		-		350
Transfers In	 _		-		-		_
Total Receipts	243,100		254,978		725,491		834,840
<u>Disbursements</u>							
Salaries	-		-		218,243		253,635
Employee Fringe Benefits	-		-		83,104		72,240
Materials and Supplies	60		-		7,550		13,375
Services	258,265		240,215		414,691		503,022
Other Disbursements	-		-		-		-
Capital Outlay	-		-		-		-
Transfers Out	-		-		-		-
Total Disbursements	258,325		240,215		723,588		842,272
Receipts Over (Under)							
Disbursements	\$ (15,225)	\$	14,763	\$	1,903	\$	(7,432)
Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1	 180,469		180,469		849,045		849,045
Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31	\$ 165,244	\$	195,232	\$	850,948	\$	841,613

Statements of Assets and Liabilities Arising From Cash Transactions

Custodial Funds - Regulatory Basis

December 31, 2022

	County Clerk	Collector	lecorder f Deeds	 Sheriff	osecuting Attorney	T	reasurer	 Total
Assets Cash and Equivalents Total Assets	\$ 1,803 1,803	\$ 11,275,082 11,275,082	\$ 19,958 19,958	\$ 28,323 28,323	\$ 207,736 207,736	\$	209,836 209,836	\$ 11,742,738 11,742,738
Liabilities and Fund Balances Total Liabilities	 1,803 1,803	 11,275,082 11,275,082	19,958 19,958	28,323 28,323	207,736 207,736		209,836 209,836	11,742,738 11,742,738
Fund Balances Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$ 1,803	\$ 11,275,082	\$ 19,958	\$ 28,323	\$ 207,736	\$	209,836	\$ 11,742,738

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organized in 1833, the county of Pulaski was named after Revolutionary War General Casmir Pulaski. It is a third-class county, and the county seat is Waynesville. Pulaski County's government is composed of a three-member county commission and the following separately elected Constitutional Officers: County Clerk, Collector, Treasurer, Circuit Clerk and *ex officio* Recorder of Deeds, Sheriff, Assessor, Coroner, Public Administrator and Prosecuting Attorney.

As discussed further in Note 1, these financial statements are presented on the regulatory basis of accounting. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP).

Reporting Entity

As required by generally accepted accounting principles, as applicable to the regulatory basis of accounting, these financial statements present financial accountability of Pulaski County, Missouri, the Pulaski County Senior Citizens Service Board, and the Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped (Senate Bill 40 Board).

Pulaski County's operations include tax assessments and collections, state/county courts, county recorder, public safety, transportation, economic development, social and human services, and cultural and recreation services.

The financial statements referred to above include only the primary government of Pulaski County, Missouri, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that are considered to comprise Pulaski County's legal entity. The Pulaski County Senior Citizens Service Board and the Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped are controlled by separate boards and are also included under the control of Pulaski County.

Certain elected County officials, such as the County Collector, Treasurer, and Sheriff, collect and hold monies in a trustee capacity as an agent of an individual, taxing units, or other governments. These assets, which are held by these officeholders for the sole benefit of external parties, are included in the Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising from Cash Transactions - Custodial Funds - Regulatory Basis.

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements present the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash of all funds of Pulaski County, Missouri, and the comparisons of such information with the corresponding budgeted information for all funds of the County. The funds presented are established under statutory or administrative authority, and their operations are under the control of the County Commission or an elected county official. The General Revenue Fund is the County's general operation fund, accounting for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund. The other funds presented account for financial resources whose use is restricted for specified purposes.

Basis of Accounting

The financial statements were prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Missouri law, which differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Accounting

As a result of the use of this regulatory basis of accounting, certain assets (such as accounts receivable and capital assets), certain revenues (such as revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected), certain liabilities (such as accounts payable, certificates of participation, bonds, and obligations under capital leases), and certain expenditures (such as expenditures for goods or services received but not yet paid) are not recorded in these financial statements.

If Pulaski County utilized the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting, while the fund financial statements for proprietary fund types, if applicable, would use the accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financials would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Budget and Budgetary Accounting

In accordance with Chapter 50 RSMo, Pulaski County adopts a budget for each governmental fund.

On or before January 15th, each elected official and department director will transmit to the County Clerk, who serves as budget officer, the budget request and revenue estimates for their office or department for the budget year.

The County Clerk submits to the County Commission a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1. The proposed budget includes estimated revenues and proposed expenditures for all budgeted funds. Budgeted expenditures cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated revenues for the year. Budgeting of appropriations is based upon an estimated unencumbered fund balance at the beginning of the year as well as estimated revenues to be received. The budget to actual comparisons in these financial statements, however, do not present encumbered fund balances, but only compare budgeted and actual revenues and expenditures.

A public hearing is conducted to obtain public comment. Prior to its approval by the County Commission, the budget document is available for public inspection.

Prior to February 1, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the County Commission.

Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the County Commission has the authority to make necessary adjustments to the budget by formal vote of the Commission. Adjustments made during the year are reflected in the budget financial statements.

Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the County Commission throughout the year.

Budgets are prepared and adopted on the cash basis of accounting.

During the audit, it was noted that the County was not in compliance with Missouri budgetary state statute Chapter 50 RSMo. The following funds had expenditures which were in excess of budgeted expenditures: Civil Fees Fund, Recorder Technology Fund, and the Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped Fund. The following funds did not have a budget prepared: Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Grant Fund and Community Development Block Grant Fund.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxes

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on October 1 and tax bills are mailed to taxpayers in November, at which time they are payable. All unpaid property taxes become delinquent as of January 1 of the following year.

The assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property, included within Pulaski County's boundaries for the calendar year for the purposes of County taxation, was as follows:

Real Estate	\$ 437,279,199
Personal Property	127,938,913
Railroad and Utilities	25,301,671
	\$ 590,519,783

The tax levy per \$100 assessed valuation of tangible taxable property for the calendar year, for the purpose of County taxation, was as follows:

General Revenue	\$ -
Special Road and Bridge	0.1944
Senior Citizens Service Board	0.0441
Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped	0.0706

The amount classified as "property taxes" in the General Revenue Fund represents collections from private car companies and payments in lieu of taxes on federally owned land within the County. The amount classified as "property taxes" in the Highway H Maintenance Fund represents special assessments collected from property owners to be used for maintenance of roads located within the Highway H Maintenance District.

The County also receives sales tax collected by the State and remitted based on the County's sales tax rate to the total sales tax collected in the County.

Cash Deposits and Investments

Deposits and investments are stated at cost, which approximates market. Cash balances for all the County Treasurer funds are pooled and invested to the extent possible. Interest earned from these balances is allocated to each of the funds based on the funds' average daily cash balance. Cash equivalents include repurchase agreements and any other instruments with an original maturity of ninety days or less. State law authorizes the deposit of funds in banks and trust companies or the investment of funds in bonds or treasury certificates of the United States, other interest bearing obligations guaranteed as to both principal and interest by the United States, or any instrumentality thereof, certain municipal bonds authorized by Missouri statute, or time certificates of deposit. Funds in the form of cash on deposit or time certificates of deposit are required to be insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) or collateralized by authorized investments held in the County's name at third-party banking institutions. Details of these cash and cash equivalent and investment balances are presented in Note 2.

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Interfund Transactions

During the course of operations, interfund activity occurs for purposes of providing supplemental funding, reimbursements for goods provided or services rendered, or short and long-term financing.

Interfund activities are reported as "transfers in" by the recipient fund and as "transfers out" by the disbursing fund. However, interfund reimbursements have been eliminated from the financial statements in order that reimbursed expenditures are reported only in the funds incurring the costs.

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Pulaski County maintains a cash and temporary investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Deposits with maturities greater than three months are considered investments. Each fund type's portion of this pool is displayed on the statement of receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash arising from cash transactions as "Cash and Equivalents." Cash held for others is displayed on the statement of assets and liabilities from cash transactions as "Cash and Equivalents."

Deposits - Missouri statutes require that all deposits with financial institutions be collateralized in an amount at least equal to uninsured deposits.

The bank balances and carrying values of deposits and investments shown below are included in the financial statements at December 31, 2022, as follows:

Carrying Value	Bank Balances
\$ 25,944,326	\$ 25,810,315
404,909	404,909
\$ 26,349,235	\$ 26,215,224
\$ 14,606,497	
11,742,738	
\$ 26,349,235	
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For a deposit, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the government's deposits may not be returned to it. At December 31, 2022, 100% of Pulaski County's deposits and investments were covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Company (FDIC) or were collateralized.

Custodial Credit Risk - Investments

Investment securities are exposed to custodial credit risk if the securities are uninsured, are not registered in the name of the government, and are held by the party that sold the security to Pulaski County or its agent but not in the government's name. Pulaski County does not have a policy for custodial credit risk relating to investments.

All investments, evidenced by individual securities, are registered in the name of Pulaski County or of a type that are not exposed to custodial credit risk.

Note 2 - Deposits and Investments (continued)

Investment Interest Rate Risk

Investment interest rate risk is the risk that changes in interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of an investment. Pulaski County does not have a formal investment policy that limits investment maturities as a means of managing its exposure to fair value losses arising from increasing interest rates.

Concentration of Investment Credit Risk

Concentration of investment credit risk is required to be disclosed by Pulaski County for any single investment that represents 5% or more of total investments (excluding investments issued by or explicitly guaranteed by the U. S. Government, investments in mutual funds, investments in external investment pools and investments in other pooled investments). Pulaski County has no policy in place to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets of a specific maturity, specific issuer or specific class of securities.

The following investments represent more than 5%, individually, of total investments:

	Investment		
Issuer	Туре	 Balance	% of Portfolio
Security Bank of Pulaski Co.	Cert. of Deposit	\$ 300,000	74.20%
Bank of Missouri	Cert. of Deposit	104,309	25.80%
		\$ 404,309	

Note 3 - Interfund Transfers

Transfers between funds for the years ended December 31, 2022 are as follows:

<u>Fund</u>	T	ransfers In	Transfers Out			
General Revenue	\$	1,435,806	\$	-		
Special Road and Bridge		-		50,000		
American Rescue Plan Act		-		1,345,446		
Law Enforcement Sales Tax		-		12,190		
Collector's Tax Maintenance		-		10,000		
County Law Enforcement Restitution		-		15,600		
Highway H Maintenance		_		2,570		
Total	\$	1,435,806	\$	1,435,806		

Note 4 - Long-Term Debt

Certificates of Participation

In 2019, Pulaski County issued \$13,385,000 in Certificates of Participation to be used, together with other available funds of the County to (1) acquire, construct, furnish and equip a County jail and law enforcement center, including a Sheriff's office and (2) pay the costs related to the delivery of the Series 2019 Certificates. Principal payments are due annually on December 1; interest is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 with annual variable interest rates at 3.375% - 4.000%.

Note 4 - Long-Term Debt (continued)

Certificates of Participation (continued)

In 2021, Pulaski County issued \$3,025,000 in Certificates of Participation to be used to (a) pay additional costs of the Project, and (b) pay all costs and expenses incidental to the delivery of the Series 2021 Certificates. Principal payments are due annually on December 1; interest is payable semi-annually on June 1 and December 1 with annual variable interest rates at 3.375% - 4.000%.

	-	Balance at 12/31/21	Amount Borrowed				Balance at 12/31/22	Interest Paid During the Year		
Series 2019 Certificates Series 2021 Certificates	\$	11,655,000 2,880,000	\$	-	\$	(555,000) (165,000)	\$ 11,100,000 2,715,000	\$	493,094 57,600	
	\$	14,535,000	\$	_	\$	(720,000)	\$ 13,815,000	\$	550,694	

Future minimum payments due on the Certificates of Participation are as follows:

Year ended	Se	eries 2019 Certificates				Series 2021 Certificates					
December 31	Principal		Interest		Total		Principal		Interest		Total
2023	\$ 580,000	\$	470,894	\$	1,050,894	\$	170,000	\$	54,300	\$	224,300
2024	605,000		441,894		1,046,894		175,000		50,900		225,900
2025	635,000		411,644		1,046,644		175,000		47,400		222,400
2026	670,000		379,894		1,049,894		180,000		43,900		223,900
2027	705,000		346,394		1,051,394		185,000		40,300		225,300
2028-2032	4,040,000		1,208,318		5,248,318		980,000		144,600		1,124,600
2033-2036	 3,865,000		331,412		4,196,412		850,000		43,000		893,000
	\$ 11,100,000	\$	3,590,450	\$	14,690,450	\$	2,715,000	\$	424,400	\$	3,139,400

Lease-Purchase Agreements

In January 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of two Mack GR64F Trucks at a cost of \$307,716. The agreement requires 24 monthly payments of \$3,821 and a final balloon payment of \$230,000, which includes interest payable at 2.920%.

In May 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of a John Deere Excavator and NPK Breaker at a cost of \$142,500. The agreement requires seven annual payments of \$18,700, which includes interest payable at 2.331%.

In September 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of two Ford F350 Trucks at a cost of \$116,532. The agreement requires 14 semi-annual payments of \$9,059, which includes interest payable at 2.290%.

In October 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of an International Dump Truck at a cost of \$137,452. The agreement requires seven annual payments of \$21,005, which includes interest payable at 2.190%.

In October 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of a second International Dump Truck at a cost of \$137,452. The agreement requires seven annual payments of \$21,028, which includes interest payable at 2.190%.

Note 4 - Long-Term Debt (continued)

Lease-Purchase Agreements (continued)

In October 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of a third International Dump Truck at a cost of \$137,468. The agreement requires seven annual payments of \$21,191, which includes interest payable at 2.190%.

In December 2021, the County entered into a lease purchase agreement to finance the purchase of three Ram 5500 Trucks at a cost of \$274,791. The agreement requires 14 semi-annual payments of \$21,359, which includes interest payable at 2.295%.

]	Balance at Amount 12/31/21 Borrowed		Amount Repaid	I	Balance at 12/31/22	Interest Paid During the Year		
(2) Mack GR64F Trucks	\$	267,983	\$	=	\$ (38,541)	\$	229,442	\$	7,312
Excavator/Breaker		119,500		-	(15,914)		103,586		2,786
(2) Ford F350 Trucks		116,532		-	(15,528)		101,004		2,589
International Dump Truck - #1		116,447		-	(18,319)		98,128		2,686
International Dump Truck - #2		116,425		-	(18,297)		98,128		2,730
International Dump Truck - #3		116,278		=	(18,151)		98,127		3,040
(3) Ram 5500 Trucks		274,791			(36,620)		238,171		6,097
	\$	1,127,956	\$		\$ (161,370)	\$	966,586	\$	27,240

Future minimum payments due on all lease purchase agreements are as follows:

Year ended						
December 31	Principal		Interest	Total		
2023	\$	355,173	\$ 17,584	\$	372,757	
2024		128,701	14,056		142,757	
2025		131,742	11,015		142,757	
2026		134,853	7,904		142,757	
2027		138,039	4,719		142,758	
2028		78,078	1,457		79,535	
	\$	966,586	\$ 56,735	\$	1,023,321	

Note 5 - Line of Credit

On October 5, 2021, the County entered into an open ended line of credit with their primary banking institution for a maximum amount of \$450,000, with interest payable at 2.800% on outstanding balances. The line of credit matured on October 21, 2022 with all balances repaid in full.

Note 6 - County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF)

Plan Description

The County Employees' Retirement Fund is a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit pension plan covering any county elected or appointed officer or employee whose performance requires the actual performance of duties during not less than one thousand (1,000) hours per calendar year in each county of the state, except for any city not within a county and any county of the first classification having a charter form of government. It does not include county prosecuting attorneys covered under RSMo. Sections 56.800 to 56.840, circuit clerks and deputy circuit clerks covered under the Missouri State Retirement System, county sheriffs covered under RSMo. Sections 57.949 to 57.997, and certain personnel not defined as an employee per RSMo. Section 50.1000(8). The Fund was created by an act of legislature and was effective August 28, 1994.

The general administration and the responsibility for the proper operation of the fund and the investment of the fund are vested in a board of directors of eleven persons.

Benefits Provided

Beginning January 1, 1997, employees attaining the age of sixty-two years may retire with full benefits with eight or more years of creditable service. The monthly benefit for County Employees is determined by selecting the highest benefit calculated using three different prescribed formulas (flat-dollar formula, targeted replacement ratio formula, and prior plan's formula). A death benefit of \$10,000 will be paid to the designated beneficiary of every active member upon his or her death.

Upon termination of employment, any member who is vested is entitled to a deferred annuity, payable at age sixty-two. Early retirement is at age fifty-five. Any member with less than eight years of creditable service forfeits all rights in the fund but will be paid his or her accumulated contributions.

The County Employees' Retirement Fund issues audited financial statements. Copies of these statements may be obtained from the Board of Directors of CERF by writing to CERF, 2121 Schotthill Woods Drive, Jefferson City, Missouri, 65101, by calling (573) 632-9203, or by visiting the CERF website at www.mocerf.org.

Contributions

Prior to January 1, 2003, participating county employees, except for those who participated in LAGERS, were required to make contributions equal to 2% of gross compensation. Effective January 1, 2003, participating county employees hired on or after February 25, 2002, are required to make contributions of 6%. If an employee leaves covered employment before attaining 8 years of creditable service, accumulated employee contributions are refunded to the employee. The contribution rate is set by state statute and may be amended only by action of the Missouri Legislature. Counties may elect to make all or a portion of the required 6% contribution on behalf of employees. The County collected and remitted CERF employee contributions of \$263,440 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Note 6 - County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF)(continued)

In addition to the above contributions required of employees, the following fees and penalties prescribed under Missouri law are required to be collected and remitted to CERF by counties covered by the plan:

- Late fees on filing of personal property tax declarations,
- Twenty dollars on each merchants and manufacturers license issued,
- Six dollars on each document recorded or filed with county recorders of deeds, with an additional one on each document recorded,
- Three sevenths of the fee on delinquent property taxes, and
- Interest earned on investment of the above collections prior to remittance to CERF.

The County collected and remitted CERF fees and penalties of \$273,505 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Further information related to required contributions, pension benefits, other plan terms, and investments and related return and financial information can be found in the notes to the financial statements of CERF's Annual Financial Report.

Note 7 - Prosecuting Attorney Retirement Fund

In accordance with state statute Section 56.807 RSMo, Pulaski County contributes monthly to the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services for deposit to the credit of the Missouri Prosecuting Attorneys' and Circuit Attorneys' Retirement System Fund. Once remitted, the State of Missouri is responsible for administration of this plan. Pulaski County has contributed \$11,628 for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Note 8 - Other Retirement Plans

Pulaski County has voluntary 457 and 401(a) plans administered by Empower Retirement (formerly Great-West Retirement Services) which are paid by a deduction from employees' salary. These contributions qualify under the Internal Revenue Code and are tax exempt. Employee contributions collected and remitted by the County for the year ended December 31, 2022 for the 457 plan were \$111,611. Employee contributions collected and remitted by the County for the year ended December 31, 2022 for the 401(a) plan were \$31,247.

Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped has a voluntary SIMPLE IRA plan, which is paid by a deduction from employees' salary with the Board matching 3% of employee contributions. These contributions qualify under the Internal Revenue Code and are tax exempt. Employee contributions collected and remitted by the Board for the year ended December 31, 2022 for the plan were \$6,466; the Board also remitted an additional matching contribution of \$4,569.

Note 9 - Post-Employment Benefits

Pulaski County does not provide post-employment benefits except as mandated by the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act (COBRA). The requirements established by COBRA are fully funded by employees who elect coverage under the Act, and no direct costs are incurred by Pulaski County.

Note 10 - Claims, Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

The County is subject to various claims and legal proceeding covering a wide range of matters that arise in the ordinary course of its business activities. Management believes that any liability that may ultimately result from the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

Compensated Absences

The County provides full-time employees with up to 24 days (192 hours) of sick time, to accrue at one-half day per complete calendar month of employment. Upon termination, employees are not compensated for unused sick time. Vacation time is accrued for every full-time employee and accrues at the rate of one day per month. However, employees may only carry over five vacation days from one year to the next. Employees of the Sheriff's department who work more than 171 hours within a 28-day monthly work period are eligible for compensatory time or overtime pay. The Sheriff and the County Commission retain the right to determine how hours worked beyond the limit of 171 will be compensated (monetary compensation or compensatory time off). Employees can accrue a maximum of 20 hours of compensatory time. These have not been subjected to auditing procedures.

Federal and State Assisted Programs

The County receives proceeds from several federal and state grants. Periodic audits of these grants are required and certain costs may be questioned. Such audits could result in refund of grant monies to the grantor agencies. Management believes that any required refunds will be immaterial. No provision has been made in the accompanying financial statements for the potential refund of grant monies.

Note 11 - Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters, and has established a risk management strategy that attempts to minimize losses and the carrying costs of insurance. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior year and settlements have not exceeded coverage in the past three years.

The County is a member participant in a public entity risk pool which is a corporate and political body created pursuant to state statute (Section 537.700 RSMo.). The purpose of the risk pool is to provide liability protection to participating public entities, their officials, and employees. Annual contributions are collected based on actuarial projections which are intended to produce sufficient funds to pay losses and expenses. Should contributions not produce sufficient funds to meet its obligations, the risk pool is empowered with the ability to make special assessments. Members are jointly and severally liable for all claims against the risk pool.

The County is a member of the Missouri Association of Counties Self-Insurance Workers' Compensation and Insurance Fund. The County purchases workers' compensation insurance through this fund, a nonprofit corporation established to provide insurance coverage to Missouri counties. The fund is self-insured up to \$500,000 per occurrence and reinsured up to the statutory limit through excess insurance.

The County of Pulaski Waynesville, Missouri Notes to the Financial Statements For the year ended December 31, 2022

Note 12 - Subsequent Events

The County has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2022 to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Such events have been evaluated through February 28, 2024, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that would require recognition or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

Note 13 - Prior Period Adjustments

Due to the improper inclusion of a certain fund and reporting errors in certain funds, beginning cash and equivalents has been restated. These restatements will have no impact to the County's operations.

Beginning Cash and Equivalents, as originally restated December 31, 2021	\$ 12,179,427
Prior Period Adjustment #1 - Exclude Law Library Fund Prior Period Adjustment #2 - Correct Senior Citizens Service Board Fund Prior Period Adjustment #2 - Correct Pulgeli Co. Roard for the Handisonned Fund	(11,225) (4,995)
Prior Period Adjustment #3 - Correct Pulaski Co. Board for the Handicapped Fund Ending Cash and Equivalents, as originally restated December 31, 2021	\$ 118,963 12,282,170



REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Independent Auditor's Report

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Pulaski County, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the accompanying financial statements of Pulaski County, Missouri as of and for the year ended December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Pulaski County, Missouri's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated February 28, 2024.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A material weakness is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-002 and 2022-003, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Pulaski County, Missouri's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the financial statements. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our

Office: (314) 569-3800 Fax: (314) 569-0020 tests disclosed an instance of noncompliance or other matters that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which is described in the schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-001.

Pulaski County, Missouri's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Pulaski County, Missouri's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Pulaski County, Missouri's responses were not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Creve Coeur, Missouri February 28, 2024

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REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR FEDERAL PROGRAM AND REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE

Independent Auditor's Report

To the County Commission and Officeholders of Pulaski County, Missouri

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Qualified Opinion

We have audited Pulaski County, Missouri's compliance with the types of compliance requirements identified as subject to audit in the OMB *Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on each of Pulaski County, Missouri's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2022. Pulaski County, Missouri's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs.

Qualified Opinion on COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

In our opinion, except for the noncompliance described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, Pulaski County, Missouri complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Basis for Qualified Opinion

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS); the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States (*Government Auditing Standards*); and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Our responsibilities under those standards and the Uniform Guidance are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Pulaski County, Missouri and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion on compliance for each major federal program. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of Pulaski County, Missouri's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

Matter Giving Rise to Qualified Opinion on COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

As described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs, Pulaski County, Missouri did not comply with requirements regarding Assistance Listing No. 21.027 COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds as described in finding number 2022-005 for Reporting.

Office: (314) 569-3800 Fax: (314) 569-0020 Compliance with such requirements is necessary, in our opinion, for Pulaski County, Missouri to comply with the requirements applicable to that program.

Responsibilities of Management for Compliance

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements referred to above and for the design, implementation, and maintenance of effective internal control over compliance with the requirements of laws, statutes, regulations, rules and provisions of contracts or grant agreements applicable to Pulaski County, Missouri's federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above occurred, whether due to fraud or error, and express an opinion on Pulaski County, Missouri's compliance based on our audit. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance will always detect material noncompliance when it exists. The risk of not detecting material noncompliance resulting from fraud is higher than for that resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Noncompliance with the compliance requirements referred to above is considered material, if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Pulaski County, Missouri's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS, *Government Auditing Standards*, and the Uniform Guidance, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material noncompliance, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding Pulaski County, Missouri's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.
- Obtain an understanding of Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control over compliance relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with the Uniform Guidance, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Pulaski County, Missouri's internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and any significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in internal control over compliance that we identified during the audit.

Other Matters

The results of our auditing procedures disclosed an instance of noncompliance which is required to be reported in accordance with the Uniform Guidance and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2022-004. Our opinion on each major federal program is not modified with respect to these matters.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Pulaski County, Missouri's response to the noncompliance findings identified in our compliance audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Pulaski County, Missouri's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section above and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over compliance that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did identify certain deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. A material weakness in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that material noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program will not be prevented, or detected and corrected, on a timely basis. A significant deficiency in internal control over compliance is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program that is less severe than a material weakness in internal control over compliance, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance. We consider the deficiencies in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2022-004 and 2022-005 to be significant deficiencies.

Our audit was not designed for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Pulaski County, Missouri's response to the internal control over compliance findings identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Pulaski County, Missouri's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of compliance and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the response.

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Creve Coeur, Missouri February 28, 2024

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The County of Pulaski Waynesville, Missouri Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the year ended December 31, 2022

Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title	Assistance Listing Number	Pass-Through Entity Number	Federal Expenditures	Awards Provided to Subrecipients	
U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster Passed through state: Missouri Office of Administration					
Schools and Roads - Grants to States Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster	10.665	n/a	\$ 61,661 61,661	\$ 46,246 46,246	
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development Passed through state: Missouri Department of Economic Development Community Development Block Grants/State's program and					
Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii	14.228	2017-PF-38	2,500	-	
U.S. Department of the Interior Direct Program:					
Payments in Lieu of Taxes	15.226	n/a	86,218	-	
Passed through state: Missouri Office of Administration	15 420	,	(0.270	45 200	
National Forest Acquired Lands	15.438	n/a	60,279	45,209	
U.S. Department of Justice Passed through state: Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys					
Crime Victim Assistance	16.575	MAPA22-23Pulaski	11,459	-	
Crime Victim Assistance Crime Victim Assistance	16.575 16.575	MAPAPulaski2022 MAPAPulaski19-21	19,840 10,691 41,990		
U.S. Department of Transportation Highway Safety Cluster Passed through:					
University of Central Missouri - Missouri Safety Center National Priority Safety Programs Total Highway Safety Cluster	20.616	22-M2HVE-05-032	166 166		
U.S. Department of Treasury Direct Program:					
COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	n/a	3,231,069	-	
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Passed through state:					
Missouri Department of Social Services Child Support Enforcement	93.563	ER10220C079	34,112	-	
U.S. Department of Homeland Security Passed through state:					
Missouri Department of Public Safety Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMK-2021-EP-00006-092	9,020		
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			\$ 3,527,015	\$ 91,455	
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The County of Pulaski Waynesville, Missouri

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards For the year ended December 31, 2022

Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Purpose of Schedule and Reporting Entity

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards has been prepared to comply with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance). This Uniform Guidance requires a schedule that provides total federal awards expended for each federal program and the assistance listing number or other identifying number when the assistance listing number is not available.

This schedule includes all federal awards administered by Pulaski County, Missouri.

Basis of Presentation

The Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards includes these definitions, which govern the contents of the schedule:

Federal financial assistance means assistance that non-Federal entities receive or administer in the form of grants, loans, loan guarantees, property (including donated surplus property), cooperative agreements, interest subsidies, insurance, food commodities, direct appropriations, and other assistance, but does not include amounts received as reimbursement for services rendered to individuals.

Federal award means Federal financial assistance and Federal cost-reimbursement contracts that non-Federal entities receive directly from Federal awarding agencies or indirectly from pass-through entities. It does not include procurement contracts, under grants or contracts, used to buy goods or services from vendors.

Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Pulaski County, Missouri, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Pulaski County, Missouri.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the cash basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowed or are limited as to reimbursement.

Federal expenditures are considered to have occurred when cash is disbursed for allowable expenditures.

Pulaski County, Missouri has not elected to use the 10% de minimis indirect cost rate.

Note 2 - Donated Personal Protective Equipment

Pulaski County received no donated personal protective equipment which had been purchased with federal funds. This footnote is unaudited.

Section 1 - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements						
Type of auditor's report issued		Unmodified Regulatory Basis				
Internal control over financial reporting:						
Material weakness(es) identified?			Yes	X	No	
Significant deficiencies identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses?		X	Yes		None Reported	
Any noncompliance material to financial statements noted?		X	Yes		No	
Federal Awards						
Internal control over major programs:						
Material weakness(es) identified?			Yes	X	No	
Significant deficiencies identified not considered to be material weaknesses?		X	Yes		None Reported	
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs:		Qualified				
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 2 CFR section 200.516(a)?		X	Yes		No	
Identification of Major Programs:						
CFDA Number 21.027	COVID 10	Name of Fe				
	COVID-19	Coronavirus	siale and L	осаі F180	cal Recovery Funds	
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:		\$ 750,000	_			
Auditee qualified as low risk auditee?			Vec	Y	No	

Section 2 - Financial Statement Findings

2022-001 **Criteria:** Missouri statutes requires Counties to prepare an annual budget as applicable to each fund. Expenditures are not to exceed the budget.

Condition: During the audit, it was noted that the County was not in compliance with Missouri budgetary state statute Chapter 50 RSMo. The following funds had expenditures which were in excess of budgeted expenditures: Civil Fees Fund, Recorder Technology Fund, and the Pulaski County Board for the Handicapped Fund. The following funds did not have a budget prepared: Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Grant Fund and Community Development Block Grant Fund.

Cause: Oversight

Effect: Due to exceeding budget in certain funds and due to the lack of prepared budgets in certain funds, the County is in violation of Missouri Revised Statutes.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County prepare budgets for all applicable funds and periodically review its actual expenditures as compared to budgeted amounts. An amended budget should be prepared and approved as necessary to comply with statutes. Additionally, the County should closely monitor fund balances on an ongoing basis.

Management's Response: Pulaski County will review the findings and work to make necessary corrections in the 2024 Budget and when preparing the 2025 Budget.

2022-002 **Criteria:** Statement on Auditing Standards (SAS) No. 115, Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit, which is effective for periods ending on or after December 15, 2009, as amended by SAS No. 122, Statements on Auditing Standards: Clarification and Recodification, considers inadequate documentation of the components of internal control to be at least a significant deficiency.

Condition: Documentation of the County's internal controls has not been prepared.

Effect: Without documented internal controls, the County may not be able to ensure that controls are in place, communicated and operating effectively.

Cause: Management has not prepared documentation of internal controls.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County develop the required internal control documentation. In addition, we recommend studying the COSO internal control guidance and tools as a means to begin the process. Once this documentation is complete, those charged with governance have a responsibility to understand the controls and ensure they are operating effectively.

Management's Response: Pulaski County will review the findings and work to adjust internal controls to adhere more closely with the recommendations.

2022-003 **Criteria:** Per the County's internal control procedures, the Treasurer is responsible for reconciling all bank accounts and all funds to bank statements. Strong internal controls over financial statement reporting require that cash and fund balances be tracked for all funds.

Section 2 - Financial Statement Findings (continued)

2022-003 **Condition:** The Treasurer prepared an inaccurate bank reconciliation for the COVID-19 Relief Account, resulting in an (cont.) overstatement of \$1,338,495 in ending fund balance in the American Rescue Plan Act Fund. These misstatements were due to inaccurate reversals of bank transfers out of \$1,345,446 and unrecorded account interest of \$6,950.

Cause: Oversight.

Effect: Because cash and fund balances are not adequately being tracked within the accounting system or by the Treasurer, it is possible that cash and fund balances could be materially misstated due to error or fraud.

Recommendation: We recommend that the Treasurer's office implement the necessary accounting procedures to perform reconciliation of all bank accounts and County funds accurately.

Management's Response: Pulaski County will review the findings and work to adjust internal controls to adhere more closely with the recommendations.

Section 3 - Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-004 Federal Grantor: All Programs

Pass-through Grantor: All Programs
Federal Assistance Listing No.: All Programs
Program Title: All Programs

Criteria: Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200.510(b) requires auditees to prepare a schedule of expenditures of federal awards which must report total federal awards expended during the audit period. At a minimum, the schedule must include: expenditures by individual program, program title and assistance listing number, programs required to be identified as part of a cluster, name of the pass-through entity and identifying number assigned by the pass-through entity for awards not received directly from the federal government, and the total amount provided to subrecipients from each federal program.

Condition: The schedule of expenditures of federal awards (SEFA) reported by the County in the annual budget documents contained errors in amounts of federal expenditures reported. Additionally, the schedule did not include the identification of programs required to be part of a cluster, names of pass-through entities, identifying numbers assigned by the pass-through entities, or total amounts provided to subrecipients for the applicable programs.

Discrepancies in amounts reported on the SEFA and amounts supported by underlying accounting records are summarized as follows:

Section 3 - Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-004		Assistance					
(cont.)	Federal	Listing		Original			
	Agency	Number	Federal Program	SEFA	As Corrected	Difference	
			Schools and Roads - Grants to				
	Agriculture	10.665	States	\$ 200,942	\$ 61,661	\$ 139,281	
			Community Development Block				
	HUD	14.228	Grants	-	2,500	(2,500)	
	Interior	15.226	Payments in Lieu of Taxes	-	86,218	(86,218)	
	Interior	15.438	National Forest Acquired Lands	-	60,279	(60,279)	
	Justice	16.575	Crime Victim Assistance	37,066	41,990	(4,924)	
			Violence Against Women Formula				
	Justice	16.588	Grants	12,568	-	12,568	
			Highway Planning and				
	Transportation	20.205	Construction	58,302	-	58,302	
	Transportation	20.616	National Priority Safety Programs	249	166	83	
			COVID-19 Coronavirus State and				
	Treasury	21.027	Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	5,109,146	3,231,069	1,878,077	
	Health and Human Serv.	93.563	Child Support Enforcement	36,795	34,112	2,683	
	Homeland Security	97.036	Disaster Grants - Public Assistance	152,009	-	152,009	
			Emergency Management				
	Homeland Security	97.042	Performance Grants		9,020	(9,020)	
				\$ 5,607,077	\$ 3,527,015	\$ 2,080,062	

Furthermore, the SEFA prepared by the County does not indicate the amount of awards passed through to subrecipients.

The County reported total expenditures of \$200,942 under assistance listing number 10.665 - Schools and Roads - Grants to States. Of this total, \$86,218 of this amount was expended under assistance listing number 15.226 - Payments in Lieu of Taxes and \$61,035 was not expended at all during the fiscal year. The County also failed to report total funds remitted to local school districts. Additionally, the County failed to identify the Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster on the SEFA. \$46,246 of funds expended under this program was disbursed to schools, however, these awards to subrecipients were not reported on the SEFA.

The County omitted funds of \$60,279 expended under assistance listing number 15.438 - National Forest Acquired Lands, including \$45,209 of funds remitted to local schools under the same program.

The County inaccurately reported expenditures of \$5,109,146 of assistance listing number 21.027 - COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds. Underlying accounting records support actual expenditures of \$3,231,069.

The County inaccurately reported expenditures of \$152,009 of assistance listing number 97.036 - Disaster Grants - Public Assistance funds. This balance reported represents reimbursements received for funds expended in previous years. The County incurred no expenditures under this grant program in the current year.

Cause: The County has not implemented a proper system of internal control over SEFA preparation, such as a reconciliation to underlying accounting records or having a separate individual review the SEFA for clerical accuracy after it has been prepared. Reasons for discrepancies varied.

Effect: The SEFA presented for the audit did not accurately reflect the County's actual expenditures of federal awards for the year ended December 31, 2022.

Section 3 - Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-004 **Recommendation:** We recommend that the County implement internal controls to ensure that the SEFA completely and (cont.) accurately states the expenditures of federal awards of the County each year, such as performing a reconciliation between the SEFA and underlying accounting records. Federal reimbursement grants should be reported on the SEFA based on reimbursable expenditures made during the year.

Management's Response: Pulaski County will review the recommendations as presented and work to adjust internal controls to prepare SEFA information in accordance with the recommendations of the auditor.

2022-005 Federal Grantor: U.S. Department of Treasury

Pass-through Grantor: n/a
Federal Assistance Listing No.: 21.027

Program Title: COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds

Award Year: 2022
Compliance Requirement: Reporting
Known Questioned Costs: n/a

Criteria: Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 requires recipients of Federal awards to comply with laws, regulations, and provisions of contract or grant agreements related to each of its Federal programs. Participants in the COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds program were required to complete financial, performance, and compliance reporting as outlined in Part 2 of the SLFRF Compliance and Reporting Guide, issued by the U.S. Department of the Treasury. The County was required to appropriately maintain accounting records for compiling and reporting accurate, compliant financial data, in accordance with appropriate accounting standards and principles.

Condition: The County elected to obligate funds for the provision of government services in accordance with the \$10 million standard allowance exemption as outlined in the 2022 Final Rule guidance; the standard allowance provision allows a recipient to reimburse itself for eligible past expenditures incurred on or after March 3, 2021 through the date of the standard allowance election.

COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds are considered obligated and expended on the date that the Commission authorizes the expenditures and cash is disbursed for the authorized use. Accordingly, the County elected to spend \$1,328,061 of salaries, wages, and payroll taxes as an incentive to those who remained employed by the County during the pandemic. This expenditure was not included in the total expenditures reported in the Project and Expenditure Report due for the 4th quarter of 2022.

Cause: Oversight.

Effect: The Project and Expenditure Report due by January 31, 2023, which covered the period of October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022, was submitted with inaccurate expenditures. Total cumulative expenditures reported under the County's revenue replacement category for the covered period totaled \$1,951,638, however, the County's underlying accounting records supported total cumulative expenditures for the covered period of \$3,231,069.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County implement internal controls to ensure that the Project and Expenditure reports completely and accurately state the cumulative expenditures and current period expenditures of funds expended under the COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds including performing a reconciliation between the reporting to be submitted and the underlying accounting records. Additionally, the County should include the omitted expenditures in the next Project and Expenditure Report submission using the procedures reflected in the U.S. Department of Treasury *Project and Expenditure Report Guide*, as applicable to the covered period being submitted.

Section 3 - Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-005 **Management's Response**: Pulaski County will review the condition and work to adjust internal controls to insure proper (cont.) reporting is completed as defined in the recommendation.

The County of Pulaski Waynesville, Missouri

Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings and Questioned Costs

For the year ended December 31, 2022

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, this section reports the auditor's follow-up on action taken by Pulaski County, Missouri, on the applicable findings in the prior audit report issued for the year ended December 31, 2021.

Prior Year Financial Statement Findings

2021-001 **Criteria:** Missouri statutes requires Counties to prepare an annual budget as applicable to each fund. Expenditures are not to exceed the budget and funds are not to be budgeted at a deficit.

Condition: During our audit, it was noted that the County was not in compliance with Missouri budgetary state statute Chapter 50 RSMo. The following funds had expenditures which exceeded the budgeted expenditures: CARES Act Fund, Sheriff Revolving Fund, LEPC Chemical Preparedness Fund, and Highway H Maintenance Fund.

Effect: The County is in violation of Missouri Revised Statutes due to exceeding budgets in certain funds.

Cause: Oversight

Recommendation: We recommend that the County periodically review its actual expenditures as compared to budgeted amounts. An amended budget should be prepared and approved as necessary to comply with statutes.

Management's Response: The County Clerk will perform a detailed review of budgetary statutes and actual expenditures in order to ensure budgetary compliance, and amendments to the budget will be prepared and approved by the County Commission, if necessary. The expected completion date is December 31, 2022. The phone number for the Clerk's office is (573) 774-4704.

Auditor's Evaluation: The response is appropriate to correct this concern.

Status: Management has not corrected this issue, therefore, this finding is repeated as 2022-001 in the current year.

Prior Year Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

2021-002 Federal Grantor: All Programs

Pass-Through Grantor: All Programs
Federal CFDA Number: All Programs
Program Title: All Programs

Criteria: Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 requires auditees to prepare an accurate Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA) containing awards expended, CFDA title and number, award number, name of the Federal agency, and name of pass-through entity.

Condition: Management has not implemented internal controls related to the preparation of the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (SEFA). During our audit we noted the SEFA contained errors.

Effect: Federal expenditures reported in the SEFA were incorrect.

Cause: Management did not follow reporting requirements related to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

Prior Year Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs (continued)

2021-002 **Recommendation:** We recommend management develop internal controls over reporting to ensure an accurate SEFA is prepared.

Management's Response: Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200 is being reviewed and training sessions will be initiated by the County Clerk's office. The County Clerk is working towards capturing grant transactions in a manner sufficient to readily report the necessary information required on the SEFA by the next audit period. The expected completion date is December 31, 2022. The phone number for the Clerk's office is (573) 774-4704.

Auditor's Evaluation: The response is appropriate to correct this concern.

Status: Management has not corrected this issue, therefore, this finding is repeated as 2022-004 in the current year.