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To the County Commission
and
Officeholders of Carter County, Missouri

The Office of the State Auditor contracted for an audit of Carter County's financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2023, 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.

Scott Fitzpatrick
State Auditor

March 2026
Report No. 2026-028



Recommendations in the contracted audit of Carter County

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| 2023-001 | 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. Additionally, we recommend that the Developmental Disability Board prepare a complete budget including budgeted expenditures. |
| 2023-002 | In order to ensure that transfers are properly reported and in balance, we recommend transfers out always be accompanied by an equal transfer in and that the transfers be clearly identified in the accounting system and on the annual budget. |
| 2023-003 | 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. |

**The County of Carter
Van Buren, Missouri
Independent Auditor's Reports and Financial Statements
December 31, 2023**



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Van Buren, Missouri
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Independent Auditor's Report

To the County Commission and
Officeholders of Carter County, Missouri

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements***Opinions***

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Carter County, Missouri, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri as of December 31, 2023, 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 Carter County, Missouri as of December 31, 2023, or the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended.

Basis for Opinions

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 Carter 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 Carter 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.

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 Carter County, Missouri's ability to continue as a going concern for 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 Carter 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 Carter 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.

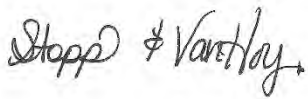
Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Carter 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 December 8, 2025 on our consideration of Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



St. Louis, Missouri
December 8, 2025

**The County of Carter
Van Buren, Missouri
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash
All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| <u>Fund</u> | Cash and Equivalents January 1, 2023 | Receipts 2023 | Disbursements 2023 | Cash and Equivalents December 31, 2023 |
|---|---|---------------------|-----------------------|---|
| General Revenue | \$ 102,123 | \$ 1,712,773 | \$ 1,591,997 | \$ 222,899 |
| Special Road and Bridge | 350,283 | 1,295,563 | 1,178,531 | 467,315 |
| Assessment | 54,219 | 142,105 | 125,062 | 71,262 |
| Law Enforcement Sales Tax | 133,938 | 388,296 | 413,908 | 108,326 |
| Law Enforcement Restitution | 66,393 | 19,025 | 9,367 | 76,051 |
| Law Enforcement Training | 4,132 | 17,105 | 5,162 | 16,075 |
| Sheriff Fee | 40,309 | 27,991 | 18,306 | 49,994 |
| Sheriff Revolving | 10,777 | 2,159 | 1,815 | 11,121 |
| Sheriff Security Inmate | 38,491 | 7,881 | 17,601 | 28,771 |
| Forest Reserve (15%) | - | 21,385 | 21,385 | - |
| Recorder of Deeds User Fees | 9,333 | 3,027 | - | 12,360 |
| Recorder's Technical | 4,964 | 1,796 | - | 6,760 |
| Recorder's Non-Standard | 2,587 | 166 | - | 2,753 |
| Collector's Tax Maintenance | 72,246 | 15,942 | 10,542 | 77,646 |
| Prosecuting Attorney Training | 5,533 | 2,637 | 300 | 7,870 |
| Prosecuting Attorney Bad Check | 10,806 | 519 | 20 | 11,305 |
| Prosecuting Attorney Tax | - | - | - | - |
| Help America Vote Act Administration | 2,701 | 18,313 | 7,862 | 13,152 |
| Senior Citizen Tax | - | 46,558 | 46,558 | - |
| Domestic Violence | - | 263 | 263 | - |
| South Van Buren Sewer Fund | 66,664 | 26,292 | 24,035 | 68,921 |
| Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Handling Cost | 127 | 659 | 500 | 286 |
| Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency | 383,887 | 410,744 | 269,493 | 525,138 |
| 911 | 5,759 | 2,743 | 424 | 8,078 |
| Grant Account | - | 866,667 | 866,667 | - |
| Community Development Block Grant | - | 614,249 | 614,249 | - |
| Developmental Disability Board | 33,708 | 71,184 | 65,209 | 39,683 |
| American Rescue Plan Act | 330,505 | 4,607 | 335,112 | - |
| Justice Center Finance | 1,233 | 1,879,393 | 1,880,626 | - |
| Sheriff Federal | 215 | 16,237 | - | 16,452 |
| Election Services | 8,536 | 288 | 1,250 | 7,574 |
| | <u>\$ 1,739,469</u> | <u>\$ 7,616,567</u> | <u>\$ 7,506,244</u> | <u>\$ 1,849,792</u> |

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**The County of Carter
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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash
Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| | General Revenue Fund | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|------------|
| | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 85,000 | \$ 92,586 |
| Sales Taxes | 660,000 | 690,804 |
| Intergovernmental | 784,845 | 520,168 |
| Charges for Services | 158,780 | 157,560 |
| Interest | 7,500 | 8,400 |
| Other Receipts | 1,700 | 14,834 |
| Transfers In | 5,015,000 | 228,421 |
| Total Receipts | 6,712,825 | 1,712,773 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| County Commission | 82,590 | 84,427 |
| County Clerk | 67,164 | 63,579 |
| Elections | 15,775 | 16,031 |
| Building and Grounds | 68,000 | 66,888 |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | 69,500 | 60,644 |
| County Treasurer | 38,935 | 37,527 |
| Collector | 44,310 | 46,485 |
| Recorder of Deeds | 67,850 | 69,920 |
| Circuit Clerk | 43,880 | 29,815 |
| Court Administration | - | 2,594 |
| Public Administrator | 30,673 | 32,964 |
| Sheriff | 186,970 | 182,442 |
| Jail | 111,500 | 202,822 |
| Dispatch | 111,200 | 89,771 |
| Prosecuting Attorney | 122,615 | 123,899 |
| Juvenile Officer | 38,734 | 31,763 |
| Coroner | 13,500 | 13,233 |
| Emergency Management | 16,930 | 10,472 |
| Debt Service | 235,500 | 81,743 |
| Other Disbursements | 5,397,558 | 316,616 |
| Transfers Out | 28,362 | 28,362 |
| Emergency Fund | 23,312 | - |
| Total Disbursements | 6,814,858 | 1,591,997 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (102,033) | \$ 120,776 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 102,123 | 102,123 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 90 | \$ 222,899 |

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**The County of Carter
Van Buren, Missouri
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash
Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| | Special Road and Bridge Fund | |
|------------------------------|------------------------------|------------|
| | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ 150,000 | \$ 198,133 |
| Sales Taxes | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 470,000 | 785,218 |
| Charges for Services | - | - |
| Interest | 10,000 | 13,795 |
| Other Receipts | 100 | 5,488 |
| Transfers In | 255,570 | 292,929 |
| Total Receipts | 885,670 | 1,295,563 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Salaries | 307,880 | 264,979 |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | 35,500 | 25,758 |
| Supplies | 84,715 | 81,343 |
| Insurance | 55,000 | 55,000 |
| Road and Bridge Materials | 324,500 | 112,613 |
| Equipment Repairs | 37,500 | 47,240 |
| Rentals | 700 | 107 |
| Equipment Purchases | 4,000 | 146,836 |
| Road and Bridge Construction | 100,000 | 388,777 |
| Other Disbursements | 75,320 | 40,878 |
| Transfers Out | 15,000 | 15,000 |
| Total Disbursements | 1,040,115 | 1,178,531 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (154,445) | \$ 117,032 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 350,283 | 350,283 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 195,838 | \$ 467,315 |

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| | Assessment Fund | |
|------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 91,430 | 97,032 |
| Charges for Services | 6,000 | 6,426 |
| Interest | 1,700 | 2,708 |
| Other Receipts | - | 1,577 |
| Transfers In | 31,362 | 34,362 |
| Total Receipts | <u>130,492</u> | <u>142,105</u> |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | |
| Salaries | 81,344 | 80,231 |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | 12,500 | 12,339 |
| Materials and Supplies | 12,000 | 4,897 |
| Services | 37,750 | 26,093 |
| Other Disbursements | 500 | 217 |
| Capital Outlay | 10,000 | 1,285 |
| Transfers Out | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | <u>154,094</u> | <u>125,062</u> |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (23,602) | \$ 17,043 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | <u>54,219</u> | <u>54,219</u> |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | <u>\$ 30,617</u> | <u>\$ 71,262</u> |

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Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
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| | Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund | | Law Enforcement Restitution Fund | |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | 330,000 | 345,354 | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 81,700 | 37,923 | - | - |
| Charges for Services | - | - | 24,000 | 16,730 |
| Interest | 2,500 | 3,421 | 1,600 | 2,295 |
| Other Receipts | 1,100 | 1,598 | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | <u>415,300</u> | <u>388,296</u> | <u>25,600</u> | <u>19,025</u> |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | 241,700 | 257,958 | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | 15,000 | 43,076 | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | 58,500 | 52,627 | - | - |
| Services | 26,000 | 24,999 | - | 2,367 |
| Other Disbursements | 16,547 | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 174,000 | 35,248 | 91,993 | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | 7,000 |
| Total Disbursements | <u>531,747</u> | <u>413,908</u> | <u>91,993</u> | <u>9,367</u> |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (116,447) | \$ (25,612) | \$ (66,393) | \$ 9,658 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | <u>133,938</u> | <u>133,938</u> | <u>66,393</u> | <u>66,393</u> |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | <u>\$ 17,491</u> | <u>\$ 108,326</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ 76,051</u> |

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Van Buren, Missouri
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Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
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| | Law Enforcement Training Fund | | Sheriff Fee Fund | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|-----------|------------------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | 14,268 | - | - |
| Charges for Services | 3,900 | 2,398 | 27,000 | 11,258 |
| Interest | 100 | 406 | 926 | 1,761 |
| Other Receipts | - | 33 | 7,000 | 7,972 |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | 7,000 |
| Total Receipts | 4,000 | 17,105 | 34,926 | 27,991 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | 7,000 | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | 8,000 | 7,392 |
| Services | 8,132 | 5,162 | 19,735 | 10,142 |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | 14,500 | 772 |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | 26,000 | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 8,132 | 5,162 | 75,235 | 18,306 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (4,132) | \$ 11,943 | \$ (40,309) | \$ 9,685 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 4,132 | 4,132 | 40,309 | 40,309 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ 16,075 | \$ - | \$ 49,994 |

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| | Sheriff Revolving Fund | | Sheriff Security Inmate Fund | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | - | - |
| Charges for Services | 5,500 | 1,800 | 6,000 | 6,495 |
| Interest | - | 359 | 700 | 1,182 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | 200 | 204 |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 5,500 | 2,159 | 6,900 | 7,881 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | 13,113 |
| Services | 4,000 | 1,815 | 6,000 | 4,488 |
| Other Disbursements | 7,277 | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 5,000 | - | 39,391 | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 16,277 | 1,815 | 45,391 | 17,601 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (10,777) | \$ 344 | \$ (38,491) | \$ (9,720) |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 10,777 | 10,777 | 38,491 | 38,491 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ 11,121 | \$ - | \$ 28,771 |

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Van Buren, Missouri
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash
Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| | Forest Reserve (15%) Fund | | Recorder of Deeds User Fees Fund | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 31,500 | 21,298 | - | - |
| Charges for Services | - | - | 3,500 | 2,654 |
| Interest | - | 87 | 150 | 373 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 31,500 | 21,385 | 3,650 | 3,027 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | 18,000 | 10,000 | 4,000 | - |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | 5,000 | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers Out | 13,500 | 11,385 | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 31,500 | 21,385 | 9,000 | - |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (5,350) | \$ 3,027 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | - | - | 9,333 | 9,333 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 3,983 | \$ 12,360 |

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Van Buren, Missouri
Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash
Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| | Recorder's Technical Fund | | Recorder's Non-Standard Fund | |
|------------------------------|---------------------------|----------|------------------------------|----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | - | - |
| Charges for Services | 1,900 | 1,594 | 100 | 75 |
| Interest | 185 | 202 | 60 | 91 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 2,085 | 1,796 | 160 | 166 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | 4,000 | - | 2,000 | - |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 4,000 | - | 2,000 | - |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (1,915) | \$ 1,796 | \$ (1,840) | \$ 166 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 4,964 | 4,964 | 2,587 | 2,587 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 3,049 | \$ 6,760 | \$ 747 | \$ 2,753 |

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Budget and Actual, All Governmental Funds: Regulatory Basis
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| | Collector's Tax Maintenance Fund | | Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|-----------|------------------------------------|----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | - | - |
| Charges for Services | 13,000 | 13,372 | - | 2,408 |
| Interest | 800 | 2,570 | - | 229 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 13,800 | 15,942 | - | 2,637 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | 1,000 | 1,400 | - | - |
| Services | 475 | 123 | 2,950 | 300 |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 500 | 3,019 | - | - |
| Transfers Out | 3,000 | 6,000 | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 4,975 | 10,542 | 2,950 | 300 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ 8,825 | \$ 5,400 | \$ (2,950) | \$ 2,337 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 72,246 | 72,246 | 5,533 | 5,533 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 81,071 | \$ 77,646 | \$ 2,583 | \$ 7,870 |

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| | Prosecuting Attorney Bad Check Fund | | Prosecuting Attorney Tax Fund | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------------|--------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | - | - |
| Charges for Services | - | 125 | 250 | - |
| Interest | 200 | 374 | - | - |
| Other Receipts | - | 20 | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 200 | 519 | 250 | - |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | - | - | - | - |
| Other Disbursements | 2,000 | 20 | 250 | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 2,000 | 20 | 250 | - |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (1,800) | \$ 499 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 10,806 | 10,806 | - | - |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 9,006 | \$ 11,305 | \$ - | \$ - |

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| | Help America Vote Act Administration Fund | | Senior Citizen Tax Fund | |
|------------------------------|--|-----------|-------------------------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 44,405 | \$ 46,558 |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 17,646 | 17,645 | - | - |
| Charges for Services | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | - | 668 | - | - |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 17,646 | 18,313 | 44,405 | 46,558 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | - | - | 44,405 | 46,558 |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 20,347 | 7,862 | - | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 20,347 | 7,862 | 44,405 | 46,558 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (2,701) | \$ 10,451 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 2,701 | 2,701 | - | - |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ 13,152 | \$ - | \$ - |

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| | Domestic Violence Fund | | South Van Buren Sewer Fund | |
|------------------------------|------------------------|--------|----------------------------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | - | - |
| Charges for Services | 300 | 260 | 24,000 | 24,000 |
| Interest | - | 3 | 570 | 2,264 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | 28 |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 300 | 263 | 24,570 | 26,292 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | 300 | 263 | 12,000 | 9,107 |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Service | - | - | 22,560 | 14,928 |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 300 | 263 | 34,560 | 24,035 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ - | \$ - | \$ (9,990) | \$ 2,257 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | - | - | 66,664 | 66,664 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 56,674 | \$ 68,921 |

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| | Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Handling Cost Fund | | Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund | |
|------------------------------|---|--------|---|------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | 396,176 | 396,176 |
| Charges for Services | 100 | 650 | - | - |
| Interest | 1 | 9 | 5,000 | 14,568 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 101 | 659 | 401,176 | 410,744 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | 100 | 500 | - | - |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | - | 785,058 | 269,493 |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 100 | 500 | 785,058 | 269,493 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ 1 | \$ 159 | \$ (383,882) | \$ 141,251 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 127 | 127 | 383,887 | 383,887 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 128 | \$ 286 | \$ 5 | \$ 525,138 |

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| | 911 Fund | | Grant Account Fund | |
|------------------------------|----------|----------|--------------------|---------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | 5,000,000 | 866,667 |
| Charges for Services | 3,000 | 2,496 | - | - |
| Interest | 130 | 247 | - | - |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 3,130 | 2,743 | 5,000,000 | 866,667 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | 2,000 | - | - | - |
| Other Disbursements | 50 | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | - | 424 | - | - |
| Debt Service | - | - | - | 366,017 |
| Transfers Out | - | - | 5,000,000 | 500,650 |
| Total Disbursements | 2,050 | 424 | 5,000,000 | 866,667 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ 1,080 | \$ 2,319 | \$ - | \$ - |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 5,759 | 5,759 | - | - |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ 6,839 | \$ 8,078 | \$ - | \$ - |

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| | Community Development Block Grant Fund | | Developmental Disability Board Fund | |
|------------------------------|---|---------|-------------------------------------|-----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 70,000 | \$ 70,385 |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 270,000 | 614,249 | - | - |
| Charges for Services | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | - | - | 110 | 799 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 270,000 | 614,249 | 70,110 | 71,184 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | - | - |
| Services | - | - | - | 65,209 |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 270,000 | 608,549 | - | - |
| Transfers Out | - | 5,700 | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 270,000 | 614,249 | - | 65,209 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 70,110 | \$ 5,975 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | - | - | 33,708 | 33,708 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 103,818 | \$ 39,683 |

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| | American Rescue Plan Act Fund | | Justice Center Finance Fund | |
|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | 100,000 | - | 2,000,000 | 615,771 |
| Charges for Services | - | - | - | - |
| Interest | - | 4,607 | - | 692 |
| Other Receipts | - | - | - | - |
| Debt Proceeds | - | - | 8,635,365 | 1,262,930 |
| Transfers In | - | - | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 100,000 | 4,607 | 10,635,365 | 1,879,393 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | 15,674 | - | - |
| Services | - | 83,816 | - | - |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | - | - |
| Capital Outlay | 430,505 | 235,622 | 4,416,590 | 1,310,324 |
| Debt Service | - | - | 5,255,114 | 570,302 |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 430,505 | 335,112 | 9,671,704 | 1,880,626 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (330,505) | \$ (330,505) | \$ 963,661 | \$ (1,233) |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 330,505 | 330,505 | 1,233 | 1,233 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ - | \$ 964,894 | \$ - |

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| | Sheriff Federal Fund | | Election Services Fund | |
|------------------------------|----------------------|-----------|------------------------|----------|
| | Budget | Actual | Budget | Actual |
| <u>Receipts</u> | | | | |
| Property Taxes | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - | \$ - |
| Sales Taxes | - | - | - | - |
| Intergovernmental | - | - | 100 | - |
| Charges for Services | - | - | 500 | - |
| Interest | 800 | 398 | 150 | 288 |
| Other Receipts | - | 4,454 | - | - |
| Transfers In | 13,500 | 11,385 | - | - |
| Total Receipts | 14,300 | 16,237 | 750 | 288 |
| <u>Disbursements</u> | | | | |
| Salaries | - | - | - | - |
| Employee Fringe Benefits | - | - | - | - |
| Materials and Supplies | - | - | 5,000 | 1,250 |
| Services | - | - | 650 | - |
| Other Disbursements | - | - | 2,500 | - |
| Capital Outlay | 14,515 | - | 1,000 | - |
| Transfers Out | - | - | - | - |
| Total Disbursements | 14,515 | - | 9,150 | 1,250 |
| Receipts Over (Under) | | | | |
| Disbursements | \$ (215) | \$ 16,237 | \$ (8,400) | \$ (962) |
| Cash and Equivalents, Jan 1 | 215 | 215 | 8,536 | 8,536 |
| Cash and Equivalents, Dec 31 | \$ - | \$ 16,452 | \$ 136 | \$ 7,574 |

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The County of Carter
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Statement of Assets and Liabilities Arising From Cash Transactions
Custodial Funds - Regulatory Basis
December 31, 2023

| | <u>Collector</u> | <u>Recorder</u> | <u>Sheriff</u> | <u>Treasurer</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| Assets | | | | | |
| Cash and Equivalents | \$ 2,577,478 | \$ 5,429 | \$ 15,189 | \$ 230,230 | \$ 2,828,326 |
| Total Assets | <u>2,577,478</u> | <u>5,429</u> | <u>15,189</u> | <u>230,230</u> | <u>2,828,326</u> |
| Liabilities and Fund Balances | | | | | |
| Total Liabilities | <u>\$ 2,577,478</u> | <u>\$ 5,429</u> | <u>\$ 15,189</u> | <u>\$ 230,230</u> | <u>\$ 2,828,326</u> |
| Fund Balances | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> | <u>-</u> |
| Total Liabilities and Fund Balances | <u><u>\$ 2,577,478</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 5,429</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 15,189</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 230,230</u></u> | <u><u>\$ 2,828,326</u></u> |

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**The County of Carter
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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Organized in 1812, the county of Carter was named after pioneer settler Zimri A. Carter. It is a third-class county, and the county seat is Van Buren. Carter County's government is composed of a three-member county commission and the following separately elected Constitutional Officers: County Clerk, Collector, Treasurer, Sheriff, Assessor, Coroner, Circuit Clerk, Recorder of Deeds, 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 Carter County, Missouri, the Carter County Senior Citizens Board, and the Carter County Developmental Disability Board.

The 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 Carter County, which consists of all funds, organizations, institutions, agencies, departments, and offices that comprise the County's legal entity. The Senior Citizens Board and Developmental Disability Board are controlled by separate boards and are also included under the control of the 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 Carter County 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.

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.

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Basis of Accounting (continued)

If the 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., the 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 the County was not in compliance with Missouri budgetary statute Chapter 50, RSMo. The following funds had actual expenditures which exceeded the budgeted expenditures: Special Road and Bridge Fund, Collector's Tax Maintenance Fund, Senior Citizen Tax Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Handling Cost Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund. The Developmental Disability Board did not prepare a complete budget for the Developmental Disability Board Fund.

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.

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Note 1 - Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

Taxes (continued)

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

| | |
|------------------------|----------------------|
| Real Estate | \$ 65,657,350 |
| Personal Property | 23,565,694 |
| Railroad and Utilities | 1,039,934 |
| | <u>\$ 90,262,978</u> |

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 | \$ 0.0961 |
| Road and Bridge | 0.2110 |
| Senior Citizens Services Board | 0.0500 |
| Developmental Disability Board | 0.0750 |

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, cash equivalent, and investment balances are presented in Note 2.

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.

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Note 2 - Deposits and Investments

Carter 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 arising 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 carrying values and bank balances of deposits and investments shown above are included in the financial statements at December 31, 2023, as follows:

| | <u>Carrying Value</u> | <u>Bank Balance</u> |
|--|-----------------------|---------------------|
| Deposits | \$ 4,678,118 | \$ 4,406,317 |
| Investments | - | - |
| Total Deposits and Investments as of December 31, 2023 | <u>\$ 4,678,118</u> | <u>\$ 4,406,317</u> |
| Total Cash and Equivalents - Governmental Funds | \$ 1,849,792 | |
| Total Cash and Equivalents - Custodial Funds | 2,828,326 | |
| | <u>\$ 4,678,118</u> | |

Custodial Credit Risk - Deposits

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, 2023, 100% of the County's deposits and investments were covered by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (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 Carter County or its agent but not in the government's name. The County does not have a policy for custodial credit risk relating to investments.

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. Carter 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 the 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). The County has no policy in place to minimize the risk of loss resulting from over concentration of assets in specific maturity, specific issuer or specific class of securities.

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Note 3 - Long-Term Debt

Financing Agreements

In 2000, the County entered into a revenue bond financing agreement with the U.S. Department of Agriculture for the Series 2000 Sewer System Revenue Bonds in the amount of \$250,000 for improvements to the South Van Buren Sewer District. The agreement requires 19 monthly payments of \$938 then 371 monthly payments of \$1,244, which includes interest payable at 4.50%. The financing agreement matures on May 23, 2033.

In 2017, the County entered into a financing agreement with the Missouri Development Finance Board for a disaster recovery loan in the amount of \$150,000. The agreement requires 19 annual payments of \$9,892, which includes interest payable at 3.00%. The financing agreement matures on November 14, 2037.

In 2020, the County entered into a financing agreement with the Missouri Development Finance Board for Justice Center construction and repairs in the amount of \$150,000. The agreement requires five annual payments of \$30,528, which includes interest payable at 3.00%. The lease agreement matures on December 15, 2025.

| | Balance at 12/31/22 | Amount Borrowed | Amount Repaid | Balance at 12/31/23 | Interest Paid During Year |
|--------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Series 2000 Sewer System | \$ 123,572 | \$ - | \$ (9,534) | \$ 114,038 | \$ 5,394 |
| MDFB - Disaster Recovery | 118,067 | - | (6,350) | 111,717 | 3,542 |
| MDFB - Justice Center | 88,943 | - | (30,528) | 58,415 | - |
| | <u>\$ 330,582</u> | <u>\$ -</u> | <u>\$ (46,412)</u> | <u>\$ 284,170</u> | <u>\$ 8,936</u> |

As of December 31, 2023, the schedule of future payments of long-term debt of the County is as follows:

| Year ending December 31, | Principal | Interest | Total |
|-----------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 2024 | \$ 45,265 | \$ 10,082 | \$ 55,347 |
| 2025 | 46,807 | 8,541 | 55,348 |
| 2026 | 17,850 | 6,970 | 24,820 |
| 2027 | 18,560 | 6,259 | 24,819 |
| 2028 | 19,284 | 5,536 | 24,820 |
| 2029-2033 | 99,637 | 15,484 | 115,121 |
| 2034-2037 | 36,767 | 2,800 | 39,567 |
| Total | <u>\$ 284,170</u> | <u>\$ 55,672</u> | <u>\$ 339,842</u> |

Construction Loan

In 2022, the County entered into a lease and option agreement with Southern Bank for the purpose of acquiring, constructing, and installing certain improvements, equipment, and fixtures in connection with a new justice center in the amount of \$8,635,365. The term of the leasing agreement is for a period of 5 years to commence on January 21, 2022 and mature on December 31, 2027, which includes interest payable at 2.19%. Expected repayment is determined based on the County's draw schedule and use of funds as construction obligations become due.

| | Balance at 12/31/22 | Amount Borrowed | Amount Repaid | Balance at 12/31/23 | Interest Paid During Year |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------------------|
| Drawdown Loan - Justice Center | \$ 2,119,624 | \$ 1,381,593 | \$ (927,015) | \$ 2,574,202 | \$ 50,626 |

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Note 4 - Interfund Transfers

Transfers between funds for the year ended December 31, 2023 are as follows:

| <u>Fund</u> | <u>Transfers In</u> | <u>Transfers Out</u> |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| General Revenue | \$ 228,421 | \$ 28,362 |
| Special Road and Bridge | 292,929 | 15,000 |
| Assessment | 34,362 | - |
| Law Enforcement Restitution | - | 7,000 |
| Sheriff Fee | 7,000 | - |
| Forest Reserve (15%) | - | 11,385 |
| Collector's Tax Maintenance | - | 6,000 |
| Grant Account | - | 500,650 |
| Community Development Block Grant | - | 5,700 |
| Sheriff Federal | 11,385 | - |
| Total | <u>\$ 574,097</u> | <u>\$ 574,097</u> |

Note 5 - State of Missouri 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 Sections 56.800 to 56.840, RSMo., circuit clerks and deputy circuit clerks covered under the Missouri State Retirement System, county sheriffs covered under Sections 57.949 to 57.997, RSMo., and certain personnel not defined as an employee per Section 50.1000(8), RSMo. 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.

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Note 5 - State of Missouri County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF) (continued)

Contributions (continued)

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 4% if they are in a LAGERS county and contributions of 6% if they are in a non-LAGERS county. If an employee leaves covered employment before attaining eight 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. During 2023, the County collected and remitted to CERF, employee contributions of \$68,937 for the year ended.

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 merchant's and manufacturer's 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 \$94,969 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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 6 - Prosecuting Attorney Retirement Fund

In accordance with state statute Section 56.807, RSMo., the 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. The County contributed \$3,366 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Note 7 - Other Retirement Plans

Carter County has 457 and 401(a) plans administered 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, 2023 for the 457 plan were \$15,976, and employee contributions collected and remitted by the County for the year ended December 31, 2023 for the 401(a) plan were \$8,056.

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Note 8 - Post Employment Benefits

The 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 the County.

Note 9 - Claims, Commitments, and Contingencies

Litigation

The County can be subject to various claims and legal proceedings 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 such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

Compensated Absences

The County provides employees with up to three weeks of paid vacation based upon the number of years of continuous service. This ranges from earning one week after the first year of service up to three weeks after fifteen years of service. Upon termination from county employment, an employee is reimbursed for unused vacation, if applicable. Employees in the County earn 6 days of sick leave per year and this can be accrued to a maximum of 30 calendar days. It is not paid to the employee upon separation of employment of the County. 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 10 - 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 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.

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Note 10 - Risk Management (continued)

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

Note 11 - Subsequent Events

The County has evaluated events subsequent to December 31, 2023 to assess the need for potential recognition or disclosure in the financial statements. Such events have been evaluated through December 5, 2025, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. Based upon this evaluation, it was determined that no subsequent events occurred that require recognition or additional disclosure in the financial statements.

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 Carter County, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with the 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 Carter County, Missouri as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Carter County, Missouri's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated December 8, 2025. Our opinion was adverse because the financial statements are not prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, the financial statements were found to be fairly stated on the regulatory basis of accounting, in accordance with regulatory reporting practices prescribed or permitted by the State of Missouri, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri'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 a certain deficiency in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-002 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

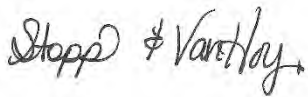
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Carter County, Missouri's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct 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 tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items 2023-001 and 2023-002.

Carter County, Missouri's Responses to Findings

Government Auditing Standards requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on the Carter County, Missouri's responses to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Carter County, Missouri's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



St. Louis, Missouri
December 8, 2025

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 Carter County, Missouri

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Carter 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.

In our opinion, Carter County, Missouri complied, in all material respects, with the compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on each of its major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023.

Basis for Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

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 Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri's compliance with the compliance requirements referred to above.

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 Carter 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 Carter 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 Carter 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 Carter 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 Carter 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 Carter 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 2023-003. 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 Carter County, Missouri's response to the noncompliance finding identified in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Carter 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

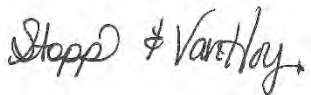
deficiencies in internal control over compliance, and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we did 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 deficiency in internal control over compliance described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2023-003 to be a significant deficiency.

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 Carter County, Missouri's response to the internal control over compliance finding identified in our audit described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Carter 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.



St. Louis, Missouri
December 8, 2025

**The County of Carter
Van Buren, Missouri
Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title | Assistance Listing Number | Pass-Through Entity Number | Federal Expenditures | Passed Through 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 | 10.665 | n/a | \$ 130,686 | \$ 100,515 |
| Total Forest Service Schools and Roads Cluster | | | 130,686 | 100,515 |
| Community Facilities Loans and Grants Cluster | | | | |
| Direct Program: | | | | |
| Community Facilities Loans and Grants | 10.766 | n/a | 78,550 | - |
| Total Community Facilities Loans and Grants Cluster | | | 78,550 | - |
| | | | 209,236 | 100,515 |
| 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 | 2018-LR-01 | 219,196 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | 2018-DP-01 | 2,255 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | 18-DP-MIT02 | 3,676 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | 18-DP-MIT03 | 4,384 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | 18-DP-MIT04 | 5,665 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | 18-DP-MIT05 | 31,028 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | 2020-CF-CV09 | 333,072 | - |
| Community Development Block Grants/State's program and Non-Entitlement Grants in Hawaii | 14.228 | FR-2018-22 | 3,675 | - |
| | | | 602,951 | - |
| U.S. Department of the Interior | | | | |
| Direct Program: | | | | |
| Payments in Lieu of Taxes | 15.226 | n/a | 202,558 | - |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Office of Administration | | | | |
| National Forest Acquired Lands | 15.438 | n/a | 131,676 | 98,757 |
| | | | 334,234 | 98,757 |
| U.S. Department of Justice | | | | |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Association of Prosecuting Attorneys | | | | |
| Crime Victim Assistance | 16.575 | MAPA22-23Carter | 28,886 | - |
| Crime Victim Assistance | 16.575 | MAPA23-24Carter | 7,590 | - |
| | | | 36,476 | - |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Department of Public Safety | | | | |
| Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program | 16.738 | FY 2022 LLEBG | 9,169 | - |
| | | | 45,645 | - |
| U.S. Department of Transportation | | | | |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Department of Transportation | | | | |
| Highway Planning and Construction | 20.205 | FLAP-060 | 235,007 | - |

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

**The County of Carter
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Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

| Federal Grantor/Pass-Through Grantor/Program Title | Assistance Listing Number | Pass-Through Entity Number | Federal Expenditures | Passed Through to Subrecipients |
|---|---------------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------------|
| U.S. Department of Transportation (continued) | | | | |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Department of Transportation | | | | |
| Alcohol Open Container Requirements | 20.607 | 23-154-AL-044 | 2,782 | - |
| Alcohol Open Container Requirements | 20.607 | 24-154-AL-049 | 2,376 | - |
| | | | 5,158 | - |
| Highway Safety Cluster | | | | |
| Passed through: | | | | |
| University of Central Missouri - Missouri Safety Center | | | | |
| State and Community Highway Safety | 20.600 | 23-PT-02-041 | 1,531 | - |
| State and Community Highway Safety | 20.600 | 24-PT-02-021 | 1,875 | - |
| | | | 3,406 | - |
| Passed through: | | | | |
| University of Central Missouri - Missouri Safety Center | | | | |
| National Priority Safety Programs | 20.216 | 23-M2HVE-05-031 | 406 | - |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Department of Transportation | | | | |
| National Priority Safety Programs | 20.216 | 23-M5HVE-03-005 | 969 | - |
| | | | 1,375 | - |
| Total Highway Safety Cluster | | | 4,781 | - |
| | | | 244,946 | - |
| U.S. Department of Treasury | | | | |
| Direct Program: | | | | |
| COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds | 21.027 | n/a | 311,132 | - |
| Direct Program: | | | | |
| COVID-19 Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund | 21.032 | n/a | 269,493 | - |
| | | | 580,625 | - |
| Election Assistance Commission | | | | |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Secretary of State | | | | |
| HAVA Election Security Grants | 90.404 | n/a | 7,862 | - |
| U.S. Department of Homeland Security | | | | |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Department of Public Safety: | | | | |
| Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) | 97.036 | FEMA-4317-DR-MO | 1,199,415 | - |
| Passed through state: | | | | |
| Missouri Department of Public Safety: | | | | |
| Emergency Management Performance Grants | 97.042 | EMK-2022-EP-00004-022 | 4,165 | - |
| | | | 1,203,580 | - |
| Total Expenditures of Federal Awards | | | \$ 3,229,079 | \$ 199,272 |

See Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

**The County of Carter
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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
For the year ended December 31, 2023

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 Carter 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 Carter County, Missouri, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net assets, or cash flows of Carter County, Missouri.

Basis of Accounting

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented on the cash basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of the *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of the financial statements.

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

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

**The County of Carter
Van Buren, Missouri
Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

Section 1 - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued Unmodified

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: Unmodified

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 | Name of Federal Program or Cluster |
|----------------|---|
| 15.226 | Payments in Lieu of Taxes |
| 97.036 | Disaster Grants - Public Assistance (Presidentially Declared Disasters) |

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs: \$ 750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? _____ Yes X No

**The County of Carter
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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the year ended December 31, 2023**

Section 2 - Financial Statement Findings

2023-001 **Criteria:** Missouri statutes require 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 the County was not in compliance with Missouri budgetary statute Chapter 50, RSMo. The following funds had actual expenditures which exceeded the budgeted expenditures: Special Road and Bridge Fund, Collector's Tax Maintenance Fund, Senior Citizen Tax Fund, Prosecuting Attorney Administrative Handling Cost Fund, and Community Development Block Grant Fund. The Developmental Disability Board did not prepare a complete budget for the Developmental Disability Board Fund.

Cause: Oversight

Effect: The County is in violation of Missouri Revised Statutes due to exceeding budgeted expenditures in certain funds and failing to prepare a complete budget for all required funds.

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. Additionally, we recommend that the Developmental Disability Board prepare a complete budget including budgeted expenditures.

Management's Response: The County Clerk will remind officeholders and the Developmental Disability Board to be more mindful of spending and to evaluate their available fund balances.

2023-002 **Criteria:** Management should prepare the budgets and financial statements of the County, as presented in the annual budget, to present balanced transfers between all funds. Per RSMo. 50.540, expenditure estimates shall be classified to set forth the data by funds, organization units, character, and objects of expenditure. Revenue estimates shall be classified to show receipts by funds, organization units, and sources.

Condition: The recorded transfers out did not equal the recorded transfers in in both the 2023 budget and actual revenues and expenditures. This was the result of transfers out misclassified as expenditures and transfers in misclassified as revenues. This has the effect of overstating expenditures and revenues as recorded in the annual budget documents. All transfers out must be accompanied by a corresponding transfer in. Additionally, budgeted transfers in did not balance to budgeted transfers out in the adopted 2023 budget for various funds. The financial statements presented in this report have been adjusted so that transfers in and out between funds are equal as of December 31, 2023.

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Section 2 - Financial Statement Findings (continued)

2023-002 A schedule of budgeted and actual transfers as originally presented in the financial statement is as follows:
(cont.)

| Fund | Budgeted Transfers | | Actual Transfers | |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | In | Out | In | Out |
| General Revenue | \$ - | \$ 28,362 | \$ 15,000 | \$ 28,362 |
| Special Road and Bridge | - | 15,000 | - | 15,000 |
| Assessment | 31,362 | - | 34,362 | - |
| Law Enforcement Restitution | - | - | - | - |
| Sheriff Fee | - | - | 7,000 | - |
| Forest Reserve (15%) | - | - | - | - |
| Collector's Tax Maintenance | - | - | - | - |
| Grant Account | - | - | - | - |
| Community Development Block Grant | - | - | - | - |
| Justice Center Finance | 2,000,000 | - | 615,772 | - |
| Sheriff Federal | - | - | - | - |
| | <u>\$ 2,031,362</u> | <u>\$ 43,362</u> | <u>\$ 672,134</u> | <u>\$ 43,362</u> |
| Unbalanced Difference: | | <u>\$ 1,988,000</u> | | <u>\$ 628,772</u> |

Cause: Oversight. The County does not have adequate internal controls in place to ensure proper financial reporting and budgeting of interfund transactions.

Effect: The adopted budget and financial statements of the County, as presented in the annual budget, were inaccurately prepared due to an imbalance between transfers in and out.

Recommendation: In order to ensure that transfers are properly reported and in balance, we recommend transfers out always be accompanied by an equal transfer in and that the transfers be clearly identified in the accounting system and on the annual budget.

Management's Response: The County Clerk's office will seek guidance from an outside accountant to assist with the balancing of interfund transfers.

Section 3 - Federal Award Findings

2023-003 **Criteria:** Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance) requires auditees to prepare an accurate Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards containing awards expended, assistance listing title and number, award number, name of the Federal agency, name of pass-through entity, and awards paid to subrecipients.

Condition: During our audit, we noted that the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards contained errors. The County's current internal controls over Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards reporting are not sufficient enough to ensure correct reporting. This finding is a repeat finding and was reported in the most recent audit for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

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Section 3 - Federal Award Findings (continued)

2023-003 Discrepancies in amounts reported on the SEFA and amounts supported by underlying accounting records are (cont.) summarized as follows:

| <u>Federal Agency</u> | Assistance Listing Number | As Reported on Original SEFA | As Corrected | \$ Difference |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| U.S. Dept. of Agriculture | 10.665 | \$ 273,660 | \$ 130,686 | \$ (142,974) |
| U.S. Dept. of Agriculture | 10.766 | - | 78,550 | 78,550 |
| U.S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Dvlp. | 14.228 | - | 602,951 | 602,951 |
| U.S. Dept. of Interior | 15.226 | 202,558 | 202,558 | - |
| U.S. Dept. of Interior | 15.438 | - | 131,676 | 131,676 |
| U.S. Dept. of Justice | 16.575 | - | 36,476 | 36,476 |
| U.S. Dept. of Justice | 16.738 | - | 9,169 | 9,169 |
| U.S. Dept. of Transportation | 20.205 | - | 235,007 | 235,007 |
| U.S. Dept. of Transportation | 20.607 | - | 5,158 | 5,158 |
| U.S. Dept. of Transportation | 20.600 | - | 3,406 | 3,406 |
| U.S. Dept. of Transportation | 20.216 | - | 1,375 | 1,375 |
| U.S. Dept. of Treasury | 21.027 | 335,113 | 311,132 | (23,981) |
| U.S. Dept. of Treasury | 21.032 | 269,494 | 269,493 | (1) |
| U.S. Election Assistance Commission | 90.404 | 7,862 | 7,862 | - |
| U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security | 97.036 | 1,901,383 | 1,199,415 | (701,968) |
| U.S. Dept. of Homeland Security | 97.042 | - | 4,165 | 4,165 |
| | | <u>\$ 2,990,070</u> | <u>\$ 3,229,079</u> | <u>\$ 239,009</u> |

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, 2023.

Recommendation: We recommend that the County implement internal controls to ensure that the 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.

Management's Response: Improvements in SEFA preparation have been implemented in order to ensure accuracy.

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In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, this section reports the auditor's follow-up on action taken by Carter County, Missouri, on the applicable findings in the prior audit report issued for the years ended December 31, 2022 and 2021.

Prior Year Financial Statement Findings

2022-001 **SEFA Accuracy**

Type of Finding: Significant Deficiency in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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, program title, assistance listing number, award number, name of the Federal agency, and name of the pass-through entity.

Condition: When performing a reconciliation of the draft SEFA provided by the County to the actual expenditures, it was noted that the draft schedule of federal expenditures was incorrect and did not reflect actual expenditures but instead was based upon budgeted expenditures.

Effect: Federal expenditures on the SEFA were incorrect.

Cause: The County does not have a process to reconcile the SEFA to actual expenditures incurred.

Repeat Finding: No

Recommendation: Annually, County management should perform a reconciliation of the SEFA to final expenditures in the trial balance.

Management's Response: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Status: This was not corrected, and no partial correction was accomplished during the fiscal year. The finding is repeated as finding 2023-003 in the current year.

Prior Year Federal Award Findings

2022-002 **Suspension and Debarment**

| | |
|---|---|
| Federal Agency: | U.S. Department of Treasury |
| Federal Program Name: | COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Effort |
| Assistance Listing Number: | 21.027 |
| Federal Award Identification Number and Year: | N/A |
| Award Period: | 2022 and 2021 |
| Pass-through Entity: | N/A |
| Questioned Costs: | None |

Type of Finding: Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance, Other Matters

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Prior Year Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-002 **Suspension and Debarment (continued)**
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Criteria or Specific Requirement: 2 CFR 200.303, requires that non-federal entities receiving federal awards establish and maintain internal control designed to reasonably ensure compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the federal award. Effective internal controls should include procedures in place to ensure the required certifications for covered contracts and subawards are received, documented, and contracts are not made with a debarred or suspended party.

Condition: During our testing, it was noted the County did not have adequate controls designed to ensure that suspension and debarment requirements were being met.

Context: Of the 5 vendors tested, we noted that all 5 were not verified by the County or certifications from the vendor collected to ensure the vendors were neither suspended or debarred.

Cause: The County has not designed and implemented internal controls to ensure compliance with suspension and debarment requirements outlined.

Effect: Failure to obtain the required certifications or perform verification procedures with SAM.gov could result in the payment of federal funds to vendors that are suspended or debarred from participation in federal assistance programs.

Repeat Finding: No

Recommendation: We recommend the County implement internal controls to ensure that suspension and debarment assessment are performed during the procurement and contracting phase. In addition, sufficient documentation should be retained to evidence suspension and debarment verification is performed.

Management's Response: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Status: Planned corrective action completed this fiscal year.

2022-003 **Reporting**

| | |
|---|---|
| Federal Agency: | U.S. Department of Treasury |
| Federal Program Name: | COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Effort |
| Assistance Listing Number: | 21.027 |
| Federal Award Identification Number and Year: | N/A |
| Award Period: | 2022 and 2021 |
| Pass-through Entity: | N/A |
| Questioned Costs: | None |

Type of Finding: Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance, Material Noncompliance

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Prior Year Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-003 **Reporting (continued)**
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Criteria or Specific Requirement: Interim Report: Provide initial overview of status and uses of funding. The interim report will include a recipient's expenditures through July 31, 2021 by category and at the summary level. The reporting requirements vary by type of recipient, the total allocation amount, and the date which the recipient first received its allocation. This is a one-time report.

Project and Expenditure Report: Report on financial data, projects funded, expenditures, and contracts and subawards over \$50,000, and other information. Project and Expenditure Reports are due on a regular, recurring basis after the Interim Reports. The reporting frequency and deadlines vary by type of recipient and total allocation amount.

Condition: During our testing, it was noted the County did not have adequate controls designed to ensure that reporting requirements were being met, which led to these reports not being submitted.

Context: Of the 2 reports required to be completed, none were prepared or submitted.

Cause: The County is in noncompliance with reporting requirements.

Effect: The County is in noncompliance with reporting requirements.

Recommendation: We recommend the County implement internal control to ensure that reporting requirements are performed.

Repeat Finding: No

Management's Response: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Status: Planned corrective action completed this fiscal year.

2022-004 **Subrecipient Monitoring**

| | |
|---|---|
| Federal Agency: | U.S. Department of Treasury |
| Federal Program Name: | COVID-19 Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Effort |
| Assistance Listing Number: | 21.027 |
| Federal Award Identification Number and Year: | N/A |
| Award Period: | 2022 and 2021 |
| Pass-through Entity: | N/A |
| Questioned Costs: | None |

Type of Finding: Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance, Other Matters

Criteria: The requirements for subrecipient monitoring for the subaward are contained in 31 USC 7502(f)(2) (Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (Pub. L. No. 104-156)), 2 CFR sections 200.330, .331, and .501(h); federal awarding agency regulations; and the terms and conditions of the award.

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2022-004 **Subrecipient Monitoring (continued)**

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The County must do the following:

- (1) Review the pass-through entity (PTE's) subrecipient monitoring policies and procedures to gain an understanding of the PTE's process to identify subawards, evaluate risk of noncompliance, and perform monitoring procedures based upon identified risks.
- (2) Review subaward documents including the terms and conditions of the subaward to ascertain if, at the time of the subaward (or subsequent subaward modification), the PTE made the subrecipient aware of the award information required by 2 CFR section 200.331(a) sufficient for the PTE to comply with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the award.
- (3) Review the PTE's documentation of monitoring the subaward and consider if the PTE's monitoring provided reasonable assurance that the subrecipient used the subaward for authorized purposes in compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of the subaward.
- (4) Ascertain if the PTE verified that subrecipients expected to be audited as required by 2 CFR 200, Subpart F, met this requirement (2 CFR section 200.331(f)). This verification may be performed as a part of the required monitoring under 2 CFR section 200.331(d)(2) to ensure that the subrecipient takes timely and appropriate action on deficiencies detected through audits.

Condition: During our testing, it was noted the County did not have adequate controls designed to ensure that subrecipient monitoring requirements were being met.

Context: Of the 3 subrecipients tested, all 3 did not include signed, formal agreements between the County and subrecipients.

Cause: The County has not designed and implemented internal controls to ensure compliance with subrecipient monitoring requirements.

Effect: The County was not communicating the required information to subrecipients through a formal agreement.

Recommendation: We recommend the County implement internal control(s) to ensure that required subrecipient monitoring through formal agreements is completed.

Repeat Finding: No

Management's Response: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Status: Planned corrective action completed this fiscal year.

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Prior Year Federal Award Findings (continued)

2022-005 **Reporting, Matching, and Earmarking**

| | |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| Federal Agency: | U.S. Department of Homeland Security |
| Federal Program Name: | Disaster Grants - Public Assistance |
| Assistance Listing Number: | 97.036 |
| Federal Award Identification Number and Year: | N/A |
| Award Period: | 2022 and 2021 |
| Pass-through Entity: | N/A |
| Questioned Costs: | None |

Type of Finding: Material Weakness in Internal Control over Compliance, Material Noncompliance

Criteria: Reporting: Quarterly progress reports are due from recipients on all open large projects 30 days after the end of each calendar quarter.

Matching: Costs must be on a shared basis, as specified in the FEMA-State Agreement. In general, the minimum federal share is 75 percent of eligible costs (44 CFR section 206.65). The nonfederal share that is split between the state and each subrecipient may vary. The accountability for meeting the matching requirement resides with the state and is determined at the time of project accounting as part of project closeout.

Earmarking: For major disaster or emergency declarations on or after November 13, 2007, the state makes management cost funding available to subrecipients, as prescribed in the state administrative plan, to administer PA projects (interim final rule, 44 CFR sections 206.207 and 206.228 and Part 207, effective November 13, 2007, 72 FR 57876 through 57878, October 11, 2007).

Condition: During our testing, it was noted the County did not have adequate controls designed to ensure that reporting requirements, which would be used to support and track matching and earmarking, were being met.

Context: No reports, which would have been used to support and track matching and earmarking, were completed and submitted.

Cause: The County has not designed and implemented internal controls to ensure compliance with programs specific reporting, matching and earmarking, requirements.

Effect: The County is in noncompliance with reporting, matching and earmarking, requirements.

Recommendation: We recommend the County implement internal controls to ensure that required reporting, which includes matching and earmarking, is completed timely as required.

Repeat Finding: No

Management's Response: There is no disagreement with the audit finding.

Status: Planned corrective action completed this fiscal year.

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

Audit Finding Reference: 2023-001

Planned Corrective Action: The County Clerk will remind officeholders and the Developmental Disability Board to be more mindful of spending and to evaluate their available fund balances.

Name of Contact Person: Debi Reynolds, County Clerk. Expected completion date is December 31, 2026.

Audit Finding Reference: 2023-002

Planned Corrective Action: The County's Clerk office will seek guidance from an outside accountant to assist with the balancing of interfund transfers.

Name of Contact Person: Debi Reynolds, County Clerk. Expected completion date is December 31, 2026.

Audit Finding Reference: 2023-003

Planned Corrective Action: Improvements in SEFA preparation have been implemented in order to ensure accuracy.

Name of Contact Person: Debi Reynolds, County Clerk. Expected completion date is December 31, 2026.