

Taney County, Missouri

Basic Financial Statements
Year Ended December 31, 2023

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Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinions

We have audited the accompanying modified cash basis financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Taney County, Missouri, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, based on our audit and the report of other auditors, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective modified cash basis financial position of the governmental activities, the business-type activities, the discretely presented component units, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Taney County, Missouri, as of December 31, 2023, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

We did not audit the financial statements of the Taney County Health Center, the Developmentally Disabled Board, Dorgan Weaver Housing Corporation, Combs-Redfern Apartments, Inc., Tantone Industries, and Dignity Now, Inc. Those statements were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, in so far as it relates to the amounts included for the discretely presented component units is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

Basis for Opinions

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to the 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of Taney 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 of Accounting

As described in Note 1 of the financial statements, the financial statements are prepared on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to that matter.

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Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting described in Note 1; this includes determining that the modified cash basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statements in the circumstances, and 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 the County'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.

Auditors' 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 auditors' 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 generally accepted auditing standards 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 the County'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 the County'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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the County's basic financial statements. The accompanying combining nonmajor fund financial statements and Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards, as required by Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards*, are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information 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. The 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 additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the combining nonmajor fund financial statements and the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Information

Management is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules, but does not include the basic financial statements and our auditors' report thereon. Our opinions on the basic financial statements do not cover the other information, and we do not express an opinion or any form of assurance thereon.

In connection with our audit of the basic financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and consider whether a material inconsistency exists between the other information and the basic financial statements, or the other information otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work performed, we conclude that an uncorrected material misstatement of the other information exists, we are required to describe it in our report.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated October 21, 2024, on our consideration of the Taney 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 the County's 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 the Taney County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Springfield, Missouri
October 21, 2024

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Taney County

Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Our discussion and analysis of Taney County's financial performance provides an overview of the County's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2023, within the limitations of the County's modified cash basis of accounting. Please read it in conjunction with the County's financial statements.

Financial Highlights

The overall net position of the County increased by \$5,571,699.

The fund balance for the General Fund increased by \$5,419,968.

The total increase between both Road and Bridge Funds was \$1,832,025.

In 2023, Taney County received more sales tax revenues than what was projected for the budget year.

Using this Annual Report

This annual report is presented in a format consistent with the presentation requirements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34 as applicable to the County's modified cash basis of accounting.

Report Components

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities provide information about the activities of the County as a whole and present a longer-term view of the County's finances.

Fund Financial Statements

Fund financial statements focus on the individual parts of the County government. Fund financial statements also report the County operations in more detail than the government-wide statements by providing information about the County's major funds. These statements tell how these services were financed in the short term as well as what remains for future spending.

Notes to the Financial Statements

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the government-wide and fund financial statements and provide expanded explanation and detail regarding the information reported in the statements.

Other Information

This Management's Discussion and Analysis and the budgetary comparison schedules represent additional financial information. Such information provides users of this report with additional data that supplements the government-wide statements, fund financial statements, and notes (referred to as "the basic financial statements").

Supplementary Information

This part of the annual report includes optional financial information, which includes the combining statements for the County's nonmajor funds. This supplementary information is provided to address certain needs of various users of the County's annual report.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Other Reporting Requirements

This part of the annual report includes additional reports required by the Federal Government and *Government Auditing Standards*.

Basis of Accounting

The County has elected to present its financial statements on the modified cash basis of accounting. This modified cash basis of accounting is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Basis of accounting is a reference to *when* financial events are recorded, such as the timing for recognizing receipts, disbursements, and their related assets and liabilities. Under the County's modified cash basis of accounting, receipts and disbursements and the related assets are recorded when they result from cash transactions. The modification to the cash basis relates to the presentation of investments.

As a result of the use of the modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenue (such as accounts receivable billed or services provided not yet collected) and liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods and services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) *are not recorded* in these financial statements. Therefore, when reviewing the financial information and discussion within this annual report, the reader should keep in mind the limitations resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

Government-wide Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities

One of the most important questions asked about the County's finances is, "Is the County as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?". The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Activities report information about the County as a whole and about its activities in a way that helps answer this question. These statements include all of the County's assets resulting from the use of the modified cash basis of accounting.

The statements report the County's net position and changes in it. Over time, increases and decreases in the County's net position are one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, the reader will need to consider other non-financial factors, such as changes in the County tax base, and the condition of the County's facilities, to assess the overall health of the County.

The Statement of Activities is presented by its governmental functions which include general government, judicial, public safety, public works, health and wellness, highway and roads, other activities and transfer station. The Statement of Activities shows the net cost of these functions before considering the general receipts of the County.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Fund Financial Statements

The fund financial statements provide detailed information about the County's funds. These funds are required to be established by state law and by bond covenants. These fund financial statements help the reader to determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future for County programs.

Governmental Funds: Most of the County's basic services are reported in governmental funds, which focus on how money flows into and out of those funds and the balances left at year-end that are available for spending. The governmental fund statements provide a detailed short-term view of the County's general government operations and the basic services it provides. Governmental fund information helps the reader determine whether there are more or fewer financial resources that can be spent in the near future to finance the County's programs.

Proprietary Funds: When the County charges customers for the services it provides – whether to outside customers or to other units of the County – these services are generally reported in proprietary funds.

Government-Wide Financial Analysis

Net Position – Modified Cash Basis

	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total December 31, 2023</u>	<u>Total December 31, 2022</u>
Assets				
Cash and investments	\$ 64,941,608	\$ 2,333,527	\$ 67,275,135	\$ 61,703,436
Total Assets	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>	<u>\$ 67,275,135</u>	<u>\$ 61,703,436</u>
Net Position				
Restricted	\$ 47,323,312	\$ -	\$ 47,323,312	\$ 47,968,878
Unrestricted	17,618,296	2,333,527	19,951,823	13,734,558
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>	<u>\$ 67,275,135</u>	<u>\$ 61,703,436</u>

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Changes in Net Position – Modified Cash Basis

	Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Total Year Ended December 31, 2023	Total Year Ended December 31, 2022
Receipts				
Program Receipts				
Charges for services	\$ 5,252,128	\$ 3,606,721	\$ 8,858,849	\$ 7,991,171
Operating grants and contributions	619,205	-	619,205	1,778,951
Capital grants and contributions	10,500	-	10,500	23,860
General Receipts				
Sales tax receipts	42,124,892	-	42,124,892	41,633,206
Motor vehicle sales tax	1,911,558	-	1,911,558	1,633,750
Other taxes	418,912	-	418,912	451,849
Intergovernmental receipts not restricted to specific programs	567,832	-	567,832	4,210,898
Interest	1,564,972	48,009	1,612,981	389,077
Other receipts	591,869	69,859	661,728	415,694
Transfers	200,989	(200,989)	-	-
Total Receipts	53,262,857	3,523,600	56,786,457	58,528,456
Disbursements				
General government	10,021,796	-	10,021,796	6,767,252
Judicial	1,752,464	-	1,752,464	1,661,789
Public safety	10,942,042	-	10,942,042	9,373,410
Public works	100,000	-	100,000	75,000
Highway and roads	12,186,052	-	12,186,052	10,582,288
Airport	849,480	-	849,480	689,026
Sewer	10,082,910	-	10,082,910	6,428,824
Debt service	825,481	-	825,481	1,627,406
Other	1,647,979	-	1,647,979	1,445,642
Transfer station	-	2,982,069	2,982,069	2,361,519
Total Disbursements	48,408,204	2,982,069	51,390,273	41,012,156
Special Item				
Insurance proceeds	-	175,515	175,515	-
<i>Increase in Net Position</i>	\$ 4,854,653	\$ 717,046	\$ 5,571,699	\$ 17,516,300

Overall receipts of the County decreased by \$1,566,484 from the prior year. Tax revenues were up \$736,557 and charges for services were up \$867,678. Overall disbursements of the County were up \$10,378,117.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Financial Analysis of the County's Funds

Certain funds experienced noteworthy changes from the prior year and are highlighted as follows:

- The General Fund balance increased by \$5,419,968 for the year ended December 31, 2023.
- The total increase between both Road and Bridge Funds was \$1,832,025.
- The Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund increased by \$391,459, which increased the fund balance to \$5,178,656 as of December 31, 2023.
- The County Sewer Sales Tax Fund increased \$1,450,143, which increased the fund balance to \$15,534,131.
- The ARPA Fund decreased \$4,349,255, which decreased the fund balance to \$5,327,119.

Financial Analysis Budget Versus Actual Results – General Fund

	Budget		Actual
	Original	Final	
Receipts			
Taxes	\$ 11,210,500	\$ 11,210,500	\$ 11,459,358
Commissions	800,000	800,000	873,793
Licenses and permits	85,900	85,900	99,047
Intergovernmental receipts	619,214	619,214	871,775
Fees and charges	2,334,000	2,334,000	2,479,663
Other	353,000	353,000	629,510
Total Receipts	<u>\$ 15,402,614</u>	<u>\$ 15,402,614</u>	<u>\$ 16,413,146</u>
Disbursements			
General government	\$ 5,288,700	\$ 5,288,700	\$ 4,665,645
Judicial	1,960,647	1,960,647	1,684,071
Public safety	7,525,853	7,525,853	6,755,658
Public works	100,000	100,000	100,000
Other	2,395,857	2,395,857	1,647,979
Airport	1,666,439	1,666,439	849,480
Total Disbursements	<u>\$ 18,937,496</u>	<u>\$ 18,937,496</u>	<u>\$ 15,702,833</u>

The County has always budgeted so that if there is a need that arises they are covered without having to revisit the budget process. The Commission has determined to do a better job of budgeting what we will have as a fund balance to carry forward, but there are several of the minor funds that are controlled by other elected officials and it makes sense to budget and appropriate the entire amount in those funds in case they are needed by those officials.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget

Taney County saw a 1.2% increase in sales tax revenue from the previous year. Although we saw an increase in revenue, the cost of products and services through 2023 also saw an increase due to inflation and the ever increasing cost of living. The continuing capital improvements within the County also added to the budget expenses. But in retrospect, they also improved the economy within the County.

In the Taney County Budget for 2024, we see a continuing increase in the cost of products and services for the County. This was definitely a big factor in the increase in expenditure projections. The Federal ARPA Grant Funds are still a factor in our overall budget.

We are projecting a continuing increase in our sales tax revenue as tourism continues to grow. We are also continuing to be conservative in our spending to help balance with our anticipated increase of expenditures.

Contacting the County's Financial Management

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Taney County

Statement of Net Position – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	Primary Government			Component Units						
	Governmental	Business-Type	Total	Taney County	Taney County	Develop- mentally	Dorgan-Weaver			Tantone
	Activities	Activities		Regional			Health Center	Disabled Board	Housing	
			Sewer District				Corporation	Apartments Inc.	Dignity Now Inc.	
Assets										
Cash and investments	\$ 64,941,608	\$ 2,333,527	\$ 67,275,135	\$ 2,979,008	\$ 1,753,888	\$ 2,944,297	\$ 104,643	\$ 28,303	\$ 185,418	\$ 86,298
Total Assets	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>	<u>\$ 67,275,135</u>	<u>\$ 2,979,008</u>	<u>\$ 1,753,888</u>	<u>\$ 2,944,297</u>	<u>\$ 104,643</u>	<u>\$ 28,303</u>	<u>\$ 185,418</u>	<u>\$ 86,298</u>
Net Position										
Restricted for:										
Road and bridge	\$ 19,383,170	\$ -	\$ 19,383,170	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Public safety	5,733,004	-	5,733,004	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sewer	15,534,131	-	15,534,131	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ARPA funds	5,327,119	-	5,327,119	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Elections	51,999	-	51,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recorder	649,341	-	649,341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	460,430	-	460,430	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tax maintenance	184,118	-	184,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Insurance escrow	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,877	156	-	-
Residual receipt reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	53	-	-
Replacement reserve	-	-	-	-	-	-	85,975	19,907	-	-
Tenant deposits	-	-	-	-	-	-	4,233	3,471	-	-
Unrestricted	<u>17,618,296</u>	<u>2,333,527</u>	<u>19,951,823</u>	<u>2,979,008</u>	<u>1,753,888</u>	<u>2,944,297</u>	<u>9,503</u>	<u>4,716</u>	<u>185,418</u>	<u>86,298</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>	<u>\$ 67,275,135</u>	<u>\$ 2,979,008</u>	<u>\$ 1,753,888</u>	<u>\$ 2,944,297</u>	<u>\$ 104,643</u>	<u>\$ 28,303</u>	<u>\$ 185,418</u>	<u>\$ 86,298</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Functions/Programs	Primary Government						
	<u>Disbursements</u>	Program Receipts			Net (Disbursements), Receipts and Changes in Net Position		
		<u>Charges for Services</u>	Operating	Capital	<u>Governmental Activities</u>	<u>Business-Type Activities</u>	<u>Total</u>
			Grants and Contributions	Grants and Contributions			
Primary Government							
Governmental Activities							
General government	\$ (10,021,796)	\$ 2,806,290	\$ 234,617	\$ -	\$ (6,980,889)	\$ -	\$ (6,980,889)
Judicial	(1,752,464)	234,758	-	-	(1,517,706)	-	(1,517,706)
Public safety	(10,942,042)	1,469,297	316,954	-	(9,155,791)	-	(9,155,791)
Public works	(100,000)	-	-	-	(100,000)	-	(100,000)
Airport	(849,480)	674,125	-	-	(175,355)	-	(175,355)
Other	(1,647,979)	67,658	1,500	-	(1,578,821)	-	(1,578,821)
Highway and roads	(12,186,052)	-	66,134	10,500	(12,109,418)	-	(12,109,418)
Sewer	(10,082,910)	-	-	-	(10,082,910)	-	(10,082,910)
Debt service	(825,481)	-	-	-	(825,481)	-	(825,481)
Total Governmental Activities	<u>(48,408,204)</u>	<u>5,252,128</u>	<u>619,205</u>	<u>10,500</u>	<u>(42,526,371)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(42,526,371)</u>
Business-Type Activities							
Transfer station	(2,982,069)	3,606,721	-	-	-	624,652	624,652
Total Business-Type Activities	<u>(2,982,069)</u>	<u>3,606,721</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>624,652</u>	<u>624,652</u>
Total Primary Government	<u><u>\$ (51,390,273)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 8,858,849</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 619,205</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 10,500</u></u>	<u><u>(42,526,371)</u></u>	<u><u>624,652</u></u>	<u><u>(41,901,719)</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Component Units	Program Receipts				Net (Disbursements), Receipts, and Changes in Net Position		
	Disbursements	Charges for Services	Operating Grants and Contributions	Capital Grants and Contributions	Governmental Activities	Business- Type Activities	Total
	Taney County Regional Sewer District	\$ (8,915,016)	\$ 2,344,253	\$ 6,363,503	\$ -		
Taney County Health Center	(3,658,526)	1,072,173	621,907	-			
Developmentally Disabled Board	(4,250,032)	3,319,047	-	-			
Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corp.	(66,011)	72,995	-	-			
Combs-Redfern Apartments Inc.	(106,243)	71,098	-	-			
Tantone Industries, Inc.	(901,671)	619,044	190,076	-			
Dignity Now, Inc.	(550)	-	10,563	-			
Total Component Units	\$ (17,898,049)	\$ 7,498,610	\$ 7,186,049	\$ -			
General Receipts and Transfers							
Sales taxes				42,124,892	-	42,124,892	
Motor vehicle sales taxes and gas taxes				1,911,558	-	1,911,558	
Other taxes				418,912	-	418,912	
Intergovernmental receipts not restricted to specific programs				567,832	-	567,832	
Interest				1,564,972	48,009	1,612,981	
Other receipts				591,869	69,859	661,728	
Transfers				200,989	(200,989)	-	
Total General Receipts and Transfers				47,381,024	(83,121)	47,297,903	
Special Item							
Insurance proceeds				-	175,515	175,515	
<i>Changes in Net Position</i>					4,854,653	717,046	5,571,699
Net Position, Beginning of year					60,086,955	1,616,481	61,703,436
Net Position, End of year					\$ 64,941,608	\$ 2,333,527	\$ 67,275,135

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Activities – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Component Units						
	Net (Disbursements), Receipts, and Changes in Net Position						
	Taney County Regional Sewer District	Taney County Health Center	Develop- mentally Disabled Board	Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corporation	Combs-Redfern Apartments Inc.	Tantone Industries Inc.	Dignity Now Inc.
Component Units							
Taney County Regional Sewer District	\$ (207,260)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Taney County Health Center	-	(1,964,446)	-	-	-	-	-
Developmentally Disabled Board	-	-	(930,985)	-	-	-	-
Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corp.	-	-	-	6,984	-	-	-
Combs-Redfern Apartments Inc.	-	-	-	-	(35,145)	-	-
Tantone Industries, Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	(92,551)	-
Dignity Now, Inc.	-	-	-	-	-	-	10,013
Total Component Units	<u>(207,260)</u>	<u>(1,964,446)</u>	<u>(930,985)</u>	<u>6,984</u>	<u>(35,145)</u>	<u>(92,551)</u>	<u>10,013</u>
General Receipts							
Ad valorem taxes	-	1,717,314	1,225,435	-	-	-	-
Interest	105,975	89,929	118,159	2,164	751	-	-
Other receipts	45,130	-	61,700	3,779	3,302	-	5,879
Total General Receipts	<u>151,105</u>	<u>1,807,243</u>	<u>1,405,294</u>	<u>5,943</u>	<u>4,053</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,879</u>
<i>Increase (Decrease) in Net Position</i>	(56,155)	(157,203)	474,309	12,927	(31,092)	(92,551)	15,892
Net Position, Beginning of year	3,035,163	1,911,091	2,469,988	91,716	59,395	277,969	70,406
Net Position, End of year	<u><u>\$ 2,979,008</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,753,888</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,944,297</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 104,643</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 28,303</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 185,418</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 86,298</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds						Nonmajor Special Revenue Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Road & Bridge Trust Fund	Road & Bridge Fund	Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund	County Sewer Sales Tax Fund	ARPA Fund		
Assets								
Cash and investments	\$ 17,264,981	\$ 16,799,793	\$ 2,583,377	\$ 5,178,656	\$ 15,534,131	\$ 5,327,119	\$ 2,253,551	\$ 64,941,608
Total Assets	<u>\$ 17,264,981</u>	<u>\$ 16,799,793</u>	<u>\$ 2,583,377</u>	<u>\$ 5,178,656</u>	<u>\$ 15,534,131</u>	<u>\$ 5,327,119</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,551</u>	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>
Fund Balances								
Restricted for								
Road and bridge	\$ -	\$ 16,799,793	\$ 2,583,377	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 19,383,170
Public safety	-	-	-	5,178,656	-	-	554,348	5,733,004
Sewer	-	-	-	-	15,534,131	-	-	15,534,131
ARPA funds	-	-	-	-	-	5,327,119	-	5,327,119
Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,999	51,999
Recorder	-	-	-	-	-	-	649,341	649,341
Judicial	-	-	-	-	-	-	460,430	460,430
Tax maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	184,118	184,118
Assigned to								
Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	353,315	353,315
Unassigned	17,264,981	-	-	-	-	-	-	17,264,981
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 17,264,981</u>	<u>\$ 16,799,793</u>	<u>\$ 2,583,377</u>	<u>\$ 5,178,656</u>	<u>\$ 15,534,131</u>	<u>\$ 5,327,119</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,551</u>	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>

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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes In Fund Balance – Governmental Funds – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Special Revenue Funds						Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
	General Fund	Road and Bridge Trust Fund	Road and Bridge Fund	Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund	County Sewer Sales Tax Fund	ARPA Fund		
Receipts								
Taxes	\$ 11,459,358	\$ 11,241,979	\$ 1,911,557	\$ 8,409,821	\$ 11,231,113	\$ -	\$ 408,258	\$ 44,662,086
Collector's commission	873,793	-	-	-	-	-	-	873,793
Licenses and permits	99,047	-	-	-	-	-	-	99,047
Intergovernmental	871,775	10,500	66,134	-	-	-	19,627	968,036
Fees and charges	2,479,663	-	-	-	-	-	1,577,897	4,057,560
Other	629,510	854,380	85,400	268,567	418,573	92,325	52,591	2,401,346
Total Receipts	<u>16,413,146</u>	<u>12,106,859</u>	<u>2,063,091</u>	<u>8,678,388</u>	<u>11,649,686</u>	<u>92,325</u>	<u>2,058,373</u>	<u>53,061,868</u>
Disbursements								
General government	4,665,645	-	-	-	-	4,441,580	914,571	10,021,796
Judicial	1,684,071	-	-	-	-	-	68,393	1,752,464
Public safety	6,755,658	-	-	3,461,448	-	-	724,936	10,942,042
Public works	100,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	100,000
Airport	849,480	-	-	-	-	-	-	849,480
Other	1,647,979	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,647,979
Highway and roads	-	10,686,204	1,499,848	-	-	-	-	12,186,052
Sewer	-	-	-	-	10,082,910	-	-	10,082,910
Debt service	-	-	-	825,481	-	-	-	825,481
Total Disbursements	<u>15,702,833</u>	<u>10,686,204</u>	<u>1,499,848</u>	<u>4,286,929</u>	<u>10,082,910</u>	<u>4,441,580</u>	<u>1,707,900</u>	<u>48,408,204</u>
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	710,313	1,420,655	563,243	4,391,459	1,566,776	(4,349,255)	350,473	4,653,664
Other Financing Sources (Uses)								
Operating transfers in (out)	4,709,655	(151,873)	-	(4,000,000)	(116,633)	-	(240,160)	200,989
Net Change in Fund Balances	5,419,968	1,268,782	563,243	391,459	1,450,143	(4,349,255)	110,313	4,854,653
Fund Balance, January 1	11,845,013	15,531,011	2,020,134	4,787,197	14,083,988	9,676,374	2,143,238	60,086,955
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 17,264,981</u>	<u>\$ 16,799,793</u>	<u>\$ 2,583,377</u>	<u>\$ 5,178,656</u>	<u>\$ 15,534,131</u>	<u>\$ 5,327,119</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,551</u>	<u>\$ 64,941,608</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Net Position – Proprietary Fund – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	<u>Enterprise Fund Transfer Station Fund</u>
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash and investments	\$ 2,333,527
Total Assets	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>
Total Net Position	<u>\$ 2,333,527</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Net Position – Proprietary Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Enterprise Fund
	Transfer Station Fund
Operating Receipts	
Charges for services	\$ 3,606,721
Total Operating Receipts	3,606,721
Operating Disbursements	
Salaries and employee benefits	761,133
Insurance	40,486
Supplies	457,038
Telephone and utilities	5,491
Repair and maintenance	371,065
Landfill services	909,047
Other	10,801
Total Operating Disbursements	2,555,061
<i>Operating Income</i>	1,051,660
Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	
Interest receipts	48,009
Insurance proceeds	175,515
Other receipts	69,859
Capital outlay	(427,008)
Total Nonoperating Receipts (Disbursements)	(133,625)
<i>Income Before Operating Transfers</i>	918,035
Operating transfers (out)	(200,989)
<i>Net Income</i>	717,046
Net Position, January 1	1,616,481
Net Position, December 31	\$ 2,333,527

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Cash Flows – Proprietary Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Enterprise Fund
	Transfer Station Fund
Cash Flows from Operating Activities	
Cash received from customers	\$ 3,606,721
Cash paid to suppliers	(1,793,928)
Cash paid to employees	(761,133)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	1,051,660
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities	
Transfers (to) other funds	(200,989)
Proceeds from other non-operating activities	245,374
Net Cash Provided by Noncapital Financing Activities	44,385
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities	
Purchase of capital outlay	(427,008)
Net Cash (Used) by Capital and Related Financing Activities	(427,008)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities	
Interest received	48,009
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities	48,009
<i>Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents</i>	717,046
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of year	1,616,481
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of year	\$ 2,333,527

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Statement of Net Position – Fiduciary Fund – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	Custodial Funds
Assets	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 17,582,202
Investments	10,700,792
Total Assets	<u>\$ 28,282,994</u>
Liabilities	
Due to others	\$ 3,170,195
Due to other governments	25,112,799
Total Liabilities	<u>28,282,994</u>
Net Position	
Unrestricted	-
Total Net Position	<u>\$ -</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

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Statement of Changes in Net Position – Fiduciary Fund – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	<u>Custodial Funds</u>
Additions	
Collections	
Taxes for other governments	\$ 80,525,903
Fees	3,251,542
Interest	100,656
Total Additions	<u>83,878,101</u>
Deductions	
Distributions	
Taxes distributed to other governments	81,356,585
Distribution to others	2,521,516
Total Deductions	<u>83,878,101</u>
<i>Excess of Additions Over Deductions</i>	-
Net Position, beginning of year	-
Net Position, end of year	<u><u>\$ -</u></u>

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1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Taney County, Missouri (the County) is a county of the 1st class and operates under a three-member County Commission.

The accounting methods and procedures adopted by the primary government of Taney County, Missouri, conform to the modified cash basis of accounting as applied to governmental entities. The following is a summary of the more significant policies.

Financial Reporting Entity

The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the primary government is not accountable, but for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. Component units are legally separate organizations for which the elected officials of the primary government are financially accountable. Financially accountable means the primary government is accountable for the component unit and the primary government is able to impose its will or the component unit may provide financial benefits or impose a burden on the primary government. In addition, component units can be other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

The County is a primary government, which is governed by a three member county commission. As required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the County has evaluated the above criteria to determine whether any other entity meets the definition of a component unit and must be included in these financial statements. The component units discussed below are included in the County's reporting entity because of the significance of their operational or financial relationships with the County.

Component Units

Taney County Health Center

The Taney County Health Center, which is governed by an elected Board of Directors, provides public health services to the residents of Taney County. The Taney County Health Center is included in the financial statements of the County as a component unit due to its financial relationship with the County.

The Taney County Health Center issues separate financial statements. The Taney County Health Center's financial statements may be obtained by contacting the Center at (417) 546-4725.

Taney County Regional Sewer District

The Taney County Regional Sewer District (the District) is a public utility responsible for the construction, operation and maintenance of sanitary sewer facilities in the unincorporated portion of Taney County, Missouri. The District is a component unit of Taney County (the County) government, and members of the District's Board of Trustees are appointed by the County Commission.

The Capital Improvement Sales Tax revenues are provided by a countywide sales tax of one-half of one percent. Sales tax revenues are collected and accounted for by the County. The tax revenues are used for construction and improvement of wastewater collection and treatment and facilities benefiting the County as a whole and repayment of long-term debt for which the tax receipts are pledged.

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The Taney County Regional Sewer District issues separate financial statements that may be obtained by calling (417) 546-7221.

Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled d.b.a. Developmental Connections

The Developmentally Disabled Board d.b.a. Developmental Connections, which is governed by a Board of Directors appointed by the County Commission, provides disability services to the residents of Taney County. The Developmentally Disabled Board d.b.a. Developmental Connections is included in the financial statements of the County as a component unit due to its financial relationship with the County.

The Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled d.b.a. Developmental Connections issued separate financial statements that may be obtained by calling (417) 335-4135.

Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corporation

The Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corporation, which is governed by an appointed Board of Directors, provides housing to developmentally disabled residents of Taney County. The Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corporation is included in the financial statements of the County as a component unit due to its financial relationship with the Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled d.b.a. Developmental Connections.

Combs-Redfern Apartments, Inc.

The Combs-Redfern Apartments, Inc., which is governed by an appointed Board of Directors, provides housing to developmentally disabled residents of Taney County. The Combs-Redfern Apartments, Inc. is included in the financial statements of the County as a component unit due to its financial relationship with the Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled d.b.a. Developmental Connections.

Tantone Industries, Inc.

Tantone Industries, Inc., which is governed by an appointed Board of Directors, provides production employment opportunities to lower range educable and upper range trainable developmentally disabled residents of Taney County. Tantone Industries, Inc. is included in the financial statements of the County as a component unit due to its financial relationship with the Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled d.b.a. Developmental Connections.

Dignity Now, Inc.

Dignity Now, Inc., which is governed by an appointed Board of Directors, provides services and support for children with developmental disabilities and their families. Dignity Now, Inc. is included in the financial statements of the County as a component unit due to its financial relationship with the Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled d.b.a. Developmental Connections.

Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide statements display information about the primary government and its component units. Interfund activity has been eliminated from these statements to minimize the duplication of internal activities. Governmental activities, which are supported by taxes and intergovernmental receipts, are reported separately from business-type activities, which rely on fees and charges for services for support.

In the government-wide Statement of Net Position, both the governmental and business-type activities are consolidated and presented on the modified cash basis of accounting.

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The government-wide Statement of Activities presents a comparison between direct disbursements and program receipts for each function of the County's governmental and business-type activities. Direct disbursements are those that are specifically associated with a program or a function. Program receipts include charges for goods or services offered by the programs and grants and contributions that are restricted to meet operating and capital disbursements of a particular program. Receipts that are not classified as program receipts, including all taxes, are presented as general receipts.

Fund Financial Statements

Separate fund financial statements report information on the County's governmental and proprietary funds. The emphasis of fund financial statements is on major governmental and enterprise funds, each displayed in a separate column. All remaining funds are aggregated and reported as nonmajor funds in their respective categories.

The County reports the following major governmental funds:

General Fund: The General Fund is the general operating fund of the County. It is used to account for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund.

Road and Bridge Trust Fund: The Road and Bridge Trust Fund of the County is used to account for resources restricted for highway and road disbursements.

Road and Bridge Fund: The Road and Bridge Fund of the County is used to account for motor vehicle and gas tax receipts designated for highway and road improvements.

Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund: The Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund of the County is used to account for resources restricted for law enforcement disbursements.

County Sewer Sales Tax Fund: The County Sewer Sales Tax Fund of the County is used to account for resources restricted for sewer related disbursements.

ARPA Fund: The ARPA Fund of the County is used to account for resources restricted disbursements identified by the American Rescue Plan Act.

The County also reports the following fund types:

Fiduciary Fund: Custodial funds account for miscellaneous assets held by the County for other funds, governmental units, and individuals. The fiduciary funds are custodial in nature and do not involve measurement of results of operations.

The County reports the following major proprietary fund:

Transfer Station Fund: The Transfer Station Fund of the County is used to account for the County's waste collection operations.

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Basis of Accounting

The government-wide Statement of Net Position and Statement of Activities and the fund financial statements are presented using the modified cash basis of accounting. This basis recognizes assets, net position/fund balance, receipts, and disbursements when they result from cash transactions. The cash basis has been modified to include investments of the County. This is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; and as a result, these financial statements may not be suitable for another purpose.

As a result of the use of this modified cash basis of accounting, certain assets and their related revenues (such as accounts receivable and revenue for billed or provided services not yet collected) and certain liabilities and their related expenses (such as accounts payable and expenses for goods or services received but not yet paid, and accrued expenses and liabilities) *are not recorded* in these financial statements. Also, as a result of the modified cash basis, capital assets and long-term debt are not presented in the financial statements.

If the County used the basis of accounting recognized as generally accepted, the fund financial statements for the governmental funds would use the modified accrual basis of accounting. All government-wide financial statements and proprietary fund financial statements would be presented on the accrual basis of accounting.

Cash and Investments

The County pools cash and investment resources of various funds in the County Treasurer's office in order to facilitate the management of cash and investments. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. Some County offices also hold cash and investments in their own separate bank accounts as required by state statute. The balance in the pooled cash account is available to meet current operating requirements. Investments of the County are carried at cost and include U.S. Government Agency obligations and Certificates of Deposit.

Fund Balance Classification

In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report aggregate amounts for five classifications of fund balances based on constraints imposed on the use of these resources as follows:

Nonspendable fund balance: This classification includes amounts that cannot be spent because they are either a) not in spendable form or b) legally or contractually required to be maintained intact.

Restricted fund balance: This classification reflects the constraints imposed on resources either a) externally by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or b) imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Committed fund balance: These amounts can only be used for specific purposes pursuant to constraints imposed by formal resolutions of the County Commission – the government's highest level of decision making authority. Those committed amounts cannot be used for any other purpose unless the Commission removes the specified use by taking the same type of action imposing the commitment.

Assigned fund balance: This classification reflects the amounts constrained by the County's "intent" to be used for specific purposes, but are neither restricted nor committed. Assigned fund balances include all remaining amounts (except negative balances) that are reported in the governmental funds, other than the General Fund, that are not classified as nonspendable and are neither restricted nor committed.

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Unassigned fund balance: This fund balance is the residual classification for the General Fund. It is also used to report negative fund balances in other governmental funds.

In circumstances when a disbursement is made for a purpose for which amounts are available in multiple fund balance classifications, fund balance is depleted in the order of restricted, committed, assigned, and unassigned.

Net Position

In the government-wide financial statements, equity is displayed, when applicable, in two components as follows:

Restricted: This consists of net position that is legally restricted by outside parties or by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted: This consists of net position that does not meet the definition of restricted.

When an expense is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available, the County first applies restricted net position.

Operating Receipts and Disbursements

Operating receipts and disbursements for the proprietary fund are those that result from providing services, producing and delivering goods and services. All other receipts and disbursements are considered non-operating.

Compensated Absences

The County has a county-wide policy on vacation and sick leave for all employees. Leave is taken at the discretion of each officeholder. The accumulated liability for compensated absences as of December 31, 2023, was \$281,204.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, the County considers all accounts subject to withdrawal by check or on demand to be cash and cash equivalents. All other deposits are considered to be investments.

Net Patient Service Revenue

The Taney County Health Center has agreements with third-party payors that provide for payments to the Health Center at amounts different from its established rates. Services rendered to Medicaid program beneficiaries are reimbursed prospectively at the Medicaid per diem rate in effect with no settlement made on the difference between the interim per diem rates paid and actual costs.

Pensions

Financial reporting information included in the notes to the financial statements pertaining to the County's participation in the State of Missouri County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF) is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date* as applicable to the County's modified cash basis of accounting

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Financial reporting information included in the notes to the financial statements pertaining to the County's participation in the Missouri Local Government Employees' Retirement System (LAGERS) is prepared in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date* as applicable to the County's modified cash basis of accounting

The financial statements were prepared using the modified cash basis of accounting. Therefore, employee and employer contributions are recognized when paid and the County's net pension liability, deferred outflows and inflows of resources related to pensions are not recorded in these financial statements.

2. Cash & Investments

Primary Government

The County maintains a cash and investment pool that is available for use by all funds. Each fund's portion of this pool is displayed on the Statement of Net Position as "Cash and investments." In addition, investments are separately held by several of the County's funds. State statutes require that County deposits be fully collateralized in the name of the County. As of December 31, 2023, all bank balances on deposit were entirely insured or collateralized with securities.

County Investments

Statutes authorize the County to invest in investments that are:

Obligations of the U.S. government, the State of Missouri, this county; in bonds, bills, notes, debentures or other obligations guaranteed as to payment of principal and interest by the government of the United States or any agency or instrumentality thereof, or the State of Missouri; in revenue bonds of the County; in certificates of deposit; savings accounts as defined in Chapter 369, Revised Missouri Statutes; or in interest-bearing time deposits when such funds are held in U.S. banks; state banks; savings and loan associations operating under Chapter 369, Revised Missouri Statutes; or savings and loan associations authorized by the U.S. government so long as such deposits, savings accounts and interest-bearing deposits are secured by one or more of the types of securities described in subparagraphs (a), (b) or (c) of this section; banker's acceptances issued by domestic commercial banks possessing the highest rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency; commercial paper issued by domestic corporations that has received the highest rating issued by a nationally recognized rating agency; or investments permitted by the County that are authorized in the model investment policy prepared by the State of Missouri for political subdivisions.

The County's investments at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Taney County		
Certificates of Deposit	2/2/2024 - 10/16/2026	\$ 40,889,000
Custodial Funds		
U.S. Government Agency Securities:		
Federal Home Loan Bank	4/25/2024 - 3/14/2025	4,900,292
Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation	5/17/2024 - 4/29/2025	4,000,000
Federal Farm Credit Bank	11/18/2024 - 12/9/2024	1,800,500
		<u>10,700,792</u>
		<u>\$ 51,589,792</u>

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Certificates of Deposit

Certificates of deposit with maturities in excess of three months are classified as investments but are considered deposits for custodial risk determination. State statutes require that the County's deposits be collateralized in the name of the County by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of December 31, 2023, all certificates of deposit are entirely insured or collateralized with securities.

U.S. Government Agencies

Funds invested in Federal Farm Credit Bank, Federal Home Loan Bank, and Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation are held by Central Bank and Commerce Bank and are all rated Aaa by Moody's.

Custodial Credit Risk

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counter party, the County will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in possession of an outside party. Certificates of deposit are classified as investments but are considered deposits for custodial risk determination. State statutes require that the County's deposits be collateralized in the name of the County by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of December 31, 2023, all Certificates of Deposit are entirely insured or collateralized with securities.

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value of the County's investments will decrease as a result of increase in interest rates. The County will minimize the risk that the market value of fixed income securities in the portfolio will fall due to changes in the general interest rates by structuring the investment portfolio so that fixed income securities mature to meet cash requirements for ongoing operations and by investing operating funds primarily in shorter term fixed income securities.

Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled

State statutes require that the Board's deposits be insured or collateralized in the name of the Board by the trust department of a bank that does not hold the collateralized deposits. As of December 31, 2023, all bank balances on deposit are entirely insured or collateralized.

Investments of the Board as of December 31, 2023, are as follows:

<u>Investment Type</u>	<u>Maturity</u>	<u>Fair Value</u>
Dignity Now		
Community Foundation of the Ozarks Investment Pool	N/A	<u>\$ 45,219</u>
Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled		
Certificates of Deposit	12 Months	\$ 250,000
Certificates of Deposit	18 Months	250,000
		<u>\$ 500,000</u>

Community Foundation of the Ozarks Investment Pool

The investments in the Community Foundation of the Ozarks Investment Pool are unrated and uncollateralized.

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Interest Rate Risk

The Board's certificates of deposit are held to maturity to minimize interest rate risk.

3. Claims, Judgments, & Contingencies

Federal and State Grants

The County participates in a number of federal and state programs that are fully or partially funded by grants received from other governmental units. Disbursements financed by grants are subject to audit by the appropriate grantor government. If disbursements are disallowed due to noncompliance with grant program regulations, the County may be required to reimburse the grantor government. As of December 31, 2023, significant amounts of grant disbursements have not been audited by grantor governments, but the County believes that disallowed disbursements, if any, based on subsequent audits, will not have a material effect on any of the individual government funds or the overall financial position of the County.

Legal Matters

There are a number of claims and/or lawsuits to which the County is a party as a result of certain injuries and various other matters and complaints arising in the ordinary course of County activities. The County's management and legal counsel anticipate that the potential claims, if any, against the County resulting from such litigation would not have a material effect on the financial position of the County.

4. Employee Pension Plan – CERF – Primary Government

State of Missouri County Employees' Retirement Fund

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. Taney County of Missouri's defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement and death benefits to its members. The County participates in the State of Missouri County Employees' Retirement Fund (CERF). CERF is a mandatory cost-sharing multiple employer retirement system for each county in the state of Missouri, except any city not within a county (which excludes the City of St. Louis) and counties of the first classification with a charter form of government.

CERF covers county elective or appointive officers or employees whose position requires the actual performance of duties not less than 1,000 hours per year; including employees of circuit courts located in a first class, non-charter county which is not participating in the Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS); and does not cover circuit clerks, deputy circuit clerks, county prosecuting attorneys, and county sheriffs. Until January 1, 2000, employees hired before January 1, 2000 could opt out of the system.

CERF was established by an act of the Missouri General Assembly effective August 28, 1994 and administered in accordance with RSMo. 50.1000 – 50.1300. As such, it is CERF's responsibility to administer the law in accordance with the expressed intent of the General Assembly. The plan as amended through November 1, 2010 is in a form acceptable under the Internal Revenue Code. The responsibility for the operations and administration of CERF is vested in the CERF Board of Directors consisting of eleven members. The Board of Directors has the authority to adopt rules and regulations for administering the system.

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CERF issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by accessing the CERF website at www.mocerf.org.

Benefits Provided. CERF provides retirement and death benefits to its members. All benefits vest after 8 years of creditable service. Employees who retire on or after age 62 are entitled to an allowance for life based on the form of payment selected. The normal form of payment is a single life annuity. Optional joint and survivor annuity and 10-year certain and life annuity payments are also offered to members in order to provide benefits to a named survivor annuitant after their death. Employees who have a minimum of 8 years of creditable service and who terminate employment after December 31, 1999 may retire with an early retirement benefit and receive a reduced allowance after attaining age 55. Benefit provisions are fixed by state statute and may be amended only by action of the Missouri Legislature. Administrative expenses for the operation of CERF are paid out of the funds of the system.

Cost-of-Living Adjustments (COLA). Annual cost-of-living adjustments not to exceed 1% are provided for eligible retirees and survivor annuitants, up to a lifetime maximum of 50% and may be amended only by action of Missouri Legislature.

Contributions. Prior to January 1, 2003, participating county employees, except for those who participated in LAGERS, were required to make contributions equal to 2% of gross compensation. Effective January 1, 2003, participated 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 8 years of creditable service, accumulated employee contributions are refunded to the employee. The contribution rate is set by state statute and may be amended only by action of the Missouri Legislature. Counties may elect to make all or a portion of the required 4% contribution on behalf of employees. Eligible employees of the employer contribute 4% to the pension plan. The employer did not elect to make all or a portion of the required 4% contribution on behalf of employees.

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 real estate and personal property tax declarations
- Twenty dollars on each merchants and manufacturers license issued
- Six dollars on each document recorded or filed with county recorders of deeds, with an additional one dollar on each document recorded
- Five-ninths of the fee on delinquent property taxes, and
- Interest earned on investment of the above collections prior to remittance to CERF

During 2023 ,the County collected and remitted to CERF, employee contributions of \$398,715. The County's contributions to CERF were \$788,139 for the year ended December 31, 2023.

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5. Employee Pension Plan – LAGERS – Primary Government

Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. Taney County's (which includes Taney County Health Department) defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The County participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). LAGERS is an agent multiple-employer, statewide public employee pension plan established in 1967 and administered in accordance with RSMo. 70.600-70.755. As such, it is LAGERS responsibility to administer the law in accordance with the expressed intent of the General Assembly.

The plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a) and is tax exempt. The responsibility for the operations and administration of LAGERS is vested in the LAGERS Board of Trustees consisting of seven persons. LAGERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by accessing the LAGERS website at www.molagers.org.

Benefits Provided. LAGERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the state statutes governing LAGERS. All benefits vest after 5 years of credited service. Employees who retire on or after age 60 (55 for police) with 5 or more years of service are entitled to an allowance for life based upon the benefit program information provided below. Employees may retire with an early retirement benefit with a minimum of 5 years of credited service and after attaining age 55 (50 for police) and receive a reduced allowance.

	<u>2023 Valuation</u>
Benefit multiplier	2.00% for life
Final average salary	5 years
Member contributions	0%

Benefit terms provide for annual post retirement adjustments to each member's retirement allowance subsequent to the member's retirement date. The annual adjustment is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index and is limited to 4% per year.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2023, which is LAGERS year end and the most recent information available, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	<u>General</u>	<u>Police</u>
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	178	41
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	115	26
Active employees	229	48
	<u>522</u>	<u>115</u>

Contributions. The employer is required to contribute amounts as least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by LAGERS using the individual entry-age actuarial method. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to

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finance an unfunded accrued liability. Full-time employees of the employer do not contribute to the pension plan. Employer contributions are 17.0% (General) and 18.3% (Police) of annual covered payroll.

During the year ended December 31, 2023 the County made contributions of \$2,056,679 and the Taney County Health Department made contributions of \$241,864.

6. Employee Pension Plan – LAGERS – Taney County Regional Sewer District

Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System

General Information about the Pension Plan

Plan Description. The Taney County Regional Sewer District’s defined benefit pension plan provides certain retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. The Taney County Regional Sewer District participates in the Missouri Local Government Employees Retirement System (LAGERS). LAGERS is an agent multiple-employer, statewide public employee pension plan established in 1967 and administered in accordance with RSMo. 70.600-70.755. As such, it is LAGERS responsibility to administer the law in accordance with the expressed intent of the General Assembly. The plan is qualified under the Internal Revenue Code Section 401(a) and is tax exempt. The responsibility for the operations and administration of LAGERS is vested in the LAGERS Board of Trustees consisting of seven persons. LAGERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. This report may be obtained by accessing the LAGERS website at www.molagers.org.

Benefits Provided. LAGERS provides retirement, death and disability benefits. Benefit provisions are adopted by the governing body of the employer, within the options available in the state statutes governing LAGERS. All benefits vest after 5 years of credited service. Employees who retire on or after age 60 with 5 or more years of service are entitled to an allowance for life based upon the benefit program information provided below. Employees may retire with an early retirement benefit with a minimum of 5 years of credited service and after attaining age 55 and receive a reduced allowance.

	<u>2023 Valuation</u>
Benefit multiplier	2.00% for life
Final average salary	3 years
Member contributions	0%

Benefit terms provide for annual post retirement adjustments to each member’s retirement allowance subsequent to the member’s retirement date. The annual adjustment is based on the increase in the Consumer Price Index and is limited to 4% per year.

Employees Covered by Benefit Terms. At June 30, 2023, which is LAGERS year end and the most recent information available, the following employees were covered by the benefit terms:

	<u>General</u>
Inactive employees or beneficiaries currently receiving benefits	4
Inactive employees entitled to but not yet receiving benefits	5
Active employees	12
	<u>21</u>

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Contributions. The employer is required to contribute amounts at least equal to the actuarially determined rate, as established by LAGERS. The actuarially determined rate is the estimated amount necessary to finance the cost of benefits earned by employees during the year, with an additional amount to finance an unfunded accrued liability. Full-time employees of the employer do not contribute to the pension plan. Employer contribution rates are 19.7% (General) of annual covered payroll.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Taney County Regional Sewer District made contributions of \$131,511.

7. Assessed Valuation, Tax Levy, & Legal Debt Margin

Property taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1. Taxes are levied on November 1, and are payable by December 31.

The 2023 assessed valuation of the tangible taxable property and the tax levies per \$100 assessed valuation of that property were as follows:

Assessed Valuation

Real estate	\$1,156,038,578
Personal property	220,048,604
	<u>\$1,376,087,182</u>

Tax Levy

County General Fund	\$ -
Health Center	0.1328
Board for the Developmentally Disabled	0.0946
	<u>\$ 0.2274</u>

The legal debt margin at December 31, 2023, is computed as follows:

Constitutional debt limit	\$ 137,608,718
General obligation bonds payable	-
Legal Debt Margin	<u><u>\$ 137,608,718</u></u>

Under Article VI, Section 26(b) and (c), Missouri Constitution, the County, by a vote of its qualified electors voting therein, may incur an indebtedness for any purpose authorized by law of the County or by any general law of the State of Missouri. The borrowings authorized by this section shall not exceed ten percent of the value of the taxable tangible property in the County.

8. Long-Term Debt – Taney County Regional Sewer District

During the year ended December 31, 2020, in exchange for monies for the purpose of constructing and equipping of an administration building and maintenance facility, the District granted a property lien to the bank of Missouri, which will be released upon fulfillment by the District of the financed purchase agreement. The agreement bears interest at 2.395% with principal payments due July 1st of each year. In the event of default, the lender shall have the right to terminate the agreement after 30 days.

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The following is a schedule of the future minimum payments under the agreement (assuming noncancellation):

Year Ended December 31,	Direct Borrowing		
	Principal	Interest	Total
2024	\$ 195,000	\$ 35,550	\$ 230,550
2025	200,000	30,718	230,718
2026	205,000	25,861	230,861
2027	205,000	20,883	225,883
2028	210,000	15,949	225,949
2029	220,000	10,806	230,806
2030	225,000	5,463	230,463
	\$ 1,460,000	\$ 145,230	\$ 1,605,230

The following table is a summary of the changes in the long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance December 31, 2022	New Obligations	Retired	Balance December 31, 2023	Current Portion
Direct Borrowing					
Financed Purchase Payable	\$ 1,650,000	\$ -	\$ 190,000	\$ 1,460,000	\$ 195,000

9. Long-Term Debt – Primary Government

The following schedule presents the changes in the long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance December 31, 2022	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 2023	Current Portion
2015A Certificates of Participation	\$ 815,000	\$ -	\$ 815,000	\$ -	\$ -
Compensated absences	269,575	11,629	-	281,204	-
	\$ 1,084,575	\$ 11,629	\$ 815,000	\$ 281,204	\$ -

10. Long-Term Debt – Board For The Developmentally Disabled

On November 1, 2010, the Board issued Taxable Certificates of Participation – Recovery Zone Economic Development Project Series 2010 for the construction of a new sheltered workshop facility. The Board has designated the Certificates as Recovery Zone Economic Development Bonds. The Board has elected to receive a credit from the Secretary of the United States Department of the Treasury in accordance with Section 6431 of the IRS code equal to 45% of the stated interest paid on the Bonds. Such payments will be received directly by the Board and used to make interest payments due on the Certificates. Receipt of the interest subsidy is subject to the Board filing an IRS Form 80-38-CP. The failure of the Board to file Form 80-38-CP could reduce or eliminate the amount of the interest subsidy.

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The agreement requires principal payments ranging from \$55,000 to \$120,000 plus interest at 6%. Principal payments are due December 1 of each year with interest due semi-annually on June 1 and December 1.

The agreement provides for the cancellation of the Certificates should the Board fail to appropriate funds on the annual renewal dates. However, the Board does not foresee exercising its option to cancel. In the event of default for non-payment of rental payments the Lessor may take possession of the property.

The total annual minimum payments required at December 31, 2023, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Series 2010 COP
2024	\$ 128,136
2025	126,708
Total Minimum Payments	254,844
Less Amount Representing Interest	(19,844)
Principal Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 235,000

The following schedule presents the changes in the long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Balance December 31, 2022	Additions	Retirements	Balance December 31, 2023	Current Portion
2010 Certificates of Participation	\$ 345,000	\$ -	\$ 110,000	\$ 235,000	\$ 115,000

11. Line of Credit – Board for the Developmentally Disabled

At December 31, 2023, the Organization had a \$250,000 secured line of credit with First Community Bank to be drawn upon as needed with a variable interest rate not to exceed 4%. As of December 31, 2023, there was no outstanding balance. The board did not draw on this loan for 2023.

12. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The County has transferred its risk by obtaining coverage from commercial insurance companies. In addition, it has effectively managed risk through various employee education and prevention programs. There has been no significant reduction in insurance coverage from the previous year.

13. Mortgage Payable – Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corporation

As of December 31, 2023, the Board had a mortgage payable of \$1,531,400. The mortgage payable represents a capital advance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of a 14-unit residential facility. The mortgage bears no interest and repayment is not required as long as the housing remains available for very low-income persons with disabilities.

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The following represents the changes in the mortgage payable during the year ended December 31, 2023:

	Direct Borrowing
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 1,531,400
Additions	-
Repayments	-
Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 1,531,400

14. Mortgage Payable – Combs-Redfern Apartments Inc.

As of December 31, 2023, the Board had a mortgage payable of \$2,147,500. The mortgage payable represents a capital advance from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for the construction of a 14-unit residential facility. The mortgage bears no interest and repayment is not required as long as the housing remains available for very low-income persons with disabilities.

	Direct Borrowing
Balance, December 31, 2022	\$ 2,147,500
Additions	-
Repayments	-
Balance, December 31, 2023	\$ 2,147,500

15. Interfund Transfers

Interfund transfers for the year ended December 31, 2023, consisted of the following:

	Transfers In (Out)
General Fund	\$ 4,709,655
Road and Bridge Trust Fund	(151,873)
Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund	(4,000,000)
Sewer Sales Tax Fund	(116,633)
Assessment Fund	(3,000)
Tax Maintenance Fund	(8,500)
E-911 Fund	(131,995)
Vest Grant Fund	(2,089)
Recorder Tech Fund	(92,607)
Election Services Fund	(1,969)
Transfer Station Fund	(200,989)
	\$ -

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Transfers are used to (1) move receipts from the fund that statute or budget requires to collect them to the fund that statute or budget requires to disburse them, and (2) use unrestricted receipts in the General Fund to finance various programs accounted for in other funds in accordance with budgetary authorizations.

16. Commitments

At December 31, 2023, the County was committed to the following contracts:

- Pictometry International in the amount of \$473,419
- Great River Engineering in the amount of \$90,432

At December 31, 2023, the County was committed to reimburse Taney County Regional Sewer District for the following contracts for sewer improvements:

- D&E Plumbing and Heating in the amount of \$331,718
- Excel Excavating in the amount of \$1,895,816
- HDR Engineering in the amount of \$692,596
- Great River Engineering in the amount of \$215,484
- Flat Creek Excavating in the amount of \$582,946

At December 31, 2023, the County was committed to the following intergovernmental funding agreements:

- City of Hollister Tertiary Filtration Rehabilitation in the amount of \$2,217,131

17. Commitments – Taney County Regional Sewer District

As of December 31, 2023, the District was committed in the following amounts:

- Toth and Associates, Inc. in the amount of \$323,683 for the Mildred Phase 2 engineering project
- HDR Engineering in the amount of \$622,227 for various projects
- Excel Excavating in the amount of \$1,594,976 for Venice on the Lake Sewer Collection System Project
- Great River Engineering and Flat Creek Excavating in the amount of \$223,935 and \$214,188, respectively, for the Hwy 86 Sewer Improvements Project

18. Tax Abatements

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As of December 31, 2023, the County was affected by tax abatement programs provided by the City of Branson, Missouri and the City of Hollister, Missouri. Both the City of Branson, Missouri and the City of Hollister, Missouri, provide tax abatements through the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (Tax Incremental Financing).

Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) is an economic development tool which redirects local tax revenues towards the redevelopment of eligible properties that are otherwise economically unfeasible. Sections 99.800 – 99.865, RSMo, the

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Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, enables cities to finance certain redevelopment costs with the incremental tax revenue generated by the net increase in assessed valuation resulting from the redevelopment. Real estate taxes in the redevelopment area are frozen at the current level or base valuation.

Sales tax revenues were reduced by \$3,476,537 and \$425,285 under the Tax Incremental Financing Agreement by the City of Branson, Missouri and by the City of Hollister, Missouri, respectively.

Taney County Board for the Developmentally Disabled

As of December 31, 2023, the Board was affected by tax abatement programs provided by the City of Branson. The City of Branson provided tax abatements through the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (Tax Incremental Financing).

Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) is an economic development tool which redirects local tax revenues towards the redevelopment of eligible properties that are otherwise economically unfeasible. Sections 99.800-99.865, RSMo, the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, enables cities to finance certain redevelopment costs with the incremental tax revenue generated by the net increase in assessed valuation resulting from the redevelopment. Real estate taxes in the redevelopment area are frozen at the current level or base valuation. Property tax revenues were reduced by \$37,429 under the Tax Incremental Financing Agreements entered into by the City of Branson, Missouri.

Taney County Health Department

As of December 31, 2023, the health department was affected by tax abatement programs provided by the City of Branson. The City of Branson provided tax abatements through the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act (Tax Incremental Financing).

Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) is an economic development tool which redirects local tax revenues towards the redevelopment of eligible properties that are otherwise economically unfeasible. Sections 99.800-99.865, RSMo, the Real Property Tax Increment Allocation Redevelopment Act, enables cities to finance certain redevelopment costs with the incremental tax revenue generated by the net increase in assessed valuation resulting from the redevelopment. Real estate taxes in the redevelopment area are frozen at the current level or base valuation. Property tax revenues were reduced by \$180,000 and \$30,041 under the Tax Incremental Financing Agreements entered into by the City of Branson, Missouri and the City of Hollister, respectfully.

19. Unusual & Infrequent Activity

Taney County Health Department

During the year ended December 31, 2023, management discovered a series of irregular transactions recorded by a prior employee. The irregular activity's commencement date is unknown but continued through November 2023. These irregularities are currently under investigation and the full extent is not yet known. Irregular transactions are estimated to be \$192,663. Full recovery is anticipated.

Other Information

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance with Final Budget</u>
Receipts				
Taxes				
County sales tax	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,241,979	\$ 241,979
Payment in lieu of taxes	200,000	200,000	206,726	6,726
Other taxes	10,500	10,500	10,653	153
	<u>11,210,500</u>	<u>11,210,500</u>	<u>11,459,358</u>	<u>248,858</u>
Collector's Commission				
Collection commissions	800,000	800,000	873,793	73,793
Licenses and Permits				
Beverage licenses	85,000	85,000	98,042	13,042
ATV permits	900	900	1,005	105
	<u>85,900</u>	<u>85,900</u>	<u>99,047</u>	<u>13,147</u>
Intergovernmental Receipts				
Federal	410,000	410,000	625,224	215,224
Other	209,214	209,214	246,551	37,337
	<u>619,214</u>	<u>619,214</u>	<u>871,775</u>	<u>252,561</u>
Fees and Charges				
Court	58,000	58,000	67,906	9,906
Public administrator	36,500	36,500	52,074	15,574
County clerk	1,000	1,000	1,083	83
Recorder of deeds	600,000	600,000	515,864	(84,136)
Tax sale publication	15,000	15,000	17,180	2,180
Planning and zoning	50,000	50,000	62,234	12,234
Sheriff fees	674,000	674,000	951,322	277,322
Phone and vending	500	500	136	(364)
Election reimbursement	60,000	60,000	69,113	9,113
Computer room	1,000	1,000	968	(32)
Animal Control	75,000	75,000	67,658	(7,342)
Airport	763,000	763,000	674,125	(88,875)
	<u>2,334,000</u>	<u>2,334,000</u>	<u>2,479,663</u>	<u>145,663</u>
Other				
Interest income	75,500	75,500	330,655	255,155
Miscellaneous	257,500	257,500	234,249	(23,251)
Sale of property	20,000	20,000	64,606	44,606
	<u>353,000</u>	<u>353,000</u>	<u>629,510</u>	<u>276,510</u>
Total Receipts	<u>15,402,614</u>	<u>15,402,614</u>	<u>16,413,146</u>	<u>1,010,532</u>

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – General Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Disbursements				
General Government				
University extension	52,029	52,029	47,329	4,700
Collector of revenue	346,321	346,321	308,118	38,203
Treasurer	148,107	148,107	144,521	3,586
Recorder of deeds	230,603	230,603	214,240	16,363
County commission	328,748	328,748	323,801	4,947
Administrative office	785,194	785,194	601,178	184,016
Employee fringe benefits	1,378,181	1,378,181	1,179,976	198,205
Information technology	518,734	518,734	433,589	85,145
Planning and zoning	189,189	189,189	175,843	13,346
Election and voter registration	133,760	133,760	139,998	(6,238)
County clerk	249,308	249,308	243,205	6,103
Auditor	134,176	134,176	114,016	20,160
Building and grounds	794,350	794,350	739,831	54,519
	5,288,700	5,288,700	4,665,645	623,055
Judicial				
Court administration	38,500	38,500	27,737	10,763
Circuit judge	226,750	226,750	176,463	50,287
Circuit clerk	32,700	32,700	26,341	6,359
Coroner	134,513	134,513	176,607	(42,094)
Court reporter	2,500	2,500	429	2,071
Public administrator	194,104	194,104	174,798	19,306
Juvenile	405,380	405,380	301,412	103,968
Prosecuting attorney	926,200	926,200	800,284	125,916
	1,960,647	1,960,647	1,684,071	276,576
Public Safety				
Sheriff	4,651,600	4,651,600	4,177,070	474,530
Jail	2,437,650	2,437,650	2,181,195	256,455
Animal control	353,442	353,442	334,758	18,684
Emergency management	83,161	83,161	62,635	20,526
	7,525,853	7,525,853	6,755,658	770,195
Public Works - Pooled Services				
Airport	100,000	100,000	100,000	-
Other	1,666,439	1,666,439	849,480	816,959
Other	2,395,857	2,395,857	1,647,979	747,878
Total Disbursements	18,937,496	18,937,496	15,702,833	3,234,663
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	(3,534,882)	(3,534,882)	710,313	4,245,195
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers (out)	(610,000)	(610,000)	(45,267)	564,733
Operating transfers in	4,927,201	4,927,201	4,754,922	(172,279)
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	4,317,201	4,317,201	4,709,655	392,454
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	782,319	782,319	5,419,968	4,637,649
Fund Balance, January 1	11,845,013	11,845,013	11,845,013	-
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 12,627,332	\$ 12,627,332	\$ 17,264,981	\$ 4,637,649

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Road and Bridge Trust Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Receipts				
Taxes	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,241,979	\$ 241,979
Intergovernmental receipts	710,000	710,000	10,500	(699,500)
Other receipts	195,000	195,000	854,380	659,380
Total Receipts	11,905,000	11,905,000	12,106,859	201,859
Disbursements				
Highway and Roads				
Wages and benefits	3,150,000	3,150,000	2,966,435	183,565
Computer related disbursements	30,000	30,000	28,403	1,597
Mileage and training	3,000	3,000	4,649	(1,649)
Professional services	80,000	80,000	69,518	10,482
Rental equipment	5,000	5,000	9,069	(4,069)
Telephone and utilities	84,000	84,000	76,923	7,077
Insurance	195,000	195,000	227,118	(32,118)
Repair and maintenance	525,000	525,000	886,612	(361,612)
Equipment	1,209,000	1,209,000	1,176,301	32,699
Road construction	5,085,000	5,085,000	2,334,588	2,750,412
Road supplies	3,181,000	3,181,000	2,856,018	324,982
Other supplies	40,500	40,500	27,823	12,677
Other	1,013,950	1,013,950	22,747	991,203
Total Disbursements	14,601,450	14,601,450	10,686,204	3,915,246
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	(2,696,450)	(2,696,450)	1,420,655	4,117,105
Other Financing Sources (Uses)				
Operating transfers in	50,000	50,000	246,257	196,257
Operating transfers (out)	(399,004)	(399,004)	(398,130)	874
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	(349,004)	(349,004)	(151,873)	197,131
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(3,045,454)	(3,045,454)	1,268,782	4,314,236
Fund Balance, January 1	15,531,011	15,531,011	15,531,011	-
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 12,485,557	\$ 12,485,557	\$ 16,799,793	\$ 4,314,236

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Road and Bridge Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Receipts				
Taxes	\$ 1,588,640	\$ 1,588,640	\$ 1,911,557	\$ 322,917
Intergovernmental receipts	54,500	54,500	66,134	11,634
Other receipts	28,450	28,450	85,400	56,950
Total Receipts	1,671,590	1,671,590	2,063,091	391,501
Disbursements				
Highway and Roads				
Wages and benefits	919,645	919,645	1,466,537	(546,892)
Capital outlay	40,000	40,000	28,033	11,967
Other	1,226,280	1,226,280	5,278	1,221,002
Total Disbursements	2,185,925	2,185,925	1,499,848	686,077
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	(514,335)	(514,335)	563,243	1,077,578
Fund Balance, January 1	2,020,134	2,020,134	2,020,134	-
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 1,505,799	\$ 1,505,799	\$ 2,583,377	\$ 1,077,578

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – Law Enforcement Sales Tax Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	<u>Original Budget</u>	<u>Final Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Variance With Final Budget</u>
Receipts				
Taxes	\$ 8,268,500	\$ 8,268,500	\$ 8,409,821	\$ 141,321
Other receipts	30,000	30,000	268,567	238,567
Total Receipts	<u>8,298,500</u>	<u>8,298,500</u>	<u>8,678,388</u>	<u>379,888</u>
Disbursements				
Public safety	5,009,475	5,009,475	3,461,448	1,548,027
Debt service	830,000	830,000	825,481	4,519
Total Disbursements	<u>5,839,475</u>	<u>5,839,475</u>	<u>4,286,929</u>	<u>1,552,546</u>
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	2,459,025	2,459,025	4,391,459	1,932,434
Other Financing (Uses)				
Operating transfers (out)	<u>(4,000,000)</u>	<u>(4,000,000)</u>	<u>(4,000,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(1,540,975)	(1,540,975)	391,459	1,932,434
Fund Balance, January 1	4,787,197	4,787,197	4,787,197	-
Fund Balance, December 31	<u><u>\$ 3,246,222</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 3,246,222</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 5,178,656</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 1,932,434</u></u>

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

Taney County

Budgetary Comparison Schedule – County Sewer Sales Tax Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Receipts				
Taxes	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,000,000	\$ 11,231,113	\$ 231,113
Other receipts	100,000	100,000	418,573	318,573
Total Receipts	11,100,000	11,100,000	11,649,686	549,686
Disbursements				
Sewer	19,534,210	19,534,210	10,082,910	9,451,300
Total Disbursements	19,534,210	19,534,210	10,082,910	9,451,300
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	(8,434,210)	(8,434,210)	1,566,776	10,000,986
Other Financing (Uses)				
Operating transfers (out)	(118,360)	(118,360)	(116,633)	1,727
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(8,552,570)	(8,552,570)	1,450,143	10,002,713
Fund Balance, January 1	14,083,988	14,083,988	14,083,988	-
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ 5,531,418	\$ 5,531,418	\$ 15,534,131	\$ 10,002,713

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule – ARPA Fund – Modified Cash Basis

Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance With Final Budget
Receipts				
Interest	\$ 40,000	\$ 40,000	\$ 92,325	\$ 52,325
Total Receipts	40,000	40,000	92,325	52,325
Disbursements				
General government				
Government services	9,716,374	9,716,374	4,441,580	5,274,794
Total Disbursements	9,716,374	9,716,374	4,441,580	5,274,794
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	(9,676,374)	(9,676,374)	(4,349,255)	5,327,119
Fund Balance, January 1	9,676,374	9,676,374	9,676,374	-
Fund Balance, December 31	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 5,327,119	\$ 5,327,119

See accompanying Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules.

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Notes to the Budgetary Comparison Schedules

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The County follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in the financial statements:

1. In accordance with Chapter 67, RSMo, the County adopts a budget for each fund.
2. Prior to January, the County Auditor, who serves as the Budget Officer, submits to the Commission a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning on the following January 1. The budget includes estimated receipts and proposed disbursements for all County funds. Budgeted disbursements cannot exceed beginning available monies plus estimated receipts for the year.
3. A public hearing is conducted to obtain taxpayer comments. Prior to its approval by the Commission, the budget document is available for public inspection.
4. In January, the budget is legally enacted by a vote of the Commission.
5. Subsequent to its formal approval of the budget, the 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 information included in the financial statements. Budgeted amounts are as originally adopted, or as amended by the Commission. Individual amendments were not material to the original appropriations, which were amended.
6. Budgets for County funds are prepared and adopted on the modified cash basis (budget basis), recognizing receipts when collected and disbursements when paid.

Supplementary Information

Taney County

Combining Statement of Assets and Fund Balances – Non-Major Special Revenue Funds – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	Assessment Fund	Law Enforcement Training Fund	Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund	E-911 Fund	Tax Maintenance Fund	Prosecuting Attorney Delinquent Tax Fund	Sheriff Civil Fees Fund	Vest Grant Fund	Prosecuting Attorney Bad Check Fund	Sheriff Drug Forfeiture Fund	Circuit Clerk Treatment Courts Fund	Circuit Clerk Driven Courts Fund
Assets												
Cash and investments	\$ 353,315	\$ 5,033	\$ 17,189	\$ 266,673	\$ 184,118	\$ 67,756	\$ 61,918	\$ -	\$ 94,127	\$ 1,567	\$ 43,823	\$ 50,189
Total Assets	<u>\$ 353,315</u>	<u>\$ 5,033</u>	<u>\$ 17,189</u>	<u>\$ 266,673</u>	<u>\$ 184,118</u>	<u>\$ 67,756</u>	<u>\$ 61,918</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 94,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,567</u>	<u>\$ 43,823</u>	<u>\$ 50,189</u>
Fund Balances												
Restricted for												
Public safety	\$ -	\$ 5,033	\$ -	\$ 266,673	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 61,918	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,567	\$ -	\$ -
Elections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Recorder	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	17,189	-	-	67,756	-	-	94,127	-	43,823	50,189
Tax maintenance	-	-	-	-	184,118	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Assigned to												
Assessment	353,315	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 353,315</u>	<u>\$ 5,033</u>	<u>\$ 17,189</u>	<u>\$ 266,673</u>	<u>\$ 184,118</u>	<u>\$ 67,756</u>	<u>\$ 61,918</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 94,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,567</u>	<u>\$ 43,823</u>	<u>\$ 50,189</u>

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Combining Statement of Assets and Fund Balances – Non-Major Special Revenue Funds – Modified Cash Basis

December 31, 2023

	Local Emergency Planning Commission Fund	Election Services Fund	Recorder Tech Fund	Law Library Fund	Domestic Violence Fund	Sheriff Revolving Fund	Inmate Security Fund	Circuit Clerk Interest Fund	Circuit Clerk Juvenile Fund	Circuit Clerk Education Fund	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund	Total
Assets												
Cash and investments	\$ 12,015	\$ 51,999	\$ 649,341	\$ 18,528	\$ 7,150	\$ 12,440	\$ 187,552	\$ 38,062	\$ 51,323	\$ 79,433	\$ -	\$ 2,253,551
Total Assets	<u>\$ 12,015</u>	<u>\$ 51,999</u>	<u>\$ 649,341</u>	<u>\$ 18,528</u>	<u>\$ 7,150</u>	<u>\$ 12,440</u>	<u>\$ 187,552</u>	<u>\$ 38,062</u>	<u>\$ 51,323</u>	<u>\$ 79,433</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,551</u>
Fund Balances												
Restricted for												
Public safety	\$ 12,015	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,150	\$ 12,440	\$ 187,552	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 554,348
Elections	-	51,999	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	51,999
Recorder	-	-	649,341	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	649,341
Judicial	-	-	-	18,528	-	-	-	38,062	51,323	79,433	-	460,430
Tax maintenance	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	184,118
Assigned to												
Assessment	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	353,315
Total Fund Balances	<u>\$ 12,015</u>	<u>\$ 51,999</u>	<u>\$ 649,341</u>	<u>\$ 18,528</u>	<u>\$ 7,150</u>	<u>\$ 12,440</u>	<u>\$ 187,552</u>	<u>\$ 38,062</u>	<u>\$ 51,323</u>	<u>\$ 79,433</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,551</u>

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Combining Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance – Non-Major Special Revenue Funds – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Assessment Fund	Law Enforcement Training Fund	Prosecuting Attorney Training Fund	E-911 Fund	Tax Maintenance Fund	Prosecuting Attorney Delinquent Tax Fund	Sheriff Civil Fees Fund	Vest Grant Fund	Prosecuting Attorney Bad Check Fund	Sheriff Drug Forfeiture Fund	Circuit Clerk Treatment Courts Fund	Circuit Clerk Driven Courts Fund
Receipts												
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408,258	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Intergovernmental receipts	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,729	-	-	-	-
Fees and charges	819,081	4,641	5,873	34,075	122,974	4,585	49,460	-	5,788	-	17,582	15,078
Other receipts	4,955	1,975	378	7,588	5,287	1,746	1,752	47	2,828	256	95	-
Total Receipts	<u>824,036</u>	<u>6,616</u>	<u>6,251</u>	<u>449,921</u>	<u>128,261</u>	<u>6,331</u>	<u>51,212</u>	<u>3,776</u>	<u>8,616</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>17,677</u>	<u>15,078</u>
Disbursements												
General government	740,785	-	-	-	80,882	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Judicial	-	-	264	-	-	-	-	-	288	-	7,395	5,566
Public safety	-	5,863	-	363,831	-	-	38,067	2,261	-	1	-	-
Total Disbursements	<u>740,785</u>	<u>5,863</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>363,831</u>	<u>80,882</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,067</u>	<u>2,261</u>	<u>288</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>7,395</u>	<u>5,566</u>
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	83,251	753	5,987	86,090	47,379	6,331	13,145	1,515	8,328	255	10,282	9,512
Other Financing (Uses)												
Operating transfers (out)	(3,000)	-	-	(131,995)	(8,500)	-	-	(2,089)	-	-	-	-
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	80,251	753	5,987	(45,905)	38,879	6,331	13,145	(574)	8,328	255	10,282	9,512
Fund Balance, January 1	273,064	4,280	11,202	312,578	145,239	61,425	48,773	574	85,799	1,312	33,541	40,677
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 353,315</u>	<u>\$ 5,033</u>	<u>\$ 17,189</u>	<u>\$ 266,673</u>	<u>\$ 184,118</u>	<u>\$ 67,756</u>	<u>\$ 61,918</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 94,127</u>	<u>\$ 1,567</u>	<u>\$ 43,823</u>	<u>\$ 50,189</u>

Taney County

Combining Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Fund Balance – Non-Major Special Revenue Funds – Modified Cash Basis Year Ended December 31, 2023

	Local Emergency Planning Commission Fund	Election Services Fund	Recorder Tech Fund	Law Library Fund	Domestic Violence Fund	Sheriff Revolving Fund	Inmate Security Fund	Circuit Clerk Interest Fund	Circuit Clerk Juvenile Fund	Circuit Clerk Education Fund	Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund	Total
Receipts												
Taxes	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 408,258
Intergovernmental receipts	-	15,898	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19,627
Fees and charges	-	11,047	213,769	11,103	7,050	15,340	185,680	16,981	29,717	8,073	-	1,577,897
Other receipts	334	1,417	16,384	53	100	693	6,438	71	-	192	2	52,591
Total Receipts	<u>334</u>	<u>28,362</u>	<u>230,153</u>	<u>11,156</u>	<u>7,150</u>	<u>16,033</u>	<u>192,118</u>	<u>17,052</u>	<u>29,717</u>	<u>8,265</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2,058,373</u>
Disbursements												
General government	-	10,261	82,643	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	914,571
Judicial	-	-	-	11,298	-	-	-	202	39,868	3,512	-	68,393
Public safety	1,471	-	-	-	6,631	47,011	259,642	-	-	-	158	724,936
Total Disbursements	<u>1,471</u>	<u>10,261</u>	<u>82,643</u>	<u>11,298</u>	<u>6,631</u>	<u>47,011</u>	<u>259,642</u>	<u>202</u>	<u>39,868</u>	<u>3,512</u>	<u>158</u>	<u>1,707,900</u>
<i>Excess (Deficit) of Receipts Over Disbursements</i>	(1,137)	18,101	147,510	(142)	519	(30,978)	(67,524)	16,850	(10,151)	4,753	(156)	350,473
Other Financing (Uses)												
Operating transfers (out)	-	(1,969)	(92,607)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(240,160)
<i>Net Change in Fund Balances</i>	(1,137)	16,132	54,903	(142)	519	(30,978)	(67,524)	16,850	(10,151)	4,753	(156)	110,313
Fund Balance, January 1	13,152	35,867	594,438	18,670	6,631	43,418	255,076	21,212	61,474	74,680	156	2,143,238
Fund Balance, December 31	<u>\$ 12,015</u>	<u>\$ 51,999</u>	<u>\$ 649,341</u>	<u>\$ 18,528</u>	<u>\$ 7,150</u>	<u>\$ 12,440</u>	<u>\$ 187,552</u>	<u>\$ 38,062</u>	<u>\$ 51,323</u>	<u>\$ 79,433</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 2,253,551</u>

Other Reporting Requirements



Independent Auditors' 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*

Taney County Commission
Taney County, Missouri
Forsyth, Missouri

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, business-type activities, each major fund, and the aggregate remaining fund information of Taney County, Missouri, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Taney County, Missouri's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon, dated October 21, 2024.

We have also audited the discretely presented component unit Taney County Regional Sewer District and issued our report dated April 25, 2024. This report does not include our testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported for these discretely presented component units. Our report also includes a reference to other auditors who audited the financial statements of the Taney County Health Center, the Taney County Developmentally Disabled Board, Dorgan-Weaver Housing Corporation, Combs-Redfern Apartments, Inc., Tantone Industries, and Dignity Now, Inc., as described in our report on Taney County, Missouri's financial statements. This report does not include results of other auditors' testing of internal control over financial reporting or compliance and other matters that are reported on separately by those auditors.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Taney County, Missouri's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis of 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 Taney County, Missouri's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control.

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

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Taney 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

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

KPM CPAs, PC

KPM CPAs, PC
Springfield, Missouri
October 21, 2024



Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance for Each Major Program and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by the Uniform Guidance

Taney County Commission
Taney County, Missouri
Forsyth, Missouri

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Taney 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 Taney County, Missouri's major federal programs for the year ended December 31, 2023. Taney County, Missouri's major federal programs are identified in the Summary of Auditors' Results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

In our opinion, Taney County, Missouri, complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on 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; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; 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 Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of Compliance section of our report.

We are required to be independent of Taney 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 the County'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 the County's federal programs.

Auditors' 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 Taney 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 generally accepted auditing standards, *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 substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, it would influence the judgement made by a reasonable user of the report on compliance about Taney County, Missouri's compliance with the requirements of each major federal program as a whole.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, *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 Taney 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 Taney 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 the County'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.

Report on Internal Control over Compliance

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 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.

Our consideration of internal control over compliance was for the limited purpose described in the Auditors' 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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over compliance that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in internal control over compliance may exist that were not identified.

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.

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.

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Springfield, Missouri
October 21, 2024

Taney County

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended December 31, 2023

<u>Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title</u>	<u>Assistance Listing Number</u>	<u>Pass-through Grantor's Number/Other Identifying Number</u>	<u>Passed-through to Subrecipients</u>	<u>Federal Expenditures</u>
U.S. Department of Homeland Security				
State Emergency Management Agency				
Emergency Management Performance Grants	97.042	EMK-2022-EP-00004-106	\$ -	\$ 11,784
		EMK-2023-EP-APP-0004-092	-	5,137
			-	16,921
Homeland Security Grant Program	97.067	EMW-2021-SS-00038	-	22,361
Total U.S. Department of Homeland Security			-	39,282
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
State of Missouri Office of Administration				
School and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	N/A	-	97,882
Total U.S. Department of Agriculture			-	97,882
U.S. Department of the Treasury				
Direct				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	N/A	4,000,000	4,441,581
Missouri Department of Public Safety				
COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds	21.027	SLFRP4542-POG130	-	19,179
			4,000,000	4,460,760
Direct				
Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund	21.032	N/A	-	38,377
Total U.S. Department of the Treasury			4,000,000	4,499,137
U.S. Department of Transportation				
Missouri Department of Transportation				
Highway Planning and Construction	20.205	BRO-R106(002)	-	7,970
Federal Lands Access Program	20.224	MO-73	-	2,529
Highway Safety Cluster				
University of Central Missouri				
National Priority Safety Programs	20.616	23-M2HVE-05-031	-	1,043
Missouri Department of Transportation				
State and Community Highway Safety	20.600	23-PT-02-111	-	4,909
Total Highway Safety Cluster			-	5,952
Alcohol Open Container Requirements	20.607	23-154-AL-044	-	7,453
		24-154-AL-049	-	3,000
			-	10,453
Total U.S. Department of Transportation			-	26,904

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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Year Ended December 31, 2023

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U.S. Department of Justice				
Direct				
Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program Lawrence County, Missouri	16.607	N/A	-	6,089
DCE/SP Eradication Grant Missouri Department of Public Safety	16.000	2023-DCE/SP	-	12,981
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	16.738	15PBJA-22-GG-00640-MUMU	-	6,514
Total U.S. Department of Justice			<u>-</u>	<u>25,584</u>
U.S. Department of the Interior				
Direct				
Payments in Lieu of Taxes State of Missouri Office of Administration	15.226	N/A	-	206,726
National Forest Acquired Lands	15.438	N/A	-	95,858
Total U.S. Department of the Interior			<u>-</u>	<u>302,584</u>
U.S. Department of Defense				
U.S. Army Corp Engineers				
Cooperative Agreement	12.000	W9127S-21-P0096	-	8,058
		W9127S-22-P0063	-	12,285
			<u>-</u>	<u>20,343</u>
State of Missouri Office of Administration				
Payments to States in Lieu of Real Estate Taxes	12.112	N/A	-	17,797
Total U.S. Department of Defense			<u>-</u>	<u>38,140</u>
Total Expenditures of Federal Awards			<u>\$ 4,000,000</u>	<u>\$ 5,029,513</u>

N/A- not applicable

See accompanying Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards.

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Notes to the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

Year Ended December 31, 2023

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of Taney County, Missouri, under programs of the federal government for the year ended December 31, 2023. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 U.S. *Code of Federal Regulations* Part 200, *Uniform Administration Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of Taney County, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of Taney County, Missouri.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the modified cash basis of accounting, which is described in Note 1 to the County's financial statements. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein certain types of expenditures are not allowable or are limited as to reimbursement. Taney County, Missouri, has elected not to use the 10-percent *de minimis* indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

3. Subrecipients

Taney County, Missouri, provided \$4,000,000 of Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds to subrecipients in the current year.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

Year Ended December 31, 2023

Section I: Summary of Auditors' Results

Financial Statements	
Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with the modified cash basis of accounting:	Unmodified
Internal Control over Financial Reporting:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None Reported
Noncompliance material to financial statements noted?	No
Federal Awards	
Internal control over major federal programs:	
Material weakness(es) identified?	No
Significant deficiency(ies) identified?	None Reported
Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major federal program:	Unmodified
Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2CFR 200.516(a)?	No
Identification of major federal program:	
Assistance Listing Number(s)	Name of Federal Program or Cluster
21.027	COVID-19 - Coronavirus State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds
Dollar threshold used to distinguish between type A and type B programs:	\$750,000
Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee?	No

Section II: Financial Statement Findings

None

Section III: Federal Awards Findings and Questioned Costs

None

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings

Year Ended December 31, 2023

There were no prior audit findings.