

**CONNIE BURDEN, COURT CLERK  
CUSTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
STATUTORY REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

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January 30, 2006

Connie Burden, Court Clerk  
Custer County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Custer County, Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. This engagement was conducted in accordance with 20 O.S. §1312. A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that there were not commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the Court Clerk.

We wish to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the assistance and cooperation extended to our office during the conduct of our procedures.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff A. McMahan".

JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

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**INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION**

The Court Clerk is elected by the qualified voters of the County for a term of four years.

The primary responsibilities of the Court Clerk are to record, file and maintain the proceedings of the District Court, and perform other duties as directed by the District Court. Other duties and responsibilities of the Court Clerk are as follows: collecting all required Court fees, issuing warrants, orders, writs, subpoenas, passports and certain licenses, maintaining dockets and financial records for the various divisions of the Court, maintaining an appropriation ledger to control and monitor Court Fund expenditures, disbursing District Court funds in accordance with Court instructions and state statutes, and reviewing Court Fund claims for proper supporting documentation before bringing the claims and vouchers to the Court Fund Board for approval.



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JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

Connie Burden, Court Clerk  
Custer County Courthouse  
Arapaho, Oklahoma 73620

Dear Ms. Burden:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2005 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2005 activity of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund as created by 19 O.S. § 220.

- We tested Court Fund vouchers issued to determine whether the expenditure: (1) was properly supported by a claim, invoice, and receiving documentation, (2) was properly approved, (3) was properly classified, and (4) did not exceed appropriations.
- We tested Court Clerk Revolving Fund vouchers to determine whether the expenditure: (1) was properly supported by a claim, invoice, and receiving documentation, and (2) was properly approved.
- We tested District Court vouchers to determine they were properly accounted for and we looked at supporting documentation for disbursements to determine they were issued in accordance with Court instructions.
- We reconciled the Court Fund activity and/or balances to the County Treasurer's records.
- We reconciled the Court Clerk Revolving activity and/or balances to the County Treasurer's records.
- We reconciled the District Court case balances to the County Treasurer's depository ledger.
- We tested receipts issued to determine whether: (1) the correct fee was collected, and (2) the receipt was properly accounted for in the financial records.

All information included in the reconciliations, the Court Fund appropriation ledger, the Court Clerk Revolving Fund, the monthly reports, and the cash receipts journal is the representation of the Court Clerk.


Our Court Clerk's engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Custer County.

Based on the above reconciliations, tests, and procedures performed; the Court Clerk is collecting the correct fees and is properly accounting for them; Court Fund vouchers were properly supported, approved, classified, and did not exceed appropriations; Court Clerk Revolving Fund expenditures were properly supported and approved; District Court vouchers were properly accounted for and issued in accordance with Court instructions; Court Fund activity, Court Clerk Revolving Fund financial records, and District Court case balances reconciled with the County Treasurer's records.

We have prepared detailed analysis of the Court Fund Account and of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund, which are presented following this report.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Custer County Court Fund Board and the Administrative Office of the Courts. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff A. McMAHAN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

December 5, 2005

**CONNIE BURDEN, COURT CLERK  
CUSTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2005**

Collections:	
Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 965,341
Refunds	995
Interest earned on deposit	1,618
Total collections	<u>967,954</u>
Deductions:	
Lump sum budget categories:	
Juror expenses	29,935
Indigent defense witness expense	72
Trial court attorneys	94,909
Transcripts - preliminary and trial	15,823
Transcripts - appeals	4,029
Mental health (attorneys)	9,600
Guardians ad litem fees	28,825
General office supplies	9,707
Forms printing	6,682
Books for records, indexes	399
Postage and freight	19,481
Court reporter supplies	1,106
Publications	36
Other expenses	3,392
General telephone expense	4,313
Long-distance telephone expense	1,089
Total lump sum categories	<u>229,398</u>
Restricted budget categories:	
Renovation and remodeling	25,846
Furniture and fixtures	8,259
Equipment purchases	2,337
Equipment rentals	3,800
Photocopy equipment maintenance	2,670
Photocopy equipment rental	13,927
Maintenance of equipment	16,770
Oklahoma Court Information System services	25,956
Part-time court clerk employees	165,533
Total restricted categories	<u>265,098</u>
Mandated categories:	
Law library	7,000
State judicial fund	516,478
Total mandated categories	<u>523,478</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,017,974</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(50,020)
Cancelled vouchers	1,333
Beginning account balance	184,744
Ending account balance	<u>\$ 136,057</u>

**CONNIE BURDEN, COURT CLERK  
CUSTER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2005**

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Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	<u>\$ 131,524</u>
Total collections	<u>131,524</u>
Deductions:	
Total deductions	<u>28,676</u>
Collections over deductions	102,848
Beginning account balance	<u>-</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 102,848</u></u>