

BECKHAM COUNTY COURT CLERK

FOR THE YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2008

STATUTORY REPORT



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**MARY JANE PRATHER, COURT CLERK
BECKHAM COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
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Mary Jane Prather, Court Clerk
Beckham County Courthouse
Sayre, Oklahoma 73662

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Beckham County Court Clerk for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. 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 blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage".

STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
STATE AUDITOR & 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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Dear Ms. Prather:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2008 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2008 activity of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund as created by 19 O.S. § 220.

- Test receipts issued to determine whether: (1) the correct fee was collected, and (2) the receipt was properly accounted for in the financial records.
- Test Court Fund vouchers 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.
- Test 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.
- Test District Court vouchers to determine whether they were properly accounted for and test supporting documentation for disbursements to determine whether the disbursements were issued in accordance with Court instructions.
- Determine whether Court Fund activity and/or balances reconcile to the County Treasurer's records.
- Determine whether the Court Clerk Revolving activity and/or balances reconcile to the County Treasurer's records.
- Determine whether the District Court case balances reconcile to the County Treasurer's depository ledger.

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 Beckham County.

Based on the above reconciliations, tests, and procedures performed, the Court Clerk was collecting the correct fees and 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 Beckham 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,



STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

May 28, 2009

**MARY JANE PRATHER, COURT CLERK
BECKHAM COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2008**

Collections:	
Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 639,185
Interest earned on deposit	<u>1,251</u>
Total collections	<u>640,436</u>
Deductions:	
Lump sum budget categories:	
Juror expenses	12,424
Trial court attorneys	97,870
Mental health attorneys	6,550
Transcripts-preliminary and trial	17,386
Transcripts-appeal	2,070
General office supplies	9,426
Forms printing	6,102
Publications	249
Postage and freight	5,539
Court reporter supplies	735
Gas, water, electricity	11,069
General telephone expense	3,310
Long-distance telephone expense	514
Other expenses (robes, etc.)	<u>677</u>
Total lump sum categories	<u>173,921</u>
Restricted budget categories:	
OCIS services	25,261
Maintenance of court area(s)	2,743
Equipment rentals	6,416
Maintenance of equipment	15,451
Photocopy equipment rental	5,015
Court clerk employees	<u>238,613</u>
Total restricted categories	<u>293,499</u>
Mandated categories:	
Law library	7,000
State judicial fund	<u>245,367</u>
Total mandated categories	<u>252,367</u>
Total deductions	<u>719,787</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(79,351)
Cancelled vouchers	896
Beginning account balance July 1, 2007	<u>134,493</u>
Ending account balance June 30, 2008	<u>\$ 56,038</u>

**MARY JANE PRATHER, COURT CLERK
BECKHAM COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2008**

Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	\$ 59,908
Total collections	<u>59,908</u>
Deductions:	
Court revolving fund expenses	<u>119,852</u>
Total deductions	<u>119,852</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(59,944)
Beginning account balance July 1, 2007	<u>94,185</u>
Ending account balance June 30, 2008	<u><u>\$ 34,241</u></u>



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