COUNTY AUDIT

BRYAN COUNTY

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013





Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector Gary A. Jones, CPA, CFE BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

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January 22, 2016

TO THE CITIZENS OF BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of Bryan County, Oklahoma for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. The audit was conducted in accordance with 19 O.S. § 171.

A report of this type can be critical in nature. Failure to report commendable features in the accounting and operating procedures of the entity should not be interpreted to mean that they do not exist.

The goal of the State Auditor and Inspector is to promote accountability and fiscal integrity in state and local government. Maintaining our independence as we provide this service to the taxpayers of Oklahoma is of utmost importance.

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

Sincerely,

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE

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OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

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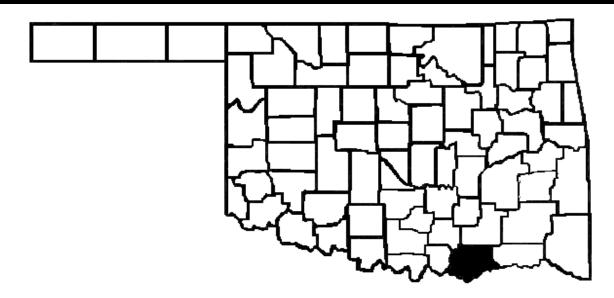
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Located in the mountains of southeastern Oklahoma, Bryan County is named for famous orator William Jennings Bryan. The area was first settled by Choctaw Indians following their removal from Mississippi. The Indians established several schools in the area during the mid-to-late 1800s. One of the schools, Armstrong Academy for boys in Durant, later served as the capital of the Choctaw Nation.

Durant, the county seat, is the site of many manufacturers including American Packaging, Bryan County Manufacturing, Potter Sausage, and Stahl Metal Products.

Southeastern Oklahoma State University in Durant is the site of the Oklahoma Shakespeare Festival. Held annually during June and July, this popular event has gained national recognition. The historic Bryan Hotel in Durant once served as southeastern Oklahoma's center for social and political activities. Many national politicians such as Robert Kerr, Carl Albert, and William Jennings Bryan included the hotel as a stop on their campaign trails. The hotel has been restored and tours are available.

Lake Texoma Resort provides a variety of recreational facilities including a golf course, marina, and camping facilities. For information, call the county clerk at 580/924-2202.

County Seat - Durant

Area – 943.43 Square Miles

County Population –43,399 (2012 est.)

Farms -1,701

Land in Farms – 490,688 Acres

Primary Source: Oklahoma Almanac 2013-2014

Board of County Commissioners

District 1 – Monty Montgomery

District 2 – Tony Simmons

District 3 – Jay Perry

County Assessor

Glendel Rushing

County Clerk

Tammy Reynolds

County Sheriff

Kenneth Golden

County Treasurer

Nancy Conner

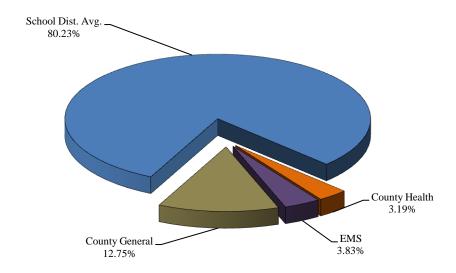
Court Clerk

Sandy Stroud

District Attorney

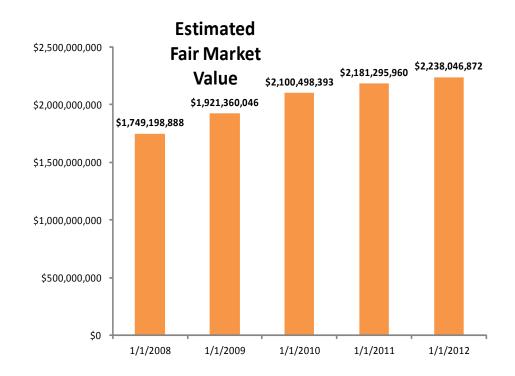
Emily Redman

Property taxes are calculated by applying a millage rate to the assessed valuation of property. Millage rates are established by the Oklahoma Constitution. One mill equals one-thousandth of a dollar. For example, if the assessed value of a property is \$1,000.00 and the millage rate is 1.00, then the tax on that property is \$1.00. This chart shows the different entities of the County and their share of the various millages as authorized by the Constitution.



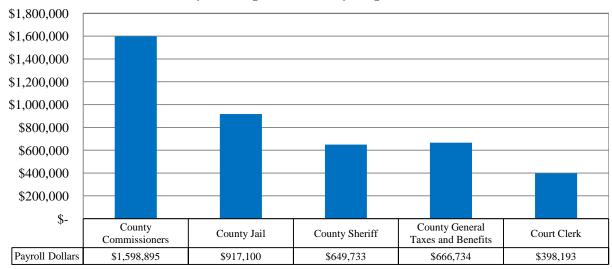
County-Wide Mi	llages	School District Millages							
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County General	10.22		_	Gen.	Bldg.	Skg.	Tech	Common	Total
County Health	2.56	Silo	I-1	36.26	5.18	-	12.26	4.09	57.79
EMS	3.07	Rock Creek	I-2	36.33	5.19	-	12.26	4.09	57.87
		Achille	I-3	36.33	5.19	9.67	12.26	4.09	67.54
		Colbert	I-4	35.84	5.12	16.93	12.26	4.09	74.24
		Caddo	I-5	36.23	5.18	5.00	12.26	4.09	62.76
		Bennington	I-40	36.02	5.15	9.33	12.26	4.09	66.85
		Calera	I-48	35.70	5.10	-	12.26	4.09	57.15
		Durant	I-72	35.49	5.07	17.99	12.26	4.09	74.90
		Boswell (Choctaw)	I-1	37.77	5.40	-	12.26	4.09	59.52

Valuation Date	Personal	Public Service	Real Estate	Homestead Exemption	Net Value	Estimated Fair Market Value
1/1/2012	\$28,981,934	\$59,177,698	\$192,073,132	\$10,075,305	\$270,157,459	\$2,238,046,872
1/1/2011	\$26,853,904	\$60,660,503	\$186,889,770	\$9,949,374	\$264,454,803	\$2,181,295,960
1/1/2010 1/1/2009	\$27,118,990 \$27,575,908	\$61,982,103 \$41,160,619	\$177,116,934 \$167,435,835	\$9,748,578 \$9,638,039	\$256,469,449 \$226,534,323	\$2,100,498,393 \$1,921,360,046
1/1/2009	\$29,374,701	\$24,322,351	\$155,395,186	\$9,509,521	\$199,582,717	\$1,749,198,888

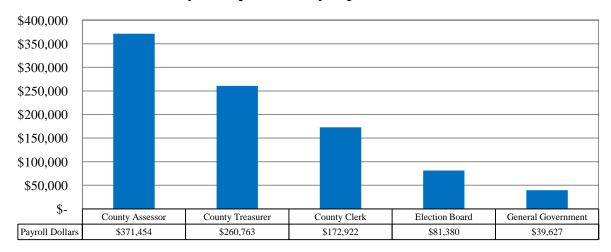


County officers' salaries are based upon the assessed valuation and population of the counties. State statutes provide guidelines for establishing elected officers' salaries. The Board of County Commissioners sets the salaries for all elected county officials within the limits set by the statutes. The designated deputy or assistant's salary cannot exceed the principal officer's salary. Salaries for other deputies or assistants cannot exceed the principal officer's salary. The information presented below is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013.

Payroll Expenditures by Department

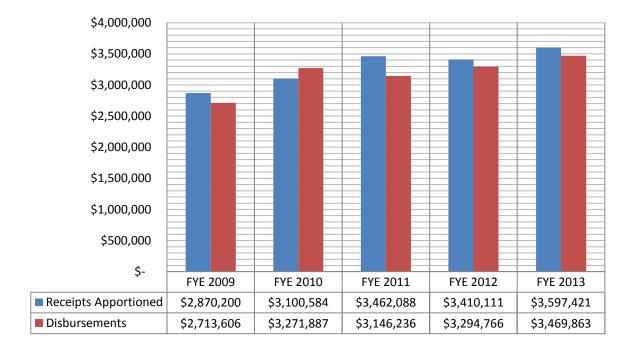


Payroll Expenditures by Department



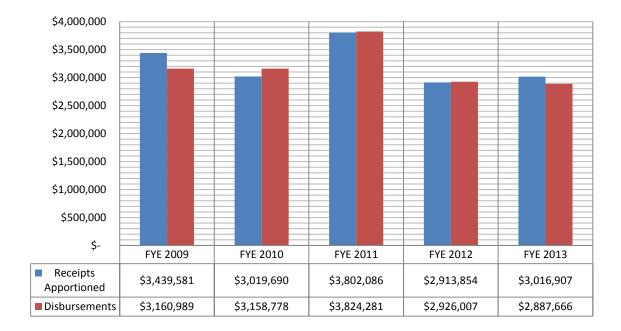
County General Fund

The Oklahoma Constitution and the Oklahoma Statutes authorize counties to create a County General Fund, which is the county's primary source of operating revenue. The County General Fund is typically used for county employees' salaries plus many expenses for county maintenance and operation. It also provides revenue for various budget accounts and accounts that support special services and programs. The Board of County Commissioners must review and approve all expenditures made from the County General Fund. The primary revenue source for the County General Fund is usually the county's ad valorem tax collected on real, personal (if applicable), and public service property. Smaller amounts of revenue can come from other sources such as fees, sales tax, use tax, state transfer payments, in-lieu taxes, and reimbursements. The chart below summarizes receipts and disbursements of the County's General Fund for the last five fiscal years.



County Highway Fund

The County receives major funding for roads and highways from a state imposed fuel tax. Taxes are collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Taxes are imposed on all gasoline, diesel, and special fuel sales statewide. The County's share is determined on formulas based on the County population, road miles, and land area and is remitted to the County monthly. These funds are earmarked for roads and highways only and are accounted for in the County Highway Fund. The chart below summarizes receipts and disbursements of the County's Highway Fund for the last five fiscal years.





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Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE OFFICERS OF BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Report on the Financial Statement

We have audited the combined total—all county funds on the accompanying regulatory basis Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Bryan County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, listed in the table of contents as the financial statement.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statement

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1, and for determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit. We conducted our audit 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statement 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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statement.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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

As described in Note 1 of the financial statement, the financial statement is prepared by Bryan County using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statements of the variances between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the "Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles" paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Bryan County as of June 30, 2013, or changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the combined total of receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances for all county funds of Bryan County, for the year ended June 30, 2013, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined total of all county funds on the financial statement. The Other Supplementary Information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statement.

The Other Supplementary Information, as listed in the table of contents, is the responsibility of management and was derived from and related directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Other Supplementary Information, as listed in the table of contents, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the combined total—all county funds.

The information listed in the table of contents under Introductory Section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement, and accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

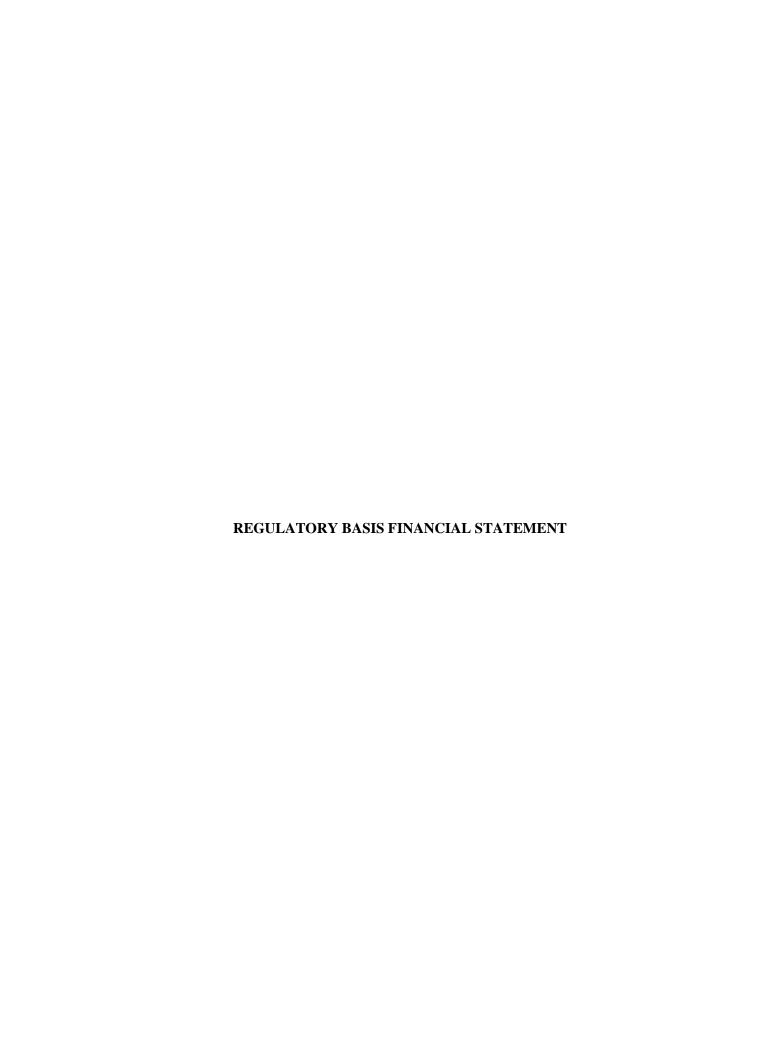
In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 22, 2016, on our consideration of Bryan County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and in considering Bryan County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE

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OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

January 22, 2016



BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—REGULATORY BASIS (WITH COMBINING INFORMATION)—MAJOR FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Beginning Cash Balances July 1, 2012		Balances Receipts		Transfers In		Transfers Out		s Disbursements		Cas	Ending h Balances te 30, 2013
Combining Information:												
Major Funds:												
County General Fund	\$	1,070,923	\$	3,597,421	\$	5,665	\$	-	\$	3,469,863	\$	1,204,146
County General Revolving Fund		6,766		-		-		6,766		-		-
T-Highway Fund		1,139,280		3,016,907		46,269		-		2,887,666		1,314,790
T-Highway Roads and Bridges Revolving Fund		222,369		365,627		-		-		235,445		352,551
County Health Department Fund		1,018,326		1,196,155		-		-		980,064		1,234,417
County Sinking Fund		2,949		87		-		-		-		3,036
COPS Fast Fund		1		-		-		-		-		1
County Treasurer Resale Property Fund		249,855		223,068		-		-		274,500		198,423
Jail Revolving Fund		34,106		31,832		-		-		37,484		28,454
Jail Special Fund		5		-		-		-		-		5
Sheriff Department of Corrections Fund		94,152		538,985		-		-		406,748		226,389
Sheriff Revolving Fund		136,145		343,662		-		-		337,727		142,080
T-Highway Sawmill BIA Fund		80,130		56		-		-		3,553		76,633
T-Highway Orchard Road BIA Fund		47,756		34		-		-		-		47,790
Bryan County Building Fund		97,313		50		-		40,000		23,420		33,943
CBRI 105 Fund		830,209		391,217		-		46,269		500,792		674,365
Jail Project Fund		2,604,064		36,615		46,766		-		2,684,477		2,968
Jail Renovation Note Fund		182,024		337,916		-		-		280,717		239,223
County Mixed Investment Fund		2,628		3,037		-		5,665		-		-
State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Fund		3,498		1,375		-		-		4,873		-
Achille Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		-		29,618
Albany Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		-		29,618
Bennington Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		-		29,618
Bokchito Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		30,018		-		-		8,220		21,798
Bryan County Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		2,000		27,618
Bryan County Communication Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		-		29,618
Caddo Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		-		29,618
Calera Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		2,307		27,311
Cartwright Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		7,123		22,495
Colbert Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		-		29,618
Durant Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		12,384		17,234
Freeny Valley Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		12,832		16,786
Kemp Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		632		28,986
Lakewood Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		12,141		17,477
Philadelphia Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		4,438		25,180
Roberta Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		14,029		15,589
Silo Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		4,613		25,005
Wade Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		7,856		21,762
West Bryan County Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		· -		29,618
Yuba Fire Department Sales Tax Fund		-		29,618		-		-		17,677		11,941
Remaining Aggregate Funds		453,331		887,428		_		_		958,817		381,942
Combined Total - All County Funds (As Restated)	\$	8,275,830	\$	11,564,232	\$	98,700	\$	98,700	\$	13,192,398	\$	6,647,664

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

Bryan County is a subdivision of the State of Oklahoma created by the Oklahoma Constitution and regulated by Oklahoma Statutes.

The accompanying financial statement presents the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances of the total of all funds under the control of the primary government. The general fund is the county's general operating fund, accounting for all financial resources except those required to be accounted for in another fund, where its use is restricted for a specified purpose. Other funds established by statute and under the control of the primary government are also presented.

The County Treasurer collects and remits material amounts of intergovernmental revenues and ad valorem tax revenue for other budgetary entities, including emergency medical districts, school districts, and cities and towns. The cash receipts and disbursements attributable to those other entities do not appear in funds on the County's financial statement; those funds play no part in the County's operations. Any trust or agency funds maintained by the County are not included in this presentation.

B. Fund Accounting

The County uses funds to report on receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

Following are descriptions of the county funds included as combining information within the financial statement:

County General Fund - accounts for the general operations of the government.

<u>County General Revolving Fund</u> - accounts for the remainder of sales tax revenue collected, and the disbursement thereof, as restricted by sales tax resolution no longer valid and in effect, to be used for general county purposes by deposit into the Bryan County General Fund. This fund was closed out this year, with the transfer of the remaining balance to the Jail Project Fund by order of the Board of County Commissioners.

<u>T-Highway Fund</u> - accounts for state, local, and miscellaneous receipts and disbursements are for the purpose of constructing and maintaining county roads and bridges.

<u>T-Highway Roads and Bridges Revolving Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution to be used for the maintenance of county highways and bridges.

BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>County Health Department Fund</u> - accounts for monies collected on behalf of the county health department from ad valorem taxes and local revenue.

<u>County Sinking Fund</u> - accounts for debt service receipts derived generally from a special ad valorem tax levy and from interest earned on investments of cash not immediately required for debt service payments.

<u>COPS Fast Fund</u> - remnant of federal funds to be expended for deputies' salaries in the Sheriff's office.

<u>County Treasurer Resale Property Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of interest, penalties, and fees on delinquent taxes, and the disposition of same as restricted by state statute.

<u>Jail Revolving Fund</u> - accounts for sales tax revenues received to be used for the maintenance of the jail.

<u>Jail Special Fund</u> - accounts for donations to help fund the county jail.

<u>Sheriff Department of Corrections Fund</u> - accounts for monies received from the State of Oklahoma for the boarding and feeding of Department of Corrections' prisoners.

<u>Sheriff Revolving Fund</u> - accounts for sales tax revenues received for the maintenance and operation of the sheriff's office.

<u>T-Highway Sawmill BIA Fund</u> - accounts for grant funds to be expended for the repair of Sawmill Road.

<u>T-Highway Orchard Road BIA Fund</u> - accounts for grant funds to be expended for the repair of Orchard Road.

<u>Bryan County Building Fund</u> - accounts for funds received from the sale of county-owned property, to be used for the repair of existing county properties.

<u>CBRI 105 Fund</u> - accounts for funds received from the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, and disbursements are restricted by state statutes for the purpose of reimbursement for constructing and maintaining county roads and bridges.

<u>Jail Project Fund</u> - accounts for a part of the proceeds of a \$3,000,000.00 loan, approved by voters to be repaid from dedicated county sales taxes collected, that is not specifically invested. These proceeds are to be used for the remodeling of the existing jail and the construction of a new expansion for the jail.

BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

<u>Jail Renovation Note Fund</u> - accounts for sales tax revenues to be used for the repayment of debt incurred for the remodeling to the existing jail and the construction of a new expansion for the jail.

<u>County Mixed Investment Fund</u> - accounts for interest earned on various investments of county funds. This fund closes out this year, with a transfer of the remaining balance to County General Fund.

<u>State Criminal Alien Assistance Program Fund</u> - accounts for Department of Justice grant funds to be used for reimbursement of expenses related to the identification of unknown inmates in the jail.

<u>Achille Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Albany Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Bennington Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Bokchito Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Bryan County Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Bryan County Communication Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Caddo Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Calera Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Cartwright Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Colbert Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Durant Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Freeny Valley Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Kemp Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Lakewood Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Philadelphia Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> – accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Roberta Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> – accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Silo Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> – accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Wade Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>West Bryan County Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

<u>Yuba Fire Department Sales Tax Fund</u> - accounts for the collection of sales tax revenue and the disbursement of funds as restricted by the sales tax resolution.

C. Basis of Accounting

The financial statement is prepared on a basis of accounting wherein amounts are recognized when received or disbursed. This basis of accounting differs from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require revenues to be recognized when they become available and measurable or when they are earned, and expenditures or expenses to be recognized when the related liabilities are incurred. This regulatory basis financial presentation is not a comprehensive measure of economic condition or changes therein.

Title 19 O.S. § 171 specifies the format and presentation for Oklahoma counties to present their financial statement in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) or on a regulatory basis. The County has elected to present their financial statement on a regulatory basis in conformity with Title 19 O.S. § 171. County governments (primary only) are required to present their financial statements on a fund basis format with, at a minimum, the general fund and all other county funds, which

represent ten percent or greater of total county revenue. All other funds included in the audit shall be presented in the aggregate in a combining statement.

D. Budget

Under current Oklahoma Statutes, a general fund and a county health department fund are the only funds required to adopt a formal budget. On or before the first Monday in July of each year, each officer or department head submits an estimate of needs to the governing body. The budget is approved for the respective fund by office, or department and object. The County Board of Commissioners may approve changes of appropriations within the fund by office or department and object. To increase or decrease the budget by fund requires approval by the County Excise Board.

E. Cash and Investments

For the purposes of financial reporting, "Ending Cash Balances, June 30" includes cash and cash equivalents and investments as allowed by statutes. The County pools the cash of its various funds in maintaining its bank accounts. However, cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable on the County's books. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements.

State statutes require financial institutions with which the County maintains funds to deposit collateral securities to secure the County's deposits. The amount of collateral securities to be pledged is established by the County Treasurer; this amount must be at least the amount of the deposit to be secured, less the amount insured (by, for example, the FDIC).

The County Treasurer has been authorized by the County's governing board to make investments. Allowable investments are outlined in statutes 62 O.S. § 348.1 and § 348.3.

All investments must be backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government, the Oklahoma State Government, fully collateralized, or fully insured. All investments as classified by state statute are nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are not subject to interest rate risk or credit risk.

2. Ad Valorem Tax

The County's property tax is levied each October 1 on the assessed value listed as of January 1 of the same year for all real and personal property located in the County, except certain exempt property. Assessed values are established by the County Assessor within the prescribed guidelines established by the Oklahoma Tax Commission and the State Equalization Board. Title 68 O.S. § 2820.A. states, ". . . Each assessor shall thereafter maintain an active and systematic program of visual inspection on a continuous basis and shall establish an inspection schedule

which will result in the individual visual inspection of all taxable property within the county at least once each four (4) years."

Taxes are due on November 1 following the levy date, although they may be paid in two equal installments. If the first half is paid prior to January 1, the second half is not delinquent until April 1. Unpaid real property taxes become a lien upon said property on October 1 of each year.

3. Other Information

A. Pension Plan

<u>Plan Description</u>. The County contributes to the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement Plan (the Plan), a cost-sharing, multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the Oklahoma Public Employees Retirement System (OPERS). Benefit provisions are established and amended by the Oklahoma Legislature. The Plan provides retirement, disability, and death benefits to Plan members and beneficiaries. Title 74, Sections 901 through 943, as amended, establishes the provisions of the Plan. OPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and supplementary information. That report may be obtained by writing OPERS, P.O. Box 53007, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105 or by calling 1-800-733-9008.

<u>Funding Policy</u>. The contribution rates for each member category are established by the Oklahoma Legislature and are based on an actuarial calculation which is performed to determine the adequacy of contribution rates.

B. Other Post Employment Benefits (OPEB)

In addition to the pension benefits described in the Pension Plan note, OPERS provides post-retirement health care benefits of up to \$105 each for retirees who are members of an eligible group plan. These benefits are funded on a pay-as-you-go basis as part of the overall retirement benefit. OPEB expenditure and participant information is available for the state as a whole; however, information specific to the County is not available nor can it be reasonably estimated.

C. Contingent Liabilities

Amounts received or receivable from grantor agencies are subject to audit and adjustment by grantor agencies, primarily the federal government. Any disallowed claims, including amounts already collected, may constitute a liability of the applicable fund. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time; although, the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

As of the end of the fiscal year, there were no claims or judgments that would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County; however, the outcome of any lawsuit would not be determinable.

D. Long Term Obligations

1. Sales Tax Reallocation for Payment of Promissory Note

The Board of County Commissioners by resolution on August 26, 2010, authorizes a County Sales Tax Reallocation Question to be placed on the November 2, 2010, General Election Ballot for consideration by the voters of Bryan County. The Voters of Bryan County approved the County Sales Tax Reallocation of one third of an existing one quarter of one percent sales tax to be reallocated for the repayment of an indebtedness of \$3,000,000 to be used for improvements, including construction and remodeling of the Bryan County Jail, the acquisition of land for courthouse parking, the installation of a security fence and electronic gate.

Purpose	Interest Rate	Original Amount
Bryan County,	4.75%	\$3,006,943
Oklahoma		
Improvements		

During the fiscal year 2013, payments included \$148,303 for principal, \$132,364 for interest, and \$50.00 for late fees.

Payments for the repayment of the debt incurred are as follows:

Fiscal Year Ending June 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2014	\$ 155,503	\$ 125,165	\$ 280,668
2015	163,052	117,616	280,668
2016	170,968	109,700	280,668
2017	179,268	101,400	280,668
2018-2026	2,036,927	465,691	2,502,618
Total	\$2,705,718	\$919,572	\$3,625,290

E. Sales Tax

On November 2, 2010, the voters of Bryan County approved a reallocation of the permanent one-fourth percent (1/4%) sales tax. This sales tax was reallocated to provide revenue for the operation of the Bryan County Sheriff's Office for law enforcement purposes, to provide revenue for the construction and maintenance of county roads and bridges, and to provide revenue for the retirement of the proposed indebtedness for the remodeling of the Bryan County Jail. These funds are accounted for in Sheriff Revolving Fund, T-Highway Roads and Bridges Revolving Fund, and Jail Renovation Note Fund.

On June 26, 2012, the voters of Bryan County approved an additional one fourth percent (1/4%) sales tax. This sales tax was allocated to provide revenue for the purpose of fire protection, prevention, communications, training related expenses (not to include salaries), and Fire/EMS/Rescue Operations. This includes maintenance and construction of buildings and facilities both current and future, the purchase and maintenance of current and future apparatus, vehicles and supplies for all current Bryan County Fire Departments, Bryan County Communications Center and the Bryan County Fire Chiefs' Association. These funds are accounted for in Achille, Albany, Bennington, Bokchito, Bryan County, Caddo, Calera, Cartwright, Colbert, Durant, Freeny Valley, Kemp, Lakewood, Philadelphia, Roberta, Silo, Wade, West Bryan County, and Yuba Fire Department Sales Tax Fund and Bryan County Communication Sales Tax Fund.

F. Interfund Transfers

During the fiscal year, the County made the following transfers between cash funds:

- \$5,665 was transferred from the County Mixed Investment Fund to the County General Fund to close out the County Mixed Investment Fund.
- \$40,000 was transferred from the Bryan County Building Fund to the Jail Project Fund to complete the jail project.
- \$6,766 was transferred from the County General Revolving Fund to the Jail Project Fund to complete the jail project.
- \$46,269 was transferred from the CBRI 105 Fund to the T-Highway Fund for road projects of Bryan County.

G. Reclassification

During the fiscal year, the County had a reclassification of a fund. County Clerk Cash Drawer Increase Fund was listed as a trust and agency fund; however it was reclassified as a County fund.

Prior year ending balance, as reported	\$8,275,780
Fund reclassified to County Funds	50
Prior year ending balance, as restated	\$8,275,830



BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS— GENERAL FUND

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	General Fund								
	Budget	Actual	Variance						
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 1,070,923	\$ 1,070,923	\$ -						
Less: Prior Year Outstanding Warrants	(161,180)	(161,180)	-						
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(59,794)	(59,735)	59						
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	849,949	850,008	59						
Residual Transfer	-	5,665	5,665						
Receipts:									
Ad Valorem Taxes	2,510,008	2,706,768	196,760						
Charges for Services	150,500	178,200	27,700						
Intergovernmental Revenues	470,490	594,160	123,670						
Miscellaneous Revenues	18,400	118,293	99,893						
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	3,149,398	3,597,421	448,023						
Expenditures:									
County Sheriff	306,428	304,440	1,988						
County Treasurer	119,584	119,354	230						
County Commissioners	133,401	133,141	260						
OSU Extension	91,384	37,881	53,503						
County Clerk	156,644	154,583	2,061						
Court Clerk	137,644	137,198	446						
County Assessor	89,123	88,985	138						
Revaluation of Real Property	359,871	312,364	47,507						
General Government	1,505,063	1,159,408	345,655						
Excise-Equalization Board	7,001	5,449	1,552						
County Election Board	104,205	94,767	9,438						
Charity	800	400	400						
County Jail	849,580	839,209	10,371						
Emergency Mangement	15,000	15,000	-						
County Audit Budget Account	111,619	111,619	-						
Free Fair Budget Account	12,000	12,000							
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	3,999,347	3,525,798	473,549						
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash									
Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	\$ -	927,296	\$ 927,296						
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts,									
Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances									
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants		220,063							
Add: Current Year Encumbrances		56,787							
Ending Cash Balance		\$ 1,204,146							

BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS— COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

County Health Department Fund								
dget	Actual	Variance						
,018,326 \$	1,018,326	\$ -						
(5,061)	(5,061)	-						
(148,149)	(126,360)	21,789						
865,116	886,905	21,789						
628,730	687,129	58,399						
-	507,495	507,495						
<u> </u>	1,531	1,531						
628,730	1,196,155	567,425						
,493,846	1,055,095	438,751						
,493,846	1,055,095	438,751						
-	1,027,965	\$ 1,027,965						
	126 829							
	*							
\$	1,234,417							
,	dget	dget Actual 018,326 \$ 1,018,326 (5,061) (5,061) 148,149) (126,360) 865,116 886,905 628,730 687,129 - 507,495 - 1,531 628,730 1,196,155 493,846 1,055,095 493,846 1,055,095 - 1,027,965 126,829 79,623						

BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA COMBINING STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—REGULATORY BASIS— REMAINING AGGREGATE FUNDS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2013

	Beginning Cash Balances July 1, 2012		Receipts Apportioned	Disbursements		Cash	nding Balances 30, 2013
Remaining Aggregate Funds:							
County Health Department Petty Cash Fund	\$	300	\$ -	\$	-	\$	300
County Assessor Fee Revolving Fund		55,872	4,310		4,397		55,785
County Assessor Visual Inspection Reimbursement Fund		10,530	52		861		9,721
County Assessor Cash Drawer Increase Fund		-	25		-		25
County Clerk Lien Fee Fund		41,138	20,168		25,822		35,484
County Clerk Record Management and Preservation Fund		40,518	39,660		42,565		37,613
County Clerk Cash Drawer Increase Fund		50	50		-		100
County Commissioner Trash Cop Fund		200	-		-		200
County Treasurer Resale Cash Drawer Increase Fund		520	80		-		600
Courthouse Security-SSF Fund		19,766	23,140		17,786		25,120
DHS Attendant Care Fund		95	-		-		95
County Commissioners Bond Fund		250	-		-		250
Emergency 911 Fund		9,135	114,397		114,943		8,589
Keep Bryan County Beautiful Fund		1,638	-		-		1,638
Mortgage Tax Certification Fee Fund		4,841	7,025		7,410		4,456
OSU Extension Grant Fund		832	- -		_		832
Sheriff City Prisoners Fund		32,612	87,997		100,651		19,958
Sheriff Commissary Fund		2,657	10,115		26		12,746
Sheriff Social Security Administration Fund		16,208	7,200		16,000		7,408
Sheriff Service Fees Fund		103,718	268,218		273,365		98,571
Sheriff Corps Fund		4,183	24,000		22,796		5,387
Sheriff DARE Fund		102	, <u> </u>		_		102
Sheriff Helicopter Fund		897	_		280		617
Sheriff Training Fund		2,618	_		766		1,852
Court Clerk Payroll Fund		26,124	266,352		261,371		31,105
Free Fair Cash Fund		2,009	14,639		15,433		1,215
Sheriff Forfeited Revolving Fund		161	-		151		10
Bryan County 911 Fund		3,494	_		2,010		1,484
Sheriff Combating Rural Crime Fund		12,863	-		12,862		1
Circuit Engineering Fund		60,000	-		39,322		20,678
Combined Total - Remaining Aggregate Funds	\$	453,331	\$ 887,428	\$	958,817	\$	381,942

1. Budgetary Schedules

The Comparative Schedules of Receipts, Expenditures, and Changes in Cash Balances—Budget and Actual—Budgetary Basis for the General Fund and the County Health Department Fund present comparisons of the legally adopted budget with actual data. The "actual" data, as presented in the comparison of budget and actual, will differ from the data as presented in the Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances with Combining Information because of adopting certain aspects of the budgetary basis of accounting and the adjusting of encumbrances and outstanding warrants to their related budget year.

Encumbrance accounting, under which purchase orders, contracts, and other commitments for the expenditure of monies are recorded in order to reserve that portion of the applicable appropriation, is employed as an extension of formal budgetary integration in these funds. At the end of the year unencumbered appropriations lapse.

2. Remaining County Funds

Remaining aggregate funds as presented on the financial statement are as follows:

<u>County Health Department Petty Cash Fund</u> - accounts for cash set aside to maintain the change fund used for the health department's collections.

<u>County Assessor Fee Revolving Fund</u> - accounts for collection of fees for copies and disbursements as restricted by state statute.

<u>County Assessor Visual Inspection Reimbursement Fund</u> - accounts for the remainder of the funds given to the Assessor for the startup and operation of the Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal and computer mapping of the County and related expenditures.

<u>County Assessor Cash Drawer Increase Fund</u> - accounts for cash set aside to maintain the change fund used for the County Assessor's collections.

<u>County Clerk Lien Fee Fund</u> - accounts for lien collections and disbursements as restricted by state statute.

<u>County Clerk Record Management and Preservation Fund</u> - accounts for fees collected on instruments filed in the County Clerk's office and disbursements as restricted by state statute for preservation of records.

<u>County Clerk Cash Drawer Increase Fund</u> - accounts for cash set aside to maintain the change fund used for the County Clerk's collections.

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<u>County Commissioner Trash Cop Fund</u> - accounts for state funds used to pay personal service fees for the prevention of illegal dumping as restricted by state statute.

<u>County Treasurer Resale Cash Drawer Increase Fund</u> - accounts for cash set aside to maintain the change fund used for the County Treasurer's collections.

<u>Courthouse Security–SSF Fund</u> - accounts for collections and disbursement of Sheriff service fees as restricted by state statute to be used for courthouse security.

DHS Attendant Care Fund - accounts for state contract funds for juvenile care.

<u>County Commissioners Bond Fund</u> - accounts for monies received to defray the cost related to submitting a proposition to be placed on the ballot.

<u>Emergency 911 Fund</u> - accounts for monies received from the telephone companies for operation of the emergency 911 services.

<u>Keep Bryan County Beautiful Fund</u> - accounts for donations to be used for the beautification of Bryan County.

<u>Mortgage Tax Certification Fee Fund</u> - accounts for collections of fees by the County Treasurer for mortgage tax certificates and the disbursement of the funds as restricted by state statute.

<u>OSU Extension Grant Fund</u> - accounts for remaining match funds for a federal grant used to renovate the Expo Building.

<u>Sheriff City Prisoners Fund</u> - accounts for monies received for housing city prisoners to be used for jail operating expenses.

<u>Sheriff Commissary Fund</u> - accounts for monies received from the commissary sales and disbursement of funds for commissary expenses and jail operating expenses.

<u>Sheriff Social Security Administration Fund</u> - accounts for the collection and deposit of Social Security funds to be used for jail operating expenses.

<u>Sheriff Service Fees Fund</u> - accounts for the collection and disbursement of sheriff process service fees as restricted by state statute.

<u>Sheriff Corps Fund</u> - accounts for monies received from the Corps of Engineers for patrolling purposes.

<u>Sheriff DARE Fund</u> - accounts for the excess match remaining from the Drug Awareness Resistance Education grant.

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<u>Sheriff Helicopter Fund</u> - accounts for donations made for the purpose of advancing utilization of the Sheriff Department helicopter.

<u>Sheriff Training Fund</u> - accounts for funds collected from the disposition of unclaimed property for the purposes of purchasing equipment, material, or supplies that may be used in crime prevention.

<u>Court Clerk Payroll Fund</u> - accounts for funds deposited by the Court Clerk to be used for payroll for that office.

<u>Free Fair Cash Fund</u> - accounts for funds collected from Fair Board activities to be used for fair expenses.

<u>Sheriff Forfeited Revolving Fund</u> - accounts for funds collected from forfeitures to be used for the intervention and prevention of narcotic use.

<u>Bryan County 911 Fund</u> - accounts for funds received from the City of Durant to be used for 911 signs.

<u>Sheriff Combating Rural Crime Fund</u> - accounts for grant funds received to be expended for the prevention and detection of rural crime.

<u>Circuit Engineering Fund</u> - accounts for monies made available for reimbursement for constructing and maintaining county roads and bridges.



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Independent Auditor's 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

TO THE OFFICERS OF BRYAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the combined total—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Bryan County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2013, which comprises Bryan County's financial statement, prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and have issued our report thereon dated January 22, 2016.

Our report included an adverse opinion on the financial statement because the statement is prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. However, our report also included our opinion that the financial statement does present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances – regulatory basis of the County for the year ended June 30, 2013, on the basis of accounting prescribed by Oklahoma state law, described in Note 1.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered Bryan County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Bryan County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bryan County's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be material weaknesses: 2013-1, 2013-4, 2013-5, and 2013-7.

A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or 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. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies 2013-6 and 2013-9.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bryan County's financial statement is 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 an instance of noncompliance or other matter that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as item 2013-7.

We noted certain matters regarding statutory compliance that we reported to the management of Bryan County, which are included in Section 2 of the schedule of findings and responses contained in this report.

Bryan County's Responses to Findings

Bryan County's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Bryan County's responses were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on the responses.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.

This report is also a public document pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act (51 O.S. § 24A.1 et seq.), and shall be open to any person for inspection and copying.

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE

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OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

January 22, 2016

SECTION 1—Findings related to the 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

Finding 2013-1 – Inadequate County-Wide Controls (Repeat Finding)

Condition: County-wide controls regarding Risk Assessment and Monitoring have not been designed.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed to address risks of the County.

Effect of Condition: This condition could result in unrecorded transactions, undetected errors, or misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: The Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector's Office (OSAI) recommends that the County design procedures to identify and address risks. OSAI also recommends that the County design monitoring procedures to assess the quality of performance over time. These procedures should be written policies and procedures and could be included in the County's policies and procedures handbook.

Management Response:

County Commissioner District 1: I was elected in the last General Election and assumed office January 1, 2015. I have become aware of some of these issues that are mentioned above. I have started working with the various elected officials to minimize any undo risks to the County.

- 1. District 1 (my District) has been chosen to beta test an accounting package that will enable the entry, maintenance, and retrieval of financial and asset data, as well as safeguard it in case of a disaster.
- 2. Quarterly elected official meetings are being established to improve communications between the offices.
- 3. All policies and procedures are being reviewed as time permits and corrections made where applicable.
- 4. The development or improvement of electronic communications between the staff employed by Bryan County is underway, solutions will be based on a needs assessment and when is funding available.
- 5. Many of the computers and servers used within the County are currently backed up off-site by various third-party software providers, remaining computers are being evaluated for requirements and solutions will be implemented based on available funding.
- 6. As other areas of concern or deficiencies are discovered, solutions/corrections will be created where applicable and when funding is available.
- 7. I with the cooperation of the other Commissioners and elected officials will continuously review and evaluate operational, financial, security, and statutory compliance issues based on acceptable risk factors established either by federal, state statutes or Bryan County internal controls.

County Commissioner District 2: I agree with County Commissioners District 1's response and will work with the other Commissioners and elected officials to address these issues.

County Commissioner District 3: I agree with the finding and we will take the necessary steps to address the risks of the county.

County Treasurer: I concur with this finding and committed to working with other elected officials to reduce this finding and resolve the problems. I believe we have started in this direction and will encourage continued improvement.

County Clerk: I concur with County Commissioners District 1's response and will work with the other elected officials to implement recommendations.

Criteria: Internal control is an integral component of an organization's management that provides reasonable assurance that the objectives of effectiveness and efficiency of operations, reliability of financial reporting and compliance with laws and regulations are being met. Internal control comprises the plans, methods, and procedures used to meet missions, goals, and objectives. Internal control also serves as the first line of defense in safeguarding assets and preventing and detecting errors and fraud. County management is responsible for designing a county-wide internal control system comprised of Risk Assessment and Monitoring for the achievement of these goals.

Risk Assessment is a component of internal control which should provide for an assessment of the risks the County faces from both internal and external sources. Once risks have been identified, they should be analyzed for their possible effect. Management then has to formulate an approach for risk management and decide upon the internal control activities required to mitigate those risks and achieve the internal control objectives.

Monitoring is a component of internal control which should assess the quality of performance over time and ensure that the findings of audits and other reviews are promptly resolved. Ongoing monitoring occurs during normal operations and includes regular management and supervisory activities, comparisons, reconciliations, and other actions people take in performing their duties. It includes ensuring that management know their responsibilities for internal control and the need to make control monitoring part of their regular operating process.

Finding 2013-4 – Inadequate Segregation of Duties Over the Purchasing Process

Condition: Upon inquiry and observation of the County's purchasing process, it was noted that the Purchasing Deputy prepares purchase orders, encumbers purchase orders, approves/authorizes the encumbrance, reviews the purchase order for accuracy, prepares the warrants, maintains ledgers, and distributes checks.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed with regard to segregation of duties and/or compensating controls of the purchasing process.

Effect of Condition: This condition could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, undetected errors, and misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends management be aware of this condition and determine if duties can be properly segregated. In the event that segregation of duties is not possible due to limited personnel, OSAI recommends implementing compensating controls to mitigate the risk involved with a concentration of duties. Compensating controls would include separating key processes and/or critical functions of the office, and having management review and approve accounting functions. Further, the duties of encumbering funds and posting to the ledgers should be separated from the printing and distribution of payments.

Management Response:

County Clerk: We will start separating the purchasing duties from now on. We will have at least two employees working within each function of the purchasing duties. I along with my staff will work on all of the recommendations.

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals of management in the accounting of funds. Internal controls should be designed to analyze and check accuracy, completeness, and authorization of disbursements and/or transactions. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, the duties of processing, authorizing, and distribution should be segregated.

Finding 2013-5 – Inadequate Segregation of Duties Over the Payroll Process (Repeat Finding)

Condition: Upon inquiry and observation of the County's payroll process it was noted that the Payroll Clerk enrolls new employees, inputs payroll information into the system without secondary review, maintains personnel files, and prepares the OPERS reports and state and federal tax reports. In addition, the Payroll Clerk processes payroll claims, prints and reviews payroll verification reports for errors, prints payroll warrants, and distributes payroll warrants.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed with regards to segregation of duties and/or compensating internal controls of the payroll process.

Effect of Condition: This condition could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, undetected errors, and misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends management be aware of these conditions and determine if duties can be properly segregated. In the event that segregation of duties is not possible due to limited personnel, OSAI recommends implementing compensating controls to mitigate the risks involved with a concentration of duties. Compensating controls would include separating key processes and/or critical functions of the office, and having management review and approval of accounting functions.

Management Response:

County Clerk: I will separate the duties of the Payroll Clerk so that two employees will do payroll.

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals of management in the accounting of funds. Internal controls should be designed to analyze and check accuracy, completeness, and authorization of payroll calculations and/or transactions. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, the duties of processing, authorizing, and payroll distribution should be segregated.

Finding 2013-6 – Inadequate Internal Controls Over Signature Stamp – County Commissioner District 3 (Repeat Finding)

Condition: Upon inquiry, observation, and review of documents we noted the following internal control weakness:

• The Board of County Commissioners' (BOCC) secretary has physical control of County Commissioner District 3's signature stamp. The signature stamp is retained in a secure location; however, the secretary has the only key which is retained in an unsecure location.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed to ensure that the signature stamp is being used only by the owner, and to ensure they have physical control of their signature stamp.

Effect of Condition: This could result in unauthorized transactions, misappropriation of funds, or clerical errors that are not detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends that signature stamps be used only by the official. The official who utilizes a signature stamp should ensure that signature stamp is adequately safeguarded from unauthorized use.

Management Response:

County Commissioner District 3: I will implement procedures to secure my signature stamp.

Criteria: An important aspect of internal control is the safeguarding of assets. Internal controls over safeguarding of assets constitute a process, affected by the entity's governing body, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or untimely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use or disposition of the entity's assets and safeguarding assets from loss, damage, or misappropriation.

Finding 2013-7 – Inadequate Internal Controls and Noncompliance Over Disbursements

Condition: While performing a test of eighty-six (86) expenditures, the following was noted:

- Three (3) were not supported by adequate documentation.
- Six (6) were not timely encumbered.

Cause of Condition: The County did not follow policies and procedures designed by state statutes regarding the purchasing process.

Effect of Condition: This condition resulted in noncompliance with state statutes and could result in unrecorded transaction, undetected errors, and misappropriation of funds, inaccurate records, and incomplete information.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends the County adhere to state purchasing guidelines. Purchase orders should be encumbered before goods or services are ordered. Adequate supporting documentation should be attached to the purchase order. This includes invoices, haul tickets, and receiving reports.

Management Response:

County Clerk: I have told my staff not to accept any documents that do not have enough detail or information attached to them. We also sent out an email to all of the fire departments informing them what the requirements are for turning in a purchase order or we will not pay it.

Criteria: Title 19 O.S. § 1505 prescribes the procedures for requisition, purchase, and receipt of supplies, material, and equipment.

Finding 2013-9 - Inadequate Internal Controls over Pledged Collateral

Condition: Upon inquiry of county personnel, observation, and review of documents regarding the pledged collateral process, the following was noted:

• The County Treasurer has not properly designed and implemented procedures to monitor the bank balance on a daily basis to ensure that county funds are adequately secured.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed to review daily bank deposits to determine they are adequately secured with pledged collateral.

Effect of Condition: Failure to monitor that the bank balances are adequately secured could result in unsecured and possible loss of county funds.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends that the County Treasurer design and implement policies and procedures to compare bank balances to the fair market value of pledged collateral on a daily basis to ensure that county funds are adequately secured and that the County is in compliance with 62 O.S. § 517.4. Documentation for this daily procedure should be retained.

Management Response:

County Treasurer: Management concurs with this finding. Procedures are being designed and implemented to monitor bank balances daily.

Criteria: Effective internal controls require that monitoring pledged securities be performed on a daily basis to ensure compliance with state statute. Title 62 O.S. § 517.4.A. states:

A treasurer of a public entity shall require that financial institutions deposit collateral securities or instruments to secure the deposits of the public entity in each such institution. The amount of collateral securities or instruments to be pledged for the security of public deposits shall be established by the treasurer of the public entity consistent with the provisions of the Security for Local Public Deposits Act; provided, such amount shall not be less than the amount of the deposit to be secured, less the amount insured.

SECTION 2—This section contains certain matters not required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we believe these matters are significant enough to bring to management's attention. We recommend that management consider these matters and take appropriate corrective action.

Finding 2013-10 – Inadequate Internal Controls and Noncompliance Over Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account and Sheriff Commissary Fund (Repeat Finding)

Condition: We noted the following weaknesses regarding the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account and Sheriff Commissary Fund:

- One employee receipts monies, prepares deposits, posts deposits, receives deposit slips, controls bank statements, prepares disbursements, prints checks, authorizes checks, disburses checks, has administrative rights to software program, and performs the reconciliation for the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account.
- The Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account balance is not reconciled to the total of the inmates' balances.
- Collections were not deposited into the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account on a daily basis.
- Expenditures were made from the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account for purposes other than to the Sheriff Commissary Fund or to refund inmates.
- Disbursements were issued with only one authorized signature.
- The County Sheriff's office does not file an annual report for the Sheriff Commissary Fund with the Board of County Commissioners by January 15th, of each year.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed and implemented for proper administration regarding the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account and Sheriff Commissary Fund.

Effect of Condition: This condition resulted in noncompliance with state statutes, laws, regulations or legislative intent. In addition, without proper accounting and safeguarding of the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account, there is an increased risk of misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends the following:

- Key duties and responsibilities should be segregated among different individuals to reduce the risk of error or fraud. No one individual should have the ability to authorize transactions, have physical custody of assets, and record transactions.
- Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account monies should be maintained in a manner that reflects each inmate's trust deposits, disbursements, and account balances. The inmates' trust fund balances should be reconciled to the bank statements each month.
- Bank reconciliations should be performed on a monthly basis.
- All collections should be deposited daily.
- All checks from the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account should have two authorized signatures.
- Expenditures should be made from the Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account in accordance with Title 19 O.S. § 531 A.
- The Sheriff should file a report of the commissary with the County Commissioners by January 15th, of each year in accordance with Title 19 O.S. § 180.43.

Management Response:

County Sheriff: The Sheriff's office is currently addressing these concerns. Procedures are being implemented to correct these issues.

Criteria: Effective accounting procedures and internal controls are necessary to ensure stewardship and accountability of public funds. Safeguarding controls are an aspect of internal controls. Safeguarding controls relate to the prevention or timely detection of unauthorized transaction and unauthorized access to assets. Failure to perform tasks that are part of internal controls, such as reconciliations not performed or not timely prepared, are deficiencies in internal control. Further, reconciliations should be performed on a monthly basis.

Effective internal controls should provide for procedures wherein receipts for the monies collected are maintained and available for inspection and deposits are made on a daily basis.

- Title 19 O.S. § 531 A. states in part, "The county sheriff may establish a checking account, to be designated the "Inmate Trust Fund Checking Account." The county sheriff shall deposit all monies collected from inmates incarcerated in the county jail into this checking account and may write checks to the Sheriff's Commissary Account for purchases made by the inmate during his or her incarceration and to the inmate from unencumbered balances due the inmate upon his or her discharge."
- Title 19 O.S. § 180.43 E. and D. states in part, "Any funds received pursuant to said operations shall be the funds of the county where the persons are incarcerated and shall be deposited in the Sheriff's Commissary Account. The sheriff shall be permitted to expend the funds to improve or provide jail services. The sheriff shall be permitted to expend any surplus in the Sheriff's Commissary Account for administering expenses for training equipment, travel or for capital expenditures. The claims for expenses shall be filed with and allowed by the board of county commissioners in the same manner as other claims. The Sheriff

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shall receive no compensation for the operation of said commissary. The sheriff shall file an annual report on any said commissary under his or her operation no later than January 15 of each year."



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