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COUNTY AUDIT



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**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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JEFF A. McMAHAN
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February 14, 2008

TO THE CITIZENS OF
COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of Comanche County, Oklahoma, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that our audit failed to disclose commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the County.

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

The Office of the State Auditor and Inspector is committed to serving the public interest by providing independent oversight and by issuing reports that serve as a management tool to the state to ensure a government which is accountable to the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michelle R. Day".

MICHELLE R. DAY, Esq.
Deputy State Auditor and Inspector

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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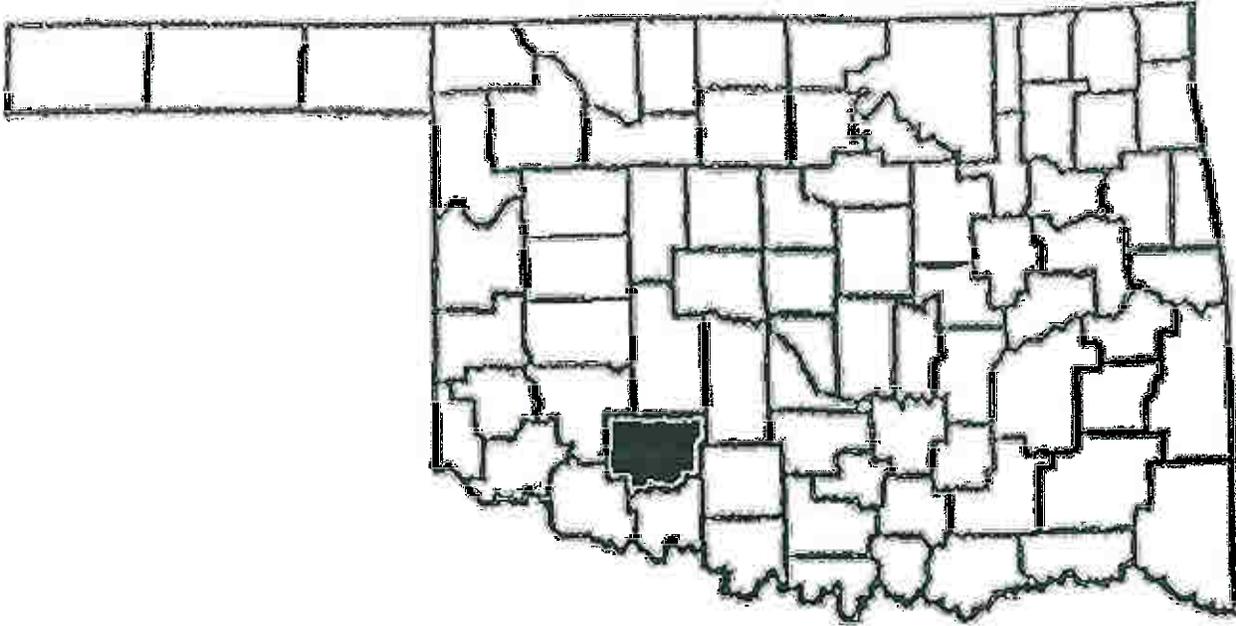
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REPORT TO THE CITIZENS
OF
COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA



Comanche County was created from a portion of Comanche County, Oklahoma Territory. The word Comanche is believed to be derived from the Spanish *Camino Ancho*, meaning "broad trail."

Fort Sill, established by General Philip H. Sheridan as a cavalry fort in 1869, is now headquarters for the U.S. Army Field Artillery Center and School. The military reservation, which covers 95,000 acres, contains some 50 historic sites, including the Geronimo Guardhouse and the grave of Quanah Parker.

Lawton, the county seat, is home to Cameron University and the Great Plains Technology Center. The Lawton Community Theater and the Lawton Philharmonic Orchestra are leading cultural activities of the area, as is the annual Arts for All Festival in April.

The Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge attracts more than a million visitors annually. It is also the site of the Holy City of the Wichitas where the annual Wichita Mountains Easter Sunrise Service is presented.

County Seat - Lawton

Area - 1,083.82 Square Miles

County Population - 112,429
(2005 est.)

Farms - 1,188

Land in Farms - 425,146 Acres

Primary Source: Oklahoma Almanac 2007-2008

See independent auditor's report.

**COMANCHE COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Charlotte Hamilton
(D) Cache

The County Assessor has the responsibility to appraise and assess the real and personal property within the county for the purpose of ad valorem taxation. Also, the County Assessor is required to compute the ad valorem taxes due on all taxable property. The County Assessor appraises all the taxable real and personal property according to its fair cash value for which the property is actually being used as of January 1 of the taxable year at the percentages provided for in Article 10, § 8 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

The County Assessor is required to build and maintain permanent records of the taxable real property and tax exempt real property within the county. Information entered on each record includes the property's legal description, owner's name and address, and the homestead exemption status of the owner.

COUNTY CLERK
Earlene Shriver
(D) Lawton

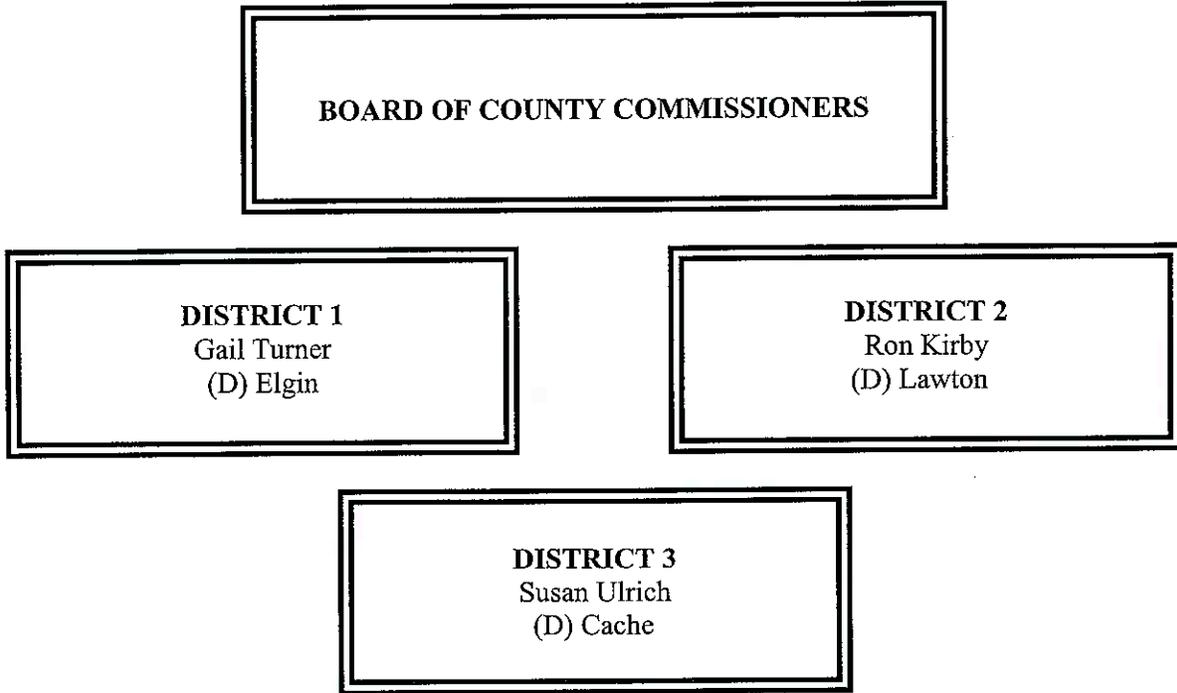
The County Clerk serves as the register of deeds and custodian of records for the county. The County Clerk also serves as the secretary to several boards, including the Board of County Commissioners, the County Excise Board, the County Board of Equalization, and the Board of Tax Roll Corrections.

The County Clerk reviews all the claims for payment of goods and services purchased or contracted by the county, and prepares the proper warrants for payment of those goods and services and the county payroll. The County Clerk, or his or her designated deputy, serves as the purchasing agent for the county. This system is a means to ensure the public that tax dollars are being spent appropriately.

Various records within the different county offices are classified as "open records." As such, they can be reviewed and mechanically copied by the public.

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**COMANCHE COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**



The Board of County Commissioners is the chief administrative body for the county. County Commissioners are also responsible for maintaining and constructing the county roads and bridges.

The Commissioners must act as a Board when entering into contracts or other agreements affecting the county's welfare. Thus, actions taken by the Board are voted on and approved by a majority of the Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners' business meetings are open to the public.

As the county's chief administrative body, the three County Commissioners must make major financial decisions and transactions. The Board has the official duty to ensure the fiscal responsibility of the other county officers who handle county funds. The review and approval procedures empowered to the Board of County Commissioners are a means to provide the public with a fiscally efficient system of county government.

**COMANCHE COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

COUNTY SHERIFF
Kenny Stradley
(D) Lawton

The County Sheriff is responsible for preserving the peace and protecting life and property within the county's jurisdiction. As the county's chief law enforcement officer, the Sheriff has the power and authority to suppress all unlawful disturbances, to apprehend and secure persons charged with felony or breach of peace, and to operate the county jail.

The County Sheriff has the responsibility of serving warrants and processing papers ordered by the District Court.

COUNTY TREASURER
Cindy Jackson
(D) Cache

All collections by county government from ad valorem taxes and other sources are deposited with the County Treasurer. The County Treasurer collects ad valorem taxes for the county and its political subdivisions. The County Treasurer is authorized to issue delinquent personal property tax warrants and to impose tax liens on real property for delinquent taxes.

To account for county collections and disbursements, the County Treasurer is required to maintain an accurate record of all the monies received and disbursed. The State Auditor and Inspector's Office prescribes all the forms used by the County Treasurer, and at least twice a year inspects the County Treasurer's accounts.

See independent auditor's report.

**COMANCHE COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

COURT CLERK
Joan Williams
(D) Lawton

The Court Clerk has the primary responsibility to record, file, and maintain as permanent records the proceedings of the District Court.

Court proceedings are recorded in the appropriate journal or record docket. All the court proceedings are public information except those related to juvenile, guardianship, adoption, and mental health cases.

The Court Clerk issues marriage licenses, passports, notary certificates, beer and pool hall licenses, and private process server licenses.

Monies from the court fund are identified for distribution by the Court Clerk to the appropriate units of county and state government. Court Clerks use forms and follow procedures prescribed by the Court Administrator's Office, the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and the State Auditor and Inspector.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Robert Schulte
(D) Lawton

As the chief attorney for county government, the District Attorney acts as the legal advisor to the county officers on matters related to their duties. The District Attorney represents the county in civil litigation. County officials may call upon the District Attorney to clarify a law or request an official interpretation from the Attorney General.

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**COMANCHE COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
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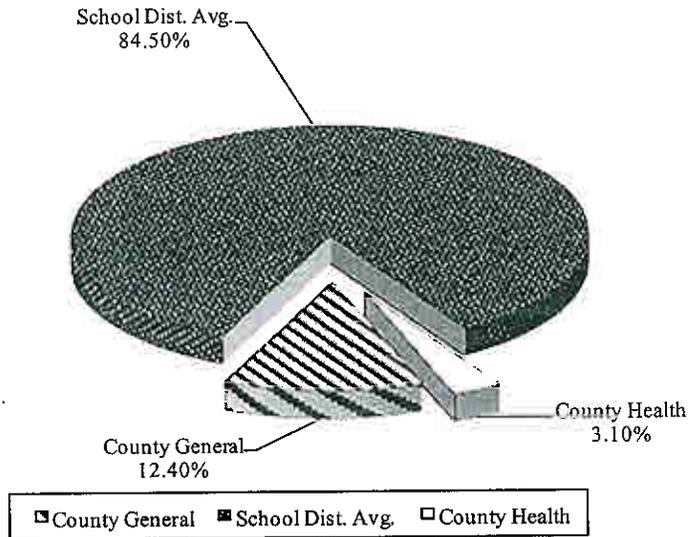
<p>ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY Monica Baughman (D) Lawton</p>

The Election Board Secretary is appointed by the State Election Board and is the chief administrative officer of the County Election Board. The County Election Board has direct responsibility for all the ballots used in all elections within the county. The Board also conducts all elections held within the county.

To finance the operation of the County Election Board, the County Excise Board must appropriate sufficient funds annually. The state and counties split the election costs, but counties must pay for any county elections not held concurrently with state elections.

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
AD VALOREM TAX DISTRIBUTION
SHARE OF THE AVERAGE MILLAGE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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 Millages		School District Millages								
						Career Tech Building	EMS	Common	Total	
County General	10.23									
County Health	2.56	Cache	SI01	35.67	5.10	24.34	11.25	4.09	80.45	
		Indiahoma	SI02	37.44	5.35	10.54	11.25	4.09	68.67	
		Sterling	SI03	37.85	5.41	7.86	11.25	4.09	66.46	
		Geronimo	SI04	36.80	5.26	3.36	11.25	4.09	60.76	
		Lawton	SI08	35.67	5.10	13.83	11.25	4.09	69.94	
		Fletcher	SI09	36.35	5.19	22.37	11.25	4.09	79.25	
		Elgin	SI16	36.74	5.25	15.27	11.25	4.09	72.60	
		Chattanooga	S132	37.17	5.31	5.76	11.25	4.09	63.58	
		Flower Mound	SD48	35.55	5.08	6.28	11.25	4.09	62.25	
		Bishop	SD49	35.44	5.06	15.28	11.25	4.09	71.12	
		Cotton	Jt.S001	37.71	5.39		12.70	4.09	59.89	
		Caddo	S056	38.22	5.46	20.16	11.89	4.09	79.82	
		Caddo	S064	35.00	5.00	15.67	11.89	4.09	71.65	
		Caddo	S160	35.00	5.00	11.59	11.89	4.09	67.57	
		Stephens	Jt.S021	39.24	5.61	20.72	12.70	4.09	82.36	
		Stephens	Jt.S034	36.92	5.27	19.23	12.70	4.09	78.21	
		Kiowa	Jt.S003	37.97	5.42		11.25	4.09	58.73	
City Millages										
Lawton	10.38									

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**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(UNAUDITED)**

Total net assessed value as of January 1, 2006		<u>\$ 494,819,996</u>
Debt limit - 5% of total assessed value		24,741,000
Total bonds outstanding	-	
Total judgments outstanding	-	
Less cash in sinking fund	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Legal debt margin		<u>\$ 24,741,000</u>

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**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
RATIO OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED
VALUE AND NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(UNAUDITED)**

	2007
Estimated population	112,429
Net assessed value as of January 1, 2006	\$ 494,819,996
Gross bonded debt	-
Less available sinking fund cash balance	-
Net bonded debt	\$ -
Ratio of net bonded debt to assessed value	0.00%
Net bonded debt per capita	\$ -

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**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007
(UNAUDITED)**

<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Public Service</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Homestead Exemption</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Market Value</u>
1/1/2006	\$74,296,530	\$49,386,888	\$401,016,348	\$29,879,770	\$494,819,996	\$4,441,138,537

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FINANCIAL SECTION



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE OFFICERS OF
COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Comanche County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, listed in the table of contents as the basic financial statement. This financial statement is the responsibility of Comanche County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this 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 of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Oklahoma Statutes, in addition to audit responsibilities, assign other responsibilities to the State Auditor and Inspector's Office. Those responsibilities include providing various information technology (IT) support for county government.

As described in Note 1, this financial statement was prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Comanche County as of June 30, 2007, or changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

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 of Comanche County, for the year ended June 30, 2007, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 11, 2008, on our consideration of Comanche 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 should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined total of all funds within the basic financial statement taken as a whole. The combining information is presented for purposes of additional analysis rather than to present the receipts, disbursements, and cash balances of the individual funds. Also, 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 basic financial statement. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole. The information listed in the table of contents under Introductory Section has not been audited by us, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.



MICHELLE R. DAY, Esq.
Deputy State Auditor and Inspector

February 11, 2008

Basic Financial Statement

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
(WITH COMBINING INFORMATION)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	Beginning Cash Balances July 1, 2006	Receipts Apportioned	Disbursements	Ending Cash Balances June 30, 2007
Combining Information:				
County General Fund	\$ 3,128,322	\$ 6,911,344	\$ 6,373,118	\$ 3,666,548
County Highway Cash	1,665,512	5,266,459	5,105,981	1,825,990
County Health Department	949,056	1,268,851	1,339,392	878,515
Resale Property	22,811	262,396	250,097	35,110
Treasurer Mortgage Fee	38,427	34,237	33,900	38,764
County Clerk Lien Fee	43,280	40,900	30,271	53,909
County Clerk Records Preservation Fee	78,558	136,242	194,124	20,676
Assessor Visual Inspection	14,702	14,225	7,466	21,461
Sheriff Service Fee	120,734	256,444	159,855	217,323
Sheriff Courthouse Security		7,878		7,878
Sheriff Grant Fund	41,936	1,183	29,979	13,140
Sheriff Insurance Recovery	4,933	6,119	7,774	3,278
Juvenile Detention Cash Fund	306,524	1,306,229	1,210,736	402,017
Juvenile Bureau Fed IV E Fund	60,111	43,787	26,500	77,398
Comanche County Courthouse Café	10,083	61,840	61,626	10,297
County Film Library	1,866	600	497	1,969
County Insurance Recovery	3,990		3,930	60
911 Emergency	60,553	177,911	175,119	63,345
Civil Defense	36,651	40,312	34,535	42,428
County Investments in Safe	34,291	3,135	37,426	
Fairgrounds Use Tax Revolving	35,198	144,326	155,834	23,690
County Use Tax Revolving	90,412	147,520	115,282	122,650
Home Finance Cash Fund	2,060,608	115,381	559,831	1,616,158
Bethel Fire Department - REAP		26,800	26,800	
Mt. Scott/Meers - REAP		30,000		30,000
Community Revitalization CDBG	(3,460)	3,460		
Hospital Lease Revenue Fund		250,000	141,917	108,083
Combined Total--All County Funds	\$ 8,805,098	\$ 16,557,579	\$ 16,081,990	\$ 9,280,687

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

Counties were created by the Constitution of Oklahoma. One county officer is appointed; however, most county officers are locally elected by their constituents. All county powers are delegated by the state.

The accompanying basic financial statement presents the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances of the total of all funds of Comanche County, Oklahoma. The funds presented as line items are not a part of the basic financial statement, but have been included as supplementary information within the basic financial statement. These separate funds are established by statute, and their operations are under the control of the County officials. 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. The other funds presented account for financial resources whose use is restricted for specified purposes.

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 funds included as supplementary information within the financial statement:

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

County Highway Cash - accounts for state, local and miscellaneous receipts and disbursements for the purpose of constructing and maintaining county roads and bridges.

County Health Department - accounts for monies collected on behalf of the county health department from ad valorem taxes and state and local revenues.

Resale Property - accounts for the collection of interest and penalties on delinquent taxes and the disposition of same as restricted by statute.

Treasurer Mortgage Tax Certification Fee - accounts for the collection of fees by the Treasurer for mortgage tax certificates and the disbursement of the funds as restricted by statutes.

County Clerk Lien Fee - accounts for lien collections and disbursements as restricted by statute.

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

County Clerk Records Preservation Fee – accounts for fees collected for instruments filed in the Registrar of Deeds as restricted by statute for preservation of records.

Assessor Visual Inspection – accounts for the collection and disbursement of monies by the Assessor as restricted by statute for the visual inspection program.

Sheriff Service Fee – accounts for the collection and disbursement of sheriff process service fees as restricted by statute.

Sheriff Courthouse Security – accounts for the collection of fees through the court system and disbursed for courthouse security.

Sheriff Grant Fund – accounts for grant monies received by the Sheriff's office. Disbursements account for the allowable expenses provided by grant contracts.

Sheriff Insurance Recovery – accounts for the collection of insurance payments received from the destruction of County Sheriff's equipment.

Juvenile Detention Cash Fund – accounts for the collection from the State of Oklahoma and other Oklahoma Counties for the housing of juvenile offenders and disbursements are for the general operations of the Juvenile Detention Center.

Juvenile Bureau Federal IV E Fund – accounts for the collection of grant money provided for seeking and preserving families. Disbursements are for professional services, contracts and community service supervisors.

Comanche County Courthouse Café – accounts for collection from café sales and disbursements are made for the operation of the café.

County Film Library – accounts for collection from donations and disbursements are for the purchase of films for county schools.

County Insurance Recovery – accounts for insurance payments used to reimburse the County for destroyed equipment.

911 Emergency – accounts for collection of a 5% fee of the tax rate imposed on residence outside the city limits of Lawton, but within the boundaries of Comanche County. Disbursements provided by the fee are used to operate and maintain an emergency telephone system (E911).

Civil Defense – accounts for state and local government collections and disbursements are made for personal services.

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

County Investments in Safe – accounts for the collection of interest earned on investments held by Comanche County. Interest earned is apportioned to the County General Fund.

Fairgrounds Use Tax Revolving – accounts for use tax collections from the Oklahoma Tax Commission. This amount is apportioned to the fairgrounds for general operations.

County Use Tax Revolving – accounts for use tax collections from the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Disbursements account for general maintenance of the Comanche County Courthouse.

Home Finance Cash Fund – accounts for the collection of interest earned on investments. Disbursements are made for the general operations as designated by the Board of County Commissioners for the general operations of the County and maintenance of County facilities.

Bethel Fire Department - REAP – accounts for the collection of grant monies for the disbursement to small communities for the fire station and community center.

Mt. Scott/Meers Community Building - REAP – accounts for the collection of grant monies for the disbursement to small communities for fire stations and community centers.

Community Revitalization Community Development Block Grant – accounts for the collection of grant money received by the Oklahoma Department of Commerce

Hospital Lease Revenue Fund – accounts for the collection of lease money from the Hospital Authority to be disbursed upon the authority of the Board of County Commissioners.

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.

C. Basis of Accounting

The basic 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 cash basis financial presentation is not a comprehensive measure of economic condition or changes therein.

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

D. Budget

Under current Oklahoma Statutes, the general fund and the 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 by fund, 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.

For the highway funds and other funds, which are not required to adopt a formal budget, appropriations are made on a monthly basis, according to the funds then available.

E. Cash

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).

F. Investments

The County Treasurer has been authorized by the County's governing board to make investments. By statute (62 O.S. § 348.1 and § 348.3), the following types of investments are allowed:

- U.S. Government obligations
- Certificates of deposit
- Savings accounts
- G.O. bonds issued by counties, municipalities or school districts
- Money judgments against counties, municipalities or school districts
- Bonds and revenue notes issued by a public trust when the beneficiary of the trust is a county, municipality or school district
- Negotiable certificates of deposit
- Prime bankers acceptance which are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System
- Prime commercial paper with a maturity of 180 days or less
- Repurchase agreements
- Money market funds regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and which investments consist of the above-mentioned types of investments

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.

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

G. Compensated Absences

All full-time employees are entitled to annual leave that is accrued on a monthly basis. Employees can earn from 5 days of vacation up to 20 days of vacation depending on the number of years of service. Employees may carry over no more than 480 hours of vacation from one year to the next (any additional time shall be forfeited).

The County does accumulate sick leave. Full-time employees earn 8 hours of sick leave for each full calendar month of service to the County. Sick leave may be accumulated up to 130 days.

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."

The assessed property value as of January 1, 2006, was approximately \$494,819,996.

Per Article 10, § 8A, with the repeal of personal property tax, the millages with the adjustment factor are 10.23 mills (the legal maximum) for general fund operations and 2.56 mills for county health department. In addition, the County collects the ad valorem taxes assessed by cities and towns and school districts and remits the ad valorem taxes collected to the appropriate taxing units.

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.

Unpaid delinquent personal property taxes are published usually in May. If the taxes are not paid within 30 days from publication, they shall be placed on the personal tax lien docket.

Current year tax collections for the year ended June 30, 2007, were approximately 96.13 percent of the tax levy.

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3. Fuel Tax

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.

4. Risk Management

The County is exposed to the various risks of loss shown in the following table:

Types of Loss	Method of Management	Risk of Loss Retained
General Liability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torts • Errors and Omissions • Law Enforcement Officers Liability • Vehicle 	The County participates in a public entity risk pool: Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma-Self-Insurance Group. (See ACCO-SIG.)	If claims exceed the authorized deductibles, the County could have to pay its share of any pool deficit. A judgment could be assessed for claims in excess of the pool's limits.
Physical Plant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Theft • Damage to Assets • Natural Disasters 		
Workers' Compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees' Injuries 	The County carries commercial insurance.	A judgment could be assessed for claims in excess of coverage.
Employee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical • Disability • Dental • Life 	The County carries commercial insurance.	None

ACCO-SIG – The pool operates as a common risk management and insurance program and is to be self-sustaining through member premiums. Each participating county chooses a \$10,000, \$25,000, or a \$50,000 deductible amount. The County has chosen a \$50,000 deductible for each insured event as stated in the County's "Certificate of Participation." The risk pool will pay legitimate claims in excess of the deductible amount for replacement value up to \$100,000 for property, and up to \$500,000 for general liability. The pool has acquired commercial reinsurance

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in the amount of \$1,000,000 to cover claims that exceed the pool's risk retention limits. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

Commercial Insurance – The County obtains commercial insurance coverage to pay legitimate workers' compensation claims and employees' insurance. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

5. Long-term Obligations

Capital Leases

The County acquires road machinery and equipment through lease-purchase agreements financed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and/or the equipment vendors or their assignees pursuant to the provisions of 69 O.S. § 636.1 through § 636.7. Lease agreements entered into with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) are interest free. However, starting in January 1997, ODOT began charging a one-time fee of 3% on all pieces of machinery subsequently acquired.

6. Pension Plan

Plan Description. 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.

Funding Policy. 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. County employees are required to contribute between 3.5% and 8.5% of earned compensation. The County contributes between 7.5% and 12.5% of earned compensation. Elected officials could contribute between 4.5% and 10% of their entire compensation. The County contributes 12.5% of earned compensation for elected officials. The County's contributions to the Plan for the years ending June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005 were \$720,525, \$634,201, and \$543,031, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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7. 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.

8. 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.

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in management's opinion, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

COMANCHE 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, 2007

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 3,128,322	\$ 3,128,322	\$ 3,128,322	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Outstanding Warrants	(44,596)	(44,596)	(44,596)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(442,709)	(442,709)	(207,768)	234,941
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>2,641,017</u>	<u>2,641,017</u>	<u>2,875,958</u>	<u>234,941</u>
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	4,601,826	4,601,826	4,921,728	319,902
Charges for Services			558,524	558,524
Intergovernmental Revenues		15,832	767,317	751,485
Miscellaneous Revenues			663,775	663,775
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>4,601,826</u>	<u>4,617,658</u>	<u>6,911,344</u>	<u>2,293,686</u>
Expenditures:				
County Sheriff	1,194,358	1,203,382	1,183,275	20,107
County Treasurer	290,968	290,968	290,461	507
County Commissioners	582,504	566,232	549,884	16 348
OSU Extension	105,357	105,357	102,346	3,011
County Clerk	445,623	445,623	431,829	13,794
Court Clerk	558,144	558,144	529,951	28,193
County Assessor	389,509	389,509	370,953	18,556
Revaluation of Real Property	452,536	452,536	413,380	39,156
Juvenile Bureau	402,812	402,812	393,058	9,754
General Government	1,160,767	1,177,039	1,106,425	70,614
Excise-Equalization Board	7,800	7,800	5,773	2 027
County Election Board	149,820	156,628	148,091	8,537

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CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS—
GENERAL FUND
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Juvenile Detention	66,299	66,299	66,299	-
Charity	1,500	1,500	300	1 200
E-911	311,854	311,854	311,854	-
County Audit Budget Account	49,482	49,482	49,482	-
Free Fair Budget	244,796	244,796	244,795	1
Library	45,000	45,000	45,000	-
County Hospital	123,705	123,705	123,705	-
Jail Operations	656,009	656,009	-	656 009
Provision for Interest on Warrants	4,000	4,000	-	4 000
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>7,242,843</u>	<u>7,258,675</u>	<u>6,366,861</u>	<u>891 814</u>
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	3,420,441	<u>\$ 3,420,441</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Encumbrances			153,168	
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			92,939	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 3,666,548</u>	

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COMANCHE 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, 2007

	County Health Department Fund			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance
	Budget	Budget		
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 949,056	\$ 949,056	\$ 949,056	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Outstanding Warrants	(31,325)	(31,325)	(31,325)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(259,943)	(259,943)	(197,967)	61,976
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>657,788</u>	<u>657,788</u>	<u>719,764</u>	<u>61,976</u>
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	1,151,581	1,151,581	1,227,091	75,510
Charges for Services			22,150	22,150
Miscellaneous Revenues		22,150	19,610	(2,540)
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>1,151,581</u>	<u>1,173,731</u>	<u>1,268,851</u>	<u>95,120</u>
Expenditures:				
Health and Welfare	1,809,369	1,831,519	1,427,965	403,554
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>1,809,369</u>	<u>1,831,519</u>	<u>1,427,965</u>	<u>403,554</u>
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	560,650	<u>\$ 560,650</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Encumbrances			149,035	
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			168,830	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 878,515</u>	

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**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
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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.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR

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State Auditor and Inspector

**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
COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Comanche County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which comprises Comanche County's basic financial statement, prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and have issued our report thereon dated February 11, 2008. Our report on the basic financial statement was adverse because the statement is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, our report describes certain responsibilities of the State Auditor and Inspector's Office other than audit responsibilities. 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.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Comanche County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified a certain deficiency in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be a significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting. 2007-1

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we do not consider the significant deficiency described above to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Comanche County's financial statement is free of 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Comanche County's response to the finding identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit Comanche County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Comanche County and should not be used for any other purpose. This report is also a public document pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act (51 O.S., section 24A.1 et seq.), and shall be open to any person for inspection and copying.



MICHELLE R. DAY, Esq.
Deputy State Auditor and Inspector

February 11, 2008

**COMANCHE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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 2007-1 – Fixed Assets Inventory (Repeat Finding)

Criteria: Statutory control requirements have been established for county government for fixed assets inventory. Title 19 O.S. § 178.3 states that the county clerk shall be custodian and repository of all inventory records, files, and reports. Also, the Purchasing Handbook for Oklahoma Counties states that the Board of County Commissioners may designate an employee in their office to administer the inventory systems. The inventory officer must forward a copy of each receipt or disposal of an item with an initial value of \$500 or more to the County Clerk.

Condition: It was noted that the County Clerk did not issue each office their County identification numbers for equipment purchased. The County Clerk filed records in her office only. There was not a uniform list for inventory in the County Clerk's office. Each office has an individual system of numbering equipment.

Effect: The offices and districts do not have a uniform numbering system that is enforced and maintained.

Recommendation: We recommend the County Clerk and Board of County Commissioners implement a uniform equipment inventory system, including the computerization and centralization of equipment inventory in the County Clerk's office.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The County Clerk has purchased an asset inventory software package to help centralize equipment inventory reporting and is making progress on inputting data; however, there continues to be a large back log of data.



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