

**COTTON  
COUNTY  
TREASURER**

MAY 13, 2009

**STATUTORY  
REPORT**



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**TAMMY SPENCE, COUNTY TREASURER  
COTTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
TREASURER STATUTORY REPORT  
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Transmitted herewith is the Cotton County Treasurer Statutory Report for May 13, 2009. The engagement was conducted in accordance with 74 O.S. § 212.

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

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage".

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Tammy Spence, County Treasurer  
Cotton County Courthouse  
Walters, Oklahoma 73572

Dear Ms. Spence:

For the purpose of complying with 74 O.S. § 212, we have performed the following procedures for May 13, 2009:

- Review bank reconciliations, visually verify certificates of deposit, and confirm investments.
- Determine whether subsidiary records reconcile to the general ledger.
- Review pledged collateral securing deposits and invested funds.

All information included in the bank reconciliations, the investment ledger, the subsidiary ledgers, and the general ledger is the representation of the County Treasurer.

Our county treasurer statutory engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Cotton County.

Based on the above bank reconciliations, visual verification, and confirmation procedures performed, the cash and investments of the County are supported by bank records and are adequately secured to prevent loss in the event of a bank failure. With respect to the matter of segregation of duties, our finding is included in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the management of the County. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage".

STEVE BURRAGE, CPA  
STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

May 14, 2009

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

**Finding 2009-1—Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals in evaluating management's accounting of funds. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, the duties of receiving, receipting, recording, depositing cash and checks, reconciliations, and transaction authorization should be segregated.

Condition: Based on inquiries of personnel and testwork performed, it was noted that receiving, receipting, recording, depositing cash and checks, reconciliations, and transaction authorization within the Treasurer's office were not properly segregated to assure adequate internal control structure.

Effect: These conditions could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, undetected errors, or misappropriation of funds.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends management be aware of these conditions and realize that concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desired from a control point of view. The most effective controls lie in management's knowledge of office operations and a periodic review of operations.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The County Treasurer is aware of this condition and will make every effort to ensure the segregation of duties in the office.



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