

**LANA SPAKE, COURT CLERK  
COTTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
STATUTORY REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

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Lana Spake, Court Clerk  
Cotton County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Cotton County, Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. This engagement was conducted in accordance with 20 O.S. §1312. A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that there were not commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the Court Clerk.

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

The Office of the State Auditor and Inspector is committed to serve the public interest by providing independent oversight and to issue 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 "Jeff A. McMAHAN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

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## **INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION**

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

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



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JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

Lana Spake, Court Clerk  
Cotton County Courthouse  
Walters, Oklahoma 73572

Dear Ms. Spake:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2004 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2004 activity of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund as created by 19 O.S. § 220.

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

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

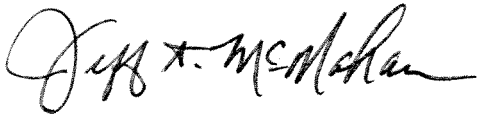
Our Court Clerk's engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Cotton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

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

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeff A. McMahon". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Jeff" being particularly prominent.

JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

July 7, 2005

**LANA SPAKE, COURT CLERK  
COTTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2004**

Collections:	
Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 348,745
Interest earned on deposit	330
Total collections	349,075
Deductions:	
Lump sum budget categories:	
Trial court attorneys	10,366
Mental health (attorneys)	160
Transcripts - preliminary and trial	84
General office supplies	2,207
Forms printing	2,017
Publications	90
Postage and freight	4,000
Microfilm supplies	2,367
Court reporter supplies	285
Gas, water, electricity	10,969
General telephone expense	1,551
Long-distance telephone expense	57
Other expenses	280
Total lump sum categories	34,433
Restricted budget categories:	
Maintenance of court area(s)	7,950
Equipment purchases	4,120
Equipment rentals	1,140
Maintenance of equipment	11,154
OCIS services	15,862
Photocopy equipment rental	189
Photocopy equipment maintenance	664
Part-time court clerk employees	66,254
Total restricted categories	107,333
Mandated categories:	
Law library	5,000
State judicial fund	195,960
Total mandated categories	200,960
Total deductions	342,726
Collections over (under) deductions	6,349
Cancelled vouchers	60
Beginning account balance	56,318
Ending account balance	\$ 62,727

LANA SPAKE, COURT CLERK  
COTTON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2004

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Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	\$ 6,751
Total collections	<u>6,751</u>
Deductions:	
Maintenance and operation	<u>8,588</u>
Total deductions	<u>8,588</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(1,837)
Beginning account balance	<u>12,093</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 10,256</u></u>