

**SHARON MELROSE, COURT CLERK
GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATUTORY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

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April 15, 2005

Sharon Melrose, Court Clerk
Garfield County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Garfield 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.

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jeff A. McMahan".

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
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Sharon Melrose, Court Clerk
Garfield County Courthouse
Enid, Oklahoma 73701

Dear Ms. Melrose:

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.

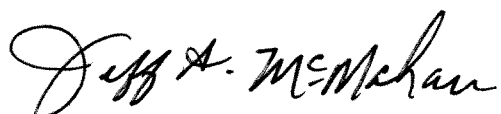
Our Court Clerk's engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Garfield 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 Garfield 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 that reads "Jeff A. McMahen". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

March 14, 2005

SHARON MELROSE, COURT CLERK
GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2004

Collections:

Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$	988,208
Interest earned on deposit		229
Total collections		988,437

Deductions:

Lump sum budget categories:

Juror expenses	17,821
Trial court attorneys	105,000
Guardian ad litem fees	1,440
Transcripts - preliminary & trial	1,922
Transcripts - appeals	3,273
General office supplies	8,619
Forms printing	5,986
Publications	930
Books for records and indexes	4,169
Postage and freight	16,870
Court reporter supplies	6,273
Gas, water and electricity	24,000
General telephone expense	3,010
Long-distance telephone expense	406
Other expenses	4,414
Total lump sum categories	204,133

Restricted budget categories:

Equipment purchases	179
Maintenance of court area(s)	1,259
Furniture and fixtures	1,160
Security of court area(s)	25,000
Maintenance of equipment	4,506
Oklahoma Court Information System Services	68,096
Photocopy equipment rental	2,332
Photocopy maintenance	72
Part-time court clerk employees	157,940
Total restricted categories	260,544

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COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2004**

Mandated categories:	
Law library	9,000
State judicial fund	372,162
Total mandated categories	<u>381,162</u>
Total deductions	<u>845,839</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	142,598
Cancelled vouchers	850
Beginning account balance	<u>18,307</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 161,755</u></u>

**SHARON MELROSE, COURT CLERK
GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2004**

Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	\$ 39,470
Total collections	<u>39,470</u>
Deductions:	
Equipment purchases	1,913
Maintenance of equipment	2,080
Furniture and fixtures	319
Court Clerk employees	31,500
Other expenses (robes, travel, etc.)	<u>1,540</u>
Total deductions	<u>37,352</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	2,118
Cancelled vouchers	450
Beginning account balance	<u>21,833</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 24,401</u></u>