

**SHARON MELROSE, COURT CLERK  
GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
STATUTORY REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

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JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

November 28, 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, 2005. 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. McMahen".

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

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

Dear Ms. Melrose:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2005 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2005 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. McMAHAN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

October 5, 2005

**SHARON MELROSE, COURT CLERK**  
**GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS**  
**JUNE 30, 2005**

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Collections:

Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 1,065,824
Interest earned on deposit	261
Refunds	531
Total collections	<u>1,066,616</u>

Deductions:

Lump sum budget categories:

Juror expenses	15,907
Trial court attorneys	111,095
Transcripts - preliminary & trial	4,060
Transcripts - appeals	12,135
General office supplies	15,866
Forms printing	8,079
Publications	1,370
Books for records and indexes	12,768
Postage and freight	12,092
Court reporter supplies	1,380
Gas, water and electricity	24,000
General telephone expense	2,500
Long-distance telephone expense	488
Other expenses	8,609
Total lump sum categories	<u>230,349</u>

Restricted budget categories:

Maintenance of court area(s)	2,589
Security of court area(s)	25,000
Furniture and fixtures	1,175
Maintenance of equipment	3,505
Oklahoma Court Information System Services	70,784
Photocopy maintenance	1,658
Part-time court clerk employees	167,194
Total restricted categories	<u>271,905</u>

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Mandated categories:	
Law library	9,000
State judicial fund	<u>569,774</u>
Total mandated categories	<u>578,774</u>
Total deductions	<u>1,081,028</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(14,412)
Cancelled vouchers	160
Beginning account balance	<u>161,755</u>
Ending account balance	<u>\$ 147,503</u>

**SHARON MELROSE, COURT CLERK  
GARFIELD COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2005**

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Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	\$ 84,542
Total collections	<u>84,542</u>
Deductions:	
Lump sum budget categories:	
General office supplies	283
Other expenses (robes, travel, etc.)	34,580
Total lump sum budget categories	<u>34,863</u>
Restricted budget categories:	
Equipment purchases	1,833
Furniture and fixtures	920
Court Clerk employees	14,000
Total restricted budget categories	<u>16,753</u>
Total deductions	<u>51,616</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	32,926
Cancelled vouchers	53
Beginning account balance	<u>24,401</u>
Ending account balance	<u>\$ 57,380</u>