



# GREER COUNTY

## Financial Report

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023

**Cindy Byrd, CPA**  
State Auditor & Inspector

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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April 4, 2025

TO THE CITIZENS OF  
GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of Greer County, Oklahoma for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023. The audit was conducted in accordance with 19 O.S. § 171.

A report of this type can be critical in nature. Failure to report commendable features in the accounting and operating procedures of the entity should not be interpreted to mean that they do not exist.

The goal of the State Auditor and Inspector is to promote accountability and fiscal integrity in state and local government. Maintaining our independence as we provide this service to the taxpayers of Oklahoma is of utmost importance.

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

This report is a public document pursuant to the Oklahoma Open Records Act (51 O.S. § 24A.1 et seq.) and shall be open to any person for inspection and copying.

Sincerely,

CINDY BYRD, CPA  
OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

**GREER COUNTY OFFICIALS  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**Board of County Commissioners**

District 1 – Brent York  
District 2 – Mark Barnes  
District 3 – Steven Fite

**County Assessor**

Richy Richardson

**County Clerk**

Tiffany Buchanan

**County Sheriff**

Steve McMahan

**County Treasurer**

Donna Bull

**Court Clerk**

Jeanna Scott

**District Attorney**

David Thomas

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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## **FINANCIAL SECTION**



## **Independent Auditor's Report**

TO THE OFFICERS OF  
GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

### **Report on the Audit of the Financial Statement**

#### ***Opinion***

We have audited the total—all county funds on the accompanying regulatory basis Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Greer County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement.

#### ***Unmodified Opinion on Regulatory Basis of Accounting***

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the regulatory basis total receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances for all county funds of Greer County, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions of Title 19 O.S. § 171 of Oklahoma Statutes described in Note 1.

#### ***Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

In our opinion, because of the significance of the matter discussed in the Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (U.S. GAAP) section of our report, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in accordance with U.S. GAAP, the financial position of Greer County as of June 30, 2023, or changes in financial position for the year then ended.

#### ***Basis for Opinions***

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* (*Government Auditing Standards*), issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement section of our report. We are required to be independent of Greer County, and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis of our audit opinions.

#### ***Basis for Adverse Opinion on U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles***

As described in Note 1, the financial statement is prepared by Greer County using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which is a basis of accounting other than U.S. GAAP to meet the requirements of the State of Oklahoma. The effects on the financial statement of the variances

between the regulatory basis of accounting described in Note 1 and U.S. GAAP, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material and pervasive.

### ***Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statement***

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of this financial statement in accordance with the regulatory basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and for determining that the regulatory basis of accounting is an acceptable basis for the preparation of the financial statement in the circumstances. Management is also responsible for the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statement, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Greer County's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

### ***Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statement***

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement as a whole is free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statement.

In performing an audit in accordance with GAAS and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statement, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Greer County's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statement.
- conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about Greer County's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.



### ***Supplementary Information***

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the total of all county funds on the financial statement. The supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statement. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statement or to the financial statement itself, and other additional procedures in accordance with GAAS. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statement.

### ***Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated February 27, 2025, on our consideration of Greer 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 solely 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 effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Greer County's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



CINDY BYRD, CPA  
OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

February 27, 2025

## **REGULATORY BASIS FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND**  
**CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—REGULATORY BASIS**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

	Beginning Cash Balances July 1, 2022	Receipts Apportioned	Transfers In	Transfers Out	Disbursements	Ending Cash Balances June 30, 2023
County Funds:						
County General	\$ 266,142	\$ 697,942	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 509,373	\$ 454,711
County Highway Unrestricted	2,580,222	2,070,981	98,938	98,938	1,754,814	2,896,389
County Bridge and Road Improvement	2,259,838	470,396	-	-	185,188	2,545,046
Assessor Revolving Fee	17,639	1,845	-	-	-	19,484
County Clerk Lien Fee	4,252	1,737	-	-	3,396	2,593
County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund	29,497	13,130	-	-	6,204	36,423
Court Clerk Payroll	10,513	76,641	-	-	77,620	9,534
Emergency Management	16,298	-	-	-	1,604	14,694
Free Fair Board	5,843	8,795	-	-	-	14,638
Free Fair Building	85	-	-	-	-	85
Health	117,517	99,085	-	-	80,346	136,256
Local Emergency Planning Committee	-	2,000	-	-	-	2,000
Resale Property	204,412	63,143	-	-	57,217	210,338
Sheriff Commissary	31,123	8,098	-	-	21,350	17,871
Sheriff Service Fee	113,277	229,577	-	-	236,699	106,155
Treasurer Mortgage Certification	1,623	1,005	-	-	-	2,628
County Donations	11	-	-	-	-	11
Opioid Abatement Settlement	-	7,540	-	-	-	7,540
Lodging Tax-ST	24,526	19,744	-	-	36,026	8,244
Courthouse Improvement-ST	746,394	152,098	-	-	21,494	876,998
Extension-ST	148,562	42,530	-	-	37,535	153,557
Fair-ST	32,978	15,959	-	-	12,257	36,680
General Gov't-ST	445,451	254,562	-	-	109,994	590,019
Sheriff-ST	32,425	68,444	-	-	86,005	14,864
Economic Development-ST	17,375	19,980	-	-	11,777	25,578
General-ST	35,579	60,839	-	-	8,178	88,240
County Clerk-ST	12,722	15,210	-	-	16,193	11,739
Rural Economic Action Plan Revolving Fund	-	2,120	98,938	98,938	2,120	-
American Rescue Plan Act 2021	104,432	554,745	-	-	609,831	49,346
LATCF	-	50,000	-	-	-	50,000
<b>Total - All County Funds as Restated</b>	<b>\$ 7,258,736</b>	<b>\$ 5,008,146</b>	<b>\$ 197,876</b>	<b>\$ 197,876</b>	<b>\$ 3,885,221</b>	<b>\$ 8,381,661</b>

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

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Reporting Entity**

Greer County is a subdivision of the State of Oklahoma created by the Oklahoma Constitution and regulated by Oklahoma Statutes.

The accompanying financial statement presents the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances of the total of all funds under the control of the primary government. 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, where its use is restricted for a specified purpose. Other funds established by statute and under the control of the primary government are also presented.

The County Treasurer collects and remits material amounts of intergovernmental revenues and ad valorem tax revenue for other budgetary entities, including emergency medical service 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. Any trust or agency funds maintained by the County are not included in this presentation.

**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 county funds included within the financial statement:

County General – accounts for revenue derived mostly from ad valorem tax as directed by the Oklahoma Constitution and state statutes. Other revenue includes fees, in-lieu taxes, and other miscellaneous collections. Disbursements are for general operations of the County.

County Highway Unrestricted – accounts for revenue from motor fuel and motor vehicle taxes and is designated for those activities associated with building and maintaining county roads and bridges.

County Bridge and Road Improvement – accounts for collections from fuel and gas taxes collected by Oklahoma Tax Commission and disbursements are for the purpose of constructing and maintaining county bridges and roads.

Assessor Revolving Fee – accounts for the collection of fees for copies as restricted by state statute.

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County Clerk Lien Fee – accounts for revenue generated from filing and copy fees. Proceeds to be expended as restricted by state statute.

County Clerk Records Management and Preservation Fund – accounts for fees collected for instruments filed in the County Clerk's office. Expenditures are restricted to activities related to preservation of records in the County Clerk's office.

Court Clerk Payroll – accounts for funds from the Court Fund for compensation of the District Court employees.

Emergency Management – accounts for revenue from state or federal grants for the purpose of providing the County emergency management services.

Free Fair Board – accounts for revenue from advertising, rentals, and concessions during the County free fair, livestock shows, and agricultural demonstrations held at the County fairgrounds. This revenue is used for premiums and other costs of hosting those events.

Free Fair Building – accounts for investment of revenue raised by levy or transferred from sinking funds of the County to fund improvements to real property used for free fair purposes.

Health – accounts for ad valorem tax collections and fees for services collected, disbursements are for the operation of the County Health Department.

Local Emergency Planning Committee – accounts for legislative appropriations to assist local emergency planning committees in the development of an emergency plan in accordance with the requirements of Title III of the Federal Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act.

Resale Property – accounts for interest and penalties assessed on delinquent ad valorem tax payments as well as proceeds of selling real property in the County which has remained delinquent in ad valorem tax payments for three years. The fund is utilized by the County Treasurer for offsetting the costs associated with the collection of delinquent ad valorem taxes.

Sheriff Commissary – accounts for profits on commissary sales in the County jail. Disbursements are for jail operations as defined by state statute.

Sheriff Service Fee – accounts for the collection of fees and reimbursements for revenues such as process fees, courthouse security, contracts for housing and feeding prisoners, and disbursements as restricted by state statute.

Treasurer Mortgage Certification – accounts for fees collected by the County Treasurer for evaluating mortgages or other liens upon real property filed with the county for the purpose of collateralizing debt. The fund is used for lawful operation of the County Treasurer's office.

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County Donations – accounts for donations to the county from private donors to be disbursed for a specified purpose and approved Board of County Commissioners’ resolution.

Opioid Abatement Settlement – accounts for court settlement from class-action lawsuits against opioid manufacturers and distributors. Proceeds to be used in accordance with the settlement agreement for opioid abatement.

Lodging Tax-ST – accounts for tax upon public lodging approved by the voters of the County and designated for a particular purpose as stated on the ballot.

Courthouse Improvement-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

Extension-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

Fair-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

General Gov’t-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

Sheriff-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

Economic Development-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

General-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

County Clerk-ST – accounts for tax assessed upon retail sales within the County as authorized by vote of the citizens of the County. Sales tax funds are restricted for the purpose described on the ballot approved by voters.

Rural Economic Action Plan Revolving Fund – accounts for revenue from the State of Oklahoma for the purpose of economic development.

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American Rescue Plan Act 2021 – accounts for monies received from the United States Department of Treasury and disbursed for responding to the COVID-19 public health emergency and its negative economic impact, premium pay to eligible workers, the provision of government services to the extent of the reduction in revenue due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and investments in water, sewer, and broadband infrastructure as restricted by federal requirements.

LATCF – Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund (LATCF) accounts for federal funding made available through the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 to be used in the same manner as other locally generated revenue.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

The 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 (U.S. GAAP), 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 regulatory basis financial presentation is not a comprehensive measure of economic condition or changes therein.

Title 19 O.S. § 171 allows Oklahoma counties to present their financial statement in accordance with U.S. GAAP or on a regulatory basis. The County has elected to present their financial statement on a regulatory basis in conformity with Title 19 O.S. § 171, which specifies the format and presentation of such regulatory basis financial statements: county governments (primary only) are required to present their financial statements on a fund basis format with, at a minimum, the general fund and all other county funds, which represent ten percent or greater of total county revenue with all other funds included in the audit presented in the aggregate in a combining statement. However, the County has elected to present all funds included in the audit in the Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances—Regulatory Basis.

**D. Budget**

Under current Oklahoma Statutes, a general fund and a 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 for the respective fund by 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.

**E. Cash and Investments**

For the purposes of financial reporting, “Ending Cash Balances, June 30” includes cash and cash equivalents and investments as allowed by statutes. The County pools the cash of its various funds

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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).

The County Treasurer has been authorized by the County's governing board to make investments. Allowable investments are outlined in statutes 62 O.S. § 348.1 and § 348.3.

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. All investments as classified by state statute are nonnegotiable certificates of deposit. Nonnegotiable certificates of deposit are not subject to interest rate risk or credit risk.

**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."

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. The County Treasurer, according to the law, shall give notice of delinquent taxes and special assessments by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks at any time after April 1, but prior to the end of September following the year the taxes were first due and payable. Unpaid real property taxes become a lien upon said property after the treasurer has perfected the lien by public notice.

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



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**3. Other Information**

**A. 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.

**B. 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.

**C. 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; however, the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

As of the end of the fiscal year, there were no claims or judgments that would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County; however, the outcome of any lawsuit would not be determinable.

**D. Sales Tax**

**Sales Tax of December 18, 1984**

Effective January 1, 1985, the voters of Greer County approved a one percent (1%) sales tax for an unlimited duration, to be distributed in the following manner: 5% to Free Fair, 15% to OSU

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Extension, and 80% to County General. These funds are accounted for in the Fair-ST fund, Extension-ST fund, and the General Gov't-ST fund.

**Lodging Tax of October 1, 2002**

Effective October 1, 2002, the voters of Greer County approved a five percent (5%) lodging tax of unlimited duration, in which gross proceeds derived from the service of furnishing of rooms by hotels, apartment hotels, or motels and from the furnishing of any other facility for public lodging. The net revenues from such lodging tax are to be apportioned 50% to the County General of Greer County and 50% to the Economic Development Authority. These funds are accounted for in the Lodging Tax-ST fund and the Economic Development-ST fund.

**Sales Tax of February 5, 2008**

On April 3, 2018, the voters of Greer County approved the continuance of the 1/2% of 1% (.005%) sales tax which was originally approved on February 5, 2008, for an extended time period of 10 years beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2028. This sales tax provides funds for restoration, maintenance, and capital improvements for the Greer County Courthouse, Sheriff's Office and County Jail. These funds are accounted for in the Courthouse Improvement-ST fund.

**Sales Tax of June 24, 2014**

On June 28, 2022, the voters of Greer County approved the continuance of the 1/2% of 1% (.005%) sales tax which was originally approved on June 24, 2014, for an extended time period of 8 years beginning October 1, 2022, and ending September 30, 2030. This sales tax provides funds for continued operations of essential divisions of the county government to be distributed in the following manner: 45% to the County Sheriff, 40% for County General, 10% to the County Clerk, and 5% to the County Emergency fund. These funds are accounted for in the Sheriff-ST fund, General-ST fund, County Clerk-ST fund, and General Gov't-ST fund.

**E. Interfund Transfers**

During the fiscal year, the County made the following transfers between cash funds:

- \$98,938 was transferred from the County Highway Unrestricted fund to the Rural Economic Action Plan Revolving Fund as an interfund temporary loan for operating expenses as allowed by 68 O.S. § 3021.
- \$98,938 was transferred from the Rural Economic Action Plan Revolving Fund to the County Highway Unrestricted fund to reimburse the original interfund temporary loan in accordance with 68 O.S. § 3021.

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**F. Restatement of Fund Balance**

During the fiscal year, the County had a reclassification of funds. Free Fair Board and Free Fair Building were reclassified as county funds and support operations and improvements to real property of the Greer County Fairgrounds.

Prior year ending balance, as reported	\$7,252,808
Funds reclassified to County Funds:	
Free Fair Board reclassified from a	
Trust and Agency Fund to a County Fund	5,843
Free Fair Building reclassified from a	
Trust and Agency Fund to a County Fund	<u>85</u>
Prior year ending balance, as restated	<u>\$7,258,736</u>

## **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—**  
**BUDGETARY BASIS—GENERAL FUND**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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	General Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
District Attorney - County	\$ 500	\$ 498	\$ 2
County Sheriff	211,000	208,902	2,098
County Treasurer	50,000	26,755	23,245
County Clerk	50,700	29,111	21,589
County Court Clerk	48,950	26,790	22,160
County Assessor	48,700	26,500	22,200
Visual Inspection	189,045	22,929	166,116
General Government	170,822	109,369	61,453
Excise Equalization	5,500	3,615	1,885
Election Board	63,015	55,986	7,029
County Audit Budget	8,000	6,105	1,895
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ 846,232</u>	<u>\$ 516,560</u>	<u>\$ 329,672</u>

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**  
**COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—**  
**BUDGETARY BASIS—HEALTH FUND**  
**FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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	Health Fund		
	Budget	Actual	Variance
Health and Welfare	\$ 193,883	\$ 83,168	\$ 110,715
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	\$ 193,883	\$ 83,168	\$ 110,715

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTE TO SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**1. Budgetary Schedules**

The Comparative Schedules of Expenditures—Budget and Actual—Budgetary Basis for the General Fund and the Health Fund presents 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 Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances 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**





**Independent Auditor's 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  
GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAS) and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the total—all county funds of the accompanying Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Greer County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, and the related notes to the financial statement, which collectively comprise Greer County's financial statement, prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and have issued our report thereon dated February 27, 2025.

Our report included an adverse opinion on the financial statement because the statement is prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP). However, our report also included our opinion that the financial statement does present fairly, in all material respects, the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances – regulatory basis of the County as of and for the year ended June 30, 2023, on the basis of accounting prescribed by Oklahoma state law, described in Note 1.

**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statement, we considered Greer County's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Greer County's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Greer County's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not

identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we consider to be material weaknesses: 2023-004.

### **Report on Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Greer County's financial statement is free from 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 financial statement. 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2023-004.

### **Greer County's Response to Findings**

*Government Auditing Standards* requires the auditor to perform limited procedures on Greer County's response to the findings identified in our audit and described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Greer County's response was not subjected to the other auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statement and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

### **Purpose of this Report**

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.



CINDY BYRD, CPA  
OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

February 27, 2025

**GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2023**

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**SECTION 1—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 2023-004 – Lack of Internal Controls and Noncompliance Over the Disbursement Process**

**Condition:** Upon inquiry and observation of the disbursement process and during our test of sixty (60) disbursements, we noted the following:

- Six (6) disbursements totaling \$1,428 were not properly encumbered in accordance with state statutes.
- One (1) disbursement totaling \$2,444 did not have sufficient documentation to support the disbursement.
- One (1) disbursement totaling \$50 did not include a receiving report.

**Cause of Condition:** Policies and procedures have not been designed and implemented regarding the disbursement process to ensure compliance with state statute.

**Effect of Condition:** This condition resulted in noncompliance with state statute, which could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, undetected errors, and misappropriation of funds.

**Recommendation:** The Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector's Office (OSAI) recommends the County design and implement a system of internal controls over the disbursement process. Such controls should include ensuring that funds are encumbered prior to the receipt of goods and/or services, implementing a review process to ensure the documentation is sufficient to support the disbursement, and implementing procedures to ensure cash disbursements are made in accordance with 19 O.S. § 1505.

**Management Response:**

**Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners:** The Board of County Commissioners will express to all County Officials the importance of County funds being encumbered prior to the receipt of goods and/or services and the maintaining of invoices and documentation.

**Criteria:** The United States Government Accountability Office's *Standards for Internal Control in the Federal Government* (2014 version) aided in guiding our assessments and conclusion. Although this publication (GAO Standards) addresses controls in the federal government, this criterion can be treated as best practices and may be applied as a framework for an internal control system for state, local, and quasi-governmental entities.

The GAO Standards – Section 2 – Objectives of an Entity - OV2.23 states in part:

*Compliance Objectives*

Management conducts activities in accordance with applicable laws and regulations. As part of specifying compliance objectives, the entity determines which laws and regulations

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apply to the entity. Management is expected to set objectives that incorporate these requirements.

Further, effective internal controls require that management properly implement procedures to ensure that purchases comply with 19 O.S. § 1505.

**SECTION 2—This section contains certain matters not required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we believe these matters are significant enough to bring to management’s attention. We recommend that management consider these matters and take appropriate corrective action.**

No matters were reported.



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