

STATUTORY REPORT

GREER COUNTY TREASURER

August 31, 2016



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**DONNA BULL, COUNTY TREASURER
GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
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Transmitted herewith is the Greer County Treasurer Statutory Report for August 31, 2016. The engagement was conducted in accordance with 74 O.S. § 212.

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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gary A. Jones". The signature is fluid and cursive.

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE
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Donna Bull, Greer County Treasurer
Greer County Courthouse
Mangum, Oklahoma 73554

Dear Ms. Bull:

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

- Determine whether bank reconciliations are properly performed, visually verify the certificates of deposit, and confirm the investments.
- Determine whether subsidiary records are reconciled to the general ledger.
- Determine whether deposits and invested funds are secured by pledged collateral.

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 basic financial statement of Greer County.

Based on our procedures performed, we have presented our finding in the accompanying schedule.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Gary A. Jones'.

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October 12, 2016

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES

Finding 2017-1 - Inadequate Internal Controls Over the Collection Process (Repeat Finding)

Condition: Regarding collections within the office of the County Treasurer, the duties of receipting, depositing, and reconciling are not adequately segregated within the office. An officer and one deputy are the two full-time employees of the office. There does not appear to be a review or monitoring process in place to mitigate risks associated with limited staff.

Cause of Condition: Policies and procedures have not been designed and implemented with regard to segregating the duties over all aspects of the collection process.

Effect of Condition: A single person having responsibility for more than one area of recording, authorization, custody of assets, and execution of transactions could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, clerical errors, or misappropriation of funds not being detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation: The Oklahoma State Auditor & Inspector's Office recommends management be aware of these conditions and realize that a concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desired from a control point of view. The most effective procedures lie in management's overseeing of office operations and a periodic review of operations. OSAI recommends management provide segregation of duties so that one employee is unable to perform all accounting functions. In the event that segregation of duties is not possible due to limited personnel, OSAI recommends implementing compensating procedures to mitigate the risks involved with a concentration of duties. Compensating procedures would include separating key processes and/or critical functions of the office, and having management review and approval of accounting functions.

Management Response:

County Treasurer: We will implement some review processes to detect any errors in a timely manner.

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals of management in 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. A single person having responsibility for more than one area of recording, authorization, custody of assets, and execution of transactions could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, clerical errors, or misappropriation of funds not being detected in a timely manner.



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