

STATUTORY REPORT

# GREER COUNTY TREASURER

January 11, 2012



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GREER COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
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January 30, 2012

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MANGUM, OKLAHOMA 73554

Transmitted herewith is the Greer County Treasurer Statutory Report for January 11, 2012. 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, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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 general-purpose financial statements of the County.

Based on our procedures performed, we have presented our findings 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.

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January 12, 2012

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**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

**Finding 2012-1—Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals of management in the accounting of funds. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, key duties and responsibilities should be segregated among different individuals to reduce the risk of error or fraud. No one individual should have the ability to authorize transactions, have physical custody of funds, and record transactions.

Condition: The County Treasurer's office has one full-time deputy and one seasonal part-time deputy. The Treasurer does not formally segregate the duties of receipting, posting, and depositing daily collections. The County Treasurer has one change drawer from which she and all deputies make change. One person may be responsible for receiving, receipting and depositing money and reconciling bank statements.

Effect: 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: OSAI recommends management be aware of these conditions and realize that concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desired from a control point of view. The most effective controls lie in management's overseeing of office operations and a periodic review of operations. OSAI recommends management provide segregation of duties so that no one employee is able to perform all accounting functions. In the event that segregation of duties is not possible due to limited personnel, OSAI recommends implementing compensating controls to mitigate the risks involved with a concentration of duties. Compensating controls would include separating key processes and/or critical functions of the office, and having management review and approve accounting functions.

Management Response: With only two of us in the office, we try to split the duties and check each others work. Sometimes, it is impossible to segregate all duties and responsibilities.

**Finding 2012-2—Bank Reconciliation**

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals of management in the accounting of funds. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, treasurer's balances should be reconciled to the bank statements routinely.

Condition: The Great Plains National Bank Sales Tax fund account on the County Treasurer's general ledger has not been routinely reconciled to the bank statements as they are received by the County Treasurer's office.

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The last completed reconciliation performed by the County Treasurer was June 30, 2010. This reconciliation has been routinely performed by a single person. At the date of the review, the account was not reconciled.

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Management Response: The Greer County IDA account has been reconciled. The account receives a quarterly report from the bank and will be reconciled each quarter.



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