

JACKSON COUNTY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2008



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**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

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September 28, 2010

TO THE CITIZENS OF
JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of Jackson County, Oklahoma for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2008. A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that our audit failed to disclose commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the County.

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

The Office of the State Auditor and Inspector is committed to serving the public interest by providing independent oversight and by issuing reports that serve as a management tool to the State to ensure a government which is accountable to the people of the State of Oklahoma.

Sincerely,

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**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

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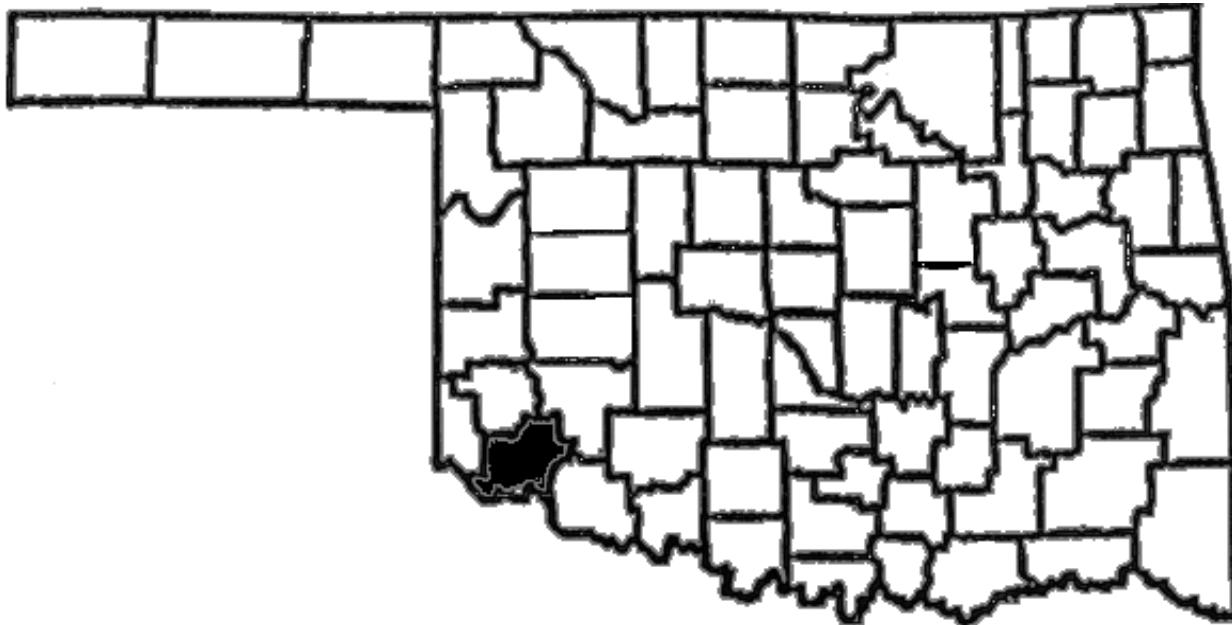
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**REPORT TO THE CITIZENS
OF
JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**



Formed in 1907 from a portion of the original disputed Greer County, Jackson County was named for the Confederate hero, General Thomas J. (Stonewall) Jackson. Primary crops are cotton, wheat, and grain sorghum. Cattle and greyhounds are bred and raised in this area.

Altus Air Force Base is the largest industry in the County. Higher education is provided by Western Oklahoma State College, a two-year accredited institution. The Shortgrass Arts and Humanities Council sponsors numerous cultural activities including an annual arts festival in the fall. Recreational opportunities are available 15 miles north of Altus at Quartz Mountain State Park, which includes Lake Altus.

County Seat – Altus

Area – 804.15 Square Miles

County Population – 26,518
(2005 est.)

Farms – 732

Land in Farms – 453,654 Acres

Primary Source: Oklahoma Almanac 2007-2008

See independent auditor's report.

**JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

COUNTY ASSESSOR

Gerald Sherrill Jr.

The County Assessor has the responsibility to appraise and assess the real and personal property within the county for the purpose of ad valorem taxation. Also, the County Assessor is required to compute the ad valorem taxes due on all taxable property. The County Assessor appraises all the taxable real and personal property according to its fair cash value for which the property is actually being used as of January 1 of the taxable year at the percentages provided for in Article 10, § 8 of the Oklahoma Constitution.

The County Assessor is required to build and maintain permanent records of the taxable real property and tax exempt real property within the county. Information entered on each record includes the property's legal description, owner's name and address, and the homestead exemption status of the owner.

COUNTY CLERK

Louise Snodgrass

The County Clerk serves as the register of deeds and custodian of records for the county. The County Clerk also serves as the secretary to several boards, including the Board of County Commissioners, the County Excise Board, the County Board of Equalization, and the Board of Tax Roll Corrections.

The County Clerk reviews all the claims for payment of goods and services purchased or contracted by the county, and prepares the proper warrants for payment of those goods and services and the county payroll. The County Clerk, or his or her designated deputy, serves as the purchasing agent for the county. This system is a means to ensure the public that tax dollars are being spent appropriately.

Various records within the different county offices are classified as "open records." As such, they can be reviewed and mechanically copied by the public.

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**JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT 1

Dale Dunn

DISTRICT 2

Anthony Fixico

DISTRICT 3

Cary Carrell

The Board of County Commissioners is the chief administrative body for the county. County Commissioners are also responsible for maintaining and constructing the county roads and bridges.

The Commissioners must act as a Board when entering into contracts or other agreements affecting the county's welfare. Thus, actions taken by the Board are voted on and approved by a majority of the Commissioners. The Board of County Commissioners' business meetings are open to the public.

As the county's chief administrative body, the three County Commissioners must make major financial decisions and transactions. The Board has the official duty to ensure the fiscal responsibility of the other county officers who handle county funds. The review and approval procedures empowered to the Board of County Commissioners are a means to provide the public with a fiscally efficient system of county government.

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**JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

COUNTY SHERIFF

Roger LeVick

The County Sheriff is responsible for preserving the peace and protecting life and property within the county's jurisdiction. As the county's chief law enforcement officer, the Sheriff has the power and authority to suppress all unlawful disturbances, to apprehend and secure persons charged with felony or breach of peace, and to operate the county jail.

The County Sheriff has the responsibility of serving warrants and processing papers ordered by the District Court.

COUNTY TREASURER

Janet Wright

All collections by county government from ad valorem taxes and other sources are deposited with the County Treasurer. The County Treasurer collects ad valorem taxes for the county and its political subdivisions. The County Treasurer is authorized to issue delinquent personal property tax warrants and to impose tax liens on real property for delinquent taxes.

To account for county collections and disbursements, the County Treasurer is required to maintain an accurate record of all the monies received and disbursed.

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**JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

COURT CLERK

Rhonda Stepanovich

The Court Clerk has the primary responsibility to record, file, and maintain as permanent records the proceedings of the District Court.

Court proceedings are recorded in the appropriate journal or record docket. All the court proceedings are public information except those related to juvenile, guardianship, adoption, and mental health cases.

The Court Clerk issues marriage licenses, passports, notary certificates, beer and pool hall licenses, and private process server licenses.

Monies from the court fund are identified for distribution by the Court Clerk to the appropriate units of county and state government.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

John Wampler

As the chief attorney for county government, the District Attorney acts as the legal advisor to the county officers on matters related to their duties. The District Attorney represents the county in civil litigation. County officials may call upon the District Attorney to clarify a law or request an official interpretation from the Attorney General.

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**JACKSON COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY

Jennifer Wilson

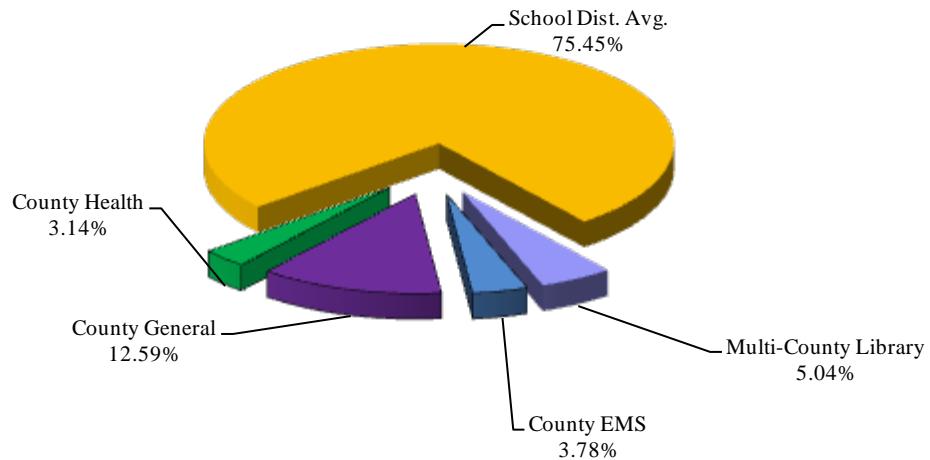
The Election Board Secretary is appointed by the State Election Board and is the chief administrative officer of the County Election Board. The County Election Board has direct responsibility for all the ballots used in all elections within the county. The Board also conducts all elections held within the county.

To finance the operation of the County Election Board, the County Excise Board must appropriate sufficient funds annually. The state and counties split the election costs, but counties must pay for any county elections not held concurrently with state elections.

See independent auditor's report.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
AD VALOREM TAX DISTRIBUTION
SHARE OF THE AVERAGE MILLAGE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

Property taxes are calculated by applying a millage rate to the assessed valuation of property. Millage rates are established by the Oklahoma Constitution. One mill equals one-thousandth of a dollar. For example, if the assessed value of a property is \$1,000.00 and the millage rate is 1.00, then the tax on that property is \$1.00. This chart shows the different entities of the County and their share of the various millages as authorized by the Constitution.



County-Wide Millages		School District Millages							
			Gen.	Bldg.	Skdg.	Tech Center	Common	Total	
County General	10.17								
County Health	2.54	Altus	18	35.51	5.07				
County EMS	3.05	Navajo	1	36.03	5.15	5.49	10.17	4.07	
Multi-County Library	4.07	Duke	14	35.37	5.05	12.48	10.17	4.07	
		Eldorado	25	35.85	5.12	13.70	10.17	4.07	
		Olustee	35	35.62	5.09		10.17	4.07	
		Blair	54	35.96	5.14	9.94	10.17	4.07	
		Greer County	JT-1	35.00	5.00	10.74		4.00	

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JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(UNAUDITED)

Total net assessed value as of January 1, 2007	<u>\$ 106,427,770</u>
Debt limit - 5% of total assessed value	5,321,389
Total bonds outstanding	-
Total judgments outstanding	-
Less cash in sinking fund	<u> -</u>
Legal debt margin	<u><u>\$ 5,321,389</u></u>

See independent auditor's report.

JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
RATIO OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED
VALUE AND NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(UNAUDITED)

	<u>2008</u>
Estimated population	<u>26,518</u>
Net assessed value as of January 1, 2007	<u>\$ 106,427,770</u>
Gross bonded debt	-
Less available sinking fund cash balance	-
Net bonded debt	<u>\$ -</u>
Ratio of net bonded debt to assessed value	<u>0.00%</u>
Net bonded debt per capita	<u>\$ -</u>

See independent auditor's report.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008
(UNAUDITED)**

Valuation Date	Personal	Public Service	Real Estate	Homestead Exemption	Net Value	Estimated Fair Market Value
1/1/2007	\$13,868,641	\$8,936,401	\$88,986,322	\$5,363,594	\$106,427,770	\$919,348,069

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FINANCIAL SECTION

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Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE OFFICERS OF JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Jackson County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, listed in the table of contents as the basic financial statement. This financial statement is the responsibility of Jackson County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on this financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statement is free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statement. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described in Note 1, this financial statement was prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, although not reasonably determinable, are presumed to be material.

In our opinion, because of the matter discussed in the preceding paragraph, the financial statement referred to above does not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of Jackson County as of June 30, 2008, or changes in its financial position for the year then ended.

In our opinion, the financial statement referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the combined total of receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash of Jackson County for the year ended June 30, 2008, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 23, 2010, on our consideration of Jackson 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 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 internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be considered in assessing the results of our audit.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the combined total of all funds within the basic financial statement taken as a whole. The combining information is presented for purposes of additional analysis rather than to present the receipts, disbursements, and cash balances of the individual funds. Also, the other supplementary information, as listed in the table of contents, is presented for purposes of additional analysis, and is not a required part of the basic financial statement. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statement and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statement taken as a whole. The information listed in the table of contents under Introductory Section has not been audited by us, and accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

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STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

August 23, 2010

Basic Financial Statement

JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES
(WITH COMBINING INFORMATION)
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	Beginning Cash Balances July 1, 2007	Receipts Apportioned	Disbursements	Ending Cash Balances June 30, 2008
Combining Information:				
County General Fund	\$ 393,922	\$ 1,619,403	\$ 1,599,374	\$ 413,951
County Highway Cash	948,448	2,413,410	2,868,170	493,688
County Health Department	141,535	296,118	258,306	179,347
Resale Property	131,979	96,454	120,775	107,658
Treasurer Mortgage Tax Certification Fee	15,862	6,741	5,494	17,109
County Clerk Lien Fee	28,947	5,171	10,405	23,713
County Clerk Records Management Preservation Fee	56,566	26,085	12,072	70,579
Assessor Revolving Fee	7,308	5,688	4,367	8,629
Assessor Visual Inspection	584		328	256
Sheriff Service Fee	101,404	257,914	198,118	161,200
Sheriff Contract Prisoners	132,623	415,771	203,210	345,184
Sheriff Commissary	126,747	66,663	108,272	85,138
Juvenile Detention	495			495
Jackson County Reward Fund	1,541	100		1,641
County Insurance	265	1,411	1,411	265
Jail Sales Tax Revolving	1,046,141	581,633	742,459	885,315
Jackson County Facilities Authority Sales Tax Proceeds		1,295,681	1,295,681	
Homeland Security		26,000	26,000	
REAP - Eldorado EMS	1,885	14,538	16,423	
REAP - Friendship Fire Department		75,000	75,000	
Emergency Management		2,500		2,500
Community Development Block Grant		150,000	150,000	
Combined Total--All County Funds	\$ 3,136,252	\$ 7,356,281	\$ 7,695,865	\$ 2,796,668

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

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

Counties were created by the Constitution of Oklahoma. One county officer is appointed; however, most county officers are locally elected by their constituents. All county powers are delegated by the state.

The accompanying basic financial statement presents the receipts, disbursements, and changes in cash balances of the total of all funds of Jackson County, Oklahoma. The financial statement referred to includes only the primary government of Jackson County, Oklahoma, and does not include financial information for any of the primary government's legally separate component units, which accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be reported with the financial information of the primary government. The funds presented as line items are not a part of the basic financial statement, but have been included as supplementary information within the basic financial statement. These separate funds are established by statute, and their operations are under the control of the County officials. 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. The other funds presented account for financial resources whose use is restricted for specified purposes.

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 funds included as supplementary information within the financial statement:

County General Fund - accounts for the general operations of the government.

County Highway Cash - accounts for state, local and miscellaneous receipts and disbursements for the purpose of constructing and maintaining county roads and bridges.

County Health Department - accounts for monies collected on behalf of the County Health Department from ad valorem taxes and state and local revenues.

Resale Property - accounts for the collection of interest and penalties on delinquent taxes and the disposition of same as restricted by statute.

Treasurer Mortgage Tax Certification Fee - accounts for the collection of fees by the Treasurer for mortgage tax certificates and the disbursement of the funds as restricted by statute.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
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County Clerk Lien Fee - accounts for lien collections and disbursements as restricted by statute.

County Clerk Records Management Preservation Fee - accounts for fees collected for instruments filed in the Registrar of Deeds as restricted by statute for record preservation.

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

Assessor Visual Inspection - accounts for the collection and expenditure of monies by the Assessor as restricted by state statute for the visual inspection program.

Sheriff Service Fee - accounts for the collection and disbursement of sheriff process service fees as restricted by statute.

Sheriff Contract Prisoners – accounts for the collection of monies from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and disbursements are used for the operations of the Sheriff's department.

Sheriff Commissary – accounts for the collection of the sale of items to inmates and disbursements to purchase commissary goods from the vendor and can be used for maintenance and operations of the county jail.

Juvenile Detention – accounts for the collections from the State of Oklahoma and other Oklahoma Counties for the housing of juvenile offenders and disbursements are for the transportation of juveniles to contracted juvenile detention centers.

Jackson County Reward Fund – accounts for collections of a fee from district court for the reporting of dumping trash. Disbursements account for rewards paid to citizens reporting to the local policing departments.

County Insurance – accounts for the collection of insurance payments received for insured losses of county-owned equipment.

Jail Sales Tax Revolving – accounts for the collection of reserve sales tax monies received from the bondholder in excess of bond issue payments. Disbursements are for the general operations of the county jail and Sheriff's office.

Jackson County Facilities Authority Sales Tax Proceeds – accounts for the collection of sales tax money disbursed to BancFirst, fiscal agent, for the payment of revenue bonds.

Homeland Security Grant – accounts for the collection of grant money to be disbursed for the purpose of homeland security by Jackson County.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

REAP Funds – accounts for the collection of state grant monies for specific projects within the communities for Eldorado Emergency Medical Service and Friendship Fire Department, located in Jackson County.

Emergency Management – accounts for the collection of grant money to be disbursed for the purpose of maintenance and operations for the Safety Director.

Community Development Block Grant – accounts for a grant received for Jackson County District 1 for the repaving of roads for the City of Martha.

The County Treasurer collects and remits material amounts of intergovernmental revenues and ad valorem tax revenue for other budgetary entities, including emergency medical districts, multi-county library, 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.

C. Basis of Accounting

The basic 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, 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 cash basis financial presentation is not a comprehensive measure of economic condition or changes therein.

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.

For the highway funds and other funds, which are not required to adopt a formal budget, appropriations are made on a monthly basis, according to the funds then available.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

E. Cash

The County pools the cash of its various funds 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).

F. Investments

The County Treasurer has been authorized by the County's governing board to make investments. By statute (62 O.S. § 348.1 and § 348.3), the following types of investments are allowed:

- U.S. Government obligations
- Certificates of deposit
- Savings accounts
- G.O. bonds issued by counties, municipalities or school districts
- Money judgments against counties, municipalities or school districts
- Bonds and revenue notes issued by a public trust when the beneficiary of the trust is a county, municipality or school district
- Negotiable certificates of deposit
- Prime bankers acceptance which are eligible for purchase by the Federal Reserve System
- Prime commercial paper with a maturity of 180 days or less
- Repurchase agreements
- Money market funds regulated by the Securities and Exchange Commission and which investments consist of the above-mentioned types of investments

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.

G. Compensated Absences

All full-time employees are entitled to annual leave after 6 months of service that is accrued on a monthly basis. Employees' accumulation rates depend on years of service. Employees with 6 months of service to 1 year of service may accumulate no more than 40 hours of vacation time. Employees with 2 years to 10 years of service may accumulate no more than 120 hours of vacation time. Employees with over 11 years of service may accumulate no more than 160 hours of vacation time. Accrued annual leave is paid at the date of the employees' termination with the County.

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All full-time employees accumulate 6.67 hours of sick leave per month. Sick leave can be accrued up to a maximum of 120 days or 960 hours. Accrued sick is not paid upon the employees' termination with County employment.

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."

The assessed value of property located in Jackson County on January 1, 2007, was approximately \$106,427,770.

Per Article 10, § 8A, with the repeal of personal property tax, the millages with the adjustment factor are 10.17 mills for general fund operations, 2.54 mills for county health department, 4.07 mills for multi-county library, and 3.05 mills for emergency medical service. In addition, the County collects the ad valorem taxes assessed by cities and towns and school districts and remits the ad valorem taxes collected to the appropriate taxing units.

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. Unpaid real property taxes become a lien upon said property on October 1 of each year.

Current year tax collections for the year ended June 30, 2008, were approximately 94.40 percent of the tax levy.

3. Fuel Tax

The County receives major funding for roads and highways from a state imposed fuel tax. Taxes are collected by the Oklahoma Tax Commission. Taxes are imposed on all gasoline, diesel, and special fuel sales statewide. The County's share is determined on formulas based on the County population, road miles, and land area and is remitted to the County monthly. These funds are earmarked for roads and highways only and are accounted for in the county highway fund.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

4. Risk Management

The County is exposed to the various risks of loss shown in the following table:

Types of Loss	Method of Management	Risk of Loss Retained
General Liability <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Torts• Errors and Omissions• Law Enforcement Officers' Liability• Vehicle	The County has contracted with Employees Mutual Casualty Company to provide insurance coverage.	If claims exceed authorized deductibles, the County would have to pay the balance of the claim.
Physical Plant <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Theft• Damage to Assets• Natural Disasters		

Employees Mutual Casualty Company - The County has established a contract with Employees Mutual Casualty Company to provide insurance coverage for general liability and physical plant liability insurance for 2007-2008. The County has specific authorized deductibles for each category risk. The County has never had to be assessed additional premiums to pay claims in excess of those authorized by the policy.

5. Long-term Obligations

Capital Leases

The County acquires road machinery and equipment through lease-purchase agreements financed by the Oklahoma Department of Transportation and/or the equipment vendors or their assignees pursuant to the provisions of 69 O.S. § 636.1 through § 636.7. Lease agreements entered into with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) are interest free, but have a one-time fee of 3% on all pieces of machinery acquired.

6. 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

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

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. County employees are required to contribute between 3.5% and 8.5% of earned compensation. The County contributes between 8.5% and 13.5% of earned compensation. Elected officials could contribute between 4.5% and 10% of their entire compensation. The County contributes 13.5% of earned compensation for elected officials. The County's contributions to the Plan for the years ending June 30, 2008, 2007, and 2006, were \$327,873, \$301,795, and \$275,120, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

Members have the option to elect to increase the benefit computation factor for all future service from 2.0% to 2.5%. The election is irrevocable, binding for all future employment under OPERS, and applies only to full years of service.

7. 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.

8. 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. Amounts, if any, of expenditures that may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined, although, the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

The County is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in management's opinion, the resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of the County.

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

9. Sales Tax

The citizens of Jackson County approved, in a special election on November 9, 1999, a ½% sales tax in which 50% of the sales tax ended on March 31, 2007, and 50% of the tax is for an unlimited duration. The remaining 50% sales tax is to be used for the payment of revenue bonds issued through the Jackson County Facilities Authority. Any remaining sales tax proceeds returned to Jackson County will be used to operate and maintain the county jail.

10. Restatement of Prior Year Cash Balance

The ending combined county funds balance of the financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, was understated in the amount of \$12,348. The misstatement resulted from accrued interest on a money market account, held by the County Treasurer, not recorded or included in the June 30, 2007 balance. The beginning combined county funds balance of the financial statement for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2008, is \$3,136,252.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS—
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 393,922	\$ 393,922	\$ 393,922	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Outstanding Warrants	(44,449)	(44,449)	(44,449)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(3,881)	(3,881)	(3,176)	705
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>345,592</u>	<u>345,592</u>	<u>346,297</u>	<u>705</u>
 Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	983,973	983,973	1,051,901	67,928
Charges for Services	88,714	88,714	99,213	10,499
Intergovernmental Revenues	278,483	381,578	313,182	(68,396)
Miscellaneous Revenues	99,012	99,012	155,107	56,095
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>1,450,182</u>	<u>1,553,277</u>	<u>1,619,403</u>	<u>66,126</u>
 Expenditures:				
District Attorney	2,000	2,000	2,000	-
County Sheriff	552,030	554,245	546,521	7,724
County Treasurer	97,124	97,124	94,546	2,578
County Commissioner	58,709	58,709	55,593	3,116
OSU Extension	16,350	16,350	16,347	3
County Clerk	190,091	190,091	183,743	6,348
Court Clerk	117,422	117,422	114,796	2,626
County Assessor	88,715	88,715	87,998	717
Revaluation of Real Property	184,520	184,520	176,666	7,854
General Government	376,254	475,500	224,610	250,890
Excise-Equalization Board	3,475	3,475	2,944	531
County Election Board	70,478	70,685	61,591	9,094

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JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS—
GENERAL FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Charity	100	100		100
Insurance	22,088	23,515	15,943	7,572
County Audit Budget	10,643	10,643	10,643	-
Free Fair Budget	5,775	5,775	5,775	-
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>1,795,774</u>	<u>1,898,869</u>	<u>1,599,716</u>	<u>299,153</u>
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	\$ -	\$ -	365,984	\$ 365,984
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Encumbrances			11,225	
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			36,742	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 413,951</u>	

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JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

	County Health Department Fund			
	Original		Final	
	Budget	Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 141,535	\$ 141,535	\$ 141,535	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Warrants	(3,811)	(3,811)	(3,811)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(3,081)	(3,081)	(2,871)	210
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>134,643</u>	<u>134,643</u>	<u>134,853</u>	<u>210</u>
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	245,751	245,751	271,449	25,698
Charges for Services			24,669	24,669
Intergovernmental Revenue		24,669		(24,669)
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>245,751</u>	<u>270,420</u>	<u>296,118</u>	<u>25,698</u>
Expenditures:				
Health and Welfare	380,394	405,063	256,440	148,623
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>380,394</u>	<u>405,063</u>	<u>256,440</u>	<u>148,623</u>
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>174,531</u>	<u>\$ 174,531</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Encumbrances			1,728	
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			3,088	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 179,347</u>	

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JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008

Budgetary Schedule

The Comparative Schedules of Receipts, Expenditures, and Changes in Cash Balances—Budget and Actual—Budgetary Basis for the General Fund and the County Health Department Fund present 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 Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances with Combining Information 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.

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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
JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Jackson County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2008, which comprises Jackson County's basic financial statement, prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and have issued our report thereon dated August 23, 2010. Our report on the basic financial statement was adverse because the statement is not a presentation in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Jackson County's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statement, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the County's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency 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 misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies that adversely affects the entity's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than a remote likelihood that a misstatement of the entity's financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the entity's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Jackson County's financial statement is free of 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 determination of financial statement amounts. 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We noted a certain matter that we reported to the management of Jackson County, which is included in the schedule of findings and responses contained in this report.

Jackson County's response to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. We did not audit Jackson County's response and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Jackson County and should not be used for any other purpose. This report is also 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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steve Burrage". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "Steve" on top and "Burrage" below it, though the two words are connected.

STEVE BURRAGE, CPA
STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

August 23, 2010

**JACKSON COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

This schedule contains a certain matter not required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. However, we believe this matter is significant enough to bring to management's attention. We recommend that management consider this matter and take appropriate corrective action.

Finding 2008-1 - Revenue Codes for Miscellaneous Receipts

Criteria: Effective internal controls include that reporting information be complete and accurate to provide detailed information of account activity.

Condition: The County did not specifically identify all revenue sources received through miscellaneous receipts. The County identified \$357,393.27 of revenue under source code 9516 "Reimbursements for Expenditures," and \$840,550.91 under source code 9518 "Other Revenue." These amounts totaling \$1,197,944.18 represent 25.87% of total miscellaneous receipts issued.

Effect: This could result in inconsistent recording of revenues and financial reporting that provides insufficient detail for management decision making.

Recommendation: OSAI recommends the County, in conjunction with the County Treasurer, develop source codes for all material revenue sources so that reporting information is complete and accurate to provide detailed account information.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Treasurer and her head bookkeeper will coordinate with the software provider to establish more detailed revenue source codes to provide a better accounting of revenue sources for the County.

The officers that deposit funds with the County Treasurer on miscellaneous receipts will provide sufficient information to the Treasurer and her staff so that the reporting information for revenue will be more complete and accurate.



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