

**LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

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TO THE CITIZENS OF
LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2001. 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 serve the public interest by providing independent oversight and to issue 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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CLIFTON H. SCOTT
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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

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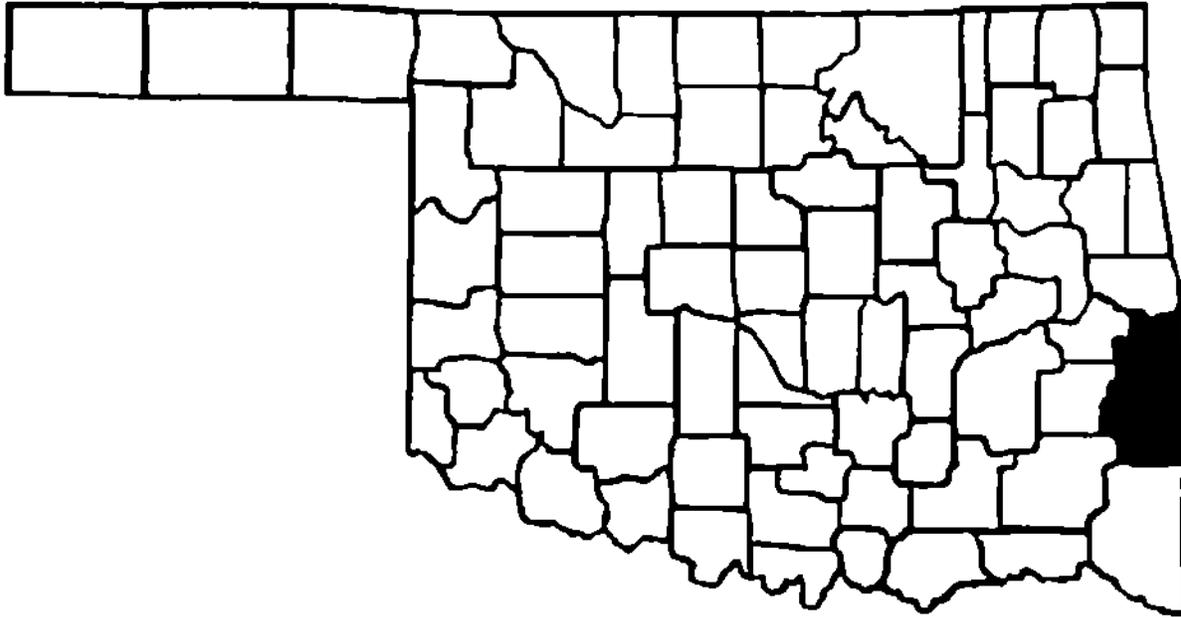
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REPORT TO THE CITIZENS
OF
LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA



Once part of the Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, LeFlore County is diverse in its topography. With rugged hills, narrow valleys, and productive farmland, there is a gentle blending of modern days and old ways. Many of the towns were established as a result of railroad expansion.

Within its borders there are two hospitals, seven libraries, a two-year college, three vocational schools, five newspapers, a veteran's center, and numerous clinics. Manufacturing produces such items as refrigerator parts, instrument panels, crackers, and cattle feed. Carl Albert State College offers courses to more than 2,000 full and part-time students annually.

Poteau, the county seat, was home to the late Senator Robert S. Kerr. Tourism is an important aspect of LeFlore County. The Heavener Runestone and Spiro Mounds offer historic interest and are well known, and stops on the old Butterfield Trail, hailed as the first transcontinental link between East and West, are still found in the northern part of the county. The Ouachita National Forest, including the Talimena Scenic Drive, dominates the southern half of the county. Annual events include the Cavanal Fall Festival and Auto Show in October near Poteau. For more information, call the county clerk's office at (918) 647 - 5738

County Seat – Poteau

Area – 1,586 Square Miles

County Population – 46,770
(1999 est.)

Farms – 1,744

Land in Farms – 407,359 Acres

Source: Oklahoma Almanac 2001 - 2002

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**COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Ruth Darneal
(D) Wister

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
Alan Vickers
(D) Heavener

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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**COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

DISTRICT #1
Carroll Rogers
(D)Spiro

DISTRICT #2
Lance Smith
(D) Monroe

DISTRICT #3
Freddie D. Cox
(D) Heavener

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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**COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

COUNTY SHERIFF

Roy Gentry
(D) Poteau

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

Stella Drury
(D) Poteau

All revenues received 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 revenues and expenditures, the County Treasurer is required to maintain an accurate record of all the monies received and disbursed. The State Auditor and Inspector's Office prescribes all the forms used by the County Treasurer, and at least twice a year inspects the County Treasurer's accounts.

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**COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

COURT CLERK
Melba Hall
(D) Poteau

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. Court Clerks use forms and follow procedures prescribed by the Court Administrator's Office, the Oklahoma Supreme Court, and the State Auditor and Inspector.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
Rob Wallace
(D) Poteau

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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**COUNTY OFFICIALS
AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY

Phillip Zearley

(D) Poteau

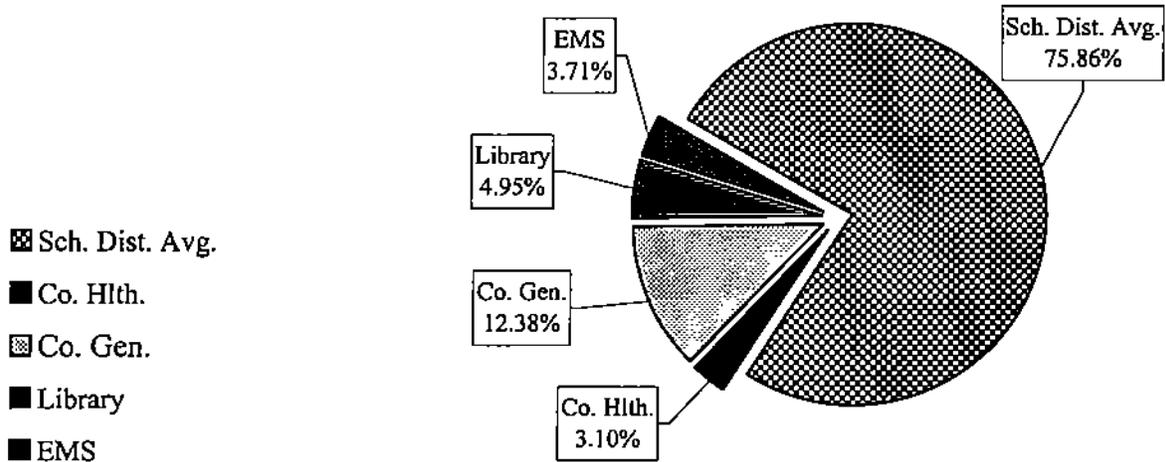
The Election Board Secretary is appointed by the State Election Board and is the chief administrative officer of the County Election Board. The County Election Board has direct responsibility for all the ballots used in all elections within the county. The Board also conducts all elections held within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

To finance the operating expenses 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.

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**AD VALOREM TAX DISTRIBUTION
LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SHARE OF THE AVERAGE MILLAGE**

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 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:

Co. General Fund	10.00
Co. Health	2.50
EMS	3.00
Library	4.00

School District Millages:

	Gen.	Bldg.	Skg.	Vo-Tech	Common	Total
I-2 Spiro	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
I-3 Heavener	35.00	5.00	4.68	12.00	4.00	60.68
C-4 Shady Pt.	35.00	5.00	15.42	12.00	4.00	71.42
I-7 Pocola	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
C-11 Monroe	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
C-14 Hodgen	35.00	5.00	9.71	12.00	4.00	65.71
I-16 LeFlore	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
I-17 Cameron	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
I-20 Panama	35.00	5.00	6.04	12.00	4.00	62.04
I-26 Bokoshe	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
I-29 Poteau	35.00	5.00	14.11	12.00	4.00	70.11
C-39 Fanshawe	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
I-49 Wister	35.00	5.00	10.26	12.00	4.00	66.26
I-52 Talihina	35.00	5.00	13.01	12.00	4.00	69.01
I-62 Whitesboro	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
I-67 Howe	35.00	5.00	14.87	12.00	4.00	70.87
I-91 Arkoma	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
J-14 Smithville	35.00	5.00	11.40	12.00	4.00	67.40
J-37 McCurtain	35.00	5.00		12.00	4.00	56.00
JT-2 Red Oak	35.00	5.00	9.00	12.00	4.00	65.00
JT-16 Latimer	36.87	5.27		12.00	4.00	58.14
JT-43 Keota	35.00	5.00	8.60	12.00	4.00	64.60
JT-52 Latimer	36.10	6.10		12.00	4.00	58.20

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Independent Auditor's Report

TO THE OFFICERS OF
LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of LeFlore County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

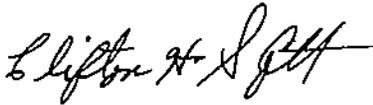
We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. 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.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, as of June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated July 29, 2002, on our consideration of LeFlore County's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented as required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The other information listed in the table of contents under *Introductory Section* has not been audited by us and accordingly, we express no opinion on such data.

Sincerely,

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CLIFTON H. SCOTT
State Auditor and Inspector

July 29, 2002

General-Purpose Financial Statements

LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET – ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
JUNE 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types				Fund Types	Groups		Total (Memorandum Only)
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service	Capital Projects	Trust and Agency	General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Debt	
ASSETS								
Cash and investments	\$ 140,933	\$ 5,803,778	\$ 183,084	\$ 565,194	\$ 1,240,934	\$	\$	\$ 7,933,923
Ad valorem taxes receivable	48,831	8,857			245,181			302,869
Sales tax receivable		211,206						211,206
Due from other governments	10,151	1,019,828			101,428			1,131,407
Accrued interest receivable	30,609	17,244						47,853
Consumable inventories		145,135						145,135
Construction in progress						360,519		360,519
Land and buildings						3,099,276		3,099,276
Machinery and equipment						7,381,225		7,381,225
Amount available in debt service fund							178,383	178,383
Amount to be provided for capitalized lease agreements							127,891	127,891
Amount to be provided for retirement of revenue bonds							2,618,514	2,618,514
Total assets	\$ 230,524	\$ 7,206,048	\$ 183,084	\$ 565,194	\$ 1,587,543	\$ 10,841,020	\$ 2,924,788	\$ 23,538,201
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY								
Liabilities:								
Warrants payable	\$ 61,663	\$ 184,058	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 245,721
Accounts payable	69,232	447,944						517,176
Due to other taxing units					1,349,431			1,349,431
Due to others					238,112			238,112
Capitalized lease obligations payable							127,891	127,891
Revenue bonds payable							2,796,897	2,796,897
Total liabilities	130,895	632,002	-	-	1,587,543	-	2,924,788	5,275,228
Fund equity:								
Investments in general fixed assets						10,841,020		10,841,020
Fund balances:								
Reserved for encumbrances	2,640	286,366						289,006
Reserved for consumable inventories		145,135						145,135
Reserved for debt service			178,383					178,383
Unreserved:								
Designated for capital projects				565,194				565,194
Undesignated	96,989	6,142,545	4,701					6,244,235
Total fund equity	99,629	6,574,046	183,084	565,194	-	10,841,020	-	18,262,973
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$ 230,524	\$ 7,206,048	\$ 183,084	\$ 565,194	\$ 1,587,543	\$ 10,841,020	\$ 2,924,788	\$ 23,538,201

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

LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN
FUND BALANCES – ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	Governmental Fund Types			Total (Memorandum Only)	
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service		Capital Projects
Revenues:					
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 1,550,934	\$ 491,301	\$	\$	\$ 2,042,235
Sales tax		1,212,199			1,212,199
Charges for services	225,598	153,762			379,360
Intergovernmental revenues	352,241	8,143,443		32,473	8,528,157
Miscellaneous revenues	340,477	1,412,755	252,273		2,005,505
Total revenues	<u>2,469,250</u>	<u>11,413,460</u>	<u>252,273</u>	<u>32,473</u>	<u>14,167,456</u>
Expenditures:					
Current operating:					
General government	1,932,541	1,607,432			3,539,973
Public safety	514,771	300,213			814,984
Education	75,217				75,217
Health and welfare		800,603			800,603
Culture and recreation	12,360				12,360
Roads and highways		5,076,254			5,076,254
Sanitation		1,358,175			1,358,175
Capital outlay				360,519	360,519
Debt service:					
Principal retirement			88,103		88,103
Interest and fiscal agent			143,348		143,348
Bond issuance costs			69,760		69,760
Total expenditures	<u>2,534,889</u>	<u>9,142,677</u>	<u>301,211</u>	<u>360,519</u>	<u>12,339,296</u>
Excess of revenues over (under) expenditures	<u>(65,639)</u>	<u>2,270,783</u>	<u>(48,938)</u>	<u>(328,046)</u>	<u>1,828,160</u>
Other financing sources (uses):					
Bond proceeds			176,760	893,240	1,070,000
Capitalized lease agreements		30,000			30,000
Total other financing sources (uses)	<u>-</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>176,760</u>	<u>893,240</u>	<u>1,100,000</u>
Excess of revenues and other sources over (under) expenditures and other uses	<u>(65,639)</u>	<u>2,300,783</u>	<u>127,822</u>	<u>565,194</u>	<u>2,928,160</u>
Beginning fund balances	<u>165,268</u>	<u>4,273,263</u>	<u>55,262</u>		<u>4,493,793</u>
Ending fund balances	<u>\$ 99,629</u>	<u>\$ 6,574,046</u>	<u>\$ 183,084</u>	<u>\$ 565,194</u>	<u>\$ 7,421,953</u>

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

LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES
BUDGET AND ACTUAL – GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE
(COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT ONLY) FUNDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001

	General			Special Revenue Funds		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	County Health Department		
	Budget	Actual	Variance	Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning fund balances, budgetary basis	\$ 84,666	\$ 88,469	\$ 3,803	\$ 920,321	\$ 925,015	\$ 4,694
Revenues:						
Ad valorem taxes	1,507,677	1,526,954	19,277	359,787	386,749	26,962
Charges for services	224,283	225,598	1,315			
Intergovernmental revenues	346,040	354,957	8,917	145,435	145,435	
Miscellaneous revenues	460,779	341,055	(119,724)	41,150	42,138	988
Total revenues, budgetary basis	<u>2,538,779</u>	<u>2,448,564</u>	<u>(90,215)</u>	<u>546,372</u>	<u>574,322</u>	<u>27,950</u>
Expenditures:						
Current operating:						
General government	2,005,434	1,940,764	64,670			
Public safety	529,805	506,041	23,764			
Culture and recreation	15,000	12,360	2,640			
Education	73,206	70,470	2,736			
Health and welfare				1,466,693	802,660	664,033
Total expenditures, budgetary basis	<u>2,623,445</u>	<u>2,529,635</u>	<u>93,810</u>	<u>1,466,693</u>	<u>802,660</u>	<u>664,033</u>
Excess of revenues and beginning fund balances over (under) expenditures, budgetary basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>7,398</u>	<u>\$ 7,398</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>696,677</u>	<u>\$ 696,677</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances						
Add: Ad valorem taxes receivable		48,831			8,857	
Accrued interest receivable		30,609			13,186	
Due from other governments		10,151				
Reserved for encumbrances		<u>2,640</u>			<u>1,154</u>	
Ending fund balances		<u>\$ 99,629</u>			<u>\$ 719,874</u>	

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

Notes to the Financial Statements

1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the County are required to be presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applied to government units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant accounting policies and practices are described below.

A. Financial 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.

In accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial statements of the reporting entity include those of LeFlore County (the primary government) and its legally separate component units.

Blended Component Units

The following component units have been presented as blended component units because the component units' governing bodies are substantially the same as the governing body of the County, or the component units provide services almost entirely to the primary government.

LeFlore County Public Buildings Authority – This Authority has been blended into the debt service and capital projects funds and the general fixed assets account group.

LeFlore County Public Health Management Authority – This Authority has been blended into the special revenue fund.

Related Organizations Excluded from the Reporting Entity

The County's officials are responsible for appointing the members of the boards of other organizations, but the County's accountability for these organizations does not extend beyond making the appointments. These organizations are not included in the financial statements.

Poteau Valley Improvement Authority
LeFlore County Industrial Development Authority
LeFlore County Ambulance Authority
LeFlore County Hospital Authority
LeFlore County Educational Authority

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

B. Fund Accounting

The government uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions related to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds are classified into two major categories: governmental and fiduciary.

Governmental Funds

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital projects funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for the activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund.

Fiduciary Funds

Fiduciary funds are used to account for assets held on behalf of outside parties, including other governments, or on behalf of other funds within the government. Agency funds are generally used to account for assets that the government holds on behalf of others as their agent.

Account Groups

General Fixed Assets Account Group (GFAAG) – Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the fixed assets of a government be reported in a general fixed assets account group (GFAAG). This account group is not a fund. It does not have a balance sheet as such, nor does it report operations. Instead, the GFAAG serves as a list of the government's fixed assets and is designed to ensure accountability.

General Long-Term Debt Account Group (GLTDAG) - The general long-term debt account group (GLTDAG) is used to account for a government's unmatured long-term indebtedness that has not been identified as a specific fund liability of a trust fund. The GLTDAG is also used to report revenue bonds that will be repaid from general government resources and certain liabilities that are normally not expected to be liquidated with expendable available financial resources (e.g., capitalized lease-purchase obligations).

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus and basis of accounting. All governmental fund types are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these fund types present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) in net current assets.

The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by all governmental fund types and agency funds. Under the modified accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when susceptible to accrual (i.e., when they become both measurable and available). "Measurable" means the amount of the transaction can be quantified, and "available" means collectible within the current period or soon enough thereafter to be used to pay liabilities of the current period. The government considers property taxes as available if collected within 60 days after year-end. Expenditures are recorded when incurred and the related fund liability is expected to be paid from available spendable resources. Principal and interest on general long-term debt are recorded as fund expenditures when paid or when amounts for principal and interest have been accumulated in the debt service fund for payments to be made early in the following year.

Those revenues susceptible to accrual are property taxes, sales tax, interest revenue, and other taxes collected and held by the Oklahoma Tax Commission at year-end on behalf of the government. Charges for services are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received in cash.

D. Budgetary Policies and Procedures

Under current Oklahoma statutes, the general fund and the County Health Department fund are the only funds required to adopt a formal budget. The budget presented for the general and special revenue (County Health Department only) funds includes the originally approved budgeted appropriations for expenditures as adjusted for supplemental appropriations and approved transfers between budget categories. Appropriations for the highway funds and other cash funds are made on a monthly basis, according to the funds then available.

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 the general and special revenue funds.

Any encumbrances outstanding at year-end are reported as reservations of fund balances since they do not constitute expenditures or liabilities. At the end of the year, unencumbered appropriations are lapsed.

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Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - Budget and Actual - General and Special Revenue (County Health Department only) Funds 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 Combined Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balances - All Governmental Fund Types because of adopting certain aspects of the modified accrual basis of accounting and the adjusting of encumbrances to their related budget year.

E. Cash

The County pools cash resources of its various funds to facilitate the management of cash. Cash applicable to a particular fund is readily identifiable. The balance in the pooled cash accounts is available to meet current operating requirements.

F. Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value.

G. Interest Receivable

Interest on deposits is recorded as revenue in the year the interest is earned and is available to pay liabilities of the current period.

H. Inventories

Inventories are valued at cost, which approximates market, using the first-in-first-out (FIFO) method.

I. Fixed Assets

General fixed assets are not capitalized in the funds used to acquire or construct them. Instead, capital acquisition and construction are reflected as expenditures in governmental funds, and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and at an estimated historical cost where no historical records exist. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair market value on the date received.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful life of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Public domain ("infrastructure") general fixed assets consisting of roads, bridges, and drainage systems are not capitalized since these assets are immovable and of value only to the government.

Assets in the general fixed assets account group are not depreciated.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

J. Risk Management

The County is exposed to various risks of loss as follows:

<u>Types of Loss</u>	<u>Method Managed</u>	<u>Risk of Loss Retained</u>
General Liability - Torts - Errors and Omissions - Law Enforcement Officers Liability - Vehicle	The County participates in a public entity risk pool – Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma – Self-Insured Group. (See ACCO-SIG.)	If claims exceed pool assets, the County would have to pay its share of the pool deficit.
Physical Plant - Theft - Damage to Assets - Natural Disasters	The County participates in a public entity risk pool. (See ACCO-SIG.)	If claims exceed pool assets, the County would have to pay its share of the pool deficit.
Worker's Compensation - Employees' Injuries	The County participates in a public entity risk pool. (See ACCO Self-Insured Fund ACCO-SIF.)	If claims exceed pool assets, the County would have to pay its share of the pool deficit.
Health and Life - Medical - Disability - Dental - Life	The County carries commercial insurance for these types of risk.	None

ACCO-SIG - The pool operates as a common risk management and insurance program and is to be self-sustaining through member premiums. Each participating county will pay a deductible amount (\$1,000 to \$10,000; the County has a \$2,500 deductible) for each insured event as stated in the County's "Certificate of Participation." The risk pool will pay legitimate claims in excess of the deductible amounts up to and including \$50,000 per insured event. The pool has acquired commercial reinsurance to cover claims in excess of \$50,000 up to \$1,000,000 limit per insured event. The pool, established in 1986, has never had to assess additional premiums to be paid by its members.

ACCO-SIF - The pool operates as a common risk management and insurance program and is to be self-sustaining through member premiums. ACCO-SIF was set up in 1984 and will pay legitimate worker's compensation claims up to \$500,000 per incident. A reinsurance policy, with no limit, pays claims that exceed \$500,000 for a particular incident. The pool has not assessed additional premiums to be paid by its members in the past three years.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (continued)

The County continues to carry commercial insurance for employees' health and accident insurance. Management believes such coverage is sufficient to preclude any significant uninsured losses to the County. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in insurance coverage during the 2001 fiscal year.

K. Compensated Absences

The County does not accrue any liability for future vacation benefits. Vacation benefits are earned by the employee during the year and may be accumulated. The amount of accumulated unpaid vacation benefits is not material to the financial statements for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2001.

The County does not record any liability for sick leave. An employee earns up to 6 days per year and may accumulate up to 30 days. There is no history of sick leave usage from which to project future usage; hence, no liability for such has been recorded. Such an amount, if recorded, would not be material to the financial statements.

L. Long-Term Obligations

The County reports long-term debt of governmental funds at face value in the general long-term debt account group. Certain other governmental fund obligations not expected to be financed with current available financial resources are also reported in the general long-term debt account group.

M. Bond Issuance Costs

For governmental fund types, bond issuance costs are recognized in the current period.

N. Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the financial statements are captioned "memorandum only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Interfund transactions have not been eliminated from the total column of each financial statement.

O. Grant Revenue

Revenues from federal grants are recognized when expenditures are incurred.

2. Stewardship, Compliance, and Accountability

Budgetary Compliance

On or before May 31 of each year, each officer or department head submits an estimate of needs to the governing body. The budget is approved by fund, office or department, and object. Within weeks, the County Budget Board 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.

3. Detailed Notes on Account Balances

A. Deposits and Investments

Title 62 O.S. 1996 Supp., § 348.3 authorizes the County Treasurer to invest in:

- U. S. government obligations
- Certificates of deposit
- Saving 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.

These restrictions do not apply to the proceeds of bonds issued by the LeFlore County Public Building Authority or the revenues that service the debt in accordance with Title 62 O.S. 1997 Supp., § 72.4a

Deposits - At year-end, the carrying amount of the County's deposits was \$4,891,151 and the bank balance was \$5,000,543. Of the bank balance, all funds were covered by federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the County's agent in the County's name. Funds are deposited in various banks within the County.

Investments – Cash in excess of current needs is invested in investments which are categorized into three categories of credit risk:

1. Insured or registered, or securities held by the County or its agent in the County's name.
2. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the Counterparty's trust department or agent in the County's name.

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Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

3. Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the Counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the County's name.

The County also participates in an external investment pool sponsored by the State of Oklahoma. The pool is not registered with the SEC and is reviewed by an Executive Review Committee of the State's Cash Management and Investment Oversight Commission. Assets of the pool are invested pursuant to an overnight repurchase agreement and are collateralized by U.S. Government obligations held by an independent third party custodian. Fair value of the investments is determined on a daily basis. Par value of participants' investments is based on the amount invested and accrued interest. Due to the daily nature of the pool, the value of the participants' investments is guaranteed by the third party custodian. The pool does not include any involuntary participants. The County reports this investment at cost, and the carrying amount of \$1,951,403 approximates market value.

LeFlore County Public Buildings Authority had a balance after FDIC of \$590,615 that was not collateralized but was invested in a money market fund that invests in U.S. Treasury Securities.

	Category			Reported Amount/ Fair Value
	1	2	3	
U.S. Government securities	\$ 500,754	\$	\$	\$ 500,754
Total	\$ 500,754	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500,754

Investments not subject to categorization:

Money market fund	590,615
State Treasurer investment pool	1,951,403
Total investments	\$ 3,042,772

Total cash and investments equal \$7,933,923.

LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
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Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

A. Receivables

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 every four (4) years."

The net assessed property value as of January 1, 2000, was \$158,306,121.

The County levied 10.0 mills for general fund operations, 4.0 mills for the library, 2.5 mills for the County Health Department, and 3.0 mills for the emergency medical service. In addition, the County also collects the ad valorem taxes assessed by cities and towns and school districts and apportions 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. Unpaid delinquent personal property taxes are published usually in May. If the taxes are not paid within 30 days from publication, they shall be placed on the personal tax lien docket.

Current year tax collections for the year ended June 30, 2001, were approximately 94.6 percent of the tax levy.

B. Fixed Assets

	<u>Balance</u> <u>July 1, 2000</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Retirements</u>	<u>Balance</u> <u>June 30, 2001</u>
Land and buildings	\$ 3,099,276	\$	\$	\$ 3,099,276
Machinery and equipment	6,977,147	508,373	104,295	7,381,225
Construction in progress		360,519		360,519
Total	<u>\$ 10,076,423</u>	<u>\$ 868,892</u>	<u>\$ 104,295</u>	<u>\$ 10,841,020</u>

Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

C. 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. County employees are required to contribute between 3.5% and 8.5% of earned compensation. The County contributes between 5.0% and 10.0% of earned compensation. Elected officials could contribute between 4.5% and 10% of their entire compensation. The County contributes 10.0% of earned compensation for elected officials. The County's contributions to the Plan for the years ending June 30, 1999, 2000, and 2001, were \$416,000, \$355,457, and \$356,139, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

D. Construction and Other Significant Commitments

As of June 30, 2001, the County's blended component unit had the following commitment with respect to an unfinished capital project: Emergency 911 Building— expected completion date: October 31, 2001.

E. 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. 1991, § 636.1 through § 636.7. Lease agreements entered into with the Oklahoma Department of Transportation (ODOT) are interest free. However, starting in January 1997, ODOT began charging a one-time fee of 3% on all subsequent pieces of machinery acquired. The one-time fee will be reported as interest. Oklahoma statutes prohibit the County from entering into contracts of this nature longer than one year. For this reason, these lease-purchase agreements do not qualify for capitalization until the year the lease-purchase agreements are completed and title to the equipment is transferred to the County. However, it is the County's intent to exercise its right to purchase this property; accordingly, the lease-purchase agreements have been capitalized to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The unpaid portions of these agreements have been reflected as capitalized lease obligations within the general long-term debt account group.

LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
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Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

Providing all capital leases are renewed each year by resolution of the Board of Commissioners, minimum lease commitments under capitalized lease-purchase agreements as of June 30, 2001, are as follows:

Year Ending <u>June 30,</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2002	\$68,987	\$6,045	\$75,032
2003	35,513	2,483	37,996
2004	<u>23,391</u>	<u>586</u>	<u>23,977</u>
Total	<u>\$127,891</u>	<u>\$9,114</u>	<u>\$137,005</u>

During the year, the County capitalized leases totaling \$30,000 and paid \$54,463 on the outstanding balances of lease-purchase agreements.

Revenue Bonds

The LeFlore County Public Buildings Authority, a component unit, has issued bonds where the government pledged the income derived from the acquired or constructed assets to pay debt service. Revenue bonds outstanding at June 30, 2001, include the Series 1998 refunding bonds that were issued for the Department of Human Services Building Project and Series 2000 revenue bonds that were issued for the Emergency 911 and Emergency Medical Services Building Project. Revenue bond debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LeFlore County Public Buildings Authority gross leave revenue refunding bonds Series 1998	4.7 - 7.0%	<u>\$ 1,745,000</u>

Revenue bond debt service requirements to maturity, including interest of \$849,860, are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002	\$ 161,443
2003	161,517
2004	162,045
2005	163,008
2006	163,762
2007-2011	819,249
2012-2016	804,524
2017	<u>159,312</u>
Total	<u>\$2,594,860</u>

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Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Amount</u>
LeFlore County Public Buildings Authority gross lease revenue bonds Series 2000	6.35%	\$ <u>1,051,897</u>

Revenue bond debt service requirements to maturity, including interest of \$533,717 are as follows:

<u>Fiscal Year Ending June 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
2002	\$ 94,601
2003	94,601
2004	94,601
2005	94,601
2006	94,601
2007-2011	<u>1,112,609</u>
Total	<u>\$1,585,614</u>

Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

During the year ended June 30, 2001, the following changes occurred in liabilities reported in the general long-term debt account group:

	<u>Balance July 1, 2000</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Balance June 30, 2001</u>
Refunding bonds, Series 1998	\$ 1,815,000	\$	\$ 70,000	\$ 1,745,000
Revenue bonds, Series 2000		1,070,000	18,103	1,051,897
Capital leases	<u>152,354</u>	<u>30,000</u>	<u>54,463</u>	<u>127,891</u>
Total	<u>\$ 1,967,354</u>	<u>\$ 1,100,000</u>	<u>\$ 142,566</u>	<u>\$ 2,924,788</u>

F. Fund Equity

Reservations of fund balances of governmental funds are established to either (1) satisfy legal covenants that require a portion of the fund balance be segregated or (2) identify the portion of the fund balance that is not appropriable for future expenditures. Designations of fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources. Specific reservations and designations of the fund balance accounts are summarized below:

Detailed Notes on Account Balances (continued)

Reserved for Encumbrances – The reserve for encumbrances represents encumbrances outstanding at the end of the year based on purchase orders and contracts signed by the County but not completed as of the close of the fiscal year.

Reserved for Debt Service – The reserve for debt service was established to indicate that the fund balance or portion thereof is required by law to be used for the payment of any outstanding bonds, interest, or judgments against the County.

The unreserved portion of the debt service fund balance is revenue earmarked for the payment of a prior obligation which has been paid in full. This balance will eventually be transferred to the County general fund.

Reserved for Inventories – The reserve for inventories represents the balance of inventories on hand as of June 30, 2001. This amount is presented as reserved to indicate that it is not an available, spendable resource.

Designated for Capital Project – The current fund balance in the capital project fund is to be used to complete the emergency 911 building.

G. Sales Tax

The voters of LeFlore County approved a 1/2% sales tax effective February 1993. This sales tax is permanent. The sales tax was established to provide revenue for Solid Waste purposes only.

H. Fuel Taxes

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 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. The County highway fund is reported herein as "special revenue," and the fuel tax revenue is presented as "intergovernmental."

4. 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; although, the government expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

Contingent Liabilities (continued)

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

5. Subsequent Event

Criminal charges were filed against a former county employee on May 9, 2002, alleging embezzlement of county funds. The outcome of this case will not have a material effect on these financial statements.

Supplementary Schedule

**LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

Federal Grantor/Pass Through Grantor/Program Title	Federal CFDA Number	Pass-Through Grantor's Number	Federal Expenditures
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE</u>			
Passed Through Oklahoma State Treasurer:			
Schools and Roads - Grants to States	10.665	N/A	\$ 796,557
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE</u>			
Passed Through District Attorneys Council:			
Local Law Enforcement Block Grant	16.592	99-LB-VX-5120	5,000
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR</u>			
Payment In-Lieu of Taxes	15.226	N/A	27,239
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE</u>			
Direct Grants:			
Cooperative Agreement for Law Enforcement Services	12.113	N/A	6,551
Passed Through Oklahoma State Treasurer:			
Flood Control Project	12.112	N/A	39,955
Total U.S. Department of Defense			46,506
<u>U.S. DEPARTMENT OF FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY</u>			
Passed Through Oklahoma State Department of Civil Emergency Management:			
Public Assistance Grants	83.544	DR-1355	740,290
Hazard Mitigation Grant	83.544	DR-1272	26,720
Total U.S. Department of Federal Emergency Management Agency			767,010
Total Federal Assistance			\$ 1,642,312

**LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO THE SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards includes the federal grant activity of LeFlore County, Oklahoma, and is presented on the *modified accrual basis of accounting*. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*.

**Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial
Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With
*Government Auditing Standards***



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**Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial
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TO THE OFFICERS OF
LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the financial statements of LeFlore County, Oklahoma for the year ended June 30, 2001, and have issued our report thereon dated July 29, 2002. 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.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether LeFlore County's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, 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 that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

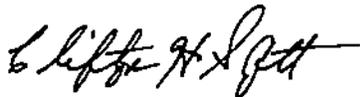
In planning and performing our audit, we considered LeFlore County's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement on Auditing Standards No. 87 requires the inclusion of the following paragraph in this report:

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the County, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

However, the Oklahoma Open Records Act states that all records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person, except as specifically exempted. The purpose of this Act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power. Therefore, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is in no way limited or restricted.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clifton H. Scott".

CLIFTON H. SCOTT
State Auditor and Inspector

July 29, 2002

**Report on Compliance With Requirements Applicable to Each
Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance With
OMB Circular A-133**



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TO THE OFFICERS OF
LeFLORE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the compliance of LeFlore County with the types of compliance requirements described in the *U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement* that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2001. LeFlore County's major federal programs are identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to each of its major federal programs is the responsibility of LeFlore County's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on LeFlore County's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, *Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations*. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about LeFlore County's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination of LeFlore County's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, LeFlore County complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to each of its major federal programs for the year ended June 30, 2001.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of LeFlore County is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered LeFlore County's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

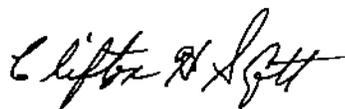
Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

The American Institute of Certified Public Accountants' Statement on Auditing Standards No. 87 requires the inclusion of the following paragraph in this report:

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the management of the County, federal awarding agencies, and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

However, the Oklahoma Open Records Act states that all records of public bodies and public officials shall be open to any person, except as specifically exempted. The purpose of this Act is to ensure and facilitate the public's right of access to and review of government records so they may efficiently and intelligently exercise their inherent political power. Therefore, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is in no way limited or restricted.

Sincerely,



CLIFTON H. SCOTT
State Auditor and Inspector

July 29, 2002

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs

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FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2001**

SECTION I - Summary of Auditor's Results

Financial Statements

Type of auditor's report issued: UNQUALIFIED

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weaknesses? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? No

Federal Awards

Internal control over major programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Reportable condition(s) identified that are not considered to be material weakness(es)? None reported

Type of auditor's report issued on compliance for major programs: UNQUALIFIED

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with section 510(a) of Circular A-133? No

Identification of Major Programs

<u>CFDA Number(s)</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program or Cluster</u>
83.544	Public Assistance Grants
10.665	Schools and Roads – Grants to States

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$300,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? Yes

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SECTION 2 - Financial Statement Findings

No matters were reported.

SECTION 3 -- Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

No matters were reported.