

**PAULA SEXTON, COURT CLERK
MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATUTORY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2005**

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Paula Sexton, Court Clerk
Muskogee County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Muskogee County Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2005. This engagement was conducted in accordance with 20 O.S. §1312. A report of this type is critical in nature; however, we do not intend to imply that there were not commendable features in the present accounting and operating procedures of the Court Clerk.

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

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Sincerely,

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

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INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

The Court Clerk is elected by the qualified voters of the County for a term of four years.

The primary responsibilities of the Court Clerk are to record, file and maintain the proceedings of the District Court, and perform other duties as directed by the District Court. Other duties and responsibilities of the Court Clerk are as follows: collecting all required Court fees, issuing warrants, orders, writs, subpoenas, passports and certain licenses, maintaining dockets and financial records for the various divisions of the Court, maintaining an appropriation ledger to control and monitor Court Fund expenditures, disbursing District Court funds in accordance with Court instructions and state statutes, and reviewing Court Fund claims for proper supporting documentation before bringing the claims and vouchers to the Court Fund Board for approval.



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JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

Paula Sexton, Court Clerk
Muskogee County Courthouse
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74402

Dear Ms. Sexton:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2005 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2005 activity of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund as created by 19 O.S. § 220.

- We tested Court Fund vouchers issued to determine whether the expenditure: (1) was properly supported by a claim, invoice, and receiving documentation, (2) was properly approved, (3) was properly classified, and (4) did not exceed appropriations.
- We tested Court Clerk Revolving Fund vouchers issued to determine whether the expenditure: (1) was properly supported by a claim, invoice, and receiving documentation, and (2) was properly approved.
- We tested District Court vouchers to determine they were properly accounted for and we looked at supporting documentation for disbursements to determine they were issued in accordance with Court instructions.
- We reconciled the Court Fund activity and/or balances to the County Treasurer's records.
- We reconciled the Court Clerk Revolving activity and/or balances to the County Treasurer's records.
- We reconciled the District Court case balances to the County Treasurer's depository ledger.
- We tested receipts issued to determine whether: (1) the correct fee was collected, and (2) the receipt was properly accounted for in the financial records.

All information included in the reconciliations, the Court Fund appropriation ledger, the Court Clerk Revolving Fund, the monthly reports, and the cash receipts journal is the representation of the Court Clerk.

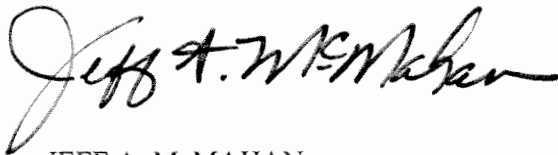
Our Court Clerk's engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Muskogee County.

Based on the above reconciliations, tests, and procedures performed; the Court Clerk is collecting the correct fees and is properly accounting for them; Court Fund vouchers were properly supported, approved, classified, and did not exceed appropriations; Court Clerk Revolving Fund expenditures were properly supported and approved; District Court vouchers were properly accounted for and issued in accordance with Court instructions; Court Fund activity, Court Clerk Revolving Fund financial records, and District Court case balances reconciled with the County Treasurer's records.

We have prepared detailed analysis of the Court Fund Account and of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund, which are presented following this report.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Muskogee County Court Fund Board and the Administrative Office of the Courts. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff A. McMAHAN". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and "M".

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

May 23, 2006

**PAULA SEXTON, COURT CLERK
MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2005**

Collections:

Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 1,545,055
Interest earned	2,322
Cancelled vouchers	<u>2,069</u>
Total collections	<u>1,549,446</u>

Deductions:

Lump sum budget categories:

Juror expenses	49,236
Witness expenses	410
Trial court (attorneys)	63,236
Mental health (attorneys)	13,756
Transcripts - preliminary and trial	11,739
Transcripts - appeals	9,704
General office supplies	49,024
OCIS training	406
Forms printing	12,511
Publications	3,898
Postage and freight	14,807
Microfilm supplies	1,762
Court reporter supplies	6,297
Utilities	25,691
General telephone expense	5,454
Long-distance telephone	2,215
Other expenses	<u>4,732</u>
Total lump sum categories	<u>274,878</u>

**PAULA SEXTON, COURT CLERK
MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2005**

Restricted budget categories:

Maintenance of court area	6,550
Security for court area	6,000
Furniture and fixtures	2,305
Equipment purchases	49,764
Equipment rentals	3,323
Maintenance of equipment	31,791
OCIS services	57,680
Photocopy equipment rental	1,414
Photocopy equipment maintenance	5,134
Part-time bailiffs	13,648
Per-diem court reporters	100
Part-time court clerk employees	513,645
Total restricted categories	<u>691,354</u>

Mandated budget categories:

Law library	9,000
State judicial fund	<u>677,117</u>
Total mandated categories	<u>686,117</u>

Total deductions 1,652,349

Collections over (under) deductions (102,903)

Beginning account balance 272,345

Ending account balance \$ 169,442

**PAULA SEXTON, COURT CLERK
MUSKOGEE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2005**

Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	\$ 72,643
Total collections	<u>72,643</u>
Deductions:	
Other	<u>15,528</u>
Total deductions	<u>15,528</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	57,115
Beginning account balance	<u>66,781</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 123,896</u></u>