

**ANGIE BRUCE, COURT CLERK  
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
STATUTORY REPORT  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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Steve Burrage, CPA  
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August 15, 2008

Angie Bruce, Court Clerk  
Osage County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Osage County, Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. 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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michelle R. Day".

MICHELLE R. DAY, Esq.  
Deputy 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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State Auditor and Inspector

Angie Bruce, Court Clerk  
Osage County Courthouse  
Pawhuska, Oklahoma 74056

Dear Ms. Bruce:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2007 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2007 activity of the Court Clerk Revolving Fund as created by 19 O.S. § 220.

- Test Court Fund vouchers 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.
- Test Court Clerk Revolving Fund vouchers to determine whether the expenditure: (1) was properly supported by a claim, invoice, and receiving documentation, and (2) was properly approved.
- Test District Court vouchers to determine whether they were properly accounted for and test supporting documentation for disbursements to determine whether the disbursements were issued in accordance with Court instructions.
- Determine whether Court Fund activity and/or balances reconcile to the County Treasurer's records.
- Determine whether the Court Clerk Revolving activity and/or balances reconcile to the County Treasurer's records.
- Determine whether the District Court case balances reconcile to the County Treasurer's depository ledger.
- Test 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 Osage County.

Based on the above reconciliations, tests, and procedures performed; the Court Clerk was collecting the correct fees and was 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 Osage 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,



MICHELLE R. DAY, Esq.  
Deputy State Auditor and Inspector

February 20, 2008

**ANGIE BRUCE, COURT CLERK  
OSAGE COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS  
JUNE 30, 2007**

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Collections:

Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 965,546
Interest earned on deposits	1,381
Cancelled vouchers	377
Total collections	<u>967,304</u>

Deductions:

Lump sum budget categories:

Juror expenses	54,963
Trial court attorneys	82,520
Mental health hearings	2,911
Guardian as litem fees	3,791
Transcripts-preliminary & trial	16,100
Transcripts-appeals	228
General office supplies	11,427
Publications	1,203
Books for records, indexes	188
Postage and freight	6,508
Microfilm supplies	611
Court reporter supplies	2,597
Gas, water, and electricity	7,044
General telephone expenses	1,894
Long-distance telephone expense	1,149
Other expenses	270
Total lump sum categories	<u>193,404</u>

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Restricted budget categories:

Maintenance of court area(s)	7,200
Furniture & fixtures	820
Equipment rentals	3,750
Maintenance of equipment	23,625
OCIS services	28,840
Photocopy equipment rental	3,349
Photocopy equipment maintenance	4,397
Part-time court clerk	210,098
Total restricted categories	<u>282,079</u>

Mandated budget categories:

Law library	9,000
Judicial retirement fund	<u>505,571</u>
Total mandated categories	<u>514,571</u>

Total deductions 990,054

Collections over (under) deductions (22,750)

Beginning account balance July 1, 2006 171,468

Ending account balance June 30, 2007 \$ 148,718



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COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS  
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Beginning balance	\$ 61,695
Collections	40,241
Disbursements	<u>17,010</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 84,926</u></u>



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