

# ROGER MILLS COUNTY

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED  
JUNE 30, 2007

# COUNTY AUDIT



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& Inspector

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
AND INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

June 9, 2008

TO THE CITIZENS OF  
ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2007. 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,

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

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

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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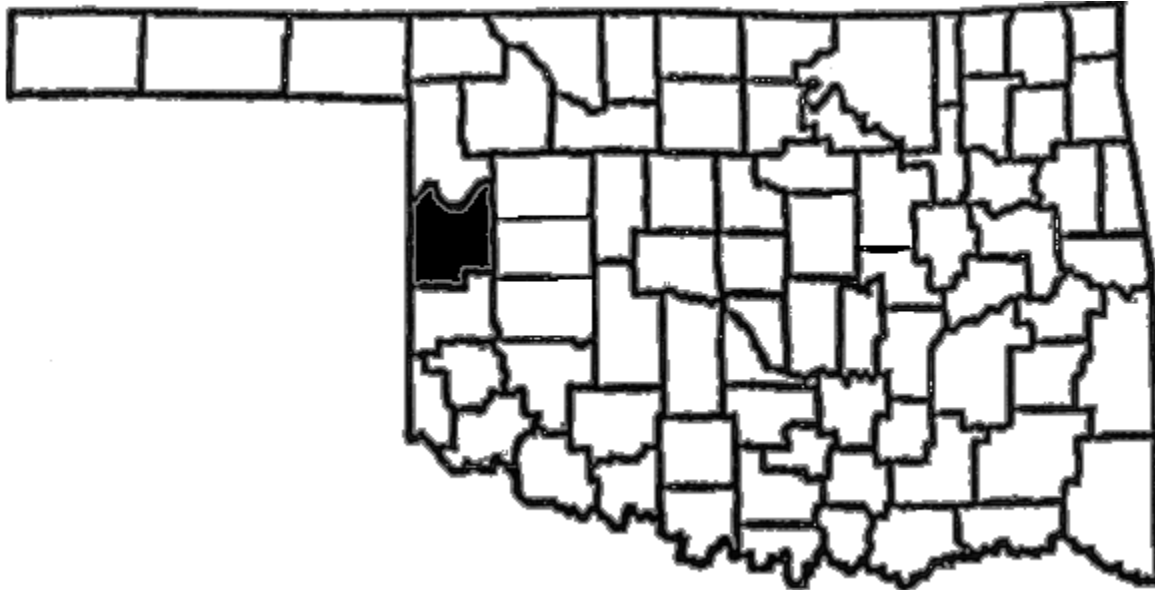
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**REPORT TO THE CITIZENS  
OF  
ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**

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Roger Mills County was opened to settlement in the land run into the Cheyenne and Arapaho reservations on April 19, 1892. In November 1892, an election changed the name to honor Roger Q. Mills of Texas, a former U.S. Senator. West of Cheyenne is the marker commemorating the Battle of the Washita where General George Armstrong Custer raided a Cheyenne Indian village on November 27, 1868.

County Seat – Cheyenne

Area – 1,146.46 Square Miles

County Population – 3,311  
(2005 est.)

Farms – 677

Land in Farms – 738,683 Acres

Primary Source: Oklahoma Almanac 2007-2008

See independent auditor's report.

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY OFFICIALS  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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**COUNTY ASSESSOR**

Teresa Morris  
(D) Cheyenne

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**

Jimmy Beavin  
(D) Cheyenne

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.

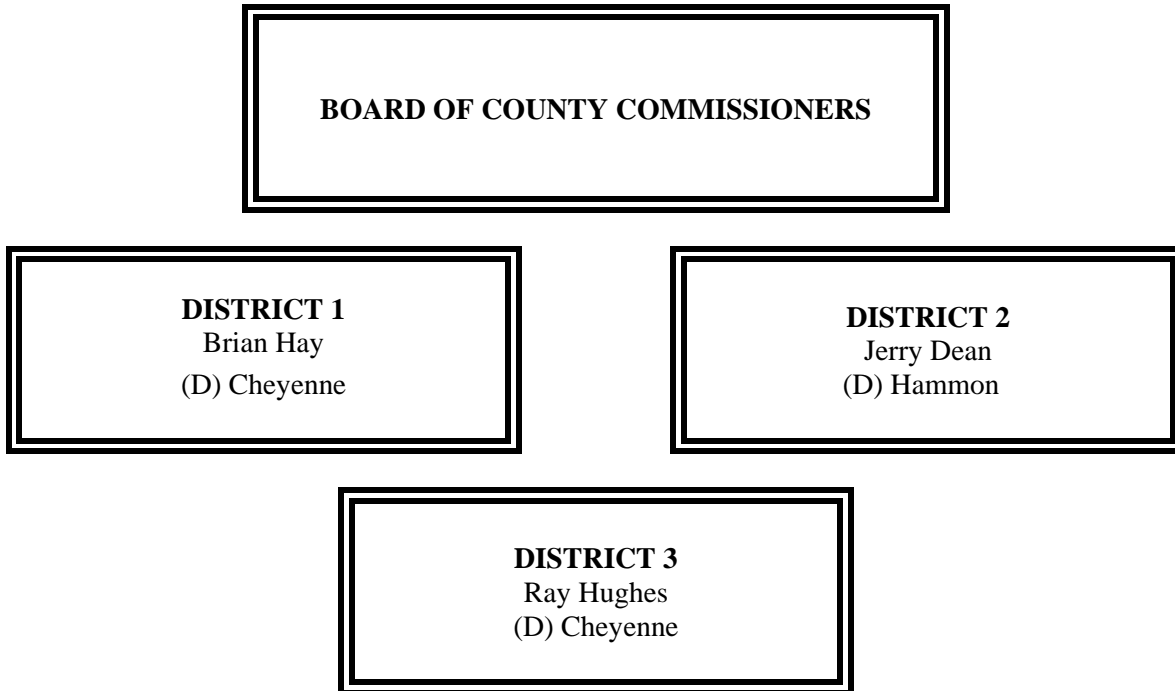
The County Clerk reviews all the claims for payment of goods and services purchased or contracted by the county, and prepares the proper warrants for payment of those goods and services and the county payroll. The County Clerk, or his or her designated deputy, serves as the purchasing agent for the county. 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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**ROGER MILLS COUNTY OFFICIALS  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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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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**ROGER MILLS COUNTY OFFICIALS  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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**COUNTY SHERIFF**

Joe Hay  
(D) Cheyenne

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**

Bab Coker  
(D) Cheyenne

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. 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.

See independent auditor's report.



**ROGER MILLS COUNTY OFFICIALS  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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**COURT CLERK**  
Geneece Cook  
(D) Cheyenne

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**  
Dennis Smith  
(D) Clinton

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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**ROGER MILLS COUNTY OFFICIALS  
AND RESPONSIBILITIES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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<p><b>ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY</b> Donna L. Eakins (D) Cheyenne</p>
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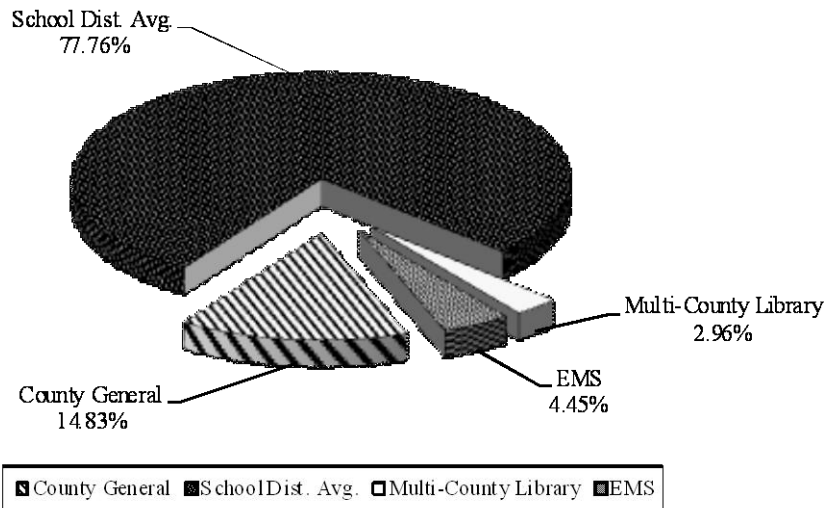
The Election Board Secretary is appointed by the State Election Board and is the chief administrative officer of the County Election Board. The County Election Board has direct responsibility for all the ballots used in all elections within the county. The Board also conducts all elections held within 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.

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**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
AD VALOREM TAX DISTRIBUTION  
SHARE OF THE AVERAGE MILLAGE  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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.	Skg.	Career Tech Cntr.	Common	Total
County General	10.57								
Multi-County Library	2.11	Cheyenne	I-7	36.94	5.28			4.23	46.45
Roger Mills EMS	3.17	Reydon	I-6	37.09	5.30			4.23	46.62
		Leedey	I-3	37.49	5.36	11.00		4.23	58.08
		Sweetwater	I-15	37.73	5.39		12.53	4.23	59.88
		Hammon	I-66	36.74	5.25		12.53	4.23	58.75
		Sayre	Jl-31	36.47	5.21	4.18	12.53	4.23	62.62
		Merritt	2V12	35.30	5.04		12.53	4.23	57.10
		Elk City	6V12	36.07	5.15		12.53		53.75

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**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COMPUTATION OF LEGAL DEBT MARGIN  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007  
(UNAUDITED)**

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Total net assessed value as of January 1, 2006		<u>\$ 77,574,783</u>
Debt limit - 5% of total assessed value		3,878,739
Total bonds outstanding	-	
Total judgments outstanding	-	
Less cash in sinking fund	-	<u>-</u>
Legal debt margin		<u>\$ 3,878,739</u>

See independent auditor's report.

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
 RATIO OF NET GENERAL BONDED DEBT TO ASSESSED  
 VALUE AND NET BONDED DEBT PER CAPITA  
 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007  
 (UNAUDITED)**

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	<b>2007</b>
Estimated population	3,311
Net assessed value as of January 1, 2006	\$ 77,574,783
Gross bonded debt	-
Less available sinking fund cash balance	-
Net bonded debt	\$ -
Ratio of net bonded debt to assessed value	0.00%
Net bonded debt per capita	\$ -

See independent auditor's report.

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
ASSESSED VALUE OF PROPERTY  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007  
(UNAUDITED)**

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<u>Valuation Date</u>	<u>Personal</u>	<u>Public Service</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Homestead Exemption</u>	<u>Net Value</u>	<u>Estimated Fair Market Value</u>
1/1/2006	\$49,087,085	\$12,674,846	\$16,798,240	\$985,388	\$77,574,783	\$641,117,119

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**FINANCIAL SECTION**



**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR

JEFF A. McMAHAN  
State Auditor and Inspector

**Independent Auditor's Report**

TO THE OFFICERS OF  
ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, listed in the table of contents as the basic financial statement. This financial statement is the responsibility of Roger Mills 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. Oklahoma Statutes, in addition to audit responsibilities, assign other responsibilities to the State Auditor and Inspector's Office. Those responsibilities include providing various information technology (IT) support for county government.

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 Roger Mills County as of June 30, 2007, 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 Roger Mills County, for the year ended June 30, 2007, on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.



In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 19, 2008, on our consideration of Roger Mills 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.



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

May 19, 2008

## **Basic Financial Statement**

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND  
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES  
(WITH COMBINING INFORMATION)  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	Beginning Cash Balances July 1, 2006	Receipts Apportioned	Disbursements	Ending Cash Balances June 30, 2007
<b>Combining Information:</b>				
County General Fund	\$ 3,220,361	\$ 2,822,016	\$ 2,152,047	\$ 3,890,330
County Highway Cash	3,660,179	7,952,109	7,660,191	3,952,097
Resale Property	57,263	6,354	5,442	58,175
Treasurer Mortgage Certification Fee	8,239	920	125	9,034
County Clerk Lien Fee	176,545	31,675	166	208,054
County Clerk Records Preservation Fee	150,233	29,405	10,295	169,343
Assessor Revolving	2,954	5,704	1,388	7,270
Assessor Visual Inspection	2,487	53	310	2,230
Sheriff Service Fee	103,471	26,830	3,948	126,353
Sheriff Prisoner Revolving	150,452	135,216	107,847	177,821
Sheriff Commissary	287			287
Sheriff County/City Reimbursement	30,743	108,081	97,953	40,871
Civil Defense Sales Tax	69,464	29,345	23,588	75,221
Economic Development Sales Tax	52,323	13,265		65,588
OSU Extension Sales Tax	111,288	56,849	49,725	118,412
Rural Fire Sales Tax	481,468	318,021	212,862	586,627
Senior Citizens Sales Tax	176,963	161,072	111,245	226,790
County Free Fair Sales Tax	54,191	72,009	31,733	94,467
Roger Mills County Hospital Sales Tax	240,741	2,273,960	2,358,228	156,473
Berlin Volunteer Fire Assistance	34,079	54,574	14,621	74,032
Berlin Community REAP		10,258	8,047	2,211
Courthouse Security		4,860		4,860
<b>Combined Total—All County Funds</b>	<b>\$ 8,783,731</b>	<b>\$ 14,112,576</b>	<b>\$ 12,849,761</b>	<b>\$ 10,046,546</b>

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

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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**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 Roger Mills County, Oklahoma. 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.

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 statutes.

County Clerk Lien Fee - accounts for lien collections and disbursements as restricted by statute.

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

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
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Assessor Revolving - accounts for the collection of fees for copies restricted by state statute.

Assessor Visual Inspection - accounts for the collection and disbursement 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 Prisoner Revolving – accounts for the collection of monies from the Oklahoma Department of Corrections and disbursements are for the purpose of maintaining the jail.

Sheriff Commissary – this fund was established to operate commissary within the County jail; however, it was inactive during this fiscal year.

Sheriff County/City Reimbursement – accounts for City of Cheyenne reimbursement to the County for prisoner care.

Civil Defense Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

Economic Development Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

OSU Extension Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

Rural Fire Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

Senior Citizens Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

County Free Fair Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

Roger Mills County Hospital Sales Tax – accounts for the sales tax collected and disbursed on behalf of the account.

Berlin Volunteer Fire Assistance – accounts for a percentage of sales tax collected by other rural fire departments and state grant monies received and disbursements are for the maintenance and operations of the volunteer fire department.

Berlin Community REAP – accounts for grant monies received for the Senior Citizens Center in Berlin.

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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Courthouse Security – accounts for monies received through the court system to be disbursed for security improvements and operations for the Roger Mills County Courthouse.

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

**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, the general fund is the only fund 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.

**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).

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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**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 Roger Mills County employees shall be entitled to annual leave and may be accumulated. After one full year of service, employees may be granted 10 to 20 days of vacation, depending on years of service. Employees may carry over no more than 5 days vacation from one year to the next with any additional time being forfeited.

All full-time Roger Mills County employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay that is accrued at a rate of 8 hours for each full calendar month of service. Sick leave may be accrued up to a maximum of 130 hours.

**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."

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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The assessed property value as of January 1, 2006, was approximately \$77,574,783.

Per Article 10, § 8A, with the repeal of personal property tax, the millages with the adjustment factor are 10.57 mills for general fund operations, 2.11 mills for multi-county library, and 3.17 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.

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, 2007, were approximately 99 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.

**4. Risk Management**

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

<b>Types of Loss</b>	<b>Method of Management</b>	<b>Risk of Loss Retained</b>
General Liability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Torts</li> <li>• Errors and Omissions</li> <li>• Law Enforcement Officers Liability</li> <li>• Vehicle</li> </ul>	The County participates in a public entity risk pool: Association of County Commissioners of Oklahoma-Self-Insurance Group. (See ACCO-SIG.)	If claims exceed the authorized deductibles, the County could have to pay its share of any pool deficit. A judgment could be assessed for claims in excess of the pool's limits.
Physical Plant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Theft</li> <li>• Damage to Assets</li> <li>• Natural Disasters</li> </ul>		



**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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<b>Types of Loss</b>	<b>Method of Management</b>	<b>Risk of Loss Retained</b>
Workers' Compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Employees' Injuries</li> </ul>	The County carries commercial insurance.	A judgment could be assessed for claims in excess of coverage.
Employee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Medical</li> <li>• Disability</li> <li>• Dental</li> <li>• Life</li> </ul>	The County participates in the Oklahoma Public Employees Health and Welfare Plan. (See OPEH&WP.)	If claims exceed pool assets, the members would have surcharges assessed to pay the excess claims.

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 chooses a \$10,000, \$25,000, or a \$50,000 deductible amount. The County has chosen a \$25,000 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 amount for replacement value up to \$100,000 for property, and up to \$500,000 for general liability. The pool has acquired commercial reinsurance in the amount of \$1,000,000 to cover claims that exceed the pool's risk retention limits. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

Commercial Insurance – The County obtains commercial insurance coverage to pay legitimate workers' compensation claims. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

OPEH&WP – The County has entered into an interlocal agreement with other governmental entities to participate in a pooled self-insurance fund to provide insurance coverage. The pool provides for surcharges to be assessed for claims in excess of pool assets to offset pool deficits. Settled claims have not exceeded insurance coverage for each of the past three fiscal years. There have been no significant reductions in coverage from the prior fiscal year.

**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

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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 pieces of machinery subsequently 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, 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 7.5% and 12.5% of earned compensation. Elected officials could contribute between 4.5% and 10% of their entire compensation. The County contributes 12.5% of earned compensation for elected officials. The County's contributions to the Plan for the years ending June 30, 2007, 2006, and 2005, were \$317,896, \$259,792, and \$201,125, respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

**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. The amount, if any, of expenditures which may be disallowed by the grantor cannot be determined at this time; although, the County expects such amounts, if any, to be immaterial.

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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.

**9. Sales Tax**

On June 12, 2001, Roger Mills County voters approved a 1.50% sales tax effective December 1, 2001 through November 30, 2007. Roger Mills County Hospital Authority (d.b.a. Rogers Mills Memorial Hospital) receives 60% of the 1.5% sales tax. The remaining 40% is divided as follows: OSU Extension 3%; Rural Fire Departments 8.33%; Senior Citizens 2.951%; Civil Defense .9835%; Free Fair 2.00%; County General Fund 21.9855%; and Economic Development .75%. Beginning January 2006, the Roger Mills County Commissioners approved to change the remaining 40% to be divided as follows: OSU Extension 1.50%; Rural Fire Departments 8.33%; Senior Citizens 4.25%; Civil Defense .75%; Free Fair 1.90%; County General Fund 22.92%; and Economic Development .35%.

**OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**ROGER MILLS 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, 2007**

	General Fund			
	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 3,220,361	\$ 3,220,361	\$ 3,220,361	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Outstanding Warrants	(111,519)	(111,519)	(111,519)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(380,213)	(380,213)	(257,285)	122,928
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>2,728,629</u>	<u>2,728,629</u>	<u>2,851,557</u>	<u>122,928</u>
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	745,423	745,423	813,900	68,477
Sales Tax	100,000	100,000	868,653	768,653
Charges for Services	20,000	20,000	83,720	63,720
Intergovernmental Revenues	80,100	81,098	612,172	531,074
Miscellaneous Revenues	43,000	43,000	443,571	400,571
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>988,523</u>	<u>989,521</u>	<u>2,822,016</u>	<u>1,832,495</u>
Expenditures:				
District Attorney	<u>2,500</u>	<u>4,000</u>	<u>3,663</u>	<u>337</u>
County Sheriff	<u>533,685</u>	<u>533,685</u>	<u>519,243</u>	<u>14,442</u>
County Treasurer	<u>150,974</u>	<u>150,974</u>	<u>123,266</u>	<u>27,708</u>
County Commissioners	<u>63,500</u>	<u>63,500</u>	<u>9,510</u>	<u>53,990</u>
County Clerk	<u>236,105</u>	<u>236,105</u>	<u>225,093</u>	<u>11,012</u>
Court Clerk	<u>98,974</u>	<u>98,974</u>	<u>97,505</u>	<u>1,469</u>
County Assessor	<u>104,274</u>	<u>119,274</u>	<u>115,764</u>	<u>3,510</u>
Revaluation of Real Property	<u>82,788</u>	<u>82,788</u>	<u>63,475</u>	<u>19,313</u>
General Government	<u>1,328,000</u>	<u>1,311,500</u>	<u>396,194</u>	<u>915,306</u>
Excise-Equalization Board	<u>18,000</u>	<u>18,000</u>	<u>4,665</u>	<u>13,335</u>
County Election Board	<u>71,375</u>	<u>72,373</u>	<u>71,084</u>	<u>1,289</u>
Insurance	<u>602,000</u>	<u>602,000</u>	<u>273,400</u>	<u>328,600</u>

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CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS—  
GENERAL FUND  
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	Original Budget	Final Budget	Actual	Variance
Charity	3,000	3,000	500	2,500
Civil Defense	100	100		100
County Planning and Zoning	6,000	6,000	2,622	3,378
County Flooding Planning Board	6,000	6,000	352	5,648
Sales and Use Tax Reserve	398,520	398,520		398,520
Audit Budget	7,757	7,757	7,757	-
Tick Eradication	2,500	2,500	2,400	100
Public Health Budget	100	100		100
SWODA	1,000	1,000	584	416
 Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	 3,717,152	 3,718,150	 1,917,077	 1,801,073
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	 \$ -	 \$ -	 3,756,496	 \$ 3,756,496
 Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Encumbrances			11,474	
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			122,360	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 3,890,330</u>	

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**1. Budgetary Schedules**

The Comparative Schedule of Receipts, Expenditures, and Changes in Cash Balances—Budget and Actual—Budgetary Basis, for the General Fund 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 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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**INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION**





**STATE OF OKLAHOMA**  
**OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR**

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State Auditor and Inspector

**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  
ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Roger Mills County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which comprises Roger Mills County's basic financial statement, prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and have issued our report thereon dated May 19, 2008. 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. Also, our report describes certain responsibilities of the State Auditor and Inspector's Office other than audit responsibilities. 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 Roger Mills 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.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. However, as discussed below, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. We consider the deficiencies 2007-1, 2007-2 and 2007-3 as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting.

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 the 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 the internal control that might be significant deficiencies and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all significant deficiencies that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, of the significant deficiencies described above we consider 2007-1 to be a material weakness.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Roger Mills 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*.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Roger Mills 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., section 24A.1 et seq.), and shall be open to any person for inspection and copying.



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

May 19, 2008

**ROGER MILLS COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES  
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

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**Findings related to the 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**

**Finding 2007-1- Segregation of Duties**

Criteria: Accountability and stewardship are overall goals in evaluating management's accounting of funds. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, the duties of receiving, receipting, recording, and depositing cash and checks should be segregated.

Condition: Based upon inquiries of County Sheriff personnel and test work performed, it was noted that the duties of receiving, receipting, recording, and depositing collections were not adequately separated. This lack of separation of duties is caused by the limited number of employees.

Effect: This lack of separation of duties could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, undetected errors, or misappropriation of assets.

Recommendation: We recommend management be aware of this condition and realize the concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desirable from a control point of view. Under these conditions, the most effective controls lie in management's knowledge of office operations and periodic review of those operations.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The Sheriff is aware of the limited segregation of duties within his office and will strive to oversee the operations.

**Finding 2007-2 Payroll Timesheets (Repeat Finding)**

Criteria: Effective accounting practices and procedures include the submission of employee timesheets each pay period, that at a minimum include the day of the week and date of each day worked, the hours worked each day and leave used each day. Additionally, effective accounting practices require signatures of the employee and the supervisor/county official certifying the validity of the hours worked and approving the hours worked and leave used.

Condition: In the review of time records, it was noted that the County had no standardized system for timely recording and reporting of employee leave accrued, used or current balances.

Effect: Improprieties and abuse could occur regarding compensated absences.

Recommendation: We recommend all County employees be required to complete standardized timesheets, which reflect actual hours worked, annual leave, sick leave, and overtime accrued. Additionally, the employee and the County official approving the time reported should sign the timesheet.

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Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: Upon review and discussion of the audit findings, we have concluded that it will be in the best interest of Roger Mills County to make the necessary changes or adjustments based on the audit findings for fiscal year ending June 30, 2007.

**Finding 2007-3 – Longevity Payments**

Criteria: Effective internal controls include, as procedure and policy changes are enacted, the County's Personnel Policy manual be timely updated with the changes.

Condition: The County enacted a longevity policy in 2006, in which employees receive a \$500 longevity payment once a year. However, there is no policy regarding the payment of longevity addressed in the Roger Mills County Personnel Policy Handbook.

Effect: Undocumented policies could lead to abuse and inequities among employees.

Recommendation: We recommend Roger Mills County document updated policies and procedures in the Personnel Policy Handbook on a timely basis.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: We will put forth effort to make these recommended changes or adjustments and see to it that they are in place as soon as possible.



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