

STATUTORY REPORT

# TILLMAN COUNTY TREASURER

September 30, 2015



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**JULIE GARZA, COUNTY TREASURER  
TILLMAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA  
TREASURER STATUTORY REPORT  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2015**

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Transmitted herewith is the Tillman County Treasurer Statutory Report for September 30, 2015. The engagement was conducted in accordance with 74 O.S. § 212.

The goal of the State Auditor and Inspector is to promote accountability and fiscal integrity in state and local government. Maintaining our independence as we provide this service to the taxpayers of Oklahoma is of utmost importance.

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gary A. Jones".

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE  
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Julie Garza, Tillman County Treasurer  
Tillman County Courthouse  
Frederick, Oklahoma 73542

Dear Ms. Garza:

For the purpose of complying with 74 O.S. § 212, we have performed the following procedures:

- Determine whether bank reconciliations are properly performed, visually verify the certificates of deposit, and confirm the investments.
- Determine whether subsidiary records are reconciled to the general ledger.
- Determine whether deposits and invested funds are secured by pledged collateral.

All information included in the bank reconciliations, the investment ledger, the subsidiary ledgers, and the general ledger is the representation of the County Treasurer.

Our county treasurer statutory engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any basic financial statement of Tillman County.

Based on our procedures performed, we have presented our findings in the accompanying schedule.

This report is intended for the information and use of the management of the County. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

GARY A. JONES, CPA, CFE  
OKLAHOMA STATE AUDITOR & INSPECTOR

February 10, 2016

**SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES**

**Finding 2016-1 - Inadequate Internal Controls Over Cash Receipts and Cash Balances**

**Condition:** Based upon inquiry and observation of the receipting and balancing processes, the County Treasurer has implemented some review processes to enhance internal controls; however, there remains a weakness over the receipting and balancing processes relating to an inadequate segregation of duties.

- The County Treasurer issues receipts, prepares deposits, delivers the deposit to the financial institution, and prepares the monthly apportionment.
- The First Deputy issues receipts, prepares deposits, prepares the daily report, and prepares the general ledger.

**Cause of Condition:** Compensating control procedures have not been fully designed and implemented with regard to segregating the duties over all aspects of the collections process.

**Effect of Condition:** A single person having responsibility for more than one area of recording authorization, custody of assets, and execution of transactions could result in unrecorded transactions, misstated financial reports, clerical errors, or misappropriation of funds not being detected in a timely manner.

**Recommendation:** OSAI recommends management be aware of these conditions and realize that a concentration of duties and responsibilities in a limited number of individuals is not desired from a control point of view. The most effective procedures lie in management's overseeing of office operations and a periodic review of operations. OSAI recommends management provide segregation of duties so that one employee is unable to perform all accounting functions. In the event that segregation of duties is not possible due to limited personnel, OSAI recommends implementing compensating procedures to mitigate the risks involved with a concentration of duties. Compensating procedures would include separating key processes and/or critical functions of the office, and having management review and approve accounting functions.

**Management Response:**

County Treasurer: The County Treasurer is aware of this condition and will continue the review processes that have been designed and implemented to help ensure accurate reporting of financial records.

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



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