

**WATHA SHANKS, COURT CLERK
TILLMAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATUTORY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2002**

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January 21, 2003

Watha Shanks, Court Clerk
Tillman County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report of the Tillman County, Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2002. 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 black ink that reads "Jeff A. McMahon".

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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Watha Shanks, Court Clerk
Tillman County Courthouse
Frederick, Oklahoma 73542

Dear Ms. Shanks:

For the purposes of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312, we have performed the following procedures for the fiscal year 2002:

- 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 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 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 monthly reports, and the cash receipts journal is the representation of the Court Clerk.

Our Court Clerk 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 Tillman County.

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

We have prepared a detailed analysis of the Court Fund, which is presented following this report.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Tillman 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. McMahon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "J".

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

December 2, 2002

WATHA SHANKS, COURT CLERK
TILLMAN COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2002

Collections:	
Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 169,987
Interest	<u>222</u>
Total collections	<u>170,209</u>
Deductions:	
Lump sum budget categories:	
Trial court (attorneys)	2,262
Mental health hearings (attorneys)	312
Transcripts-preliminary and trial	800
Transcripts-appeals	590
General office supplies	4,293
Forms printing	545
Court computer system training	203
Postage and freight	3,022
Court reporter supplies	426
Gas, water, and electricity	5,850
General telephone expense	2,075
Long-distance telephone expense	498
Other expenses (robes, etc.)	<u>20</u>
Total lump sum categories	<u>20,896</u>
Restricted budget categories:	
Maintenance of court area	1,434
Furniture and fixtures	1,168
Maintenance of equipment	7,654
Photo equipment rental/maintenance	3,750
Part-time court clerk employees	<u>41,653</u>
Total restricted categories	<u>55,659</u>
Mandated budget categories:	
Law library	5,250
State Judicial Fund	<u>75,312</u>
Total mandated categories	<u>80,562</u>
Total deductions	<u>157,117</u>
Excess collections over (under) deductions	13,092
Cancelled vouchers	30
Beginning account balance	<u>18,670</u>
Ending account balance	<u>\$ 31,792</u>