

**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
WASHITA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATUTORY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2004**

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March 2, 2005

Tena Arganbright, Court Clerk
Washita County, Oklahoma

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Washita County, Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004. 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

Tena Arganbright, Court Clerk
Washita County Courthouse
Cordell, Oklahoma 73632

Dear Ms. Arganbright:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2004 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2004 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 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.

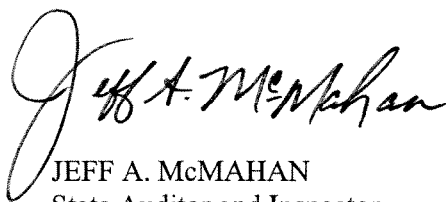
Our Court Clerk's engagement was limited to the procedures performed above and was less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on any general-purpose financial statements of Washita 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 a 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 Washita 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. McMahán". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

February 9, 2005

**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
WASHITA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2004**

Collections:

Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$397,761
Refunds	304
Interest earned on deposit	149
Total collections	398,214

Deductions:

Lump sum budget categories:

Juror expenses	11,536
Trial court attorneys	2,759
Indigent defense witness expense	1,911
Transcripts - preliminary & trial	1,816
Transcripts - appeals	3,360
Mental Health (attorneys)	1,620
Guardians ad litem fees	1,340
General office supplies	2,235
Forms printing	2,534
Microfilm supplies	626
Postage and freight	5,433
Court reporter supplies	8,547
Publications	28
Gas, water and electricity	5,481
Other expenses (robes etc.)	545
General telephone expense	1,305
Long-distance telephone expense	346
Total lump sum categories	51,422

Restricted budget categories:

Maintenance of court area(s)	1,006
Renovation and remodeling	6,234
Security for court room	380
Furniture and fixtures	2,698
Equipment purchases	3,008
Equipment rentals	844
Photocopy equipment maintenance	740
Photocopy equipment rental	2,159
Maintenance of equipment	8,466
Part-time bailiffs	205
Oklahoma Court Information System Services	13,338
Part-time court clerk employees	82,299
Total restricted categories	121,377

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**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
WASHITA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2004**

Mandated categories:	
Law library	7,000
State judicial fund	232,692
Total mandated categories	<u>239,692</u>
Total deductions	<u>412,491</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(14,277)
Cancelled vouchers	8,000
Beginning account balance	<u>81,434</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 75,157</u></u>

**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
WASHITA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2004**

Collections:	
Court fund revolving fees	\$ 21,020
Total collections	<u>21,020</u>
Deductions:	
Office supplies	45
Equipment purchases	75
Part-time court clerk employees	10,236
Publication	2,212
Furniture and fixtures	1,698
Renovation and remodeling	733
Juror expenses	30
Total deductions	<u>15,029</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	5,991
Beginning account balance	<u>8,577</u>
Ending account balance	<u>\$ 14,568</u>