

WASHITA COUNTY COURT CLERK

FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED
JUNE 30, 2006

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**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
WASHITA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
STATUTORY REPORT
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2006**

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

Transmitted herewith is the statutory report for the Washita County, Court Clerk, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2006. 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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Dear Ms. Arganbright:

We have performed procedures for fiscal year 2006 activity of the Court Fund Account for the purpose of complying with 20 O.S. § 1312. We have also performed procedures for fiscal year 2006 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 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 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,



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

May 13, 2008

**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
WASHITA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2006**

Collections:

Court fund fines, fees, and forfeitures	\$ 316,392
Interest earned on deposit	595
Total collections	<u>316,987</u>

Deductions:

Lump sum budget categories:

Juror expenses	16,473
Trial court attorneys	4,950
Appeals attorneys	2,800
Mental health (attorneys)	975
Guardian ad litem fees	3,810
Transcripts - preliminary & trial	3,258
Transcripts - appeals	826
General office supplies	2,609
Forms printing	1,781
Publications	30
Postage and freight	4,642
Court reporter supplies	280
Gas, water, electricity	6,876
General telephone expense	1,500
Long-distance telephone expense	493
Other expenses (robes, etc.)	176
Total lump sum categories	<u>51,479</u>

Restricted budget categories:

Renovation and remodeling	13,592
Maintenance of court area(s)	95
Security of court area(s)	330
Furniture and fixtures	313
Equipment purchases	1,128
Equipment rentals	10,526
Maintenance of equipment	17,654
Photocopy equipment rental	2,062
Part-time bailiffs	535
Court clerk employees	110,636
Total restricted categories	<u>156,871</u>

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COURT FUND ACCOUNT ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2006**

Mandated categories:	
Law library	7,000
State judicial fund	<u>141,505</u>
Total mandated categories	<u>148,505</u>
 Total deductions	 <u>356,855</u>
Collections over (under) deductions	(39,868)
Beginning account balance	<u>88,410</u>
Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 48,542</u></u>

**TENA ARGANBRIGHT, COURT CLERK
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COURT CLERK REVOLVING FUND ANALYSIS
JUNE 30, 2006**

Collections:

Court fund revolving fees	\$ 20,776
Total collections	<u>20,776</u>

Deductions:

Personal service	178
Office supplies	363
Computer services	2,604
Equipment purchases	9,659
Renovation and remodeling	3,710
Total deductions	<u>16,514</u>

Collections over (under) deductions	4,262
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Beginning account balance	<u>31,206</u>
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Ending account balance	<u><u>\$ 35,468</u></u>
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