

**KIOWA 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

December 4, 2007

TO THE CITIZENS OF
KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

Transmitted herewith is the audit of Kiowa 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 black ink that reads "Jeff A. McMahan".

JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

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

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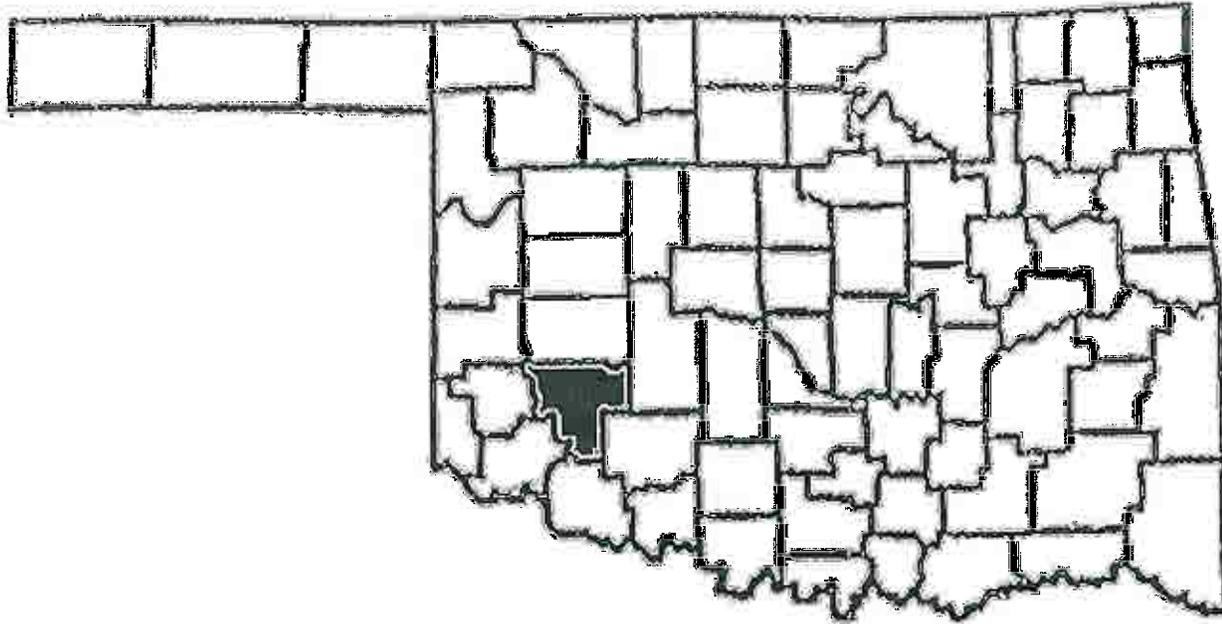
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**REPORT TO THE CITIZENS
OF
KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA**



Kiowa County was formed in 1901 from part of the original Kiowa-Comanche-Apache Indian Reservation area, and was named for the Kiowa Indian tribe. Cattle, agriculture, and cash crops are the major sources of income for the county.

The county was also home to author N. Scott Momaday and the Kiowa Tribal Museum and Headquarters. The Kiowa County Historical Society has published six books, which are available at the Kiowa County Museum in Hobart.

County Seat - Hobart

Area – 1,030.66 Square Miles

County Population - 9,848
(2005 est.)

Farms - 662

Land in Farms - 580,490 Acres

Primary Source: Oklahoma Almanac 2007-2008

See independent auditor's report.

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

COUNTY ASSESSOR
Letitia Stockton
(D) Hobart

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
Geanea Watson
(D) Hobart

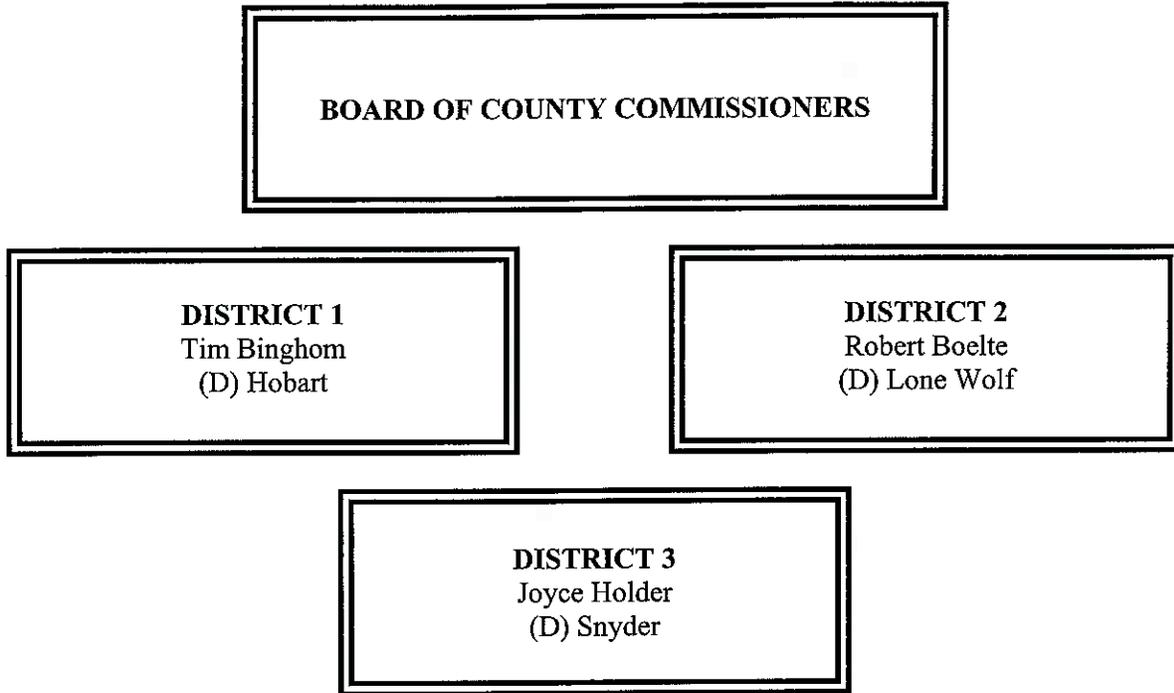
The County Clerk serves as the register of deeds and custodian of records for the county. The County Clerk also serves as the secretary to several boards, including the Board of County Commissioners, the County Excise Board, the County Board of Equalization, and the Board of Tax Roll Corrections.

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



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

COUNTY SHERIFF

Buck Jones
(D) Hobart

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

Deanna Miller
(D) Hobart

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.

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

COURT CLERK
Karen Denton
(D) Hobart

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
John Wampler
(D) Altus

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

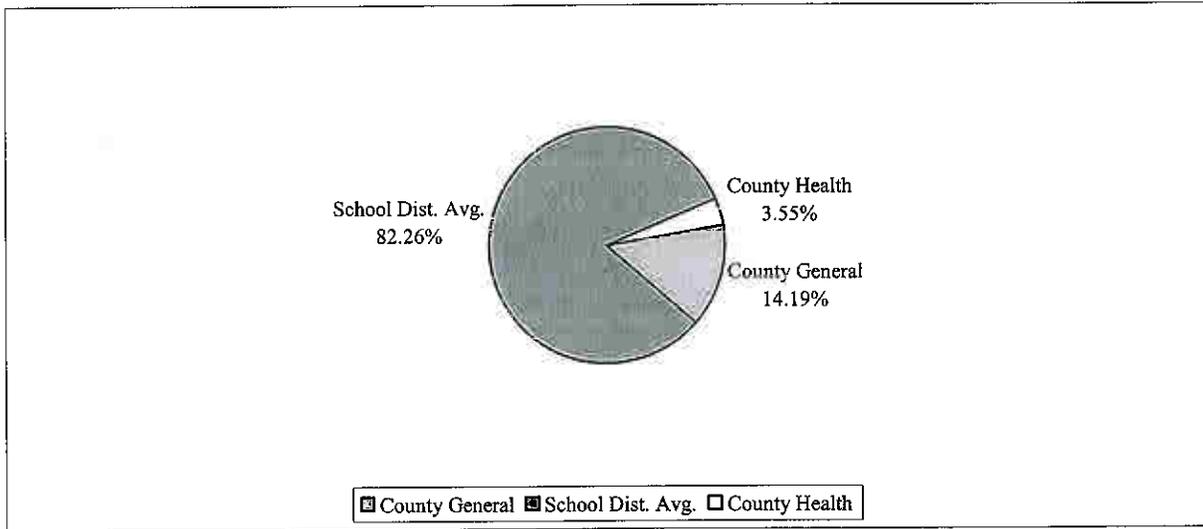
<p>ELECTION BOARD SECRETARY Lynne Morris (D) Hobart</p>
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The Election Board Secretary is appointed by the State Election Board and is the chief administrative officer of the County Election Board. The County Election Board has direct responsibility 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.

**KIOWA 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								
Co. General				Gen.	Bldg.	Skg.	Career Tech	Common	EMS	Total
Co. General	10.44									
County Health	2.61	Hobart	I-1	36.29	5.18		12.39	4.18		58.04
		Lone Wolf	I-2	36.60	5.23	6.00	12.39	4.18		64.40
		Greer County	J-2	35.67	5.10	6.00	12.74			59.51
		Mt. View-Gotebo	003	36.58	5.23		11.52	4.18	3.14	60.65
		Comanche County	J-03	36.72	5.25		11.89		3.15	57.01
		Washita County	J-03	36.95	5.28		11.57		3.17	56.97
		Snyder	I-4	36.68	5.24		11.53	4.18		57.63
		Tillman County	J-4	36.60	5.23		11.51			53.34
		Comanche County	J-4	37.97	5.42		11.25			54.64
		Washita	J-1	36.54	5.22		12.39	4.18		58.33
		Comanche	J-2	35.16	5.02	10.54	11.53	4.18		66.43
		Caddo	J-33	37.53	5.37	14.21	11.52	4.18		72.81
		Jackson	J-54	36.21	5.17	10.90	10.35	4.18		66.81

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

Total net assessed value as of January 1, 2006		<u>\$ 59,930,243</u>
Debt limit - 5% of total assessed value		2,996,512
Total bonds outstanding	-	
Total judgments outstanding	-	
Less cash in sinking fund	-	<u>-</u>
Legal debt margin		<u>\$ 2,996,512</u>

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**KIOWA 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)**

	2007
Estimated population	9,848
Net assessed value as of January 1, 2006	\$ 59,930,243
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.

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

Valuation Date	Personal	Public Service	Real Estate	Homestead Exemption	Net Value	Estimated Fair Market Value
1/1/2006	\$19,776,493	\$8,969,416	\$33,821,454	\$2,637,120	\$59,930,243	\$500,885,212

See independent auditor's report.

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
KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Kiowa 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 Kiowa 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.

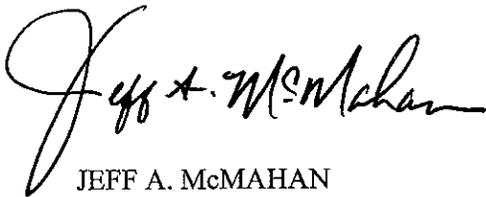
As described in Note 1, this financial statement was prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, which practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The effects on the financial statement of the variances between 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 Kiowa 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 Kiowa 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 November 19, 2007, on our consideration of Kiowa 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.



JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

November 19, 2007

Basic Financial Statement

**KIOWA 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
Combining Information:				
County General Fund	\$ 345,774	\$ 970,503	\$ 940,486	\$ 375,791
County Highway Cash	2,591,183	4,211,166	3,493,650	3,308,699
County Health Department	143,918	201,394	215,237	130,075
Resale Property	25,556	37,587	30,822	32,321
Treasurer Mortgage Tax Certification Fee	2,870	2,957	5,000	827
County Clerk Lien Fee	6,465	6,938	5,071	8,332
County Clerk Records Preservation Fee	12,245	15,740	16,428	11,557
Assessor Revolving	8,054	6,476	1,435	13,095
Assessor Visual Inspection	142			142
Assessor Equipment Upgrade	297			297
Sheriff Service Fee	75,939	89,669	88,513	77,095
Sheriff Board of Prisoners	84,354	98,328	96,351	86,331
Sheriff Emergency Management/EOC		13,260	4,927	8,333
Sheriff Drug Fund	40			40
Law Enforcement Fund	270	3,575	490	3,355
Community Service Sentencing Program	584			584
Juvenile Supervision	343			343
911 Emergency		10,035	10,035	
Sales Tax Revolving Fund	327,712	331,389	277,632	381,469
Kiowa Co. Industrial Develop. Auth. Bldg.	930	1,050		1,980
Kiowa County Ceramic Tile	50,000	600	40,508	10,092
Kiowa County Youth Development	(1,900)	23,385	21,901	(416)
Emergency Management/EOC	162	92	92	162
National Rifle Association	259			259
Combined Total--All County Funds	\$ 3,675,197	\$ 6,024,144	\$ 5,248,578	\$ 4,450,763

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

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

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 Kiowa 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 are for the purpose of constructing and maintaining county roads and bridges.

County Health Department - accounts for monies collected on behalf of the county health department from ad valorem taxes and state and local revenues.

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 statute.

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

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

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

Assessor Revolving - accounts for the collection of fees for copies restricted by state statute.

Assessor Visual Inspection - accounts for the collection and expenditure of monies by the Assessor as restricted by state statute for the visual inspection program.

Assessor Equipment Upgrade - accounts for the collection and disbursement of funds received from the State of Oklahoma for the upgrade of Assessor computer equipment.

Sheriff Service Fee - accounts for the collection and disbursement of sheriff process service fees as restricted by statute.

Sheriff Board of Prisoners – accounts for the state receipts and disbursements for the purpose of maintaining Department of Corrections’ inmates.

Sheriff Emergency Management/EOC – accounts for the collections of state grant money to maintain the Civil Defense Coordinator within the Sheriff’s Department.

Sheriff Drug Fund - accounts for forfeitures and disbursements for drug enforcement within the County.

Law Enforcement Fund – accounts for the collection of contracts for law enforcement of surrounding cities and towns and disbursement for personal services.

Community Service Sentencing Program - accounts for the collection of funding through the State Department of Corrections for administrative expenses and supervision of offenders.

Juvenile Supervision – accounts for collection of state funds to provide housing for juveniles.

911 Emergency – accounts for the collection of state grant money to establish a 911 system.

Sales Tax Revolving Fund – accounts for collection of sales tax and disbursed in accordance with the sales tax ballot.

Kiowa County Industrial Development Authority Building – accounts for the collections from tiles sold and disbursed for maintenance of the tiles and to provide assistance to the 4-H program.

Kiowa County Ceramic Tile – accounts for the collections of a Centennial State Grant to be disbursed for the completion of the tile project.

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

Kiowa County Youth Development – accounts for the collection of a REAP grant to help build an annex to the Women’s Exhibit Building to house OSU Extension and hold youth activities.

Emergency Management/EOC – accounts for the collections of state grant money to establish Civil Defense Coordinator within the Sheriff’s Department.

National Rifle Association – accounts for monies received from a private foundation and disbursements made for earplugs and bullets for OSU Extension training purposes.

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 and the county health department fund are the only funds 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 by fund, 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.

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

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). However, at June 30, 2007, \$350,000 of the County's deposits were uninsured and undercollateralized.

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

Vacation benefits are earned by the employee during the year at a rate of 6.67 hours per month and may accumulate up to 80 hours per calendar year.

All full time Kiowa County employees shall be entitled to sick leave with pay that is accrued on a monthly basis. Sick leave shall accumulate at the rate of 10 hours (1.25 days) for each full calendar month of service to the County. Sick leave may be accrued up to a maximum of 45 days.

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

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."

The assessed property value as of January 1, 2006, was approximately \$59,930,243.

Per Article 10, § 8A, with the repeal of personal property tax, the millages with the adjustment factor are 10.44 mills for general fund operations and 2.61 mills for county health department. 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 78.28 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.

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

4. Risk Management

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

Types of Loss	Method of Management	Risk of Loss Retained
General Liability <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Torts • Errors and Omissions • Law Enforcement Officers Liability • Vehicle 	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"> • Theft • Damage to Assets • Natural Disasters 		
Workers' Compensation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employees' Injuries 	The County carries commercial insurance.	A judgment could be assessed for claims in excess of coverage.
Employee <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical • Disability • Dental • Life 	The County carries commercial insurance.	None

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 and employees' insurance. 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.

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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 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 \$193,721, \$176,228, and \$145,567, 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.

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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.

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 April 6, 1993, the voters of Kiowa County approved a sales tax of .5%. The duration of the sales tax is unlimited. The money derived from the sales tax is distributed as follows: \$10,000 for Kiowa County Free Fair; \$25,000 for OSU Extension; \$25,000 for Senior Citizen Centers; \$2,500 for Kiowa County Historical Society with the remaining sales tax to be apportioned to the Sheriff's office in the Sales Tax Revolving Fund.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

KIOWA 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	\$ 345,774	\$ 345,774	\$ 345,774	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Outstanding Warrants	(48,281)	(48,281)	(48,281)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(2,196)	(2,196)	(2,040)	156
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>295,297</u>	<u>295,297</u>	<u>295,453</u>	<u>156</u>
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	568,792	568,792	490,901	(77,891)
Sales Tax			24,423	24,423
Charges for Services			140,945	140,945
Intergovernmental Revenues		110,745	141,553	30,808
Miscellaneous Revenues	1,000	999	172,681	171,682
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>569,792</u>	<u>680,536</u>	<u>970,503</u>	<u>289,967</u>
Expenditures:				
County Sheriff	164,564	156,874	156,874	-
County Treasurer	112,677	114,599	114,155	444
County Commissioners	1,176	10,000	-	10,000
County Clerk	148,941	150,864	150,841	23
Court Clerk	83,912	177,597	177,465	132
County Assessor	64,885	66,808	66,535	273
Revaluation of Real Property	68,157	68,157	65,850	2,307
General Government	151,640	160,914	160,541	373
Excise-Equalization Board	3,295	3,462	3,451	11
County Election Board	57,849	58,565	57,673	892
County Audit Budget Account	5,993	5,993	413	5,580
Provision for Interest on Warrants	2,000	2,000	-	2,000
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>865,089</u>	<u>975,833</u>	<u>953,798</u>	<u>22,035</u>
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	312,158	<u>\$ 312,158</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Encumbrances			9,855	
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			53,778	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 375,791</u>	

The accompanying notes to the other supplementary information are an integral part of this schedule.
See independent auditor's report.

**KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES—BUDGET AND ACTUAL—BUDGETARY BASIS—
COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT FUND
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

	County Health Department Fund			
	Original	Final	Actual	Variance
	Budget	Budget		
Beginning Cash Balances	\$ 143,918	\$ 143,918	\$ 143,918	\$ -
Less: Prior Year Warrants	(2,154)	(2,154)	(2,154)	
Less: Prior Year Encumbrances	(17)	(17)		17
Beginning Cash Balances, Budgetary Basis	<u>141,747</u>	<u>141,747</u>	<u>141,764</u>	<u>17</u>
Receipts:				
Ad Valorem Taxes	142,198	142,198	122,725	(19,473)
Intergovernmental Revenue	75,000	75,702	75,524	(178)
Miscellaneous			3,145	3,145
Total Receipts, Budgetary Basis	<u>217,198</u>	<u>217,900</u>	<u>201,394</u>	<u>(16,506)</u>
Expenditures:				
Health and Welfare	358,945	359,647	241,503	118,144
Total Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>358,945</u>	<u>359,647</u>	<u>241,503</u>	<u>118,144</u>
Excess of Receipts and Beginning Cash Balances Over Expenditures, Budgetary Basis	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	101,655	<u>\$ 101,655</u>
Reconciliation to Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances				
Add: Current Year Outstanding Warrants			<u>28,420</u>	
Ending Cash Balance			<u>\$ 130,075</u>	

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**KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA
NOTES TO OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2007**

Budgetary Schedules

The Comparative Schedules of Receipts, Expenditures, and Changes in Cash Balances—Budget and Actual—Budgetary Basis, for the General Fund and the County Health Department Fund present 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.

See independent auditor's report.

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE SECTION



STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OFFICE OF THE AUDITOR AND INSPECTOR

JEFF A. McMAHAN
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
KIOWA COUNTY, OKLAHOMA

We have audited the combined totals—all funds of the accompanying Combined Statement of Receipts, Disbursements, and Changes in Cash Balances of Kiowa County, Oklahoma, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2007, which comprises Kiowa County's basic financial statement, prepared using accounting practices prescribed or permitted by Oklahoma state law, and have issued our report thereon dated November 19, 2007. 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 Kiowa 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 described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses to be significant deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting. 2007-1 and 2007-2

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 item 2007-1 to be a material weakness.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Kiowa 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 instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*, which are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as items 2007-3 and 2007-4.

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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of Kiowa 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.



JEFF A. McMAHAN
State Auditor and Inspector

November 19, 2007

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

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 – Sheriff (Repeat Finding)

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

Condition: The limited number of office personnel within the County Sheriff's office prevents a proper segregation of accounting functions, which is necessary to assure an adequate internal control structure.

Effect: This condition 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 that 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 this situation and performs routine and periodic reviews of the operation.

Finding 2007-3 – Kiowa County Youth Development Grant (Repeat Finding)

Criteria: 62 O.S. § 310.2 states in part, "...No purchase order shall be paid until approved by the officer, board or commission having charge of the office or department for which the appropriation is available and from which such payment is proposed to be made, provided that no indebtedness for any purpose shall be incurred in excess of the appropriation for that purpose and provided that the county and municipal officers referred to herein are made responsible on their official bond for any and all indebtedness incurred by them..."

Condition: The County Treasurer's general ledger at June 30, 2007, reflects a negative balance for the Kiowa County Youth Development Grant in the amount of \$416. The deficit is the result of a delay in the receipt of available grant funds to cover expenditures.

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

Recommendation: We recommend that no warrants or vouchers be registered or remitted in excess of fund balance.

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

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: The negative balance was corrected in July 2007 when funds were deposited to reimburse the County.

Finding 2007-2 – Timesheets and Leave Records (Repeat Finding)

Criteria: The overall goal of effective internal control in evaluating management's accounting of funds is to demonstrate accountability and stewardship. To help ensure a proper accounting of funds, timesheets and leave balances should be signed by the employee and supervisor/elected official and submitted to the County Clerk each pay period.

Condition: The following exceptions were noted in our test of payroll timesheets and leave balance documentation for county employees;

1. Employees for the offices of District 3 County Commissioner, County Assessor, and County Clerk did not sign his/her timesheet attesting to the validity of the time worked.
2. The elected official or designated department supervisor did not sign employee timesheets attesting to the approval of the time documented as worked or taken off for the time period for the offices of District 3 County Commissioner, County Assessor, and County Clerk.
3. The employees of the County Sheriff's office did not maintain timesheets detailing the works worked during the pay period.

Effect: These conditions could result in the misappropriation of assets in the County paying employees for hours not worked.

Recommendation: We recommend management take steps to ensure that the employee and supervisor/elected official sign and approve timesheets for each pay period. Additionally, management should take steps to ensure that leave reports are submitted to the County Clerk annually for placement in the employee personnel files to provide an effective internal control over time reporting.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: Officials are aware that more attention to time reporting is required and will sign and approve timesheets.

Finding 2007-4 – Pledged Collateral – County Treasurer

Criteria: In accordance with 62 O.S. § 511 through § 513, the County must obtain adequate pledged collateral to cover funds held in financial institutions for the County.

Condition: From May 12, 2007 through June 30, 2007, Kiowa County was underpledged at the Bank of the Wichitas. The certificate of deposit for \$450,000 had \$100,000 FDIC coverage, but no other securities were held to cover the principal.

Effect: This condition could result in unprotected funds.

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

Recommendation: We recommend the County Treasurer comply with 62 O.S. § 511 through § 513 and insure proper pledged collateral for funds held in financial institutions for Kiowa County.

Views of responsible officials and planned corrective actions: A letter of credit was issued by the Bank of the Wichitas to Kiowa County in the amount of \$450,000 on July 18, 2007, and maturing the year after.