

TOM GREEN COUNTY



112 West Beauregard,
San Angelo, TX 76903

OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

December 31, 2016

The Honorable Eddie Howard
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 4
124 W. Beauregard
San Angelo, TX 76903

Dear Judge Howard,

We recently completed our review of your office's financial records for the months of April through June of 2016.

For this time period we reviewed the Treasurer's receipts, Justice of the Peace receipts, Justice of the Peace/Treasurer deposit reports, receipt journals by fund and fee code, receipt journal report, and the Official Justice of the Peace monthly report.

We verified a sample of fees charged against the Justice Courts schedule of fees for appropriateness. We found several cases regarding issuance of bad checks that did not include court costs. Two cases with a deferred disposition also had court cost waived. If a plea of guilty or nolo contendere is entered, or a deferred disposition judgement rendered, we feel these cases meet the definition of conviction under Local Government Code Section 133.101. Your office should charge court cost to defendants when there is a conviction, as these fees belong to the State.

We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to help provide the documentation needed to perform this review. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact us.

Very cordially,

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Nathan Craddock
County Auditor

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Palmer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sara Palmer
Assistant Auditor

Cc: The Honorable Barbara Walther, District Judge
51st Judicial District, Texas

The Honorable Commissioners Court
Tom Green County, Texas