



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER CO#114127

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DATE: 11/13/2012

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT OF CASH COUNTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2012**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Auditor's report of cash counts for the three (3) months ended September 30, 2012.

BACKGROUND:

The Auditor's Office conducted thirty-six (36) surprise cash counts, totaling \$50,220.00 during the three (3) months ending September 30, 2012, for Tarrant County fee offices that collect cash and other remittances and the Tarrant County Organized Crime Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY: Auditor

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APPROVED BY:



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November 5, 2012

The Honorable District Judges
The Honorable Commissioners Court
The Honorable Sheriff Dee Anderson
Tarrant County, Texas

Re: Auditor's Report – Cash Counts for the Three-Months Ending September 30, 2012


In accordance with Local Government Code, Sections 114.043, 115.003(a), and 130.902, we conducted 36 surprise cash counts, totaling \$50,220 during the three-months ending September 30, 2012, for Tarrant County fee offices that collect cash and other remittances and the Tarrant County Narcotics Unit. As previously reported, the Sheriff's Inmate Trust Fund remains short by \$100 resulting from the receipt of a counterfeit bill. Excluding the Sheriff's Office, one location had a cash shortage of less than one dollar. There were two cash overages. One overage was due to a \$38 overpayment that was refunded to the customer. The second overage was less than one dollar. The objectives of our review were to determine whether:

- cash and other remittances reconciled at the time of the cash count;
- change fund and petty cash balances were authorized; and
- change funds were used only to make change in connection with collections payable to the County and were not used to make loans, advances, or to cash checks or warrants of any kind.

The Auditor's Office uses a rotating quarterly cash count schedule. There were 64 authorized change funds and 9 petty cash funds, including investigative and federal forfeiture funds, totaling \$133,120 as of September 30, 2012. Commissioners Court authorized the increase of two existing change funds and two additional change funds during the review period. Furthermore, 34 locations accept cash and remittances without a change fund.

We appreciate the cooperation of the County offices during our review. If you have any questions concerning this report, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,


S. Renee Tidwell, CPA
County Auditor