

TOM GREEN COUNTY



San Angelo, Texas

OFFICE OF THE County Auditor

April 14, 2022

The Honorable Fred Buck
Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3
3052 N. Bryant Blvd
San Angelo, TX 76903

Dear Judge Buck,

We recently completed our review of your office's financial records for the months of April 2021 through September 2021. Included in the review were the Treasurer's receipts and deposit reports for your office, Justice of the Peace, Precinct 3 receipts, receipt journals by fund and fee code, till balance reports, Citations Count Report, scanned citations and warrants, and the Official Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 monthly reports. The Review included fee collections and cash receipts from iCON (Net Data).

While reviewing Time Payment fees assessed in 2021 we found 74 cases had the incorrect time payment fee code applied (TP instead of TP15). Your staff has since corrected the fee code and all payments were reapplied correctly. The legislation changes put into place January 1, 2020, require that regardless of the date of the offense or the date of the conviction, even if the fee should have been assessed before 1/1/20, the TP15 fee applies. We recommend maintaining due diligence while assessing any case, especially those transferred from Odyssey, as to ensure the correct fees are applied.

When verifying if jail credits were authorized by the judge, we found one case authorized to be waived in full, but was only partially waived in the system. After bringing this to your department's attention it was corrected immediately. We recommend carefully reviewing all cases in which any type of credit (Jail Credit, Waiver, Community Service, etc.) is applied to ensure that the authorized action was followed.

We also discussed with you separately a few minor errors found during the review. We appreciate your cooperation and willingness to help provide the information we needed to perform this review. If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very cordially,

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

Nathan Craddock
County Auditor

Cc: The Honorable Jay Weatherby, District Judge
340th Judicial District, Texas

The Honorable Commissioners Court
Tom Green County, Texas