

TOM GREEN COUNTY



OFFICE OF THE COUNTY AUDITOR

March 15, 2024

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

Dear Judge Speck,

We recently completed our review of your office's financial records for the months of October 2022 through March 2023. 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 Justice of the Peace Precinct 3 monthly reports presented to Commissioners Court. The review included fee collections and cash receipts from iCON (Net Data).

We reviewed 160 cases that had jail credit applied towards the fines due, to determine adherence with the conditions and requirements for jail credits laid out in the Code of Criminal Procedure Articles 45.041 and 45.048. In 50 cases, jail credits valued at \$14,692.18 were granted to defendants, but these credits should not have been granted based on their conviction dates. The effective date of the relevant statute is September 1, 2021, and the Justice Court Training Manual advises that cases with convictions before that date are not eligible to receive jail credits for time served from another conviction. Instead, community service is a viable option in such cases, or fines could be waived if the defendant is found indigent. We do note that 40 of the 50 cases were processed prior to you taking office, and you have since revised procedures to address this practice.

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 style with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Nathan Craddock
County Auditor

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

The Honorable Commissioners Court
Tom Green County, Texas