



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER 0
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DATE: 2/17/2009

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT OF CASH COUNTS FOR THE THREE MONTHS ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2008**

***** 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-months ending December 31, 2008.

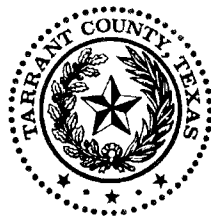
BACKGROUND:

The Auditor's Office planned and conducted 70 surprise cash counts throughout the three months ending December 31, 2008. These counts included authorized change funds and cash funds for 1) Tarrant County fee offices, including Tarrant County departments that collect cash and other remittances, and 2) the Tarrant County Organized Crime Unit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this item.

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The Honorable District Judges
The Honorable Commissioners Court
Tarrant County, Texas

RE: Auditor's Report – Cash Counts for the Three-Months Ending December 31, 2008

In accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Code, Sections 114.043, 115.003(a), and 130.902, we conducted 70 surprise cash counts, totaling \$77,915 during the three-months ending December 31, 2008, for Tarrant County fee offices that collect cash and other remittances and the Tarrant County Organized Crime Unit. Our objectives were to determine whether:

- cash and other remittances reconciled at the time of the cash count;
- change fund balances were authorized; and
- change funds were used only to make change in connection with collections payable to the County, and that the funds are 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 67 authorized change funds and four cash funds located at the Tarrant County Organized Crime Unit, totaling \$80,155, as of December 31, 2008. Furthermore, there were 34 locations that accept cash and remittances without a change fund. No new cash funds were issued during our review period.

As a result of our review, five locations had cash overages or shortages of \$1 or less. Management agreed to deposit the overages and reimburse the cash shortages. In addition, no evidence existed that change funds or cash funds were used to make loans, advances, or cash checks or warrants.

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

Sincerely,



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