



COMMISSIONERS COURT  
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER CO#138833

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DATE: 08/16/2022

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE  
SHERIFF'S BOND DESK SYSTEM UPGRADE**

**COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED**

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Auditor's Report of the Sheriff's Bond Desk System Upgrade.

**BACKGROUND**

Tech.Share Bond Desk went live on January 12, 2022 and replaced the Legacy Bond Management System which was used to record cash bonds, fines, and escrow payments received from bondsmen. The Auditor's Office initiated a review to determine whether financial and system controls were adequate to reasonably ensure bond transactions were properly accounted for and safeguarded from theft.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with this item.

SUBMITTED BY:	Auditor Office	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	S. Renee Tidwell
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The Honorable Bill Waybourn, Tarrant County Sheriff  
Mr. Christopher Nchopa-Ayafor, Chief Information Officer  
The Honorable District Judges of Tarrant County  
The Honorable Tarrant County Commissioners Court  
Tarrant County, Texas

RE: Auditor's Report – Sheriff's Bond Desk System Upgrade

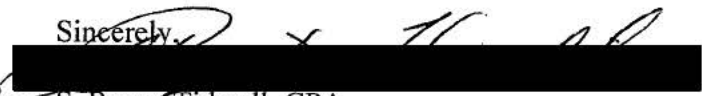
We initiated a review to determine whether financial and system controls were adequate to reasonably ensure bond transactions were properly accounted for and safeguarded from theft. The *Tech.Share Bond Desk* went live on January 12, 2022. The system replaced the legacy bond management system used to record cash bonds, fines, and escrow payments received from bondsmen. After the initial cutover, we observed that collateral reports did not reconcile between the two systems because of a data conversion error. We also observed that two users had the ability to edit collateral, receipt bonds, and void their own transactions. Subsequent to our review, the collateral reports reconciled between systems and the two users' roles and permissions were modified. Because certain control procedures or reports are not in place, a *significant risk* exists errors or fraud could go undetected. Specifically, we observed:

- 1) Supervisory review of voided bonds, particularly cash bonds, did not exist.
- 2) A comprehensive report showing voids and adjustments made by staff was not available.

We recommend the Sheriff's Office develop procedures that includes an independent supervisory review of voids and adjustments. This review should be documented. Furthermore, we recommend the Sheriff's Office work with the Information Technology Department and the vendor to provide a comprehensive report showing voids and adjustments.

We appreciate the cooperation of staff during our review. Management's response is attached. Please call me if you have any questions regarding the contents of this report.

Sincerely,

  
S. Renee Tidwell, CPA  
County Auditor

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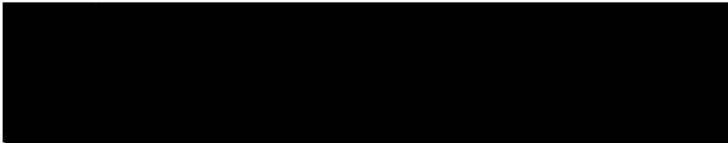
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Re: Response to Auditors Report – Bond Desk Upgrade

Upon implementation of TechShare Jail and TechShare Bond, the intent was always to get the system live so the focus could shift to TechShare Court due to deadlines involving the MainFrame system. The Sheriff's Office and I.T. continue to work on Evergreen system upgrades and these items of note will be included in the Evergreen projects.

At your service,



BILL E. WAYBOURN  
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DATE: July 28, 2022

TO: Renee Tidwell

FROM: Chris Nchopa-Ayafor

SUBJECT: Auditor's Report – Sheriff's Bond Desk Upgrade

ITD has reviewed the identified deficiencies. We are working with the Sheriff's Office to assist with the development of a comprehensive report detailing voids and adjustments made by staff.

We would like to thank the Auditor's office for working with us to identify these deficiencies and develop an acceptable course of action to address them.