

GALVESTON COUNTY



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February 11, 2019

Honorable Mark A. Henry, County Judge, and
Members of the Commissioners Court
722 Moody Avenue
Galveston, Texas 77550

Honorable Mark A. Henry and Members of the Court:

Attached to be received and filed is the Quarterly Audit Report for the Court Administration Office. The audit covered the period from October 2018 through December 2018.

Sincerely,

**Randall
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Attachment: Quarterly Audit Report, Court Administration Office

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January 31, 2019

Barbara Pinegar
Assistant Director of Personal Bond & Collections
600 59th Street, Suite 1500
Galveston, TX 77551

Ms. Barbara Pinegar:

The Galveston County Auditor's Office has examined the Private Collection, Parks and Wildlife and OMNI purchase orders submitted by the Court Administration Office for the months of October 2018 through December 2018.

Private Collection Fees

The collection contract between Galveston County and Perdue, Brandon, Field, Collins & Mott states the county shall pay the firm by the 20th day of each month all compensation earned by the firm for the previous month. County policy requires the office to submit a purchase request by the 5th day of the following month. Once a PO is issued, adequate forms and support documentation shall be submitted to Accounts Payable. It is the responsibility of the office to monitor the status of the purchase orders to verify payment is made. The office is in compliance with the collection contract and county policy.

Parks and Wildlife Fees

Parks and Wildlife Code (PAW) §31.128 Disposition of Fines states a clerk of any court receiving any fine imposed by a court for a violation of this chapter as a result from an arrest by a game warden shall remit 80% of the fine, for county court cases, to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. In court cases filed as the result of an arrest other than a game warden, the amount remitted shall be 60% of the fine. County policy requires the office to submit a purchase request by the 5th day of the following month. Once a PO is issued, adequate forms and support documentation shall be submitted to Accounts Payable. It is the responsibility of the office to monitor the status of the purchase orders to verify payment is made. The office is in compliance with PAW §31.128 and county policy.

OMNI Fees

Transportation Code §706.006 Payment of Administration Fee states a person who fails to appear for a complaint or citation for an offense described in this chapter shall be required to pay an administrative fee of \$30 for each complaint or citation reported to the Department of Public Safety. For each fee collected under Section 706.006, the county shall send \$6 to the vendor, OmniBase Services of Texas, no later than the last day of the month following the close of the calendar quarter. County policy requires the office to submit a purchase request by the 5th day of the following month. Once a PO is issued, adequate forms and support documentation shall be submitted to Accounts Payable. It is the responsibility of the office to monitor the status of the purchase orders to verify payment is made.

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The office is in compliance with Transportation Code §706 and county policy.

This report will be submitted to Commissioners Court on February 11, 2019. Please contact Lori McWhirter, Internal Audit Manager, at (409) 770-5356 if you have any questions or comments regarding this report.

Sincerely,

Randall Rice

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