



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

CO#115078

REFERENCE NUMBER 0

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DATE: 4/30/2013

SUBJECT: **RECEIVE AND FILE THE AUDITOR'S REPORT OF THE JURY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT FOR THREE MONTHS ENDING MARCH 31, 2013**

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court receive and file the Auditor's Report of the jury services reimbursement for the three months ending March 31, 2013.

BACKGROUND:

In accordance with Local Government Code 61.0015, the Auditor's Office submitted the quarterly report for period ending March 31, 2013 to the Texas Comptroller's Office requesting reimbursement of \$153,360.00 paid to petit and grand jurors. This reimbursement amount is for 5,112 days of grand and petit jury service at \$30.00 per day.

Tarrant County paid jurors \$250,486.00 during the three month period. Therefore, the County's expense, net of the reimbursement, will be \$97,126.00.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The State of Texas should reimburse Tarrant County \$97,126.00.

SUBMITTED BY: Auditor

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April 16, 2013

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

Re: Auditor's Report – Jury Services Reimbursement for the Three-Months Ending March 31, 2013

The Auditor's Office performs routine monitoring of Jury Services payments made to petit and grand jurors. In accordance with Government Code 61.0015, the Auditor's Office prepares and submits a quarterly report to the Texas Comptroller's Office for reimbursement of these payments made jurors. Per Government Code 61.0015, the state shall reimburse a county \$34 for the reimbursement paid to a grand juror or petit juror for each day or fraction of each day served as a juror after the first day. The code also allows the comptroller to reduce the amount payable to each county if sufficient money is not available to satisfy the claims for reimbursement filed by the counties. Effective October 1, 2012, the Comptroller's Judiciary Section determined that the county's reimbursement is \$30 per day or fraction of a day for juror service beginning on the second day.

On April 17, 2013, we submitted the quarterly report for period ending March 31, 2013 to the Texas Comptroller's Office requesting reimbursement of \$153,360. This reimbursement amount is for 5,112 days of grand and petit jury service at \$30 per day. During this same period, Tarrant County paid the jurors \$250,486. Therefore, the County's expense net of reimbursement from the Texas Comptroller's Office will be \$97,126.

Due to the length of the report, we have not attached a copy. Please do not hesitate to call if you would like a copy of the report or if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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County Auditor

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