

AUDITOR'S REPORT

HARRIS COUNTY JUDGE ED EMMETT CLOSEOUT PROCEDURES AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2018



March 1, 2019

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Judge Lina Hidalgo
Harris County Judge
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RE: County Judge Ed Emmett Closeout Procedures as of December 31, 2018

With the change in officials within the County Judge's Office (Office), the Auditor's Office - Audit Services Department performed closeout procedures in accordance with the Harris County Road Law. Although you were not the office holder during the period subject to our procedures, we are addressing this Auditor's Report to you as the current office holder.

We performed procedures to determine whether:

1. Petty Cash at the Office reconciled to the imprest balance authorized by Commissioners Court, and the balance was accurately recorded in the County's Financial System (IFAS).
2. Capital assets existed (on a sample basis).
3. Procurement and travel cards assigned to the Office were in the Office's possession.

The engagement process included providing you with a combined engagement and scope letter and conducting entrance and exit conferences with your personnel. The purpose of the letter and conferences were to explain the process, identify areas of concern, and describe the procedures to be performed. A draft report was provided to you and your personnel for review.

The work performed required our staff to exercise professional judgment in completing the scope procedures. As the procedures were not a detailed inspection of all transactions or assets, there is a risk that fraud, errors, or omissions were not detected during this engagement. The official therefore, retains the responsibility for the accuracy and completeness of their financial records and assets, and for ensuring sufficient controls are in place to detect and prevent fraud, errors, or omissions.

Judge Lina Hidalgo
Harris County Judge

The enclosed Auditor's Report does not include any issues or recommendations as no reportable issues were identified during our procedures. We appreciate the time and attention provided by you and your staff during this engagement.

Sincerely,



Michael Post
County Auditor

cc: District Judges
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Kim Ogg
Vince Ryan
William J. Jackson

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OVERVIEW

The objective of this engagement was to perform procedures in accordance with the Harris County Road Law (Section 10, Chapter 17, Special Laws, Acts of the 33rd Legislature, Regular Session, 1913, as amended by Chapter 422, Acts of the 66th Legislature, 1979).

As excerpted below:

“Upon the death, resignation or retirement of any officer or employee, the Auditor shall require an accounting of all property of every kind of the County or its political subdivisions of which he has custody, possession, control or supervision ...”

RESULTS

Based on the procedures performed, in accordance with the Harris County Road Law, the petty cash fund at the Office reconciled to the imprest balance authorized by Commissioners Court, and the balance was accurately recorded in IFAS. The capital assets assigned to the Office existed and procurement and travel cards assigned to the Office were in the Office’s possession. No issues were identified.