FILED AND RECORDED

OFFICIAL PUBLIC RECORDED

FOR COURTS



96 JUN -5 AM 9 39

Bost - 31 per- 150

פּאָרֶזְיּאָנִין אָסדוכE OF MEETING OF THE

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS # 4

Notice is hereby given that a Regular meeting of the above named Commissioners' Court will be held on Monday, June 10, 1996 at 10 00 a m in the County Courthouse, Livingston, Texas, at which time the following subjects will be discussed, to wit

SEE ATTACHED AGENDA

Dated June 5, 1996

Commissioners' Court of Polk County, Texas

By July () (Supp

John P Thompson, County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of Polk County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice in the County Courthouse of Polk County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on June 5, 1996, and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

Notice filed, June 5, 1996

Barbara Middleton, County Clerk

occon



COMMISSIONERS COURT AGENDA

for: MONDAY - JUNE 10, 1996 - 10:00 A.M.

CALL TO ORDER

- 1 WELCOME Public Comments & Discussion
- 2 INFORMATIONAL REPORTS
- 3 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF MINUTES for meeting of, May 11 (Special meeting) and May 28 (last regular session), 1996

OLD BUSINESS

4 APPROVE MINUTES OF MAY 13, 1996 MEETING (tabled from last agenda)

NEW BUSINESS

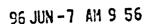
- 5 CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION PERTAINING TO BID #96-07 "SALE OF FOUR 12G MOTORGRADERS, ROAD & BRIDGE, PCT 3"
- 6 CONSIDER ANY/ALL NECESSARY ACTION PERTAINING TO BID #96-08
 "PURCHASE OF THREE MOTORGRADERS WITH OPTIONAL TRADE-IN OF
 FOUR USED MOTORGRADERS (offered in Bid #96-07), ROAD & BRIDGE, PCT 3"
- 7 RECEIVE SINGLE AUDIT REPORT (SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE) FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 1995
- 8 CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF OFFERS TO PURCHASE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES, PCT #1 (MEMORIAL POINT, BLOCK 7, LOTS 10 & 11), PCT #2 (CANYON PARK #2, LOT 123)
- 9 CONSIDER PROPOSAL FROM MUNICIPAL BUREAU SERVICES FOR COLLECTION OF UNPAID MISDEMEANOR FINES
- 10 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF BUDGET REQUEST #5 (AMENDED) AND BUDGET REQUEST #6, AS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY AUDITOR

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

- 11 CONSIDER APPROVAL AND PAYMENT OF BILLS (by Schedule)
- 12 CONSIDER APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS

ADJOURN Next regularly scheduled meeting - June 24, 1996, 10 00 a m

FILED AND RECORDED FEICIAL PUBLIC RECORDS POLK COUNTY





ADDENDUM TO

Barbari Jestitone

NOTICE OF MEETING #41

COMMISSIONERS COURT OF POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

THE FOLLOWING WILL SERVE TO AMEND THE AGENDA OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1996 AT 10 00 A M

ADD,

- 13 CONSIDER DESIGNATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY
- 14 CONSIDER SHERIFF DEPARTMENT REQUEST FOR REPLACEMENT AND FINANCING OF DAMAGED VEHICLE

Posted on Friday, June 7, 1996

Commissioners' Court of Polk County, Texas

John P Thompson, County Judge

I, the undersigned County Clerk, do hereby certify that the above Notice of Meeting of Polk County Commissioners Court, is a true and correct copy of said Notice, and that I posted a true and correct copy of said notice in the County Courthouse of Polk County, Texas, at a place readily accessible to the general public at all times on Friday, June 7, 1996 and said notice remained so posted continuously for at least 72 hours preceding the scheduled time of said meeting

Dated Friday, June 7, 1996

Barbara Middleton, County Clerk

STATE OF TEXAS }

COUNTY OF POLK }

DATE: JUNE 10, 1996 REGULAR CALLED MEETING BOBBY SMITH - ABSENT

BE IT REMEMBERED ON THIS THE 10th DAY OF JUNE, 1996
THE HONORABLE COMMISSIONERS COURT MET IN A REGULAR CALLED MEETING
WITH THE FOLLOWING OFFICERS AND MEMBERS PRESENT, TO WIT.

JOHN P THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE, PRESIDING. B.E "SLIM" SPEIGHTS,
COMMISSIONER PCT#1, JAMES J "BUDDY" PURVIS, COMMISSIONER PCT#3,
R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, COMMISSIONER PCT#4, AND BARBARA MIDDLETON,
COUNTY CLERK, WHEN & WERE AMONG OTHER PROCEEDINGS HAD, CONSIDERED
AND PASSED

- 1. MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY JUDGE JOHN P. THOMPSON, AT 10.00 AM.
 - PUBLIC COMMENTS:

 a. SUSIE PATE FROM CORRIGAN, OFFERED COMMENTS PERTAINING TO AMBULANCE SERVICE.
- 2. INFORMATIONAL REPORTS

 a. SHERIFF NELSON ANNOUNCED A NEW PROGRAM TO START IN POLK CO.

 SOON TRIAD, IS A THREE WAY JOINT REFORM WITH CHAPTER.
 - SOON TRIAD, IS A THREE WAY JOINT EFFORT, WITH SHERIFF'S DEPT., POLICE, AND A A.R P. GROUPS, TO INFORM SENIOR CITIZENS OF THE CRIME ELEMENTS THAT EXIST IN OUR SOCIETY.
- 3. MOTIONED BY B E "SLIM" SPEIGHTS, SECONDED BY JAMES J "BUDDY" PURVIS TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 11, 1996.
 ALL VOTING YES.
- 4. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY B.E "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO APPROVE MINUTES FOR MEETING OF MAY 13, 1996.
 ALL VOTING YES.
- 5. BID #96-07. SALE OF 4 (4) MOTOR GRADERS, ROAD & BRIDGE, PCT#3. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT TO ACCEPT THE HIGH BIDS RECEIVED FOR EACH ITEM. MUSTANG TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT/ 2 MOTOR GRADERS AWARDED. ROMCO TRAX EQUIPMENT LTD. CO./ 2 MOTOR GRADERS AWARDED. ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)
- 6. BID #96-08: PURCHASE OF (3) MOTOR GRADERS, ROAD & BRIDGE, PCT#3.

 MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT TO APPROVE PURCHASE OF (3) CATERPILLAR MOTOR GRADERS FROM MUSTANG TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT. SEE NEXT AGENDA FOR FINANCING AND TERMS.

 ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)

- 7. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED B.E. SLIM"
 SPEIGHTS TO RECEIVE SINGLE AUDIT REPORT (SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL
 FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPT. 30, 1995.
 ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)
- 8. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO TABLE ITEM#8 " CONSIDER OFFERS TO PURCHASE COUNTY TAX FORECLOSURE PROPERTIES IN PCT #1 AND PCT #2." ALL VOTING YES.
- 9. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO TABLE ITEM #9, "PROPOSAL FROM MUNICIPAL BUREAU SERVICES FOR COLLECTION OF UNPAID MISDEMEANOR FINES", UNTIL NEXT COMMISSIONER COURT MEETING.
 ALL VOTING YES
- 10. MOTIONED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO APPROVE REQUEST BUDGET AMENDMENT #5 (AMENDED) AND #6, AS SUBMITTED BY COUNTY AUDITOR ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED)
- 11. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY R R. "DICK"
 HUBERT TO APPROVE PAYMENT OF BILLS BY SCHEDULE (PLUS ADDENDUM).
 ALL VOTING YES.

DATE	AMOUNT:	CHECK NUMBERS
5-29-96	138.84	116176 - 116178
5-30-96	41,000 00	116179
5-30-96	188,267 55	116180 - 116199
6-6-96	138,434.06	116200 - 116343
6-7-96	153,310 28	116344 - 116444
TRAVEL REIMBURSEMENT	1, 259 86	TO BE ON FUTURE SCHEDULE

- 12. MOTIONED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO APPROVE PERSONNEL ACTION FORMS ALL VOTING YES. (SEE ATTACHED LISTING)
- 13. MOTIONED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO APPROVE DESIGNATION OF SURPLUS PROPERTY, (1-CONTAINER/WASTE MANAGEMENT).
 ALL VOTING YES.
- 14. MOTIONED BY JAMES J. "BUDDY" PURVIS, SECONDED BY B E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO APPROVE ADVERTISING FOR PURCHASE OF (NEW OR USED) 4X4 TRUCK, AS REQUESTED BY MILNER, FOR REPLACEMENT OF A SHERIFF'S VEHICLE THAT WAS TOTALED IN AN ACCIDENT ALL VOTING YES.

15. MOTIONED BY R.R. "DICK" HUBERT, SECONDED BY B.E. "SLIM" SPEIGHTS TO ADJOURN COURT THIS 10th DAY OF JUNE, 1996 AT 10:40 AM. ALL VOTING YES.

JOHN P. THOMPSON, COUNTY JUDGE

ATTEST:

BARBARA MIDDLETON, COUNTY CLERK

BID 89 500 00



PLEASE REPLY TO

PO BOX 560248/DALLAS, TX 75356-0248 / (214) 819-4100 / FAX (214) 819-4131

5/30/96

POLK COUNTY ROAD AND BRIDGE, PRECINCT #3

"BID 96-07"
USED 12-G MOTOR GRADERS

(1) 12-G MOTOR GRADER S/N 61M-13042	BID 70, 900 =
(1) 12-G MOTOR GRADER S/N 61M-13296	BID <u>68, 550 -</u>
(1) 12-G MOTOR GRADER S/N 61M-14596	BID 77, 894 00
(1) 12-G MOTOR GRADER S/N 61M-14691	BID <u>92,900 9</u>
WITH REAR RIPPERS	UID _/x, 100

RUSTY SCHOEMER

USED EQUIPMENT MANAGER

WITH OUT REAR RIPPERS

(1) 12-G MOTOR GRADER S/N 61M-14691

800-227-6626

QUALITY USED EQUIPMENT FOR THE CONSTRUCTION MINING & AGGREGATES INDUSTRIES DALLAS • SAN ANTONIO • HOUSTON

JOY



B10#96-07

HOUSTON, TEXAS 77040 12800 NORTHWEST FREEWAY (713) 460-7222 • FAX (713) 690-2287

(713) 585 5587

ATTN

BEAUMONT TEXAS 77706 7990 Eastex Freeway (409) 892-8412

BRYAN TEXAS 77806 Highway 21 W (409) 775-0639

CONROE, TEXAS 77304 1308 Old Montgomery Rd. (409) 756 1110

EL CAMPO TEXAS 77437 (409) 543-3389

LUFKIN TEXAS 75901 H ghway 69 S E (409) 639 5551

DAYS HEREOF

QUOTATION

County Auditor Polk County Courthouse Livingston, TX 77351

Buddy Purvis

QUOTATION NO \$96-104

DATE May 30, 1996

CUSTOMER INQUIRY NO BI d #96-08

IMPORTANT WHEN ORDERING PLEASE MENTION ABOV QUOTATION NUMBER AND DATE.

QUAN DESCRIPTION UNIT PRICE EXTENSION We are pleased to submit the following for your consideration 3 New Caterpillar 135H motor grader as per your specifications \$378,000 00 \$126,000 00 Mustang Tractor agrees to repurchase the above quoted motor graders as indicated below 3rd year \$108,250 00 ea 4th year 98,500 00 ea 5th year 91,000 00 eb GUARANTEED BIDDING SPECIFICATIONS Equipment will be operated by Polk County for motor grader work, road repair and maintenance, and other purposes for which it was designed Polk County will assume responsibility for cost of repairs due to fire, theft, accident, operators or mechanics negligence, or vandalism Polk County will assume at it's own expense all lubricating oil, filters of all types, hydraulic hoses, fan belts, grease, antifreeze, cutting edges, batteries, headlights, glass breakage, cleaning and painting, and other items normally consumed in day-to-day operation Polk County will maintain motor grader with all systems operating and maintained in accordance with all the schedules outlined in the factory operators and maintenance manuels WARRANTY - 5 years or 7,500 hour drive train APPLICABLE WARRANTY(S) As above PRICES ARE FOB Polk County. THIS QUOTATION SHALL TERMINATE UNLESS MUSTANG RECEIVES WRITTEN ACCEPTANCE WITHIN

THIS QUOTATION IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS CONTAINED IN MUSTANG'S PURCHASE ORDER AND SECURITY AGREEMENT AND CH MASTER EQUIPMENT LEASE AGREEMENT & RENTAL CONTRACT

MUSTANG TRACTOR & EQUIPMENT COMPANY

Stir # Cho EID TABULATION

EIC # 96-08

Data of Oceans 5-3/-96

Description Purchase of 3 Motogradue To ce awares 6-10-96

		K+BA	<i>≠3</i>		
,	BICCER			ALTERNATES	COMMENTS
	Mustang	Tractor	#/26,000 00		#318,000 00
	~			COF	Y.
				•	

BID # 96-07 POLK COUNTY ROAD & BRIDGE, PCT 3

Description of Items offered for Optional Trade-in

ONE (1) 1989 CATERPILLAR 12G MOTORGRADER (The gage on this grader has not worked since8-23-95) $PA \subset H RIA = PS - IS$
since8-23-95) (Front Scanfier) 05283 HOURS S/N 61M13296 CASH BID - AS-IS (75, 100 PT
ONE (1) 1989 CATERPILLAR 12G MOTORGRADER (Front Scarrifer) 05401 HOURS S/N 61M13042 * 13,600, ***
ONE (1) 1991 CATERPILLAR 12G MOTORGRADER (Front Scarifier) 03860 HOURS S/N 61M14596 88, 10C. FX
ONE (1) 1992 CATERPILLAR 12G MOTORGRADER WE ROPER & 93, SEO. TE (back rippers) 02056 HOURS S/N 61M14691 - 93, SEO.
Eption -> with REAR Rippen 103,100 %
by Konfuedson Caneal May

Ron Jacobson General Manager

Pager (800) 448-7942 -1-0-016450 (Input no./ 6)



VOL

42 PAGE 399

| NOUTE | NUX | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 10

Re Pre 3 Metergrades bid

1992 cat 126 SR# 61M 14596 (32,6xt)

1991 Cat 126 SA# GIM 14596 (74,100)

1959 eat 126 SR# WM 13296 (63,600)

1989 cat 126 SA# 6/17 13642 (63/60)

Total \$ 253,900

SINGLE AUDIT REPORTS

POLK COUNTY TEXAS

September 30, 1995

Management letter

CONTENTS

	Page
Reports Required by Government Auditing Standards	
Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Structure Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards	5
Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance Based on an Audit of General Purpose Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards	9
Reports Required by OMB Circular A-128	
Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Structure Used in Administering Federal Financial Assistance Programs	13
Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with the General Requirements Applicable to Federal Financial Assistance Programs	17
Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Specific Requirements Applicable To Nonmajor Federal Financial Assistance Programs	19
Independent Auditors' Report on Compliance with Specific Requirements Applicable To Major Federal Financial Assistance Programs	21
Schedules	
Independent Auditors' Report on Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance and Supplemental Schedules	25
Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance	27
Supplemental Schedule of Community Development Grant No 7702481	28
Supplemental Schedule of Community Development Grant No 7703112	29
Exhibit	

REPORTS REQUIRED BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

1

3

口

口

3



Trusted Business Advi ors Since 1970

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County, Texas, (the County) as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996

The general purpose financ al statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Except as discussed in the paragraph above, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the County for the nine months ended September 30, 1995, we obtained an understanding of its internal control structure. With respect to the internal structure, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purposes of expressing our opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion

We noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston Texa**5** 07 3413 Tel (-13)679 6000 Fax (*13)679 6004 reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design of operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the entity's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are considered to be material weaknesses as defined above. However, we noted the following matters involving internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above. These conditions were considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the procedures to be performed in our audit of the financial statements of the County for the nine months ended September 30, 1995.

The following reportable conditions, including material weaknesses and other matters were reported to the County's management, in a separate letter dated March 19, 1996

		Classific	cation of Fin	dings			
		Reportable (Reportable Condition				
	Findings	Material Weakness	Other	Other matters			
1	Bids and change orders			х			
2	Expenditures in excess of appropriations			х			
3	Purchase order system			х			
4	Internal audit and other compliance duties	х					
5	Waste Management's internal controls	х					
6	Landfill post closure care costs			х			
7	Reconciliation of hot check account		х	х			
8	Notice of effective tax rate			х			
9	Property tax reports		х				
10	Tax assessment and collection contract			х			
11	School funds receipts		х				
12	Activity of expendable trust funds		х				

		Classific	Classification of Findings					
		Reportable (Reportable Condition					
	Findings	Material Weakness	Other	Other matters				
13	Computer system security	х						
14	Earnings of registry funds			х				
15	Payroll penalties and interest		х	x				
16	Debt service fund balance			X				
17	Unallocated expenses			х				
18	Fixed asset records	х	_					
19	Enterprise fund			х				
20	Processing payroll for other entities			х				
21	Accounting for financed equipment		х					
22	Refinancing debt			X				

This report is intended for the information of members of management and any appropriate legislative or regulatory body. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited

on, Stephens & Reimer, P.C.

Houston, Texas

March 19, 1996

101

Trusted Business Advisors Since 1970

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County, Texas, (the County) as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Except as discussed in the paragraph above we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the County, is the responsibility of the County's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the County's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our audit of the financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion

The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. The results of our tests disclosed immaterial instances of noncompliance with the above requirements, which we have communicated to the County's management in a separate letter dated March 19, 1996.

This report is intended for the information of members of management and any appropriate legislative or regulatory body. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Laurson, Stephens & Reimer, P.C.

March 19 1996

Certified Public Accountants

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston Texa977027 3413 Tel (713)629-6000 Fax (713)629-6004 REPORTS REQUIRED BY OMB CIRCULAR A-128

VOL

Trusted business Aders ors Since 1970

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE USED IN ADMINISTERING FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County, Texas, (the County) for the nine months ended September 30 1995 and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996. We have also audited the compliance of Polk County with requirements applicable to major federal financial assistance programs and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Except as discussed in the paragraph above, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Government Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States and Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-128, Audits of State and Local Governments. Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement and about whether the County complied with laws and regulations, noncompliance with which would be material to a major federal financial assistance program.

In planning and performing our audits for the nine months ended September 30, 1995, we considered the County's internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the County's general purpose financial statements and on its compliance with requirements applicable to major programs and to report on the internal control structure in accordance with OMB Circular A-128. This report addresses our consideration of internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to compliance with requirements applicable to federal financial assistance programs. We have addressed internal control structure policies and procedures relevant to our audit of the general purpose financial statements in a separate report dated March 19, 1996.

The County's management is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, that transactions are executed in accordance with management s authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of general purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting properly accordance with generally accepted accounting properly and that federal financial assistance programs are

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston, Tex\$(\$77027 3413 Tel (713)629-6000 Pax(713)629-6004 managed in compliance with applicable laws and regulations. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors, irregularities, or instances of noncompliance may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate

For the purpose of this report, we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures used in administering federal financial assistance programs in the following categories

Accounting Applications

Purchasing and Receiving Accounts Payable Cash Disbursements Property and Equipment General Ledger

Federal Program Administration

Political Activity
Civil Rights
Drug Free Workplace Act
Administrative Requirements

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and determined whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk

During the year ended September 30, 1995, the County had major and nonmajor federal financial assistance programs and expended 44% of its total federal financial assistance under major programs

We performed tests of controls, as required by OMB Circular A-128, to evaluate the effectiveness of the design and operation of internal control structure policies and procedures that we considered relevant to preventing or detecting material noncompliance with specific requirements, general requirements, and requirements governing claims for advances and reimbursements and amounts claimed or used for matching that are applicable to each of the major programs which are identified in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance. Our procedures were less in scope than would be necessary to render an opinion on these internal control structure policies and procedures. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion

Our consideration of the internal control policies and procedures used in administering federal assistance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that might constitute a material weakness under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material to a federal financial assistance program may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure of its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above

We noted other matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we reported to the County's management, in a separate letter dated March 19, 1996

This report is intended for the information of the members of management and any appropriate legislative or regulatory body. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Stephens & Reins, P.C.

Houston Towar

Houston, Texas

March 19, 1996



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County, Texas (the County), for the nine months ended September 30, 1995 and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

We have applied procedures to test the County's compliance with the following requirements applicable to its federal financial assistance programs which are identified in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance, for the nine months ended September 30, 1995

Political Activity
Civil Rights
Drug Free Workplace Act
Administrative Requirements

Our procedures were limited to the applicable procedures described in the Office of Management and Budget's "Compliance Supplement for Single Audits of State and Local Governments" Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the County's compliance with the requirements listed in the preceding paragraph. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

With respect to the items tested, the results of these procedures disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with the requirements listed in the second paragraph of this report. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the County had not complied, in all material respects, with those requirements. Also, the results of our procedures did not disclose any immaterial instances of noncompliance with those requirements.

This report is intended for the information of the members of management and any appropriate legislative or regulatory body. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Laurson, Stephens & Remer, PC.

March 19, 1996

Certified Public Accountants

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston, Texk977027 3413 Tel (713)629-6000 Fax (713)629-6004



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO NONMAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County Texas (the County) as of and for the year ended September 30, 1995 and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996

In connection with our audit of the general purpose financial statements of the County and with our consideration of the County's control structure used to administer federal financial assistance programs as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A 128. Audits of State and Local Governments, we selected certain transactions applicable to certain nonmajor federal financial assistance programs for the year ended September 30, 1995.

As required by OMB Circular A-128, we have performed auditing procedures to test compliance with the requirements governing types of services allowed or unallowed and eligibility. Our procedures were substantially less in scope than an audit the objective of which is the expression of an opinion on the County's compliance with those requirements. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion

With respect to the items tested, the results of those procedures disclosed no material instances of noncompliance with the requirements listed in the preceding paragraph. With respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the County had not complied, in all material respects, with those requirements. Also, the results of our procedures did not disclose any immaterial instance of noncompliance with those requirements.

This report is intended for the information of the members of management and any appropriate legislative or regulatory body. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

rson, Stephens & Reimer, P.C.

Houston, Texas

March 19, 1996

Certified Public Accountants

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston Texas 97027 3413 Tel (713)629-6000 Fax (713)629-6004



Trusted Business Adeis ers Since 1970

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO MAJOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County, Texas, (the County) as of and for the nine months ended September 30, 1995 and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

We have also audited the County's compliance with the requirements governing types of services allowed or unallowed, eligibility, matching level of effort, or earmarking, claims for reimbursement for its major federal financial assistance program which is identified in the accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance for the nine months ended September 30, 1995. The County's management is responsible for the County's compliance with those requirements. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance with those requirements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance with those requirements in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Government Auditing Standards, issued by the comptroller General of the United, Office of Management and Budget Circular A 128, "Audits of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A 128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether material noncompliance with the specific requirements referred to in the second paragraph occurred. An audit includes examining on a test basis evidence about the County's compliance with those requirements. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The results or our procedures did not disclosed instances of noncompliance with the requirements referred to in the second paragraph

In our opinion, the County complied, in all material respects with the specific requirements referred to in the second paragraph that are applicable to its major federal program for the nine months ended September 30, 1995

This report is intended for the information of the members of management and any appropriate legislative or regulatory body. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Houston Texas

March 19, 1996

Certified Public Accountants

irson, Stephens & Reimer, P.C.

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston Texa (***027 3415 Tel (713)629-6000 Fax (713)629-6004 **SCHEDULES**



INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AND SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULES

Honorable County Judge and Members of Commissioners Court Polk County, Texas

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Polk County, Texas, for the nine months ended September 30, 1995, and have issued our report thereon dated March 19, 1996. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Polk County, Texas, management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on our audit.

The general purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

Except as discussed in the paragraph above, we conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the provisions of Office of Management and Budget Circular A 128 Audits of State and Local Governments Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the County taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance and supplemental schedules are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general purpose financial statements. The information in these schedules has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole

Lairson, Stephens & Reines, P.C. Houston Texas

March 19, 1996

Certified Public Accountant

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston Tex@57027 3413 Tel. (713)629-6000 Fax (713)629-6004

VOL

SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Nine months ended September 30, 1995

FEDERAL GRANTORV PASS-THROUGH GRANTORV PROCRAM TITLE	FEDERAL NUMBER	AGENCY OR PASS-THROUGH NUMBER	PROGRAM OR AWARD AMOUNT	FEDERAL DISBURSEMENT ÆXPENDITURES
Federal Emergency Management Agency				
Pass-through from Texas Department of Public Safety's Division of Emergency Management: Emergency Management Assistance	83 503	EMT 95-0287	\$ 13 991	\$ 18 952
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	83 516	(Flood Disaster)		368 713 •
U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development			13,991	387 665
Pass-through from Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs				
Community Development	14.228	7702481	209 809	14,288
Community Development	14.228	7703112	427,202	100 098
TIS December of Association			637 011	114,386
U.S. Department of Agriculture				
Pass through from Texas Department of Human Services (TDHS) The Emergency Food Assistance Program	10 569	187-4000	9,347	6,292
Pass-through from Texas Department of Aging and Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG)				
Food Distribution	10 550		33 936	11,222
Tule XX DHS	10 570		21 053	27 438
			54 989	38 660
Department of Health and Human Services			64,336	44,952
Pass-through from Texas Department of Aging and Deep East Texas Council of Governments (DETCOG)				
Title III B	93 044	AA3 9548-014	17,093	15 488
Tule III-C	93 045	AA3-9548-014	66,573	72 480
Home-delivered - C2	93 045	AA3-9548-014	29,235	33 680
General Services Administration Pass-through from Texas General Services Commission			112,901	121,648
Federal Surplus Property Program	39 003	42 573	n/a	183 737
			\$ 818,892	\$ 846 096
Classified as a major program.				

Classified as a major program.

The fair market value of commodities received from TDHS passed through DETCOG for the year ended September 30, 1995 was \$8,800

POLK COUNTY, TEXAS

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT NO 7702481

Nine months ended September 30, 1995

Federal/State Financial Assistance
Federal Grantor U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development
Pass Through Grantor Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
CFDA Number 14 228
Project Number 7702481

Contract Period May 1 1993 to April 30, 1995

			_	Federa	VS	tate						
		D d 4		Prior	•	Current		•	~	4-1	•	la danaa
REVENUE	_	Budget	-	Year_	_	Year		ocal	10	tal		ariance_
Federal	\$	209 809	\$	169 232	\$	14 288			\$ 183	,520	\$	(26,289)
Local		11 000			_		<u>s</u> :	15 000	15	000	_	4 000
TOTAL REVENUE	\$	220 809	\$	169 232	<u>s</u>	14 288	<u>s</u>	15 000	\$ 198	520	<u>s</u> _	(22 289)
EXPENSES Administration	s	20 950	s	18 989	s	4 190			\$ 23	179	s	(2 229)
Engineering		32 600		35 550		1 200			36	5 750		(4 150)
Water Facilities		167 259		114 693		8 898	<u>s</u>	15 000	138	3 591	_	28 668
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>s</u>	220 809	<u>s</u>	169 232	<u>s</u>	14 288	<u>s</u>	15 000	\$ 198	3 520	<u>s</u> _	22 289
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	<u>s</u>	0	<u>s</u>	0	<u>s</u>	0	<u>s</u>	0_	<u>s</u>	0	<u>s</u>	0

VOL

SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT NO 7703112

Nine months ended September 30, 1995

Federal/State Financial Assistance

Federal Grantor US Department of Housing and Urban Development Pass Through Grantor Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs

CFDA Number 14 228
Project Number 7703112

Contract Period September 22 1993 to September 21 1995

			_	Federa	VState							
	R	udget_	_	Prior Year	Curr Yes		Loc	al*	To	tal		ariance
REVENUE Federal		27,202		58 352	\$ 100 (\$ 358	449	s 	(68 753) 0
TOTAL REVENUE	\$ 4	27 202	\$ 2	58,352	\$ 100 (97		0	\$ 358	449	<u>s</u>	(68 753)
EXPENSES												
Administration	S	40 594	\$	27 793	\$ 128	301			\$ 40	594	S	0
Sewer Facilities		85 505			54 2	220			54	220		31,285
Acquisition		25 000			1,2	220			1	220		23,780
Engineering		39 800	;	32 600	7,2	200			39	800		0
Water Facilities		80 700		37 101	24 6	556			61	757		18 943
Other	1	55 603	10	60 858					160	858		(5 255)
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 4	27 202	\$ 2	58 352	\$ 100 ()97	<u>s</u>	0	\$ 358	449	<u>s</u>	68 753
Excess Revenue over Expenditures	<u>s</u>	0	S	0	\$	0	<u>s</u>	0	<u>s</u>	0	<u>s</u>	0

In addition to Polk County s "Local" contributions, \$1,1 76 000 was provided from other sources

VOL. 42 PAGE 420

EXHIBIT

31



Trusted Business Advisors Since 1970

March 19 1996

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas Livingston, Texas

At the conclusion of every audit we issue a management letter to the governing body. We utilize this letter to formally communicate to the entity concerns that we have noted during the audit and opportunities for operational improvements. As the governing body for Polk County (the County) we suggest that you carefully review this letter and obtain a written response and action plan (if appropriate) from County officials or management for each item listed. You should satisfy yourself that our recommendation is appropriate and that managements' and/or County officials, responses are adequate and their action plan is acceptable.

In planning and performing our audit of the general purpose financial statements of Polk County. Texas for the nine months ended September 30, 1995, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the County's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements do not reduce, to a relatively low level, the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above

During the course of the audit we have also noted other matters that we considered to be deserving of your attention, classified as other matters. This classification includes matters not directly related to the internal control structure including compliance with laws and regulations, matters of efficiency, management of risk, etc.

Although we have made an attempt to research all items noted during the audit, the source of problems, or the extent of the problems, may not have been fully determined. However, the information should be sufficient for the County Judge and Commissioners to determine if additional procedures are considered necessary.

Certified Public Accountants

5 Post Oak Park Suite 250 Houston, Texas 7"027 3413 Tel (713)629-6000 Fax (713)629-6004 Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 2 of 17

Our findings are classified as follows

		Classifica	ation of Fin	dings	
		Reportable	Condition		
	Findings	Material Weakness	Other	Other matters	Official or Department
1	Bids and change orders			x	PCT-3, PCT-2,CA
2	Expenditures in excess of appropriations			х	CA
3	Purchase order system			x	PCT-A,CA
4	Internal audit and other compliance duties	х			CA
5	Waste Management's internal controls	х			WM CA
6	Landfill post closure care costs			х	WM CJ CA, CT
7	Reconciliation of hot check account		x	х	DA,CA
8	Notice of effective tax rate			х	TA CJ
9	Property tax reports		х		TA
10	Tax assessment and collection contract			х	TA
11	School funds receipts		х		CT CA
12	Activity of expendable trust funds		х		DC DA S,CA
13	Computer system security	х			DP,CA CT
14	Earnings of registry funds			х	CC DC
15	Payroll penalties and interest		х	х	СТ
16	Debt service fund balance			х	CJ
17	Unallocated expenses			х	CJ,CA
18	Fixed asset records	х			CA CJ
19	Enterprise fund			х	CA

NOTE. This report is intended for the information and use of the County Judge, Members of Commissioners Court, County officials and management of Polit County. Texas and should not be used for any other purpose.

VOL

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 3 of 17

		Classific				
		Reportable	Condition		Official or Department	
	Findings	Material Weakness	Other	Other matters		
20	Processing payroll for other entities			х	Cl	
21	Accounting for financed equipment		х		CT,CA	
22	Refinancing debt			х	CT,CJ	

To assist County officials and department heads in the identification of findings noted that may pertain to their area or that may require their assistance to resolve, we have provided an abbreviation of the County official's office or department which corresponds to the chart below. The entire finding and recommendation should be read in its entirety to understand the nature of the finding and the possible degree of responsibility associated with the officials noted. In many cases more than one official or department may be noted. The finding may have resulted from a simple break down in communications between officials of departments. Hopefully each official will understand the constructive nature in which this letter is intended and will work with everyone to bring about positive change.

Area	Abbreviation
County Judge (including matters related to the Budget Officer and Commissioners Court)	C1
Commissioner(s) (A=all or precinct number)	С
County Auditor	CA
County Treasurer	СТ
Tax Assessor	TA
County Clerk	СС
District Clerk	DC
District Attornes	DA
Data Processing	DP
Sheriff	s
Waste Management	WM

NOTE. The upper a mindred for the information and use of the County Judge, Members of Communication Count, County officerie and management of Pulls County Town and should not be used for any other purpose.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 4 of 17

1 BIDS AND CHANGE ORDERS

Finding

We noted that in at least one instance the County appears to have violated state bid laws. The County incurred expenses of \$15,735 for repairs to Rock Island Road which exceed the \$15,000 limit over which the County is required to solicit bids in accordance with state statues. In addition, we noted that in another instance that the County had followed bid requirements but had failed to appropriately have a change order approved by Commissioners Court.

County employees and elected officials purchasing goods and services on behalf of the County are primarily responsible for ensuring that they are aware of and are following the County's policies and state statues in regards to purchasing

The County Auditor s office approved both transactions for payment and did not appropriately detect the violations and report them to Commissioners Court

Recommendation

All disbursements approved for payment should be carefully reviewed by the County Auditor's office to ensure that all county policies and state statutes were followed. Any significant exceptions should be reported to Commissioners Court. The County Auditor should require Commissioners Court approval for payment of transactions where it appears that a material violation of the County's policies or state statues may have occurred.

The County Auditor should provide all individuals purchasing goods or services on behalf of the County the County s purchasing policies and procedures as well as a summary of applicable purchasing laws

2 EXPENDITURES IN EXCESS OF APPROPRIATIONS

Finding

For some line items expenditures exceeded the amounts approved by Commissioners Court at the legal level of control. A similar finding was also reported in the prior year management letter. Although significant improvements have been made in this area, there should be no exceptions other than provided by state law for defined emergencies. State law provides significant penalties and sentences for noncompliance with budgetary laws.

Recommendations

The County Auditor should develop adequate procedures to ensure that the County does <u>not</u> overspend budgeted amounts. Vouchers should not be approved for payment by the County Auditor if budgeted funds

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 5 of 17

are not available, unless there is a declared emergency County officials should anticipate the need for additional funds and request an amendment to the budget in sufficient time to prevent a procurement crisis

PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM

Finding

口

门

The purpose of a purchase order system is to ensure that all necessary approvals have been obtained and budget funds are available before a purchase is made. The County maintains two different purchase order systems. A manual system is utilized by the road and bridge operations. A computerized purchase order system is utilized by the remainder of the County The manual system does not appear to be working as effectively as the computerized system

The need for an effective purchase order system appears to outweigh the additional time requirements for maintaining an effective system However, the County's current purchase order requirements may need to be more flexible in regards to relatively small dollar purchases where the opportunities for budget violations are unlikely

Recommendations

The County should have one purchase order system If possible, terminals should be provided at each of the road and bridge offices to allow them the ability to prepare purchase orders on line, when budgeted funds are available. If remote terminals are not feasible, road and bridge offices should obtain purchase orders using the same procedures that other County offices must follow as prescribed by the County Auditor

The accounting program should be modified to require the County Auditor to override the system if a purchase order exceeds available appropriations
The County Auditor should only approve such purchase order when considered an emergency as defined by State procurement guidelines

When adequate funds are not appropriated a request for a budget adjustment should be made in sufficient time to avoid a procurement crisis. Request for budget adjustments should be presented to the Budget Officer (County Judge) for his review If necessary, the Budget Officer should review the proposed change with the County Auditor If sufficient ment exists for the budget adjustment the Budget Officer should place the requested change on Commissioners Court Agenda for the Court to approve or deny the request.

The County Auditor should develop guidelines for the effective use of blanket purchase orders Blanket purchase orders should be used in accordance with the County Auditor's guidelines and not abused.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19 1996 Page 6 of 17

4 INTERNAL AUDIT AND OTHER COMPLIANCE DUTIES

Finding

As noted in the prior year management letter State law requires the County Auditor to examine in detail the reports of the Tax Assessor Collector, the County Treasurer, and all other officials, and make a report to Commissioners Court—While the County Auditor's office appears to adequately examine the County Treasurer's records, it does not appear that adequate procedures are being performed to examine the reports of the Tax Assessor-Collector and other officials

Recommendations

The County Auditor should develop a program and schedule to examine the reports of County officials. These reports should be periodically selected at random and supporting records examined as prescribed by state statues.

It should be noted that the County Auditor's office has performed, on occasion, detailed examinations of various County officials offices. However, the number of these examinations per year should be increased in addition, the County Auditor should perform a greater number of examinations of reports in more of a review manner. The County Auditor District Judges and Commissioners Court should work together to determine the appropriate amount of internal audit coverage to satisfy the requirements of the office and the needs of the County.

5 WASTE MANAGEMENT'S INTERNAL CONTROLS

Finding

Internal controls over fees collected by the Regional Waste Management Center (the Landfill) appear to be inadequate particularly in light of the amount of cash received. Few effective control procedures are in place which increases the likelihood that money could be misappropriated. Because of the lack of controls we have not separately identified all of the deficiencies in the internal control structure at the Landfill.

Recommendations

The Department Head of the Regional Waste Management Center should work closely with the County Auditor to develop an adequate internal control structure at the Landfill. The control structure developed should be documented by the Department in the form of a written policies and procedures manual. These policies and procedures should be followed by all Landfill personnel. The County Auditor should periodically verify that the stated policies and procedures are being followed.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 7 of 17

The procedures and control mechanisms listed below are only provided as a guide that the County should possibly consider while developing an internal control structure. The County may be able to develop procedures and control mechanisms that are more cost effective or that would provide a greater level of assurance than those listed below. The procedures and control mechanisms that the County may want to consider are as follows.

Cash registers should be installed at all collection stations. Cash register receipts should be provided for <u>all</u> monies received. Highly visible signs should be posted at all collection stations. These signs should state that receipts are required for all transactions and provide a number to call if a receipt is not issued. The fees for services should also be clearly posted. Monies received at waste collection stations should be picked up at the end of each day.

Commissioners Court may want to consider requesting that Deputies from the Sheriff's Department pick up locked collection boxes while on patrol and deliver them to the Law Enforcement Center or the Treasurer's Office Utilizing deputies on patrol may be a cost-effective way to deliver collections to a central location Postage paid envelops should be provided to collection station attendants and daily receipt book carbons mailed to the County Treasurer's Office

The County Treasurer should verify that monies received are equal to the cash register receipts received. On a periodic basis the County Auditor should verify that all cash register receipts have been turned in and that all receipts were deposited.

A cash register should also be installed at the landfill office and cash register receipts issued for all monies collected. Signs should be posted at the landfill similar to those at the collection stations. Motion activated video cameras should be installed at the Landfill office to record the license plate and the quantity of materials being brought into the Landfill. On a periodic basis video tapes should be compared to the Landfill's records by someone independent of money handling and accounting duties, such as the Landfill's compliance officer.

6 LANDFILL POST CLOSURE CARE COSTS

Finding

IQ

The costs for post closure care of the County's landfill, as discussed ir footnote IV C in the County's financial statement is quite significant in relationship to the financial condition of the County. The estimated costs of closing the landfill including post closure monitoring over thirty years is \$ 4,907,000. Based on the estimated capacity utilized to date the County has a \$3,250,000 liability related to current and prior use of the landfill. Although proceeds of the County's last certificates of obligation were to be set aside to fund future closure and post closure costs these monies have not been moved to a separate restricted account.

NOTE: This report is intended for the information and use of the County Judge, Members of Commissioners Court, County officials and management of Pols County Turns and should not be used for any other purpose.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 8 of 17

Recommendation

The Waste Management director in cooperation with Commissioners Court should develop a plan to fund future closure and post closure costs for the landfill

A separate restricted account should be authorized by Commissioners Court for the accumulation of monies for closure and post closure costs. Monies remaining from the last certificate of obligation should be deposited into this fund. In accordance with funding plan prepared, monthly deposits of the net earnings of the Waste Management fund, and to the extent needed tax revenues, should be deposited into the restricted cash account.

7 RECONCILIATION OF HOT CHECK ACCOUNT

Finding

In the prior year management letter we noted that cash accounts held by the District Attorney had not been submitted to the County Auditor. In the District Attorney's response to Commissioners Court he indicated that he would provide to the County Auditor's office reconciled bank statements for 1995 and provide future monthly reconciled bank statements. This has not been done

The bank account utilized by the District Attorney to deposit payments to his office for restitution and fees related to hot checks has not been reconciled since July 1994. In addition a monthly summary of receipts and disbursements has not been prepared since this date. It appears that this monthly report is required to be filed by Article 1617 & 1620 of the Revised Civil Statues of the State of Texas.

Recommendation

All bank accounts should be reconciled in a timely manner Bank statements for prior periods should be reconciled at once and examined by the County Auditor If allowed by state statutes, the District Attorney should consider turning over the treasury duties of the hot check account to the County Treasurer All reports required by state statues should be prepared and filed in a timely manner

8 NOTICE OF EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

Finding

The Notice of Effective Tax Rate - 1994 Property Tax Rates in Polk County, published in the Polk County Enterprise September 8, 1994 incorrectly reported the debt service payments to be paid by property taxes. The wrong year's debt payments were listed overstating the taxes needed for debt service. The debt service payments for the 1995 calendar year should have been listed, which were substantially less than the 1994 debt service requirements. In addition, debt payments planned to be made by other sources were not listed, which would have also reduced the taxes needed to service debt.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 9 of 17

These errors appear to have simply resulted from a misunderstanding between the Tax Assessor and County Auditor. The Tax Assessor requested, in writing, information for calculating the 1994 tax rate. The County Auditor provided debt payments for the 1994 budget year and labeled the information as "Total Debt Requirements for 1994". The County Auditor should have provided debt service information for the 1995 budget year for which the 1994 taxes were to be levied. It appears that the information needed by the Tax Assessor may have been more appropriately obtained from the Budget Officer since data related to operating transfers and use of fund balance was also needed.

The roll back rate was also incorrectly calculated as a result of the errors identified above. The roll back rate would have been lower than the effective tax rate had the correct debt information been used. Consequently, the County would have been required to publish notices and hold hearings to exceed the rollback rate. The County adopted a tax rate that exceeded the actual roll back rate without publishing notices or hold hearings. However, at the time the rates were adopted the County was unaware of these errors and did not believe they were required to perform these additional procedures.

Recommendations

In the future, when preparing the Notice of Effective Tax Rate, the Tax Assessor-Collector should obtain the debt to be paid from property taxes from the County's Budget Officer During the budget process the Budget Officer should review the Tax Assessor-Collector's Notice of Effective Tax Rate to determine the nature of any differences in the proposed debt service tax rates

9 PROPERTY TAX REPORTS

<u>Finding</u>

The Computer generated cash collection report which reconciles the beginning and ending taxes receivable for each tax year does not agree to the County's listing of property taxes receivable. At year end the difference in these reports was approximately \$16,000. The Tax Department contends that the collection report is out of balance because of tax refunds.

Recommendation

All reports should be reconciled on a monthly basis. Any differences should be investigated to determine the cause of the error. The cause of the problems should then be corrected, i.e., changing procedures or modifying computer programs if possible. If differences cannot be resolved by making systemic changes then detailed reconciliations should be performed each month to ensure that the nature of the differences in system reports are identified.

NOTE. This report is intended for the information and use of the County Judge, Manubers of Commissioners County officials and management of Polis County Totals and should not be used for any other purposes.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 10 of 17

10 TAX ASSESSMENT AND COLLECTION CONTRACT

Findings

We noted where the County had not complied with certain provisions of its contract for the assessment and collection of ad valorem taxes with the Livingston Independent School District. The contract currently in effect was entered into in 1987 and has not been revised since that date

The contract specified that the County would develop and maintain written policies and procedures of its operations. The tax department does not have written policies and procedures.

The contract also specified that a taxpayer shall be given the option to pay the School District's taxes separate from other taxing units. The Tax Collector's policy is to apply all tax payments proportionally among taxing entities regardless of the taxpayer's wishes. It should be noted that the computer system being used by the tax department does not currently allow the Tax Collector the option to apply payments to a specific entity.

Recommendations

The Tax Collector's Office should maintain written policies and procedures The contract with the School District should be modified to exclude the option to allocate taxes or the policies and computer system of the Tax Collector's Office should be modified

11 SCHOOL FUNDS RECEIPTS

Finding

It does not appear that the County is correctly utilizing the Permanent and Available School funds. The nonexpendable principal of the Permanent School Fund should increase only by the amount of royalty income received. All other rental income and interest earnings should be accrued directly to the Available School Fund. Proper utilization of these funds was discussed during the prior audit with the County Treasurer and County Auditor but it does not appear those accounting procedures were changed. At year end September 30, 1995 the Permanent School Fund owed the Available School Fund approximately \$17,000 which should be repaid.

Recommendation

The County Treasurer should receipt all non-royalty rental income and interest earnings of the Permanent School Fund directly to the Available School Fund
The County Auditor should verify that revenue received is appropriately posted

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 11 of 17

12 ACTIVITY OF EXPENDABLE TRUST FUNDS

<u>Finding</u>

*

Several County officials receive money directly from the State whereas the use of the monies is restricted within the discretion of the County officials. Officials receiving designated funds to offset the cost of their offices are the District Clerk, District Attorney and Sheriff. The County Auditor has implemented new procedures for ensuring that the balance of the bank accounts maintained by each of these offices is recorded on the County's books. Procedures have not been implemented to record the activity (receipts and disbursements) for each of these accounts or to examine the transactions for proper utilization.

Recommendation

The County Auditor should post receipts and disbursements of these separate bank accounts to the County's general ledger. In addition, the County Auditor should obtain sufficient documentation to determine if the funds disbursed were utilized for their intended purpose. Since these bank accounts are decentralized and outside of the County's normal internal control structure, the County Auditor should examine these accounts on a more frequent basis and place additional scrutiny on transactions.

County officials holding separate accounts should provide the County Auditor complete support for all transactions to ensure that public funds are utilized for their intended purpose County officials should consider turning over the treasury duties associated with these bank accounts to the County Treasurer

13 COMPUTER SYSTEM SECURITY

Finding

The County does not appear to be using the security features within the County's various program packages offered by NetData to prevent unauthorized entry in those packages. It did not appear that adequate classes of users or individuals had been established within the NetData programs, including the County's financial package. In addition, all classes of users and individuals were assigned the highest security level. The highest security level gives the users all privileges within that package, including the ability to edit or delete data.

Recommendations

The County Treasurer and County Auditor should ensure that adequate computer security procedures are in place. The department head of the Data Processing Center should meet with the head of each of the departments using the NetData software, including the County Treasurer and County Auditor and discuss the various security levels offered by NetData Based on this discussion, accounts should be established for all users and security levels assigned to each user. Unique passwords should be assigned to each account and changed at least semiannually.

NOTE: The report is retained for the information and use of the County Judge, Members of Commissioners Count, County officials and management of Polis County Terms and should not be used for any other purpose.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 12 of 17

14 EARNINGS OF REGISTRY FUNDS

Finding

Three of the bank accounts used by the County to invest registry trust funds on behalf of beneficiaries were non-interest bearing. It would appear that the County has a fiduciary duty to invest funds held for the benefit of another party in a manner similar to which the County's funds are invested. Two of the non-interest bearing accounts were in the custody of the County Clerk and the other non-interest bearing account was utilized by the District Clerk as the main operating trust fund.

Recommendation

If allowed by the respective courts and state law new interest-bearing accounts should be opened and funds transferred

15 PAYROLL PENALTIES AND INTEREST

Finding

The County has not resolved some of its disputes with the IRS regarding penalties and interest noted in our prior year letter to the County In the County Treasurer's response to our management letter she indicated that corrective action had been taken. In addition, it does not appear that notices received by the County Treasurer were sent, as recommended in the prior year management letter, to the County Judge and County Auditor.

Recommendations

Greater care should be taken when preparing payroll tax returns and making payroll tax deposits. This function should be carefully administered, employees properly supervised and all their work reviewed. Notices from the IRS should be addressed immediately. Copies of notices received from the IRS should be provided to the County Auditor and County Judge. The County Auditor should follow up on all notices received to ensure that they have been properly addressed and the matter resolved. All correspondence with the IRS should be sent certified mail, return receipt requested, to provide evidence of the County's actions to resolve the issue.

Penaltics and interest that are attributed to the County Treasurer should be charged to her office and approved by Commissioners Court by a budget amendment

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 13 of 17

16 DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE

Finding

Over the years the debt service fund has accumulated a deficit fund balance when utilizing generally accepted accounting principles of \$184,348. The deficit fund balance is largely the result of the County's prior year financial statements being prepared using the cash basis of accounting but may also be the result of errors in the levy and allocation of tax revenues and unbudgeted expenditures.

At year end the General Fund had temporarily loaned reported as a due from other fund, \$146,716, to the Debt Service Fund to provide sufficient cash to meet the County's debt obligations

Recommendation

Commissioners Court should forgive the General Fund's loan to the Debt Service Fund which would effectively transfer much needed funds to the Debt Service Fund and help re establish reserves. In addition, all unexpended surpluses from prior year debt issues should be transferred from capital project funds to the Debt Service Fund. At a minimum the fund should be brought to a positive balance over the next year.

The County should work toward building a reserve equal to 25% of the next years debt service. For example, Polk County s 1996 debt service is approximately \$1,500,000, therefore the County should work toward building a reserve of approximately \$375,000. While this goal cannot be accomplished in one year, the County should work toward increasing the reserve by \$75,000 over the next five years.

17 UNALLOCATED/ GENERAL OPERATING EXPENSES

Finding

Approximately 17% of the County's budget is not allocated to a specific department. Expenses not charged to a specific department include workers compensation, postage, telephone and automobile insurance, etc Many of the expenditures could be relatively easily budgeted and charged to the various County departments. Allocating these costs to control centers would most likely help the County reduce total costs by holding departments accountable for controlling costs.

Recommendation

The County Auditor should work with the Budget Officer to identify and project expenses that can be allocated to the various County departments. New account line items should be created in each of the departments for these expenditures and budgets adopted or amended for the reclassification of expenditures.

NOTE. This report is intended for the information and use of the County Judge, Members of Commissioners Court, County officials and management of Polit County Tutas and should not be used for any other purpose.

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 14 of 17

18 FIXED ASSET RECORDS

Findings

As noted in the prior year management letter the County has not capitalized the cost of property, plant and equipment in a general fixed asset account group as required by generally accepted accounting principles. In addition, the County does not have a complete listing of property, plant and equipment, i.e., fixed assets. Without a listing of all County-owned fixed assets the County does not have a place to start from, to determine the amounts that should be reported in the County's financial statements. Consequently, this year, as in the past, the County's independent auditors have issued a qualified audit opinion for the omission of this account group from the financial statements.

The County is aware of the need for a fixed asset register and fixed asset control system. The County Auditor has completed preliminary procedures to correct these deficiencies by obtaining necessary equipment and software. It is the County's goal to construct the fixed asset records by September 30, 1996 so that the annual report may be submitted to the GFOA for the Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. However, only six months remain to complete this monumental project in addition to fulfilling other day to day duties.

Recommendations

The County Auditor should prepare a detailed work plan and make monthly reports to Commissioners Court regarding progress on this project. Commissioners Court and the County Auditor should consider employing temporary help during the summer, such as college students, to assist in tagging assets gathering information data entry and research. This assistance would help to ensure that the project is completed in a timely manner and that all other duties of the County Auditor's office are fulfilled.

19 ENTERPRISE FUND

Background

The County is currently accounting for its Waste Management Fund as a special revenue fund type However, it appears to be the goal of the County to account for this fund as an enterprise fund type Enterprise funds are used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is for the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis, be financed or recovered primarily through user charges

Finding

Detailed records of assets are not currently available for the Waste Management Fund Consequently, depreciation schedules for these fixed assets are also not available

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 15 of 17

Recommendation

In conjunction with the County Auditor's construction of fixed asset records the County Auditor should also develop a depreciation schedule for Waste Management

20 PROCESSING PAYROLL FOR OTHER ENTITIES

Finding

The payroli for employees of the 258th Judicial Adult Probation and Juvenile Probation Departments are paid as if they are County employees, despite being a separate legal entity. Paychecks are drawn on the County's payroll account and included on the County's payroll tax returns. Consequently, by handling the payroll in this fashion there is not a clear distinction between the employees of the 258th District and Polk County for liability purposes. It appears that processing the payroll in this manner exposes the County to additional risk that should otherwise be borne by the entire District, including Trinity and San Jacinto counties.

Recommendations

The County should consider entering into a contract with the District for providing payroll services and remedies for loss incurred by the County as a result of providing these services

21 ACCOUNTING FOR FINANCED EQUIPMENT

Background

The County has financed various computer equipment and supporting software from IBM. In addition, the County has acquired maintenance agreements to cover these purchases. The County's purchases have been spread over a number of months and new purchases added onto previous financing agreements or new agreements created.

Finding

It does not appear that the County has adequate control over purchases financed by IBM. The County does not have a summary schedule for each transaction reconciling purchases to monthly principal and interest payments and monthly maintenance payments.

We requested IBM confirm the total amount owed by the County to IBM and payments received by IBM for the year. We were provided by IBM a stack of documents approximately one inch thick, containing various credit forms, payment schedules and other undeterminable types of documents. Based on this information, it was not readily possible to determine what the proper balances should be

NOTE: The report is intended for the information and use of the County Judge, Members of Commissioners Court, County officials and management of Polit County Times and should not be used for any other purpose

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19, 1996 Page 16 of 17

Currently the County Judge's office is maintaining the County's principle listing of fixed rate debt obligations, including certificates of obligations, time warrants, notes payable and capital leases Maintenance of debt records by the County Judge's office appears to have been necessitated by the need for timely and accurate information that could not be obtained from other offices. Statutory responsibility for the maintenance of these records rests with the County Treasurer and County Auditor. The County Treasurer is responsible for maintaining a listing of all debt owed by the County. Verification of payment of these debts rest with the County Auditor. It appears the County Treasurer and County Auditor have inappropriately come to rely on the County Judge's office to provide them debt information.

Recommendation

The County Auditor and County Treasurer should obtain or prepare reconciliations of equipment, software and maintenance purchased to monthly payments. In addition, amortization schedules should be maintained to keep track of the debt outstanding and future cash requirements

The County Treasure should assume her statutorial prescribed duties of maintaining the debt records of the County with the assistance of the County Auditor

22 REFINANCING DEBT

Findings

As noted in prior year management letters the interest rates being paid by the County on some of its notes and time warrants appear to be much higher than current market rates. None of this debt has been refinanced at lower market rates despite the potential for significant savings. The County Treasurer indicated in her response to our prior year management letter that the County cannot refinance time warrants. We are not aware of any legal limitations that would ultimately prevent the County from refinancing its present time warrants or notes payable by some means.

Recommendations

The County Judge should pursue a course of action to refinance the higher debt obligations of the County if the County Treasurer is unable to obtain debt for the County at favorable interest rates

CONCLUDING COMMENT

As noted in the comments above it appears that in many instances statutorially prescribed duties were not performed in addition to other laws being routinely ignored. Because of the extent to which a county must rely upon various laws to operate the County should pursue appropriate legal actions when violations have occurred and County officials have not taken appropriate action to correct violations or safeguard against future violations

Honorable Judge and Members of Commissioners Court of Polk County, Texas March 19 1996 Page 17 of 17

Significant changes have been made during the year to address problems identified during the previous audit as well as other deficiencies in the County's financial and accounting system. The County Auditor's office implemented a new general ledger system at the beginning of the period in cooperation with other County officials and departments In conjunction with the new accounting system the County Auditor has also attempted to implement many new control procedures. We applaud the County Auditor and other County officials efforts during the past year as well as the direction provided by the County Judge and Commissioners Court

As evidenced by the findings above many deficiencies still exist and much work is still needed to remedy these problems By design the County Auditor is the County's primary control mechanism and in many instances is responsible for correcting or identifying problems within the County in addition to performing the day to day duties of her office While the accomplishments have been great there is still much work to be performed to bring the County to the appropriate level of accountability to the general public

We wish to thank all of the County officials for the cooperation and assistance afforded us in the performance of our audit We appreciate the opportunity to be of service to the County Please feel free to contact us at your convenience to discuss this report or any other concerns you may have. We would be pleased to discuss these comments in further detail with you and, if desired, to assist you in implementing any of the recommendations

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the County Judge, Commissioners Court, County officials and management of the Polk County, Texas and should not be used for any other purpose

Very truly yours,

Randall Reimer, CPA

J Randall Reimer, CPA

Partner

Sheet1	Compess	DETCOG re imbursable grant funding for \$18 500 Schedule of expenditures as proposed by Mr. Jay Barbee is attached. The decal kit has already been taken care of Item #4 on Mr. Barbee s list (Motorola Radio) was purchased for \$156 less than original budget amount.	Requested by Director of Aging but Auditor misunderstood Director's intentions and failed to code properly for budget amendments approved 4/8/96 on request #3 move money to cover expenditures move money to cover expenditures cover expenditures cover expenditures move money to cover expenditures cover expenditures amove money to cover expenditures cover expenditures and for salary of new employee (\$10 564 42) District Clerk pand \$8000 from her funds. Additional \$2264 42 will be needed from additional source to cover expenditures for remainder of FY96	Soil & Water Conservation reimbursement
	Decrease		1 000 00 4 000 00 2 500 00 1 000 00 2 700 00	32 566 88 35 878 45 24 376 73 17 861 77
	Increase	8 501 00 250 00 1 752 00 2 065 00 2 042 00 3 890 00	1 000 00 1 000 00 2 500 00 2 500 00 1 500 00 1 000 00 2 700 00 2 500 00 4 227 90 323 44 694 56 254 10	
POLK COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUEST #8. REVISED REQUESTED 6/10/96 REQUESTED BY Karen Remment, County Auditor		Material/Supplies Postage Telephone Anti Litter Theme Bookcovers for Schools Anti Litter Advertising in Newpaper Signage on Highways	Office Supplies Storage - Equipment Lease Garbage & Sewer Gast Heat Equipment Worker's Compensation Food Delivery Maintenance - Custodial Pest Control Maintenance - Linen Travel Water Lubulity Insurance Food Related District Clerk - Office Furnishings Salaries Social Security Group Insurance Retirement	Budget Carryover Budget Carryover Budget Carryover Budget Carryover
POLK COUNTY BUDG REQUEST #S <u>REVISED</u> REQUESTED 6/10/96 REQUESTED BY KAN		032 598 377 032 598 311 032 598-420 032 598-490 032 598-495	051-645-312 051-645-413 051-645-413 051-645 572 051-645 334 051-645 334 051-645 335 051-645 335 051-645 335 051-645 335 051-645 345 051-645 345 051-645 345 051-645 345 051-645 345 051-645 345 051-645 345 051-645 343 051-645 343 051-645 343 051-645 343	015-621 100 015-622 100 015-623 100 015-624 100

Page 1

Sheet1	Difference of Soil&Water reimb 42 089 74 and 17 861 77	applied to deficit budget carryover	COVET expenditures COVET expenditures	move money to cover expenditures		cover expenditures	cover expenditures	cover expenditures	cover expenditures move moncy to cover expenditures	•	cover expenditures	cover expenditures	move money to cover expenditures	cover expenditures	cover expenditures	nave money to cover expenditures	Printegration of marketing and the second se	Course extenditions	move money to cover expenditures	Pernancal Read Money to be med best town as	octions with on the control	CONT. Exmenditures	move money to cover expenditures	Difference includes additional revenues received but not budgeted	•	Reimbursements and grant revenues
				2 0 10 00					6 187 70				15 626 52		411000	3			300 00				250 00	152 118 05	JOHNBY for "	
	24 227 97	1005001	1 00 500		2003	888	3000	000000		2000	00,000 5	7C 979 C1	353	00 555	Beer		6,203 94	300 00		15,546 59		250 00		113 912 72 152 152 152 118 0		
	K&B PG #4 Construction Materials	Pct#4 Telephone	Poff Mobil Phone Poff Miscellanous		Pall3 Culverts	Pa#3 Telephone	Pat 3 Mobil Phone	Pct#3 Contract Labor	Pol#3 Muscellaneous	Pol 12 Material/Supplies	Pct#2 Construction Material	Pct#2 Transfer to Debt Service	Pct#2 Telephone	Pct#2 Mobil Phone	Pct#2 Road Machinery & Equipment	,	Polf Culveris	rus Waler	rd# I Miscellaneous	Loan to Pet #3 from Pet #4		Mobil Phone/Pagers	Commignators	Revised due to previous lise item for permanent road expend		Date Approved, 6/10/9 to Approved By.
014.431.330	615-654 539	015-624-420	015-624-423		015-623-338	015-623-420	015-623-423	015-623-486	015-623-490	015-622 337	015-622 339	015-622 700	015-622-420	015-622-423	015-622 571		015-621-538	744170-110	22772	015-620-703		010-409-423	766.104.015	Revised due to p		

damens

.

Shee!1	Composit	Delinquent Tax Attorney scholarship reimbursement of \$2500	Clean Up of illegal waste deposited on McSpadden Road, citizen has remitted \$1 330 30 for their share (75%) of the clean-up fee.	To cover disbursing department shares from Surplus Sale which includes (Waste Mgmt \$6 839 \$0 R&B Pct2 \$4 717 00 R&B Pct3 \$4 320 00 and R&B Pct4 \$1 983 00) Remaining \$12 080 72 will stay in General Fund of which \$9 \$85 00 will be used to repay Revenue Anticipation Note for Sheriff's Vehicles.	To cover expenditures for remaining FY96 2 000 00 To move money to cover expenditures	C Clerk needed to catch-up indexing for the public records and at the same time learn NETDATA system.** Fees collected as of June, 1996 \$44 205 and \$52 861 in investments (for your info only)	C Clerk paid for part of hardware/software for imaging system & fiber optic cabling for the AS400 computer system	So 16 Reduce fund balance to cover expenditures for FY96	% 16	
	Decrease				2 00			32,356 16	34 356 16	
	Increase	2 500 00	1 330 30	17 859 50	2 000 00	15 000 00	17 356 16		\$6.045 %	
POI K COUNTY BUDGET AMENDMENT REQUESTED 6/10/96 REQUESTED BY Karen Remmert, County Auditor		Scholarship Disbursements	C'Ican Up Maintenance	Auction Sale Distribution	General Gas/Heat General Electric	C Clerk RAP Microfilm & Repair of Books	Computer Imaging System	C Clerk RAP - Fund Balance	Date Approved, 6/10/96	all the same of th
POI K COUNTY BU REQUEST #6 REQUESTED 6/10/96 REQUESTED BY		010-401 525	032 595 575	010-401-600	010-409-441	093-403-435	093-403 500	093 271-000		budamen6

Page 1

YOL

SOPEDULE OF ELLIN FLO

DISBURSE, ENTS FUND DESCR PTION

THE PRECEDING LIST OF BILLS PA ABLE VAS PEV EVED AND AFFBOVED FOR PA WENT

DATE 5/29/96
AFFROVED BY

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS 010 GEDEPAL FUAD 088 JUDICIAR FUAD

SHEDILE THIS BILL BIND

OI9BLPSEMENTS

FUND DESCRIPTION

634 FEIA D SASTER FLNDS

TOTAL OF ALL FUNOS

THE PRECEDING LIST OF BILLS PA ABLE AS REV EVED AND AFPROVED FOR PAPHENT

4 200 00

APPPO ED 8

34- 5-30-96

YOL

FUND	DESCRIPTION	DISBUPSEMENTS
010	GENERAL FLAND	104 290 04
015	ROAD & SRIDGE ADM	12 358 58
032	ENVIRONMENTAL SEPVICES	N.
048	DISTRICT ATT / SPECIAL FUND	6
051	AGING DEPT	♣ 370 36
<u>5</u>	ADULT SUPERVISION	17 656 13
104	DTP - CSR	1 026 10
101	CCP CORFIGAN OFFICE	1 076 17
108	CCP - SURVEILLANCE	2313 20
787	JUVENILE PROBATION	2 596 56
185	CCAP - JUVENILE PROBATION	11 111
	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	188 267 55

THE PRECEDING LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE WAS REVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR PAYHENT DATE \$ 20-16. APPROVED BY \$14.00.

a t

42	PAGE	4	44	:			
i	1						
6.24 The First of the French o	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	15 835 64 13 948 46 381 70		138 434 06	S & CANT Comments S CANTAL CONTRACTOR CALINTIN CO	John . Com .	
1	و وعاد ما دوقا	315 FOID 18 B DSE ADM 32 ETV POLIE! TAL SERVICES 340 LAW LIEPAPY FUND	במשלה במ	TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS	THE FRE GO IN L ST OF 8 LLS 2 ABST GO 3 ABST G		

YOL

SCHEDULE OF BILLS BY FUNC

5145H35408-13

FUND DESCRIPTION

GENEPAL FLNC POAD & BRIDE ADH ENVIRONMENTAL SEPVICES DISFPICT ATT (FPC AL FJAD JUDICIAP FUND ADULT SUPFVISION OTP - CSP COP COPPIGAL OFFICE COP - SUPVELLE PROBATION GCAP - JUVENILE PROBATION

TOTAL OF ALL FUNDS

APPROVED BY

Asen Kemmeet

THE PRECEDING LIST OF BILLS PAYABLE WAS PEVIEWED AND APPROVED FOR PA HENT DATE APPROVED BY HINM H.C. M. M. L. M. M. L.

DATE MAY 29, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 06, 1996

		DATE	MAY 29, 1996 THROUGH JUNE 06, 1996	JNE 06, 1996			VOL
			308	TYPE OF	SALARY	ACTION	
8	NAME	DEPT	CLASSIFICATION	EMPLOYEE	GROUP	TAKEN	
ε	TONYA	JAIL	#1052	REGULAR	10/1	NEW HIRE	4
	JACOBS		JAIL ADM SECRETARY	FULL TIME	\$14 966 64	EFFECTIVE 05/29/96 EMG HIRR	2
8	DAVID	JAR	#1055	REGULAR	11/1	۾	PA
	CATHEY		CORRECTIONS OFFICER	FULL TIME	\$15 734 16	EFFECTIVE 08/05/98	GE
ල	VELMA	AGING	#1265	REGULAR	UNCLASSIFIED	RETIRED	
	ASHLEY	ONALASKA	СООК	PART TIME	\$6 30/HR	EFFECTIVE 06/01/96	4
€	DARRELL GENE	JAR	#1055	REGULAR	11/1	NEW-HIRE	1
	GIBSON		CORRECTIONS OFFICER	FULL TIME	\$15 374 16	EFFECTIVE 06/16/96	6
ତ	FRANCES	AGING	#1265	LABOR	UNCLASSIFIED	NEW-HRE	
	HOPSON	LIVINGSTON	COOK	Poor	88	EFFECTIVE 060496	
9	KERRY	PCT #1	\$109	TEMPORARY	UNCLASSIFIED	NEW-HIRE	1
	GHOLSON	ROAD & BRIDGE	LIGHT EQUITMENT OPERATOR	FULL TIME	\$6.25/HR	EFFECTIVE 08-12-98	
ε	TRACY	WASTE	#108	REGULAR	13/3	RESIGNED	
	SMITH	MGT	HEAVY EQT OPEATOR	FULL TIME	\$18,226,60	EFFECTIVE 06-07-96	
Đ							
9							
65 -							
(E)							
(22)							
(13)							
(F)							
(15)							
(19)							