



Justice Court Precinct 3, Place 1

Judge Self and Commissioners:

I respectfully request an increase in the JP 3-1 budget line 001-2430-444.49-10 Education & Conference by \$2500. As a new Judge, I was required by State law to attend training by the Texas Justice Court Training Center. This training was held over a six month period in Austin and San Antonio. As a result of this required training the JP 3-1 Education & Conference budget was under-funded.

To further compound this problem, the Supreme Court of Texas has changed the rules for Justice Court and has eliminated Small Claims Court effective August 31, 2013. This change will require my staff and me to learn a completely new set of rules by the August 31 deadline. This will require education for all in the new rules.

Some, or possibly all, of this education may be able to be funded by the Technology Fund as the new rules will affect our systems. Regardless, we will need approximately \$2500 in additional funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Chuck Ruckel".

Judge Chuck Ruckel