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**To:** Judge Keith Self  
Commissioner Fletcher  
Commissioner Williams  
Commissioner Hill  
Commissioner Webb  
Bill Bilyeu

**From:** Caren Skipworth, CIO

**Date:** August 4, 2015

**Re:** EMV Compliant Credit Card Reader Funding Request

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Judge and Commissioners,

Banks are now issuing credit/debit cards with an embedded microchip for added security. This new standard is referred to as EMV (named after the 3 payment systems that developed the standard, EuroPay, MasterCard and Visa). Since EMV offers superior security, the standard is being adopted in the United States beginning October 1st 2015. Effective Oct 1st 2015, the liability on fraudulent use for a transaction will be shifted from the card provider to the county IF the transaction consisted of an EMV enabled card and was processed by a non-EMV card terminal. Though the new EMV cards still have a magnetic strip that can be read with the readers currently in use at the county, the liability shift and added security are driving the need for new EMV compliant terminals. This request only applies to the terminals connected to the Odyssey system.

Departments that don't use Odyssey are using a simple magnetic swipe unit with no keypad and at this time. These credit card vendors have not identified a replacement for these devices. Once the vendor identifies a replacement device IT will bring the remaining devices back to Commissioners Court.

The purpose of this request is to get approval to use \$41,000 from the CJIS fund (Project 03JUS) to cover the cost of the new credit card machines for Odyssey departments.