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To:

**Commissioners Court** 

From:

Linda Riggs, County Auditor

Date:

November 25, 2020

Subject:

Indemnification Request from Justice of the Peace, Pct. 3-2

I have received, reviewed and investigated the attached indemnification request by Judge Mike Missildine for \$155 in missing funds that took place in 2009. Payments were posted to 2 cases without cards being charged. According to notes in the 2 cases, the payment was processed through Lynk, but apparently the deposit never hit the bank. This was written up in audit reports for this time period, but there is no JP 3-2 documentation or notes to indicate what, if any, action was taken at the time to recoup the loss.

I have determined there was no criminal activity of negligence on the part of the current elected official in accordance with the Policy Indemnification of Elected and Appointed Officials. Current internal controls to balance all payments against the funds on hand each day and researching and/or reconciling deposit variances within 30 days of occurrence should prevent this from happening again in the future. Therefore, I recommend that the Commissioners Court approve the \$155 indemnification request.