

TITUS COUNTY AUDITOR'S REPORT TO COMMISSIONERS COURT

July 27, 2020

Local Government Code, Title 4, Subtitle B, Chapter 114, Subchapter B, Article .024 requires that the county auditor shall present tabulated reports of:

- 1) The accounts of the county,
- 2) The county's receipts and disbursements of funds, and
- 3) Other items of interest, if any.

These requirements are met by the following reports:

- 1) Combined Statement of Cash Position (GEL 102) and
- 2) Combined Statement of Revenue and Expenses (GEL 107).

Submitted by Barbara Shurbet

Barbara Shurbet, Titus County Auditor, July 27, 2020

BY OUR SIGNATURES HERETO WE HEREBY APPROVE SAID REPORTS

Bruce Lee

Titus County Judge

D. J. Riddle

Titus County Commissioner PR #1

J. H.

Titus County Commissioner PR # 2

Dana Lynn Smith

Titus County Commissioner PR #3

Jimmy Parker

Titus County Commissioner PR #4



FUND NAME	CHECKING ACCOUNT	CHECKING AMOUNT	TDOA ACCOUNT	TDOA AMOUNT	FUND TOTAL
2020 010 GENERAL COUNTY FUND	MAIN				
	MAIN				
	MAIN	1,000.00			
	MAIN	2,500.00			
	MAIN				
	MAIN	800.00			
	MAIN				
	MAIN	6,716,154.37			
	MAIN				6,720,454.37
2020 014 JUSTICE COURTHOUSE SECURITY	MAIN	13,472.08			13,472.08
2020 016 SECURITY FEES FUND	MAIN	4,416.97			4,416.97
2020 017 JURY FUND	MAIN	5,000.00			
	MAIN	137,622.45			142,622.45
2020 018 LAW LIBRARY FUND	MAIN	11,981.26			11,981.26
2020 019 SPECIAL PROJECT ROAD & BRIDG	MAIN	56,112.15			56,112.15
2020 020 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	MAIN				
	MAIN				
2020 021 ROAD & BRIDGE #1 FUND	MAIN	490,318.46			490,318.46
2020 022 ROAD & BRIDGE #2 FUND	MAIN	338,989.32			338,989.32
2020 023 ROAD & BRIDGE #3 FUND	MAIN	446,208.43			446,208.43
2020 024 ROAD & BRIDGE #4 FUND	MAIN	494,803.79			494,803.79
2020 025 CHAPTER 19: FY2020	MAIN				
2020 026 SAVNS GRANT	MAIN	2,003.21-			2,003.21-
2020 027 HAVA CARES GRANT	MAIN				
2020 028 JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY	MAIN	35,710.35			35,710.35
2020 029 JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY-JP2	MAIN	9,785.18			9,785.18
2020 030 COUNTY & DISTRICT CRT TECH	MAIN	14,972.92			14,972.92
2020 031 PARK FUND	MAIN				
	MAIN				
2020 033 PRETRIAL INTERVENTION FUND	MAIN	16,194.60			16,194.60
2020 034 PRE-TRIAL-CLASS C MISD. FUND	MAIN				
2020 035 INDIGENT DEFENSE 2011	MAIN				
2020 036 VITAL STATISTICS	MAIN	11,146.53			11,146.53
2020 037 COUNTY CLERK ARCHIVE	MAIN	134,624.01			134,624.01

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2020 040 DISTRICT CLERK TECH FUND	MAIN	10,156.00			10,156.00
2020 041 STATE FEES FUND	MAIN	111,466.69			111,466.69
2020 042 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT	MAIN				
2020 043 COUNTY CLERK R&M FUND	MAIN	182,507.66			182,507.66
2020 044 DISTRICT CLERK R&M FUND	MAIN	16,383.60			16,383.60
2020 047 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FUND	MAIN	2,057.18			2,057.18
2020 048 COUNTY ATTORNEY FUND	MAIN	1,557.11			1,557.11
2020 049 DISTRICT CLK REC PRESERV FUNMAIN		16,474.00			16,474.00
2020 050 VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX ACCOUNVH INV TAX		189,194.99			189,194.99
2020 051 FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICMAIN		560.80			560.80
2020 052 CORONA VIRUS RELIEF	MAIN	157,267.00			157,267.00
2020 053 SHERIFF SEIZED ACCOUNT	SO SEIZED	22,199.70			22,199.70
2020 054 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEIZED ACCDA SEIZED		29,678.57			29,678.57
2020 055 DIST ATTY DRUG FORFEITURE FUDRUG FORF DRUG FORF		220,304.83			220,304.83
2020 056 SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND	FORFEIT SO FORFEIT	4,500.00 16,585.37			21,085.37
2020 057 CAPITAL MURDER FUND	MAIN	72,000.00			72,000.00
2020 058 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASST PRMAIN		7,148.30			7,148.30
2020 059 SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	MAIN	37,591.76			37,591.76
2020 060 2017 VEST GRANT	MAIN				
2020 062 TITUS COUNTY 2019 BOND I&S	19BNDI&S				
2020 063 2017 I&S	2017 I&S 2017 I&S				
2020 064 2004 ROW I&S/2011 SERIES	ROW I&S 04 ROWI&S				
2020 065 TITUS COUNTY 2012 "A" BOND	I'12ABNDI&S '12ABNDI&S	7,829,761.59			7,829,761.59
2020 066 TITUS COUNTY 2012 "B" BOND	I'12BBNDI&S '12BBNDI&S				
2020 067 2007 LOOP BOND	07LB I&S				

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2020 068 TITUS COUNTY 2009 BOND I&S	09 BND I&S 09 BNDI&S				
2020 069 2016 I&S	2016 I&S 2016 I&S				
2020 071 FEMA PREC. #1 2015-2016	MAIN				
2020 072 FEMA PRECINCT #2 2015-2016	MAIN				
2020 073 TITUS COUNTY BELL TOWER FUND	MAIN	5,873.67			5,873.67
2020 075 2004 RIGHT OF WAY	2004 ROW 04 ROW	3,670,302.92			3,670,302.92
2020 076 LOOP CONSTRUCTION FUND	LOOP LOOP LOOP CONST				
2020 077 FEMA PREC. #3 2015-2016	MAIN				
2020 078 FEMA PREC. #4 2015-2016	MAIN				
2020 079 PREC #3 CERTZ GRANT	MAIN				
2020 083 COMMISSARY STORE	COMM STORE	19,653.13			19,653.13
2020 084 ELECTION FUND	MAIN	146,741.19			146,741.19
2020 085 MAINTENANCE BLDG FUND	MAIN	117,510.80			117,510.80
2020 086 INSURANCE FUND	MAIN INS INS CLAIMS	864,276.31 22.03			864,298.34
2020 090 DISTRICT CLERK AGENCY FUND	DIST CLK DIST CLK DIST CLK DIST CLK	36,841.27 21,890.30 356,518.27 286,380.92			701,630.76
2020 091 COUNTY CLERK AGENCY FUND	CNTY CLK CNTY CLK CNTY CLK	142,739.25 33,751.82 19,435.22			195,926.29
2020 092 BAIL BOND BOARD ACCOUNT	BBB ACCT BBB ACCT BBB ACCT BBB ACCT BBB ACCT BBB ACCT BBB ACCT	.01 52,277.91 53,043.20 115,129.16			220,450.28
2020 096 GENERAL FIXED ASSETS					
2020 097 GENERAL L/T DEBT ACCOUNT GRO					

FUND NAME	CHECKING ACCOUNT	CHECKING AMOUNT	TDOA ACCOUNT	TDOA AMOUNT	FUND TOTAL
2020 098 PAYROLL CLEARING FUND	PAYROLL CNTY CLK	----- 23,809,592.19		----- 23,809,592.19	
TOTAL					

CHECK ACCOUNT	CHECK
ACCOUNT BALANCE - MAIN	10,689,381.73
ACCOUNT BALANCE - VH INV TAX	189,194.99
ACCOUNT BALANCE - SO SEIZED	22,199.70
ACCOUNT BALANCE - DA SEIZED	29,678.57
ACCOUNT BALANCE - DRUG FORF	220,304.83
ACCOUNT BALANCE - FORFEIT	4,500.00
ACCOUNT BALANCE - SO FORFEIT	16,585.37
ACCOUNT BALANCE - '12ABNDI&S	7,829,761.59
ACCOUNT BALANCE - 2004 ROW	3,670,302.92
ACCOUNT BALANCE - COMM STORE	19,653.13
ACCOUNT BALANCE - INS CLAIMS	22.03
ACCOUNT BALANCE - DIST CLK	701,630.76
ACCOUNT BALANCE - CNTY CLK	195,926.29
ACCOUNT BALANCE - BBB ACCT	220,450.28
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TOTAL	23,809,592.19
TDOA ACCOUNT	TDOA
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TOTAL	

FUND NAME	***** MONTH TO DATE *****		***** YEAR TO DATE *****	
	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUES	EXPENSES
2020 GENERAL COUNTY FUND	376,236.40	668,815.13	9,871,148.97	8,697,632.09
2020 JUSTICE COURTHOUSE SECURITY	11.43	.00	940.01	.00
2020 SECURITY FEES FUND	598.17	2,653.00	8,258.04	34,647.00
2020 JURY FUND	2,724.41	6,399.15	199,910.08	115,953.62
2020 LAW LIBRARY FUND	1,575.00	1,599.50	24,911.00	25,402.97
2020 SPECIAL PROJECT ROAD & BRIDGE	.00	.00	22,500.00	14,757.52
2020 ROAD & BRIDGE FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 ROAD & BRIDGE #1 FUND	11,371.49	163,216.40	751,647.52	572,781.05
2020 ROAD & BRIDGE #2 FUND	11,371.49	48,983.87	707,156.92	498,777.09
2020 ROAD & BRIDGE #3 FUND	11,371.49	51,676.07	706,402.52	532,967.52
2020 ROAD & BRIDGE #4 FUND	11,371.46	73,123.25	706,401.66	544,021.26
2020 CHAPTER 19: FY2020	1,986.00	1,986.00	1,986.00	1,986.00
2020 SAVNS GRANT	.00	2,003.21	4,006.42	6,009.63
2020 HAVA CARES GRANT	.00	144.61	.00	144.61
2020 JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY	16.00	.00	2,116.41	2,127.80
2020 JUSTICE COURT TECHNOLOGY-JP2	30.75	.00	1,650.77	6,259.29
2020 COUNTY & DISTRICT CRT TECH	117.60	.00	1,498.89	89.00
2020 PARK FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 PRETRIAL INTERVENTION FUND	1,007.00	171.00	10,529.50	4,334.90
2020 PRE-TRIAL-CLASS C MISD. FUND	.00	2,500.00	4,869.90	4,869.90
2020 INDIGENT DEFENSE 2011	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 VITAL STATISTICS	118.00	.00	2,230.00	1,112.99
2020 COUNTY CLERK ARCHIVE	4,360.00	.00	37,530.00	18,655.00
2020 DISTRICT CLERK TECH FUND	165.00	.00	1,830.00	.00
2020 STATE FEES FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00

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	REVENUES	EXPENSES	REVENUES	EXPENSES
2020 COUNTY CLERK R&M FUND	4,640.77	.00	40,640.76	22,177.50
2020 DISTRICT CLERK R&M FUND	218.30	3,000.00	2,133.81	4,557.40
2020 DISTRICT ATTORNEY FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 COUNTY ATTORNEY FUND	.00	.00	781.00	.00
2020 DISTRICT CLK REC PRESERV FUND	280.00	.00	2,910.00	12,000.00
2020 VEHICLE INVENTORY TAX ACCOUNT	.00	.00	1,691.50	2,752.37
2020 FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES	560.80	560.80	2,263.01	2,263.01
2020 2018 RIFLE PLATE GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 SHERIFF SEIZED ACCOUNT	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 DISTRICT ATTORNEY SEIZED ACCT	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 DIST ATTY DRUG FORFEITURE FUND	.00	8,537.72	34,916.10	85,767.50
2020 SHERIFF FORFEITURE FUND	.00	.00	7,139.69	8,246.00
2020 CAPITAL MURDER FUND	.00	.00	12,000.00	.00
2020 STATE CRIMINAL ALIEN ASST PROG	.00	303.32	6,698.00	1,405.40
2020 SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND	.00	5,181.24	40,000.00	56,607.91
2020 2017 VEST GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 TITUS COUNTY 2019 BOND I&S	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 2017 I&S	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 2004 ROW I&S/2011 SERIES	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 TITUS COUNTY 2012 "A" BOND I&S	4,232,162.39	806.25	10,011,005.64	8,397,841.25
2020 TITUS COUNTY 2012 "B" BOND I&S	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 2007 LOOP BOND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 TITUS COUNTY 2009 BOND I&S	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 2016 I&S	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 FEMA PREC. #1 2015-2016	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 FEMA PRECINCT #2 2015-2016	.00	.00	.00	.00

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2020 TITUS COUNTY BELL TOWER FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 2004 RIGHT OF WAY	.00	.00	46,202.42	.00
2020 LOOP CONSTRUCTION FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 FEMA PREC. #3 2015-2016	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 FEMA PREC. #4 2015-2016	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 PREC #3 CERTZ GRANT	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 COMMISSARY STORE	.00	.00	52,030.91	40,000.00
2020 ELECTION FUND	.00	14,016.51	169,923.70	149,051.61
2020 MAINTENANCE BLDG FUND	.00	15,603.31	184,654.95	164,381.29
2020 INSURANCE FUND	2,243.36	151,615.56	1,473,750.06	1,679,111.65
2020 DISTRICT CLERK AGENCY FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 COUNTY CLERK AGENCY FUND	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 BAIL BOND BOARD ACCOUNT	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	.00	.00	.00	.00
2020 GENERAL L/T DEBT ACCOUNT GROUP	.00	.00	.00	.00
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TOTAL	4,674,537.31	1,222,895.90	25,156,266.16	21,708,692.13



CVSO/TCHC REPORT #120

(Period Ending April 30, 2020)

Judge Lee; Commissioners: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP...



COVID -19 Declarations from POTUS; Gov.of Texas; County Judge; City Mgr;

Officials at every level call on all citizens and businesses to comply with protocols to help stop the spread of the COVID-19 "pandemic"...Local officials providing daily updates and basic instructions and procedures, TRMC policy. Stay Calm, Social Distance, Prayers for all.



VSO TO RECEIVE TVC AWARD: The scheduled presentation was cancelled due to COVID-19. TVC shipped the award to the VSO for Excellence in Office; will be presented by County Judge.



FCC: 106: 0008810056; TCNS- 188954; 90302, Mt. Pleasant, Tx ETX#1912; Compound Expansion 70 CR 1325; in work, pending public input.



Don't Move the Cenotaph: Efforts in work.



TCHC: Talco Cemetery Marker; Texas Historical commission, in work.

TCHC Merit Awards Nominated: Texas Association of Counties, "Best Practices Award"; nomination by Pct 2 Commissioner John Fitch. To date, 59 Merit Award Markers have been approved by the Chair to be presented; of these 40 have been presented throughout Titus County. Priefert Complex Designs and Priefert Mfg. were instrumental in making these awards possible. Active.



TCHC Annual Report Submitted: TCHC Chair submitted the THC Annual Report only after objecting to the THC failure to oppose efforts to move the Cenotaph and make other changes at the Alamo. The fight continues.

DON'T MOVE THE CENOTAPH; PROTECT THE ALAMO



Hometown Heroes & Military Monday: Tributes shared about those First Responders who give of themselves for on our behalf... these recent events focus the very critical role they fill. TCSO; MPFD; EMS; MPPD; TDPS...Thank You!



Sheltering in Place; Working from home!

Stay Healthy...



Steve Austin; TCHC/VSO



CVSO/TCHC REPORT #121

(Period Ending May 31, 2020)

Judge Lee; Commissioners: THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP...



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MAY:

Armed Forces Day ;

Peace Officer's Memorial Day; (Half Staff Day) Wreath at Memorial

Memorial Day; (Half Staff until Noon) Wreath at Memorial

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CVSO/TCHC FINAL REPORT #122

(Period Ending June 18, 2020)

Judge Lee; Commissioners: Resignation hand delivered 6/18/2020;



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JUNE:

TCHC/VSO Alert to preserve and protect 6 memorial monuments on County Courthouse Grounds including, #TX000781; Line of Duty Memorial; WW I Memorial; Titus County War Memorial ; NGC Gold Star Marker; Pilot Club Military Service Memorial..

For the Record:

Titus and Franklin County Veteran Service Officer

And

Titus County Historical Commission Chair; 2010-2020

I hand delivered my letter of resignation on or about Thursday, June 18, 2020, to the Titus County Judge. I had served in this capacity for 10 years. I make no apologies for my actions in defense of the Memorials and Monuments on the Courthouse grounds and the County property under my care. This action was the result of a request to me from the County Judge. The Judge presented this resignation letter formally to the Commissioner's Court on the following Monday, June 22, 2020. The positions I held were "Appointed" and are filled at the pleasure of the Commissioner's Court. I opted not to contest the request or to place blame on others, either the Commissioners or the County. I did what I felt was necessary and appropriate as VSO and TCHC Chair. I would do it again under the same circumstances.

The events leading up to this action are provided for clarity and transparency and are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and understanding.

In my capacity as both VSO and TCHC Chair, I was charged with the responsibility of conducting the day to day activities of both offices, providing monthly reports of activities for both entities to the Commissioner's Court, filing all appropriate State and Federal reports and surveys and obtaining all required annual training for mandated certifications.

My record of pro-active measures in direct association with the Civil War Soldiers Statue (#TX000781) can be found in the Commissioner's Court Agenda and Minutes and Attachments documentation available through the County Clerk's records and download. The 100th Commemoration of the Statue's dedication (2012) is some of the earlier specific TCHC and VSO public awareness actions. The reports clearly outlined the importance of this monument along with the other military memorials around the Titus County Courthouse grounds. It was clear that the TCHC and VSO would take all legal, proper and necessary steps to preserve and protect them. Education for the public of their historic significance relative to the community heritage was always part of the mission. Area Elementary Schools were annual visitors to the Courthouse grounds.

In this case, an individual, "Mr. J. S.", sent a post to the "City of Mt. Pleasant –Government" Facebook page, sometime around the first week of June 2020. It was apparently approved and remained on the site for several days. I was made aware of this posting and after reading it I was compelled to respond to the misinformation contained in it and correct some of the assertions made by the author, paragraph by paragraph. "Mr. J.S." then deleted his post; he also wrote that he had learned a lot.

In the weeks prior to the posting by "Mr. J.S.", the news across the nation focused on the division between viewpoints and political persuasions. Also, during this time, the Mayor posted a photo of himself and members of Law Enforcement, following a unity march held in Mt. Pleasant highlighting the "George Floyd" protests that were taking place around the country. I was not aware that this local march had even taken place until this posting. Unfortunately, this appears to be the "SOP". (...Keep it quiet, keep it a secret, maybe nobody will notice and we can get by with it...)

Back to 2016-2017; I submitted an Agenda Item to the Commissioner's Court to improve the security around the Courthouse. I also worked with the County Investigator to expand the Security Camera capability around the Courthouse grounds. This was considered and approved by the Commissioner's Court and work was ongoing by Newman Electronics during the week of June 18, 2020.

I had also contacted the MPPD and the TCSO around the first part of June, to conduct additional patrols around the Courthouse for a 2 week period with special interest on the night shift. Both agencies acknowledged the request and I confirmed this by email to the County Judge. I had also posted information about the 6 military monuments, memorials and markers around the Courthouse grounds and the need to protect and preserve them.

On or about June 16, 2020, I was made aware, by two Law Enforcement Officers that "Black Lives Matter is coming from Dallas on Saturday and the statue may not be here when they leave". Having no other input or advance notice from anyone, I immediately sent a notice or "Alert" requesting assistance to protect the memorials around the Courthouse grounds. I sent a notice to the County Judge of this action. He responded that he had been contacted by an individual about a march on Saturday, organized by, as he referred to them, "some kids from MPHS Class of 2016" and that they wanted to end the march at the Courthouse. He said he gave his approval and that it was to be a peaceful protest and that there would be some speeches and the statue could be the focus of some of the speeches. He did not mention BLM, and no mention of security measures at this time, only that it was supposed to be peaceful.

It is unfortunate that no advance notice or information was sent out, at least not to the TCHC or VSO. I was also made aware that at least one Commissioner was not notified prior to my "Alert", so I do not know when the County Judge, the Mayor or others were made aware of this event.

I was later contacted by the County Judge and one Commissioner that they were concerned that my "Alert" was calling too much attention to the Protest March and I agreed to modify the message. The response by the alleged "MPHS 2016" was not that of "Kids", it was radical, left wing, counter culture, anarchistic, racist and bigoted, and anyone with an opposing view became targets of their malicious and foul mouthed rants. On the one hand, they were just kids wanting to make a peaceful statement (according to many responding mothers) and on the other hand, they are radicalized left wing anarchists as shown by their words. I was specifically targeted by one of these propaganda mongers. My wife, who responded to some of these antagonistic and racially biased posts, was also threatened.

I met with the County Judge on or about June 17, 2020. I was asked for my resignation. I asked, "When"? The Judge stated "the sooner the better".

The true motivation of the "Protest" became apparent when the marchers reached the Courthouse Square, cutting across the North parking area and heading directly to the Civil War Statue, located on the southeast corner of the Courthouse grounds. To their surprise, the Statue base was already occupied and surrounded by citizens. The protesters were denied direct access to the monument and after floundering around in the street intersection their protest speakers were relegated to the east parking area where their message failed to get the coverage they intended.

Many thanks to the MPPD and TCSO and other City, County, and State agencies on hand to insure the safety and security of all.

Sheltering in Place; Working from home as Veterans Advocate

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