HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

July 14, 2016

Valde Guerra, County Executive Officer
Commissioners Court Executive Office
2818 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, TX 78589

Re: Hidalgo County Jail Inmate Trust Account

Dear Mr. Guerra:

The "Hidalgo County Jail Inmate Trust" ("Inmate Trust") bank account is maintained by the Sheriff's Office for the purpose of establishing accounts in the name of each inmate booked in at the Adult Detention Facility. All money remains in the custody of the Sheriff's Office where it's deposited to this account that serves as a depository for all inmates personal funds.

As of June 30, 2016, the "Inmate Trust" account had an accounts receivable balance of $1,976.86 consisting of overpayments, as well as double payments caused by the software transition of AbleTerm to Odyssey, made to 33 inmates between December 3, 2003 and October 8, 2015. The overpayment amounts ranged from $1.37 to $504.51. We previously sought payment from the inmates that received an overpayment in an attempt to reduce the accounts receivable balance, but were unsuccessful. Please see supporting documentation: sample letter sent requesting payment, mail/call log and copies of envelopes returned undeliverable, to support our claim.

Pursuant to Local Government Code §157.903, we are requesting approval of indemnification in the amount of $1,976.86 for the overpayments made to the 33 inmates mentioned above. Please see list attached containing the 33 inmate accounts and their relevant balances.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, you may call Pedro L. Ramirez at (956) 393-6151 or via email at pedro.ramirez@hidalgoso.org.

Sincerely,

J.E. "Eddie" Guerra
Hidalgo County Sheriff

Enclosure

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HIDALGO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

SHERIFF J.E. "EDDIE" GUERRA

July 5, 2016

Ray Eufracio, County Auditor
Hidalgo County Auditor's Office
2808 S. Business Highway 281
Edinburg, TX 78589

Re: Review of Sheriff's Inmate Trust Financial Statements

Dear Mr. Eufracio:

As of May 31, 2016, the "Accounts Receivable" account had balance of $2,156.58 and the "Due to Other – Bank Overage" account had a balance of $179.55. We previously sought payment from the inmates that received an overpayment in an attempt to reduce the "Accounts Receivable" account balance, but were unsuccessful. To reduce the "Accounts Receivable" account balance, we used the amount of $179.55 "Due to Other – Bank Overage" account, plus $0.17 deposited in coins, for a total of $179.72 that increased 89 inmate accounts from the negative balance they contained to $0.00, thus removing their liability to our office. Please see list attached containing these 89 inmate accounts and their relevant balances.

Due to this, as of June 30, 2016, the "Accounts Receivable" account had balance of $1,976.86 and the "Due to Other – Bank Overage" account had a balance of $0.00. We will be submitting an indemnification request to Commissioners Court pursuant to Local Government Code §157.903 for the remaining balance of $1,976.86.

Should you have any questions or require additional information, you may call Pedro L. Ramirez at (956) 393-6151 or via email at pedro.ramirez@hidalgoso.org.

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Sec. 157.903. AUTHORITY TO INDEMNIFY ELECTED AND APPOINTED COUNTY OFFICERS. The commissioners court of a county by order may provide for the indemnification of an elected or appointed county officer against personal liability for the loss of county funds, or loss of or damage to personal property, incurred by the officer in the performance of official duties if the loss was not the result of the officer's negligence or criminal action.

Added by Acts 1989, 71st Leg., ch. 253, Sec. 1, eff. Aug. 28, 1989.