# GALVESTON COUNTY



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October 2, 2023

Honorable Mark A. Henry, County Judge, and Members of the Commissioners Court 722 Moody Avenue Galveston, Texas 77550

Honorable Mark A. Henry and Members of the Court:

Attached to be received and filed is the internal audit report of the District Attorney's Office change funds. Also attached is the response letter from Honorable Jack Roady, dated September 18, 2023.

Sincerely,

Randall Rice CPA

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Randall Rice CPA County Auditor

cc: Honorable Jack Roady

Attachment: District Attorney's Change Funds Internal Audit Report

Response Letter, Honorable Jack Roady

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September 12, 2023

To: Honorable Jack Roady

Galveston County District Attorney

From: Cynthia Hicks

Internal Auditor

Re: District Attorney's Change Funds

#### **Child Protective Services (CPS) Change Fund**

Under Local Government Code (LGC) §130.902, a \$1,000.00 change fund for the District Attorney's Office was approved by Commissioners Court on September 13, 2016. The purpose of this change fund is to provide immediate financial support for CPS case inquiry and process service requests for time sensitive CPS cases. All cash and transactions are handled by District Attorney's employees, and replenishments to the fund are budgeted out of the District Attorney's Emergency Family Support account. A surprise cash count of the District Attorney's change fund was conducted as part of the audit on September 11, 2023. Controls are in place to ensure staff uses a lockable drawer to secure funds until they are ready for use.

The Auditor's Office reviewed the monthly reconciliations of the fund performed by the District Attorney's Office for the period of September 2022 to August 2023. No issues were noted in the review.

#### **Civil Services Change Fund**

Under Local Government Code (LGC) §130.902, a \$400.00 change fund for the District Attorney's Office was approved by Commissioners Court on December 12, 2022. This amount was increased from the existing \$200.00 change fund approved by Commissioners Court on October 4, 2021. The purpose of this change fund is to provide immediate funds for civil service fees related to asset forfeiture cases. All cash and transactions are handled by District Attorney's employees, and replenishments to the fund are budgeted out of the District Attorney's Civil Services account. A surprise cash count of the District Attorney's change fund was conducted as part of the audit on September 11, 2023. All funds were accounted for at the time of the surprise cash count. Controls are in place to ensure staff uses a lockable drawer to secure funds until they are ready for use. The Auditor's Office reviewed the monthly reconciliations of the fund performed by the District Attorney's Office for the period of September 2022 to August 2023. No issues were noted in the review.

We wish to thank Mr. Roady and his staff for their cooperation and assistance.

cc: Randall Rice CPA, County Auditor
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### COUNTY of GALVESTON Criminal District Attorney

#### **JACK ROADY**

**Kevin Petroff**First Assistant

Johnny J. Freeze Chief Investigator

**Zonia Wilturner-Smith** Chief Executive Administrator

September 18, 2023

Mr. Randall Rice, CPA Galveston County Auditor 722 Moody, 4th Floor Galveston, TX 77550

Re: District Attorney's Change Fund Audit

Dear Mr. Rice:

Please know I have reviewed and approved the District Attorney's Change Fund Audit, prepared by your office on September 12, 2023.

As always, thank you for the great assistance from your office.

Sincerely,

Jack Roady

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