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From the Office of the County Judge

January 22, 2026

Dear Fellow Citizens of Gillespie County,

Recently, there has been increased public discussion regarding the status of bank reconciliations within the Gillespie County Treasurer's office. I want to provide a clear explanation of where the County stands, the timeline of actions taken, and the context necessary to separate fact from speculation.

#### Corrective Actions and Timeline

Vicki Schmidt, the County Treasurer, took office on November 9, 2023, and has been working to resolve delayed bank reconciliations with the support of the Commissioners Court and County Auditor. Vicki requested to move from the elected County Tax Assessor- Collector to the County Treasurer to contribute to the betterment of our County government. When she took her oath of office, she inherited an elected office that had no written policies and little institutional knowledge in place. Soon after Vicki took office as the County Treasurer, I personally contacted the Texas Association of Counties to seek assistance in securing mentors and training to support the Treasurer's office. On March 15, 2024, when it became clear that the Treasurer's office was overwhelmed and more direct support was needed, the County Auditor recommended to the Commissioners Court to engage an external CPA firm to assist. On May 13, 2024, the Commissioners Court approved an agreement with Eide Bailly, an outside CPA firm, to assist the Treasurer with the reconciliation process. As that process moved forward, it became apparent that hands-on internal help was required. Consequently, on February 28, 2025, the Commissioners Court approved an independent contractor agreement with a CPA to work on-site in the Treasurer's Office.

#### Understanding Reconciliations

It is helpful to explain what a bank reconciliation is. It is a process to ensure the County's internal ledger matches the bank records, similar to balancing a personal checkbook. You look at the bank statement, and you look at your own register to make sure they match. An unreconciled account means the math has not been double-checked yet; it does not mean public funds are missing. As of the date of this letter, the County Treasurer has reconciled the County accounts through March 2024.

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It is also vital to distinguish my role. As County Judge, one of the many roles I fill is the Budget Officer; my statutory responsibility is to oversee the budget development process of the County. In Texas law, the county budget officer may be the County Judge, the county auditor, or an appointee, depending on a county's population. During budget development, the Judge and the Commissioners consider the funding necessary for county offices to carry out their mandatory duties.

Crucially, we have a mandatory duty to provide sufficient funds for an elected office to operate. We cannot simply starve an office of resources because of administrative difficulties within that office. The Commissioners Court must provide sufficient resources for the County Treasurer to perform her statutory duties and responsibilities under Texas law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "D. Jones".

Daniel Jones, County Judge