

# COUNTY *of* CLAY, TEXAS

Clay County Courthouse Annex  
214 N. Main Street  
Henrietta, Texas 76365

*97th District Judge Honorable Jack McGaughey*

*The Honorable Commissioners' Court, and*

*Honorable Casey Polhemus*

*The Hospital has given out the County's information to pay an expense that did not follow the law, the expense was debited July 2, 2018 on the attached bank statement. This expense had never been examined, because I never received any documentation to examine, only an email that I have also attached for you review stating that the hospital was submitting 36,729.79 to the State of Texas for Intergovernmental transfer for the DSRIP program... We must follow the laws and according to Local Government code 113.064 each claim, bill, and account against the county must be filed in sufficient time to be examined and approved before the meeting of commissioner's court. A claim, bill, or account may not be allowed or paid until this process or a court order has been done. I had this discussion with the hospital last year and also have a copy of an email that was sent with the statute that explained how the bills must be paid. The county auditor may not audit or approve a claim unless the claim was incurred as provided by law. I feel like this is a very serious situation, because not only were the Statues not followed in paying a claim, bill or account, authorization was given by an unauthorized signer on the County's bank account. This is a fraudulent practice and is punishable as a felony.*

*Respectfully,*

*Gina Blevins*

*Clay County Auditor*

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