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Re: Justice Court Activity Report for February and March 2021

Dear Madam/Sirs,

To keep the Commissioners informed of the activities of the Justice Court, the following report is submitted for February and March 2021.

February 2021

Operations in the Justice Court for February 2021, were routine, except for two areas the Commissioners need to be aware of:

- 1) On February 1, 2021, the Justice Court began to receive traffic citations from the Sheriff's Office electronically via Copsync for both the Justice and Municipal Courts. The system never functioned properly, and after working with Copsync and Incode (the Justice Court software provider), for over three weeks, the Justice Court stopped accepting electronic entries on February 26th, and started manually processing Sheriff's traffic citations. The most serious problem with CopSync was a high rate of filings in the wrong court. Copsync electronic filing has not resumed.
- 2) Because of the Copsync problem, only a very few citation issued by the Sheriff's Office were processed between 1-26 February. However, all other agencies citations were being processed, and a previously scheduled Warrant Roundup was in effect; so the Justice Court took in a record \$43,500 and the City \$6,400 for the month. It took a major effort by the clerks and the addition of a part time-clerk to overcome the extra workload created by the Copsync problems.

March 2021

Operations in the Justice Court for March 2021, were routine, except for three areas the Commissioners need to be aware of:

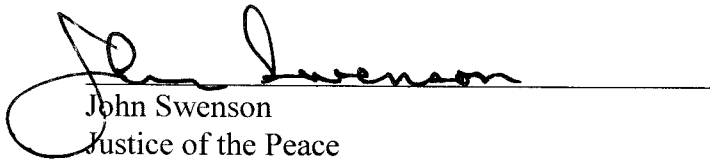
- 1) The extra, part-time clerk was used throughout March to fill in for an absent clerk, and help

reduce the backlog of work from the Copsync problems.

2) The traffic citation case load increased to a record collection of fines in the amount of \$79,600 in the County and \$17,293 in the City. I may have to keep using the part-time clerk, if this case load continues.

3) I have asked Judge Campbell to reduce the use of the courtroom for any non-court related activities. The Justice Court needs the courtroom for frequent hearings and conferences that can not always be scheduled.

Respectfully submitted,



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