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FM: Tom Green County Court at Law I & II  
TO: Texas Indigent Defense Commission (TIDC)

RE: TIDC FOLLOW-UP REVIEW DATED AUGUST 2025 FINDING 1 AND 2 MISDEMEANOR CASES

1. The County staff person at the jail is now sending daily paperwork from Tom Green County Jail via email to each Court Administrator to make a record of those individuals that indicated at initial arraignment they wanted appointed counsel, but who bonded out before completing paperwork or failed/refused to complete the application paperwork;
2. The County staff person at the jail is also promptly forwarding all completed applications from the Tom Green County jail via email to each Court daily so they are approved or disapproved within statutorily required timelines;
3. On Wednesday initial appearance dockets for persons on bond the Tom Green County Treasurer's office staff members are appearing and assisting Defendants with completion of the application for Court Appointed Counsel and County IT department has provided a portable computer station for their use to confirm information on the applications on the spot for prompt presentation to the Judge for approval or denial of counsel;
4. For Defendants who turn in applications to the Treasurer's office directly, the staff of that office now forwards those applications promptly to the appropriate judge for approval or rejection within the statutorily required timeframe (it was discovered that under previous procedures the applications were signed and dated but held at the treasurer's office while an individual tried to obtain supporting documents and that process has been corrected);
5. Tom Green County is currently in the process of applying for a TIDC grant to fund a full-time person to handle all Indigent defense requests.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Ben Nolen". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a white background.

Judge Ben Nolen  
County Court at Law