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October 20, 2016

The Honorable Lee Ann Jones
County Judge
Panola County
110 South Sycamore, Suite 216A
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Dear Judge Jones

We are pleased to notify you that your comprehensive annual financial report for the fiscal year ended **December 31, 2015** qualifies for a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting. The Certificate of Achievement is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management.

An award for the Certificate of Achievement has been mailed to.

Sidney Burns
County Auditor

We hope that you will arrange for a formal presentation of the Certificate and Award of Financial Reporting Achievement, and that appropriate publicity will be given to this notable achievement. A sample news release is enclosed to assist with this effort. In addition, details of recent recipients of the Certificate of Achievement and other information about Certificate Program results are available in the "Awards Program" area of our website, www.gfoa.org

We hope that your example will encourage other government officials in their efforts to achieve and maintain an appropriate standard of excellence in financial reporting.

Sincerely,
Government Finance Officers Association

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen J. Gauthier". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Stephen J. Gauthier, Director

Technical Services Center

SJG/ds



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Certificate of
Achievement
for Excellence
in Financial
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Presented to

Panola County
Texas

For its Comprehensive Annual
Financial Report
for the Fiscal Year Ended

December 31, 2015

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Jeffrey R. Emer".

Executive Director/CEO