



**COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION**

COURT ORDER NUMBER _____

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SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF EXCEPTIONS TO FEE SCHEDULE FOR COURT INTERPRETERS

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court consider exceptions to Tarrant County’s fee schedule for interpreters appointed by Criminal Courts.

BACKGROUND

On December 8, 1988, the Commissioners Court, through Court Order #79732, established an amount of \$50.00 per hour for court interpreters. On November 17, 2020, through Court Order #134246, the hourly rate for court interpreters was increased to \$100.00 per hour.

One or more criminal court(s) required interpreter service exceeding the limit set by this Court Order.

1. The Spoken Word
 - Re: Case 1811351 Jose Eduardo Medrano Mares (Spanish)
 - \$100 per hour – 22 actual hours billed (7/8/2024 – 7/10/2024)
 - \$150 per hour – 1.5 overtime hours billed (7/8/2024)
 - Honorable Douglass Allen, Criminal District Court No.3

2. Sonia Couillard
 - A. Re: Case 1771960 Hubert Salazar (Spanish)
 - \$100 per hour – 8 hour cancelation fee charged (9/9/2024 – 9/13/2024)
 - Honorable Steve Jumes, 485th District Court
 - B. Re: Case 181604 Andres Adolfo Rojas C. (Spanish)
 - \$100 per hour – 4 hour cancelation fee charged (9/9/2024)
 - Honorable Eric J. Starnes, County Criminal Court No.7

3. Yovana S. Gonzalez
 - Re: Case 1797372 Jose Angel Ramos Michel (Spanish)
 - \$100 per hour – 2 hours minimum charged (6/27/2024)
 - Honorable Bob McCoy, County Criminal Court No.3

4. Marcus Olds
 - Re: Case 1772111 Victor Armando Santillanes (Spanish)
 - \$200 per hour – 1 actual hour billed (9/25/2024)
 - Honorable Chris Wolfe, 213th District Court

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5. Jeff Boncer
Re: Case 1785380 Oscar Benitez Pachero (Spanish)
\$200 per hour – 1 actual hour billed (9/9/2024)
Honorable David Hagerman, 297th District Court

6. Juliana Ipock Interpretation & Translation Services LLC
 - A. Re: Case 1839076 Pedro Aguirre (Spanish)
\$95 per hour – 8 hour cancelation fee charged (9/16/2024)
Honorable Wayne Salvant, Criminal District Court No.2

 - B. Re: Case 1724524 Allan Figueroa Santiago (Spanish)
\$95 per hour – 8 hour cancelation fee charged (9/9/2024)
Honorable Elizabeth Beach, County District Court No.1

7. Jay Hamdan
Re: Case 1836708 David Williams (Filipino)
\$110 per hour – 9 actual hours billed (8/26/2024)
Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court No.4

FISCAL IMPACT

There will be no additional fiscal impact. Budgeted funds are available in the department's budget.