



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

REFERENCE NUMBER

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DATE: 09/21/2021

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF EXCEPTIONS TO FEE SCHEDULE FOR COURT INTERPRETERS**

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

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that the Commissioners Court approve 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. Interpreter fees incurred prior to November 17, 2020, will adhere to the \$50.00 per hour rate.

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

1. The Spoken Word – Josue Carmona (Spanish)
 - A. Re: Case No. 1654115 Zachary Dell Brobst
\$85.00 per hour (2/4/2020), Invoice 003508
Honorable Brent Carr for Criminal District Court No. 1
 - B. Re: Case No. 1657732 Jose Manuel Castrejon
\$85.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (2/3/2021), Invoice 003505
Honorable Ruben Gonzalez, 432nd Criminal District Court
 - C. Re: Case No. 1652740 Francisco Guzmansanchez
\$85.00 per hour (9/21/2020), Invoice 003396
Honorable Chris Wolfe, 213th Criminal District Court
 - D. Re: Case No. 1641350 Guadalupe Donjuan
\$85.00 per hour (10/28/2020), Invoice 003439
Honorable Mollee Westfall, 371st Criminal District Court
 - E. Re: Case No. 1639487 Rafael Martinezventura
\$85.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (7/27/2021), Invoice 003692
Honorable Robb Catalano, Criminal District Court No. 3

FISCAL IMPACT:

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

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