



COMMISSIONERS COURT
COMMUNICATION

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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.

One (1) or more criminal court(s) required interpreter service exceeding the limit set by this Court Order.

1. Jay Hamdan
Re: Case 1756264 Girgis Istanous (Arabic)
\$110.00 per hour – 3 hour minimum fee charged (3/15/2024)
Honorable Eric J. Starnes, County Criminal Court No. 7
2. United Interpretation and Translation Services
Re: Case 1812402 Kevin Miguel Espinal (Spanish)
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (3/1/2024)
Honorable Ruben Gonzalez, 432nd District Court
3. Sonia Couillard
Re: Case 1766403 Marvin Alvarado Padilla (Spanish)
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimal hours charged (3/20/2024)
Honorable Wayne Salvant, Criminal District Court No. 2
4. Translation & Interpretation Network, LLC
A. Re: Case 1741256 Jean Marie Izombo Kitapindu (French)
\$129.00 per hour – 2 actual hours charged (3/12/2024)
Honorable Ruben Gonzalez, 432nd District Court

B. Re: Case 1779246 Abdelabbas Alkhozraji (Arabic)
\$110.00 – 3 actual hours charged (3/22/2024)
Honorable Elizabeth Beach, Criminal District Court No. 1

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6. Terrell L. Eustice
Re: Case 1487690 Sergio Amaya (Spanish)
\$100.00 per hour – 2 hours minimum charged (2/26/2024)
\$100.00 per hour – 16.5 actual hours charged
Honorable Steve Jumes, 485th District Court

FISCAL IMPACT

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