



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. Maren Olds
 - A. Re: Case Nos. 1787422 Roberto Chavez (Spanish)
\$250.00 per hour - 1 actual hour billed (1/3/2024)
Honorable George Gallagher, 396th District Court
 - B. Re: Case Nos. 1804054 Cristian Rodriguez Mirales (Spanish)
\$250.00 per hour - 1 actual hour billed (12/21/2023)
Honorable George Gallagher, 396th District Court
2. Terrell L. Eustire
Re: Case 1783906 Joel Maldonado Martinez (Spanish)
\$100.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (11/13/2023)
Honorable Elizabeth Beach, Criminal District Court No.1
3. United Interpretation and Translation Services
Re: Case 1620988 and 1719081 Jose Velazquez (Spanish)
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (05/10/2023)
Honorable Chris Wolfe, 213th District Court
4. The Spoken Word
Re: Case 1737921 Armando Garcia (Spanish)
\$100.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (12/8/2023);
Honorable Julie Lugo, 372nd District Court

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Claudia J. Del Toro Castro Helen Giese
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5. MasterWord

Re: Case 1769618 Amosi Sanjo (Swahill/Kiswahill)
\$306.48 per hour – 1 hour minimum fee charged (11/15/2023);
Honorable Chris Wolfe, 213th District Court

FISCAL IMPACT

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