



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. 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. Josue Carmona for The Spoken Word (Spanish)
 - A. Re: Case No. 1640189 Miguel Angel Sanchezvelasquez
\$85.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (8/26/20); Invoice #003369
Honorable Elizabeth Beach, Criminal District Court No. 1
 - B. Re: Case No. 360-685543-20 In the Matter of the Marriage of Mendez and Soto
\$85.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (9/21/21); Invoice #003768
Honorable Patricia Bennett, 360th District Court
 - C. Re: Case No. 1699685 Ismael Hernandez
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (11/3/22); Invoice #004272
Honorable Scott Wisch, 372nd District Court
 - D. Re: Case No. 1696348 Esteban Solis
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (10/28/22); Invoice #004266
Honorable Scott Wisch, 372nd District Court
 - E. Re: Case No. 1700422 Martha Alicia Hernandez
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (9/26/22); Invoice #004196
Honorable Scott Wisch, 372nd District Court

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- F. Re: Case No. 1707733 Valdivia Nava Jr.
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (10/13/22); Invoice #004244
Honorable Ruben Gonzalez Jr., 432nd District Court
2. Juanita M. Dunlap (Spanish)
Re: Case No. 1733289 Victor Bonilla
\$95.00 per hour - 2 hour minimum fee charged (11/4/22); Invoice #396-VB-110422
Honorable George Gallagher, 396th District Court
3. Jay Hamdan (Romanian)
Re: Case No. 1697950 Armando Valentin Miculescu
\$110.00 per hour – 3 hour minimum fee charged (11/4/22); Invoice #11422
Honorable David Hagerman, 297th District Court
4. Carol Peeters Pierce (Spanish)
Re: Case No. 322-674843-20 In the Matter of the Marriage of Maria Carolina Ramirez
and Silvano Olvera
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (11/3/22); Invoice #220392
Honorable James Munford, 322nd District Court
5. Vanessa Jordan (Spanish)
Re: Case No. 322-724590-22 In the Matter of the Marriage of Martha Miranda and
Aaron Plasencia and In the Interest of Julianna Miranda, Minor Child
\$90.00 per hour – 2 hour cancellation fee charged (11/9/22)
Honorable James Munford, 322nd District Court
6. Translation & Interpretation Network, LLC (Spanish)
A. Re: Case No. 1589449 Karen Estefany Riveraperez
\$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged (7/19/21); Invoice #32471
Honorable Jamie Cummings, County Criminal Court No. 5
- B. Re: Case No. 1660441 Jose Alonso Vazquez
\$54.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum fee charged and \$10.00 per hour - Emergency Rate
charged (8/5/21); Invoice #32614
Honorable Jamie Cummings, County Criminal Court No. 5

FISCAL IMPACT

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