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DATE: 03/07/2023

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 of The Spoken Word, LLC
 - A. Re: Cause No. 1698886 Alfonzo Butler Jr \$100.00 per hour – 2 hours (01/11/2023); Invoice #004332 Honorable Elizabeth H. Beach, Criminal District Court No. 1
 - B. Re: Cause No. 1742783 Fernando Perez \$95.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum (12/19/2022); Invoice #004322 Honorable Ruben Gonzalez, 432nd District Court
- 2. Hired Hands Inc.
 - A. Re: Cause No. 1719065 Raul Michel \$85.00 per hour – 2 hours (12/14/2022); Invoice #22-12008 Honorable Ryan Hill, 371st District Court
- 3. Erika Flores
 - A. Re: Cause No. 1663592 and 1663595 Daniela Vidrio \$100.00 per hour 1 hour (01/19/2022); Invoice #6516284 Honorable Douglas A. Allen, Criminal District Court No. 3 Honorable Trent Hill, County Criminal Court No. 10

FISCAL IMPACT

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

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