



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. Jeffrey Boncek

A. Re: Cause No. 1705662 – Alfredo Rodriguez
\$250.00 per hour – 1 hours (02/15/2023)
Honorable Steven Jumes, 485th District Court

2. Deaf Action Center

A. Re: Cause No. 1717545 – Artavius White
\$110.00 per hour – 4 hours (07/13/2022); Invoice #48341
Honorable George Gallagher, 396th District Court
B. Re: Cause No. 1717545 – Artavius White
\$110.00 per hour – 5 hours (12/16/2022); Invoice #49607
Honorable George Gallagher, 396th District Court

3. VJ Certified Translations, LLC

A. Re: Cause No. 1748151R – Zhexue Zhao
\$112.50 per hour – 24 hours (01/24/2023 – 01/26/2023)
\$112.50 per hour – 8 hours cancellation (01/27/2023); Invoice #59464
Honorable David Hagerman, 297th District Court

4. Cauthen & Associates, Inc.

A. Re: Cause No. 6507522 – Kevin Smalls
\$110.00 per hour – 8 hours (02/07/2023)
Honorable James Munford, 322nd District Court

SUBMITTED BY:	Budget and Risk Mgmt	PREPARED BY: APPROVED BY:	Claudia J. Del Toro Castro Helen Giese
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5. Juliana Ipock Interpretation & Translation Services, LLC
A. Re: Cause No. 2022203 – Omar Pozos Gonzalez
\$90.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum (07/20/2022)
Honorable Sean Cook, IV-D Court #3

FISCAL IMPACT

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