



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. Sonia Couillard
A. Re: Cause No. 1560709 – Juan Jesus Alvarez
\$95.00 per hour – 36 hours plus 8 hours cancellation (01/19/2023 – 01/26/2023);
Invoice #MLCI2229
Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court No. 4
2. Tan Than
A. Re: Cause No. 1716269; 1725913; 1724914; 1725915; 1758535 – Loc Nguyen
\$150.00 per hour – 10.5 hours (12/07/2022 – 01/26/2023)
Honorable Elizabeth Beach, Criminal District Court No. 1
3. Michael Strain & Associates
A. Re: Cause No. 1646536; 1646571; 1646539 – Ariel Perez
\$150.00 per hour – 2 hours (05/27/2022 and 10/11/2022); Invoice #7007119
Honorable Steven Jumes, 485th District Court
4. Roel Elizalde Jr.
A. Re: Cause No. 1736036 – Jose Paz
\$300.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum (01/13/2023); Invoice #6514126
Honorable Steven Jumes, 485th District Court
B. Re: Cause No. 1743532 – Luis Angel Nolasco Gaspar
\$300.00 per hour – 2 hour minimum (01/13/2023); Invoice #6514126
Honorable Ryan Hall, 371st District Court

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FISCAL IMPACT

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