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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF EXCEPTIONS TO THE 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. Abraham Lopez Attorney (Spanish)

Re: Case No. 1788542 Leonidas Hernandez Rodriguez \$125.00 per hour – 1-hour minimum fee charged (8/3/2023) Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court 4

- 2. Juliana Ipock Interpretation & Translation Service (Spanish)
 - A. Re: Case 1677749 Joseph Christopher Nevarez \$95.00 per hour – 2-hour minimum fee charged (8/29/23) Invoice #2023379 Honorable Ruben Gonzalez, 432nd District Court
 - B. Re: Case 1655267 and Cause 1655275 Leonidas Hernandez Rodriguez \$95.00 per hour – 4-hour minimum fee charged (7/27/23)
 Invoice #2023328
 Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court 4
 - C. Re: Case 1758058 Ivan Beniquez Diaz
 \$95.00 per hour 18.5-hour minimum fee charged (8/21/2023 8/22/2023)
 Invoice #2023370
 Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court 4

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3. Windy Rossi

Re: Case Nos. 1641264 Leslie D. Kinsey \$97.50 per hour - 2-hour minimum fee charged (8/11/2023) Invoice #081823

Honorable Andy Porter, Criminal District Court 4

- 4. Juanita M. Dunlap (Spanish)
 - A. Re: Case 1724378 David Rubio \$95.00 per hour – 2-hour minimum fee charged (9/11/2023) Invoice #396-DR-091123 Honorable George Gallagher, 396th District Court
 - B. Re: Case 1707696 and Cause 1628816 Andres V Argumedo \$95.00 per hour 2-hour minimum fee charged (8/16/2023) Invoice #297-AVA-081623
 Honorable David Hagerman, 297th District Court

FISCAL IMPACT

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