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AGENDA REQUEST

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BECKY LANDRUM County Clerk, Hant County, Tex.

COURT DATE: May 28, 2024

Rate increase for Substitute Court Reporters from \$400.00 per day to \$450.00 per day plus mileage. Mileage will be consistent with the Hunt County mileage rate. Agreed upon by both the 196th and 354th Dist Judges and the CCL#1 and CCL#2 Judges.

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Subject: Substitute Court Reporter Pay

The four judges have agreed to increase the pay for a substitute court reporter from \$400/day to \$450/day plus mileage. There are two reasons for the change – first, to match the current salaries of our official reporters and to match the surrounding counties' rates of pay, and second, to eliminate the issue that we are having getting reporters to drive to Greenville (mostly from the Metroplex area) to sub when we need one. There is a serious shortage of court reporters, and we need to do this to ensure that we can continue to get subs when we need them. In addition to vacation days and sick days, each official reporter is also allowed 30 days per year to work on transcripts of trials and hearings, which is a statutory requirement, so there are a significant number of days on which a sub is needed.

Please let me know what else if anything I need to do to begin this rate. Each of us intends to pay this rate at the earliest possible time.

J. ANDREW BENCH

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