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ELLIS COUNTY COURT AT LAW NO. 1
ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER

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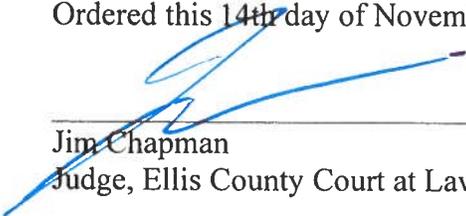
ORDER REGARDING SPECIAL COMMISSIONERS' FEES

This Administrative Order amends Administrative Order 2022-1. There have been repeated incidents of multiple month delays for Special Commissioners to receive their Court ordered fee for serving in such capacity, in all cases where Special Commissioners are requested to be appointed, a deposit for the anticipated Special Commissioners' fees shall be paid at the time of filing by the party making the request. The deposit shall be held by the County Clerk in the registry of the Court to be disbursed to the Special Commissioners appointed in the case upon order of the Court at the conclusion of their service.

Effective January 1, 2025 the deposit shall be increased to the amount of \$2,250.00. This amount, while a deposit only, should cover the Special Commissioners' fee expense in the majority of cases. The administrative fee normally charged by the Clerk is waived when the deposited funds are ultimately distributed. Upon receipt of the Award of Special Commissioners setting the fees which has been signed by the Judge, the Clerk shall distribute the fees.

The Clerk should forward any case requesting Special Commissioners to the Court upon filing so that Special Commissioners may be appointed. No case for which Special Commissioners are requested will have Special Commissioners appointed by the Court until such deposit has been paid.

Ordered this 14th day of November 2024



Jim Chapman
Judge, Ellis County Court at Law No. 1