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MELANIE REED, DISTRICT CLERK  
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**COMPENSATION ORDER FOR PREPARATION OF CERTAIN INDIGENT  
TRANSCRIPTS AND OTHER TRANSCRIPTS BY THE OFFICIAL COURT  
REPORTERS AND DEPUTY COURT REPORTERS OF ELLIS COUNTY  
(October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026)**

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By the unanimous vote of the undersigned District Court Judges, and pursuant to the authority specified in Local Government Code §152.905, Chapter 52 of the Texas Government Code, the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, and the Texas Rules of Appellate Procedure, along with other related statutory provisions and constitutional authority, and in accordance with the inherent authority of a trial court Judge of a court of record in Texas, it is ordered that for the 2025/2026 fiscal year of Ellis County, Texas, the Official Court Reporters and Deputy Court Reporters shall be paid and compensated from the general funds of Ellis County, Texas, for the preparation of an original transcript (and one copy where applicable) for indigent criminal appeals; indigent appeals where court appointed counsel is mandatory by law in such cases as those involving the termination of parental rights by the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services; portions of testimony/trial court proceedings reasonably requested by indigent criminal defense counsel at any time prior to an indigent appeal; those instances where civil litigants file an affidavit of indigency and under applicable rules successfully obtain a record at no personal expense, in order to prevent fundamentally unfair situations whereby Reporters (Official or Deputy) might otherwise be requested to provide hours of free labor and work without compensation; and further without limitation, in an instance where the trial court Judge requires the preparation of a transcript of some portion of the trial court proceeding necessary to render a fair, just, and legally correct ruling, however, such authorization for payment in this final instance is at the sole discretion of the trial court Judge:

- a. Regular rate of \$5.75 per page for transcript pages, and \$0.30 (thirty cents) per page for exhibit pages.
- b. Expedited rate of \$7.50 per page for transcript pages, and \$0.30 (thirty cents) per page for exhibit pages, for all transcripts required to be expedited by statute or appellate court requirement, including any transcript requested by the trial court Judge to be expedited in accordance with usual and customary legal practices.

- c. All copies prepared and distributed in accordance with the law beyond the single copy provide for herein-above shall be charged and paid as follows: \$1.92 per page for transcript pages regardless of whether the transcript is regular or expedited, and \$0.30 (thirty cents) per page for exhibit pages.

Effective by unanimous vote on June 27, 2025.

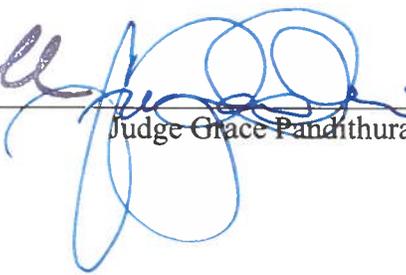
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Judge Bob Carroll



Judge Grace Pandithurai



Judge William Wallace