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**COMPENSATION ORDER FOR
THE DEPUTY COURT REPORTERS
(October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026)**

By the unanimous vote of the undersigned District Court Judges, and pursuant to the authority specified in Texas Government Code §52.042 and §52.056, along with other related statutory provisions, it is ordered that for the 2025/2026 fiscal year of Ellis County, Texas, the Deputy Court Reporters shall be paid and compensated from the general funds of Ellis County, Texas, \$500 per day in exchange for professional services rendered.

Given that Texas continues to face a growing shortage of Court Reporters, and there persists an ongoing difficulty in securing Deputy Court Reporters when needed, the following payment policy shall apply in the event of cancellations:

- In the event that a scheduled trial or hearings are canceled due to a settlement or other legal reason, a Deputy Court Reporter who is otherwise unable to obtain a substitute reporting assignment is permitted to appear at the assigned courtroom, and service all requests for reporting (if any) where a record is needed due to unforeseen circumstances, emergencies, and so forth – and be fully compensated at the above rate – so long as the cancellation occurs within 5 business days of the court date.
- Each Judge retains complete authority to modify the application of the preceding policy when the Judge, in his/her sole discretion, determines it to be fair, reasonable, appropriate, or necessary.

Effective by unanimous vote on June 27, 2025.

40th Judicial District

Judge Bob Carroll

443rd Judicial District

Judge Grace Pandithurai

378th Judicial District

Judge William Wallace