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COUNTY OF FREESTONE

AMENDED ORDER ADOPTING SCHEDULE OF FEES FOR COMPENSATION OF APPOINTED COUNSEL

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that effective October 1, 2025, in accordance with Article 26.05 (b) of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure and Section 51.10(i), Texas Family Code, this schedule of fees for compensation of counsel is adopted by formal actions of the county and district judges having jurisdiction over criminal and juvenile cases in Freestone County.

Fees shall be paid according to the schedule listed hereafter unless *exceptional* circumstances are proven and approved by the trial judge in writing. To receive payment. counsel, investigators, experts and interpreters must submit a completed bill on the approved form.

A. Criminal cases

1. Trial: Hourly compensation to be approved at $90.00 per hour for trial preparation. trial, and contested disposition hearings (including motions to revoke or adjudicate). All hours should be documented with an adequate explanation to show that the hours were necessary for the defense in a criminal case. If the attorney chooses, the amount payable for plea/dismissal may be billed in lieu of the hourly rate for a trial or other contested disposition.

2. Pleas/Agreed Disposition:

a. Felony cases: State Jail or Third Degree Felony $600. Second Degree felony $750.00, and First Degree Felony $1000 for plea/dismissal of a single case; $150 for plea/dismissal of each additional case on the same defendant.

b. Misdemeanor cases: $500 for plea/dismissal of a single case $100 for plea/dismissal of each additional case on the same defendant. up to a total maximum for all misdemeanor cases on the same defendant of $1000.00.

c. Motions to Revoke or Adjudicate: $90 per hour as set forth for trial.

d. Additional compensation for trial preparation at $90.00 per hour as approved by the trial judge and justified by the merits of the case.

3. Appeal: Hourly compensation for appeal cases at $90.00 per hour as approved by the trial

judge.

4. Death Penalty Capital Cases: Payment in discretion of judge.

5. Interpreters: The counsel coordinator or the judge will appoint interpreters as needed. The fee for interpreters will be at Judge's discretion.

B. Juvenile Cases:

Initial detention hearing: 150.00

Subsequent detention hearings: $100.00

Disposition and adjudication hearing (plea of true/dismissal): $500.00

Contested hearings, trials, certification hearings and motion to modify hearings: $90.00 per hour.

Appeals: $90.00 per hour.

Investigator/expert witness: Approval to employ an investigator or expert witness must be obtained in advance from the Court hearing the case before any fees will be paid. The amount of any fee or cost must be approved in advance by the Court hearing the case.

HOURLY FEE OPTION: The court may, if a particular case requires, use an hourly rate for compensation. The fee rate of $90.00 per hour is presumed to be reasonable.

C. Department of Family and Protective Services

All DFPS cases are to be compensated at a rate of $90 per hour.

Judge Amy Thomas Ward, 87th Judicial District

Judge Roy DeFriend, 77th Judicial District

Judge Lloyd Lane, Freestone County Court

COMMISSIONERS COURT FREESTONE COUNTY, TEXAS

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