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IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO. 78-20

IN RE: Court Reporters Supplement (Supercedes Administrative Orders Numbered 73-37 and 74-19)

After careful consideration and evaluation, the undersigned as Chief Judge of the Circuit, made a finding that the Official Court Reporters who are subject to and assigned to duty in the counties of Leon, Franklin, Jefferson and Wakulla continue to be justly in need of and deserve a supplement in order to insure competent reporting in criminal matters in the said several counties. It is apparent that since the entry of said Orders, mentioned above and which are now superceded by this Order, the cost of living and of supplies has greatly increased and that the caseload of the respective counties are such that the services of Court Reporters are necessary to a much greater extent than in the past.

In Section 7, Chapter 72-404, Acts of 1972, an amendment was made to Section 29.04, Florida Statutes, which deals with salaries and expenses of Official Court Reporters and provides the following:

> "(3) The funds necessary to pay costs of reporting in criminal proceedings shall be supplemented by the respective counties as necessary to provide competent reporters in such proceedings."

The statute does not prescribe specifically how or by whom the necessity of competent reporters or of the amount of funds to be provided by county supplementation for same shall be determined. However, it would seem that the Chief Judge is under a duty to consider such needs and to make an administrative decision on same, and that the Boards of County Commissioners may act pursuant to such decision.

In view of the foregoing and of general economic conditions affecting Court Reporters and the expense of rendering their services, it is deemed that their compensation supplement should be increased to $280.00 per month. In view of all these circumstances, it is deemed that at present a

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fair allotment by counties would be as follows:

County	Pro Rata of Salary Supplement (per month)
Leon	$175.00
Jefferson	35.00
Franklin	35.00
Wakulla	35.00

The reporters deemed to be entitled to such supplements are: Mrs. Jada Dolcater, Mrs. Betty Kirkland, Miss Frances Thigpen, Mrs. Loretta White, Mrs. Margie Frohock and Mr. Arthur Green.

Accordingly, it is found and determined that the counties of Leon, Jefferson, Franklin and Wakulla are obligated to pay to each of the Official Court Reporters listed in the preceeding paragraph the sum previously set forth, commencing October 1, 1978.

A signed copy of this Order shall be furnished to each Clerk of the Circuit Court in the counties involved and they shall cause it to be recorded in the appropriate records of their said counties.

DONE AND ORDERED this 26th day of May, 1978.

BEN C. WILLIS, CHIEF JUDGE

Copies:

Honorable Paul Hartsfield
Honorable Eleanor Hawkins
Honorable Bobby Howell
Honorable Carlton Tucker

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