A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR ALLOCATION OF SUPPLEMENTAL COMPENSATION FOR THE ROCKDALE JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT REPORTERS IN SUPERIOR COURT TO BETTER ALIGN WITH THE MARKET IN PROVIDING A FAIR AND COMPETITIVE SALARY SUPPLEMENT.

WHEREAS, Court Reporters in the Superior Courts are requisite to the functioning of the court proceedings to take down and record criminal and civil hearings; and

WHEREAS, Since the pandemic of 2020, there has been a Court Reporter shortage which has prevented some courts from operating efficiently; and

WHEREAS, the State of Georgia has provided that the Superior Court Judges of the Rockdale Judicial Circuit shall have the authority to appoint court reporters as provided by law; and

WHEREAS, As authorized under O.C.G.A Section 15-5-21, each court reporter appointed for the Rockdale Judicial Circuit shall be compensated in part by a salary in the amount of \$19,161.92 per year; and

WHEREAS, the salary provided for in this section shall be in lieu of the per diem payments otherwise payable under Section 1 of said Court Reporters' Fee Schedule; and

WHEREAS, Rockdale County Superior Court employees two valued and critical employees who have dedicated a combined total of 50 years with the County; and

WHEREAS, their last supplemental increase was 3% in 2018; and

WHEREAS, the average Court Reporter compensation for the Atlanta-Metro Area is \$66,852.60.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of Rockdale County that the supplemental pay for each of the two Court Reporters in Superior Court be increased to \$50,000.00 retroactively to January 01, 2023.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, any resolution in conflict with this resolution is hereby repealed.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall become effective upon adoption.

SIGNATURES ON FOLLOWING PAGE

This the day of May, 2023.
Attest
By: Jennifer Rutledge, County Clerk
Approved as to form: By:
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Rockdale County, Georgia Board of Commissioners By: Osborn Nesbitt, Sr., Chairman
By: Sherri L. Washington, Post 1
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