ORDER: SPREAD ON THE MINUTES THE ORDER ISSUED BY JUDGE WHITWELL INCREASING THE SALARY OF STAFF ATTORNEY SAMANTHA WEATHERSBEE TO AN ANNUAL SALARY OF \$46,000.00 PER YEAR, EFFECTIVE MAY 1, 2015

Motion was made by Mike Pickens, duly seconded by Mike Roberts, to spread on the minutes the Order issued by Judge Whitwell, increasing the salary of Staff Attorney Samantha Weathersbee to an annual salary of \$46,000.00 per year, effective May 1, 2015.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Mike Pickens, voted yes Supervisor Jeff Busby, voted yes Supervisor Robert Blackmon, voted yes Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Busby, declared the motion carried, this the 18th day of May, 2015.

Jeff Busby, President

Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

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RE: Annual Salary of Samantha Weathersbee, Staff Attorney, Level 1

Dear Clerks:

Please file the enclosed Order appointing Samantha Weathersbee as my AOC Staff Attorney, Level 1, effective May 1, 2015, at an annual salary of \$46,000.00 per year. A copy of this letter, as well as the Order has been sent to Kevin Lackey, Director of AOC.

Please feel free to contact the office should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter.

Very truly yours,

Robert Q. Whitwell, Chancellor

cc: Kevin Lackey
Supreme Court of Mississippi
Director of AOC
P.O. Box 117
Jackson, MS 39205

EIGHTEENTH CHANCERY COURT DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI BENTON, CALHOUN, LAFAYETTE, MARSHALL AND TIPPAH COUNTIES

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the annual salary of the Staff Attorney, Level 1, being Samantha Weathersbee, shall be \$46,000.00 effective May 1, 2015.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the salary shall be funded from the general support funds of the undersigned Chancellors with any additional funding be paid equally from the five counties of the Eighteenth Chancery District, being Benton, Calhoun, Lafayette, Marshall and Tippah.

SO ORDERED this the 20th day of April, 2015.

ROBERT Q. WHITWELL, CHANCELLOR

Judge Whitwell -

In response to your question concerning the pay for Samantha Weathersbee, I have calculated the following for your use:

The State of MS operates on a July - June fiscal year, while the counties operate on a October - September fiscal year. Since the \$89,000 allotted to each judge for his/her support staff from the State of Mississippi "resets" each July 1, it can cause some confusion in determining the amounts to be paid by the counties based upon their fiscal years.

Based upon the emails from Samantha, each county budgeted \$9,182.12 for FY2015. I have reviewed the amounts actually billed to each county for the 10 months ending April 2015 and each has been billed \$7,485.23. This leaves \$1,696.89 for the remaining 2 months of our fiscal year 2015 (\$9,182.12 less \$7,485.23 = \$1,696.89).

If the annual rate for Samantha is increased to \$46,000 effective May 1, 2015, the counties monthly billing will increase to approximately \$845 for May and June of 2015. This is slightly more than their average but the total paid over the 12 months from July 2014 to June 2015 will be less than \$9,182.12.

Beginning July 1, 2015 the support staff funding for you will be reset to \$80,000 and the allocations to the counties will be recalculated based upon the new fiscal year. At this point, the average monthly billing to the counties will be \$832 per month or \$9,984 for a 12 month period. If you wish to increase her pay to \$53,750 in October 2015, the average monthly billings to the counties will be increased to \$972 per month.

Also, these calculations were made assuming no increase to the fringe benefits cost to the State (i.e. employer's portion of health insurance premiums or contributions to the retirement system). Should any of these amounts change the amounts billed to the counties will increase.

I hope this help & if you or the counties have any questions, please feel free to call me.

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