ORDER: APPROVE SALARY INCREASE FOR CHANCERY COURT STAFF ATTORNEY/COURT ADMINISTRATOR, TARA B SCRUGGS FOR MEETING REQUIREMENTS FOR STAFF ATTORNEY V WITH AN INCREASE IN SALARY TO \$81,006.84, LAFAYETTE COUNTY WILL PAY AN ADDITIONAL \$614.94 PER YEAR

Motion was made by Chad McLarty, duly seconded by Brent Larson, to approve salary increase for Chancery Court Staff Attorney/Court Administrator, Tara B Scruggs for meeting requirements for Staff Attorney V with an increase in salary to \$81,006.84, Lafayette County will pay an additional \$614.94 per year.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

Supervisor Brent Larson, voted yes Supervisor Larry Gillespie, voted yes Supervisor David Rikard, voted yes Supervisor Chad McLarty, voted yes Supervisor Mike Roberts, voted yes

After the vote, President Roberts, declared the motion carried, this the 6th day of September, 2022.

Mike Roberts, President Board of Supervisors

Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

Chancellor Lawrence L. Little

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Tiffany Seawright

Staff Attorney: Tara B. Scruggs

August 17, 2022

Lisa Carwile County Administrator Lafayette County 300 North Lamar Oxford, MS 38655

Via Hand Delivery

RE: Salary Increase for Staff Attorney

Dear Ms. Carwile:

As you are likely aware, when I took the bench in 2019, I hired Tara B. Scruggs to serve the dual functions of my staff attorney and court administrator. Her official title with the Administrative Office of Courts (AOC) is Staff Attorney IV. Ms. Scruggs has now met the requirements to be classified as Staff Attorney V which carries an increased permitted salary range. I would like to enter an Order raising her to the Staff Attorney IV position and increasing her salary to \$81,006.84.

I have spoken with AOC and they have indicated that in order to provide Ms. Scruggs with this increase, each county in my district will have to pay an additional \$614.94 per year or approximately \$51.25 per month toward her salary and benefits. I am writing to request approval from the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors for this increase.

If the Board is agreeable to this increase, please provide me with a written confirmation which I can provide to AOC. Please do not hesitate to call if you have any questions or if there is any additional information needed.

Sincerely,

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Judge Lawrence L. Little