


**ORDER: AUTHORIZE AMENDMENT OF \$50,000.00 OF COUNTY COURT BUDGET
TO ADD A FULL TIME COURT DIRECTOR OVER ABUSE AND NEGLECT
SERVICES AND AUTHORIZE EMPLOYMENT OF LYNETTE WILLIAM
FOR THE POSITION**

Motion was made by David Rikard, duly seconded by Brent Larson, to authorize amendment of \$50,000.00 of County Court budget to add a full time Court Director over Abuse and Neglect Services and authorize employment of Lynette Williams for the position.

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 February, 2023.



Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors



Sherry Wall, Chancery Clerk

IN THE YOUTH COURT OF LAFAYETTE COUNTY, STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

*IN RE: MATTER OF
APPOINTMENT OF LAFAYETTE
COUNTY YOUTH COURT INTAKE
UNIT AND OFFICERS THERETO*

ORDER

UPON EXAMINATION, the Court finds that there exists a backlog of over 2,000 investigative reports drafted by Lafayette County Child Protection Services for which no Intake Orders were entered. The Court determines that immediate action is required and that a team must be put into place to review the backlog of investigative reports made between December 31, 2022, through January 1, 2018, as quickly as possible to ensure the health and welfare of the children of this County and that Intake Orders must be entered as to each and every investigation. Accordingly, the Court hereby ORDERS:

1. That any prior order of the Youth Court, if one exists, appointing an intake unit or officer is hereby vacated;
2. That, as required under §43-21-115 of the Mississippi Code of 1972 Annotated, as amended, the Court does hereby establish the Lafayette County Youth Court Intake Unit;
3. That both M. Denise Fondren and Jonathan Brett Thomas are hereby appointed to the Lafayette County Youth Court Intake Unit as Abuse and Neglect Intake Officers to immediately begin reviewing the backlog of over 2,000 cases, dating from December 31, 2022 – January 1, 2018, and preparing Intake Orders for each case upon review;
4. That until such times as an Order is entered appointing an Intake Officer for current cases

(i.e., investigations dated January 1, 2023, moving forward), the County Court

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BY CMJ D.C.

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Administrator shall serve as the Intake Officer for current cases on both the Neglect and Abuse cases and the Delinquency/Child in Need of Supervision cases;

5. That CPS shall produce backlog investigative reports (*ie*, reports from December 31, 2022, through January 1, 2018) currently in their possession upon demand by the Intake Unit within Five (5) business, which shall be identified by the initial report of abuse and/or neglect entered into MYCIDS by CPS, and, if no such report exists, that CPS shall immediately investigate and complete a report for said case due within Thirty (30) days of demand up to a total of One Hundred (100) backlog cases per month;
6. That M. Denise Fondren and Jonathon Brett Thomas shall keep precise timesheets and record hours expended on intake in quarter hour increments (.25) in the same fashion as guardian ad litem work;
7. That payment for hours of services rendered shall be determined and so fixed by the Lafayette County Board of Supervisors;
8. The Clerk of the Youth Court is hereby directed to issue a filed copy of this Order to the Lafayette County Administrator's Office upon filing.

SO ORDERED, this the 30th day of January, 2023.


TIFFANY L. KILPATRICK
COUNTY COURT JUDGE



Lafayette County MISSISSIPPI

New Hire/Change in Position Form

Department: County Court

Employee Name: Lynette Williams

☒ New Employee ☐ Existing

☐ Full Time ☐ Part Time

Current Salary: _____

Current Position: _____

New Salary: \$50,000

New Position: Court Director over Abuse and Neglect Services

Effective Date of Hire: _____

Signature of Department Head: _____

Date Board approved: _____