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Lafayette County Board of Supervisors
300 N. Lamar Blvd., Suite 103
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Dear Supervisors:

As you are aware, I was appointed Youth Court Defender effective December 1, 2022. Historically, Lafayette County Youth Court, administered by a part-time referee, was held once per month. During this one-day session, all CPS and Delinquent matters were handled on the same day.

The newly established County Court, comprised of a full-time judge and staff, now enjoys exclusive jurisdiction over all Youth Court matters. Judge Kilpatrick has taken steps to ensure that the County Court functions efficiently and that each matter is handled properly while moving the docket as expeditiously as possible. The unprecedented growth of our community, which necessitated establishment of our County Court, also led to an uptick in cases falling under Youth Court jurisdiction. As a result, Judge Kilpatrick has scheduled a minimum of two full days per month for delinquent Youth Court matters. In order to properly prepare for court, I meet with youth and parents prior to scheduled court days in person at my office, by phone, or virtually.

The salary for Youth Court Defender is currently \$7,500 per year. It is my understanding that this amount was in place prior to my appointment, and was commensurate with the time commitment and workload of previous Youth Defenders. The increased number of scheduled Youth Court days naturally increases the amount of time spent in court, as well as the time dedicated to preparing for cases and following up with clients. The time commitment and caseload for the youth defender has increased substantially.

With this in consideration, I request that the Board adjust the salary to an amount reflective of the increased time commitment and overall workload required to adequately fulfill the role of Youth Court Defender. I am glad to discuss this matter further in person.

Sincerely,
HICKMAN FONDREN, PLLC

M. Denise Fondren, Esq.


**ORDER: REMOVE FROM THE TABLE CONSIDERATION OF A CONDITIONAL
USE PERMIT TO DEVELOP A QUASI-PUBLIC FACILITY, HAYNES LAND
COMPANY EVENT VENUE, IN AN AGRICULTURAL (A-2) DISTRICT ON
LAFAYETTE COUNTY PARCEL 121-02-029**

Motion was made by Larry Gillespie, duly seconded by Brent Larson, to remove from the table consideration of a conditional use permit to develop a Quasi-Public Facility, Haynes Land Company Event Venue, in and Agricultural (A-2) District on Lafayette County Parcel 121-02-029.

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 15th day of May, 2023.


Mike Roberts, President
Board of Supervisors


Sherry Wallace, Clerical Clerk