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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MADISON COUNTY, MISSISSIPE

LEE WESTBROOK

ORDER APPOINTING ATTORNEYS FOR REPRESENTATION OF INDIGENT DEFENDANTS AND ESTABLISHING COMPENSATION

THIS MATTER is before the Court regarding representation of indigent defendants, and with the Court being aware of an order for such purpose entered in this Court on October 1, 1984, the Court finds it is necessary to further address the matter of representation of indigent defendants.

The Court further finds as follows:

- 1. The above-mentioned order established a consolidated system for the representation of indigent defendants and allowed more definite financial planning by the Board of Supervisors of Madison County, Mississippi.
- 2. The order also provided that all indigent defendants shall be represented by a public defender team, appointed a chief public defender and two assistants, all on a month to month basis, and further provided for their compensation as independent contractors on a fee basis without any additional benefits as county employees.
- 3. Representation of indigent defendants should generally continue in the same manner as set forth in the order and herein.

Accordingly, and with the Court being fully advised in the premises, the Court further finds that until further order of the Court:

4. Effective October 1, 2014, Bentley E. Conner should continue as chief public defender in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services should receive the monthly sum of \$5,053.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.

- 5. Effective October 1, 2014, the circuit court chief public defender should be allowed four assistants for the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi, three of which will continue to be Lisa M. Ross, Wesley T. Evans and L. Abraham Rowe who will each continue as a public defender in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services should each receive the monthly sum of \$4,533.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.
- 6. Effective October 1, 2014, Richard Flood and Staci B. O'Neal should both continue as a public defender in the County Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services should both receive the monthly sum of \$4,533.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.
- 7. Effective October 1, 2014, Daniel S. Spivey should continue as a public defender in the County Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services should receive the monthly sum of \$3,033.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.
- 8. Effective October 1, 2014, Gregory J. Webber should continue as a public defender in the Justice Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services should receive the monthly sum of \$2,833.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.
- IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that effective October 1, 2014, Bentley E. Conner shall continue as chief public defender in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services shall receive the monthly sum of \$5,053.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that effective October 1, 2014, Lisa M. Ross, Wesley T. Evans and L. Abraham Rowe shall each continue as a public defender in the Circuit Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services shall each receive the monthly sum of \$4,533.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that effective October 1, 2014, Richard Flood and Staci B. O'Neal shall both continue as a public defender in the County Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services shall both receive the monthly sum of \$4,533.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that effective October 1, 2014, Daniel S. Spivey shall continue as a public defender in the County Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services shall receive the monthly sum of \$3,033.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that effective October 1, 2014, Gregory J. Webber shall continue as a public defender in the Justice Court of Madison County, Mississippi and for such services shall receive the monthly sum of \$2,833.33, subject to income tax withholding and with no additional benefits, with the first payment to be due on October 31, 2014.

so ORDERED AND ADJUDGED this 15th day of September, 2014

SENIOR CIRCUIT JUDGE