

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE
FOURTEENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 98-- 08

ASSESSMENT OF ADDITIONAL COURT COSTS FOR COURT
FACILITIES IN JACKSON COUNTY PURSUANT TO
FLORIDA STATUTE 939.18 (1997)

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 939.18, (1997) authorizes a court to assess additional court costs to any person pleading guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, any felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic offense under the laws of this state, so long as the person has the ability to pay and will not be prevented from paying child support, making restitution or other compensation to victims which is authorized by law.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 939.18, (1997) further provides that the additional assessment is to be used for providing and maintaining court facilities under rules adopted by the Administration Commission.

WHEREAS, Florida Statute 939.18, (1997) provides that the clerk of the court shall prepare an annual financial report detailing the amount of court costs assessed and received and the expenditures and earning from the investment of such funds, said report to be submitted to the Board of County Commissioners, the Chief Judge of the Judicial Circuit in which the county is situated, and the Administration Commission.

WHEREAS, there is a critical need for additional facilities for the Circuit Court and County Court due to an increase in case loads and usage of the Jackson County Court System, it is therefore

ORDERED:

1. When any person pleads guilty or nolo contendere to, or is found guilty of, any felony, misdemeanor, or criminal traffic offense under the laws of this state, the circuit and county courts of Jackson County shall assess court cost of \$10.00, in addition to any other costs and fines assessed, unless waived by the presiding Judge.

2. That said funds shall be used exclusively for the construction of court facilities.

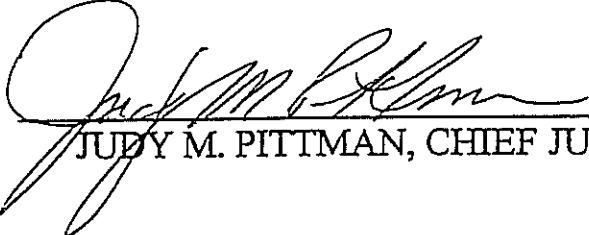
3. That the Clerk of Court shall collect, maintain, invest and expend said funds as provided by Florida Statute 939.18 and the rules adopted by the Administration Commission pursuant to Florida Statute 939.18.

4. That said additional assessment shall be deposited in a Court Construction Improvement Account and shall be accounted for separately by the County.

5. That the Clerk of the Court shall submit an annual financial report by December 31, of each year, as provided by Section 918.18, F.S. (1997) and the rules promulgated thereunder.

6. That this order shall become effective immediately and shall terminate upon the court construction or improvement debt being satisfied.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Marianna, Jackson County, Florida, this 19 day of October, 1998.



JUDY M. PITTMAN, CHIEF JUDGE