

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, ARKANSAS
CIVIL DIVISION**

RACHAEL ANDERSON

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CASE NO. 16 JCV-23-2110

**RICK ELLIOTT, INDIVIDUALLY, AND
IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS POLICE
CHIEF FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO,
AND HAROLD COPENHAVER, INDIVIDUALLY,
AND IN HIS OFFICE CAPACITY AS MAYOR
FOR THE CITY OF JONESBORO**

DEFENDANTS

ORDER FOR MEDIATION

On this 5TH day of February, 2024, comes the Court, *sua sponte*, and pursuant to Ark. Code Annotated §16-7-202, and for its *Order*, the Court finds, directs, and orders as follows:

1. It is the duty of the Court to encourage the settlement of cases and controversies through means of appropriate dispute resolution process. By statutory authority, the Court orders the parties in this litigation to mediation.

2. The parties, through counsel, shall, within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order:

a. Agree upon and select a mediator who is on the approved roster of mediators with the Alternate Dispute Resolution Commission; or

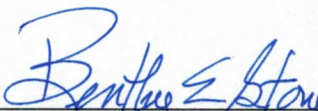
b. Contact the Director of the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission at (501) 682-9400 for a list of mediators from the roster of approved mediators.

3. If the parties cannot agree upon an appropriate mediation, this Court will appoint one from the roster provided by the Alternative Dispute Resolution Commission.

4. The cost of mediation shall be the responsibility of each party equally unless the parties agree otherwise.

5. Within ten (10) days of the conclusion of the mediation, the mediator and the attorneys shall report to this Court the results of the mediation.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5th DAY OF February, 2024.



BENTLEY E. STORY
RETIRED CIRCUIT JUDGE
BY SUPREME COURT ASSIGNMENT

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