

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
 DALLAS DIVISION

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE
 COMMISSION,**

Plaintiff,

v.

**PATRICK O. HOWARD; HOWARD
 CAPITAL HOLDINGS, LLC; AND
 OPTIMAL ECONOMICS CAPITAL
 PARTNERS, LLC,**

Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 3:17-CV-0420-L


ORDER

Before the court is Receiver’s Unopposed Motion to Allow Initial Payments by Receiver Related to Employee Wages (Doc. 21), filed February 28, 2017. The court has reviewed the motion, the record, and applicable law, and **determines** that the motion should be, and is hereby, **granted**. Accordingly, the court **orders** that the Receiver is authorized, consistent with his powers in Paragraph 7 of the Order Appointing Receiver, to make the following payments:

- a. Wages in the amount of \$500, to each of the three interns of Optimal Economics Capital Partners, LLC (in the total amount of \$1,500);
- b. Reimbursement of amounts paid for employee payroll for the period of February 1, 2017 through February 14, 2017, to Paychex, Inc., in the amount of \$38,237.62;
- c. Payment of taxes related to the February 14, 2017, payroll, in the following amounts:
 - i. Federal unemployment in the amount of \$422.61;
 - ii. Florida State unemployment in the amount of \$427.32;

- iii. Texas State unemployment in the amount of \$1,761.16; and
 - iv. Texas State surcharge in the amount of \$67.73;
- d. Any further wages or payroll or related expenses incurred, consistent with the powers of the Receiver in Paragraph 7 of the Order Appointing Receiver.

It is so ordered this 2nd day of March, 2017.


Sam A. Lindsay
United States District Judge