

Cross County Quorum Court

Ordinance No. 2022-\_\_

Sponsor: Kevin Jumper

Be it enacted by the Quorum Court of the County of Cross, State of Arkansas, an Ordinance entitled:

An ordinance to Approve certain personnel expenditures from the Election Commission Fund (General Fund 1000 Personal Services 01090100 - 01091999) for the period of January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022, and to allow those expenditures from these line items on an ongoing basis;

Whereas, election have become more labor intensive to administer with more deadlines and responsibilities included in the election laws of our state; and

Whereas, Cross County does not, at present, have a paid election coordinator as other counties in the state to assist the Election Commission in administering our elections; and

Whereas, the Cross County Election Commission consists of volunteers selected according to the statutes of this State, but the increasingly complex election laws places additional responsibilities on the commission that requires numerous additional hours that each of them must contribute to making for a successful and lawful election;

Therefore, this Court finds that the Election Commission members may be compensated as follows for the work completed to hold elections in Cross County (as long as Cross County does not employ a paid election coordinator):

1. For public meetings required to hold elections or as otherwise required by law, the County will pay the same rate for required public meetings to hold elections as the State will reimburse for those necessary to hold a primary election;
2. For commissioner required state training and poll worker trainer training, the County will pass through all funds reimbursed to the County by the State, and for State Board of Election Commission sponsored meetings and relevant equipment trainings not reimbursed by the State, the County will pay at the rate of \$25 per hour for documented work;
3. For all trainings that are required to be held for local poll workers, the County will pay the same rate for the trainers as the State will reimburse for those trainers when the training is necessary to hold a primary election;
4. For Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA") request responses for which only commission members can access computer database information., developing