

Cross County Quorum Court
Ordinance No. 2023-12
Sponsor: Anthoney Jarrett, Kevin Jumper & Lynn Blake

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

An ordinance to Amend Ordinance No. 2022-27 to comply with A.C.A. § 7-4-111 for certain personnel expenditures from the Election Commission Fund (General Fund 1000 Personal Services 01090100 - 01091999) for the period of January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and to allow those expenditures from these line items on an ongoing basis;

Whereas, this Court adopted Ordinance No. 2022-27 approving certain payments to election commissioners; 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 each member of the county board of election commissioners \$125.00 per public meeting when official business is conducted up to ten (10) meeting for an election. For each meeting per election over ten (10), each member of the county board of election commissioners shall receive \$25.00;
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 spreadsheets for mock elections as required by law, loading election information on equipment, and performing logic and accuracy testing, the County will pay at the rate of \$25 per hour for documented work;
5. For all other duties necessary to conduct an election performed by a member of the county board of election commissioners, the County will pay at the rate of \$15.00 per hour for documented work; and
6. The County will reimburse at the State reimbursement rate for all necessary mileage for private vehicles driven to complete the tasks necessary to complete an election when properly documented.
7. These pay and reimbursement rates shall apply to the county election commissioners and those designated by the election commission to complete these tasks on behalf of the election commission.
8. This Ordinance will go into effect on July 31, 2023.

Whereas this Court is of the opinion this appropriation is fair and reasonable.

Now, therefore be it ordained by the Quorum Court of Cross County, Arkansas.

Passed and approved this 15th day of May, 2023.

Approved:

Lynn Blake, County Judge

Attest:

Mary Beth Sanders, County Clerk