

RESOLUTION # 190-22-23
APPROVING COUNTY OFFICERS TRAVEL ALLOWANCE

WHEREAS, Title 19 section 165 allows county officers in lieu of reimbursement for traveling expenses within their county to receive a monthly travel allowance; and

WHEREAS, prior to May 25, 2023, Title 19 section 165 set the monthly travel allowance up to \$700 for each county commissioner and sheriff, up to \$600 for each assessor, up to \$500 for each county clerk, court clerk, and county treasurer; and

WHEREAS, SB951 of the 59th legislature was vetoed by Governor Stitt on May 2, 2023, and successfully overridden by the Senate and House of Representatives on May 25, 2023; and

WHEREAS, SB951 increases the monthly travel allowance up to \$1,000 for each county commissioner and sheriff, up to \$900 for each assessor, up to \$800 for each county clerk, court clerk, and county treasurer; and

WHEREAS, SB951 had a declared emergency clause that stated it shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage and approval; and

WHEREAS, the County Commissioners of Texas County wish to set the monthly travel allowance rates for the following county officials effective July 1, 2023:
Each County Commissioner = \$ 1,000.00; County Sheriff = \$1,000.00; County Assessor = \$900.00; County Clerk = \$800.00; Court Clerk = \$800.00; County Treasurer = \$800.00.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County hereby approves the increased travel allowance of the above county officials effective July 1, 2023.

ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of Texas County, Oklahoma, this 5th day of June, 2023.

ATTEST:

Wendy Johnson
Wendy Johnson, County Clerk



Ted Keeling
Ted Keeling, Chairman

Dolan Sledge
Dolan Sledge, Member

Levi Bickford
Levi Bickford, Member

George H. Leach
George H. Leach, District Attorney

6-2-23
Date



Title 19. Counties and County Officers

Oklahoma Statutes Citationized

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Chapter 6 - Officers

Section 165 - Travel Allowance in Lieu of Traveling Expenses

Cite as: 19 O.S. § 165 (OSCN 2023)

A. In lieu of reimbursement for traveling expenses within their county each county commissioner and sheriff may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00). In lieu of the reimbursement for traveling expenses authorized by law for each county officer, each county assessor may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Nine Hundred Dollars (\$900.00), and each county clerk, court clerk and county treasurer may receive a monthly travel allowance of up to Eight Hundred Dollars (\$800.00). Each such county officer may be subject to the penalty provided by [Section 166](#) of this title for failure to attend the meetings specified in that section.

B. Beginning in Fiscal Year 2028 and every fiscal year thereafter, the monthly amount of travel reimbursement allowances for county officers shall increase annually by two percent (2%).

C. All newly elected county officials shall be reimbursed by their respective counties for any approved training provided before such official takes office. Such training expenses shall be reimbursed in January when such official takes office.

D. The provisions of this section and [Sections 163](#) and [164](#) of this title shall not prevent the emergency use of a county-owned vehicle or county-owned equipment by a county officer when such county officer is acting on behalf of the county or when such use is related to county business. As used in this subsection, "emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances or the resulting state that calls for immediate action.

Historical Data

Laws 1979, HB 1472, c. 221, § 5, emerg. eff. May 30, 1979; Amended by Laws 1980, HB 1889, c. 302, § 2, emerg. eff. July 1, 1980; Amended by Laws 1993, HB 1744, c. 239, § 6, emerg. eff. July 1, 1993; Amended by Laws 1998, SB 1406, c. 258, § 1, eff. November 1, 1998 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2000, HB 2300, c. 85, § 1, eff. November 1, 2000 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2005, SB 684, c. 208, § 1, eff. November 1, 2005 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2006, HB 2611, c. 255, § 1, eff. November 1, 2006 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2007, SB 379, c. 67, § 1, eff. November 1, 2007 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2019, SB 853, c. 76, § 1, eff. November 1, 2019 ([superseded document available](#)); Amended by Laws 2023, SB 951, c. 317, § 1, emerg. eff. May 25, 2023 ([superseded document available](#)).

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