

RESOLUTION NO. 20260127-06

Resolution Modifying Juror Compensation in Lawrence County Pursuant to Tennessee Code Annotated § 22-4-101

Whereas, Tennessee Code Annotated § 22-4-101 establishes the minimum compensation for jurors and authorizes county legislative bodies, by vote, to increase juror compensation or, in the alternative, to adopt a flat per-day rate in lieu of mileage reimbursement; and

Whereas, Lawrence County currently compensates jurors at the rate of Ten Dollars (\$10.00) per day plus mileage, as permitted by statute; and

Whereas, the Circuit Court Clerk has requested that Lawrence County adopt the statutory alternative of a flat Twelve Dollar (\$12.00) per day juror fee, without mileage reimbursement, in order to simplify administration of juror payments and align with practices used in neighboring counties; and

Whereas, the Budget Committee has reviewed this request and determined that adoption of the flat rate is fiscally appropriate and administratively efficient; and

Whereas, Tennessee Code Annotated § 22-4-101(b) requires approval of the county legislative body to implement such a change in juror compensation;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Lawrence County Legislative Body meeting in Regular Session on this 17th day of February 2026 (as postponed from 27th day of January 2026), that:

Section 1. Juror Compensation Modified. Effective as provided herein, jurors serving in Lawrence County courts shall be compensated at a flat rate of twelve dollars (\$12.00) per day, in lieu of ten dollars (\$10.00) per day plus mileage, as authorized by Tennessee Code Annotated § 22-4-101(b).

Section 2. Mileage Eliminated. Upon the effective date of this Resolution, jurors compensated under the flat rate provided in Section 1 shall not receive mileage reimbursement, except where otherwise required by law.

Section 3. Administration. The Circuit Court Clerk, General Sessions Court Clerk, and Director of Accounts & Budgets are authorized to implement this change and to administer juror compensation consistent with this Resolution and applicable law.

Section 4. Effective Date. This Resolution shall apply to jury terms beginning on or after December 9, 2025, and shall take effect upon its passage, the public welfare requiring it.

Passed this 17th day of February 2026.

Shane Eaton, Chair

Lawrence County Legislative Body

David A. Morgan, County Executive

ATTEST:

Russ Brewer, County Clerk

SPONSOR: Budget Committee