

ASSOCIATION OF ARKANSAS COUNTIES
ASSOCIATION MEETING
JUNE 24, 2005
JONESBORO

The meeting was called to order by Jim Arnold, President at 12:40 p.m. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as submitted. The financial report was disbursed by Treasurer, Jo West Taylor.

ITEMS DISCUSSED:

- 1) Copies of the proposed changes to the Association By-Laws and Constitution were distributed to all present. Jim Arnold informed the group that these changes will be voted on at the next meeting that will be held in August. Anyone not at this June meeting will receive their copy via mail 30 days prior to the August meeting. (Attachment A-1 & A-2)
- 2) After some discussion a motion was made and seconded for the association to support the efforts of the Sheriff's Association in a campaign to put to the voters in November 2006 a four (4) year term for county elected officials. (See attachment "B" presented to executive board by Sheriff's Association Representative Ronnie Baldwin. This attachment lists the length of term and term limits of county sheriff's by state.)
- 3) Charles Barnett brought up the matter of a uniform report of the counties' annual financial report that Legislative Audit is preparing. Jonathan stated that Legislative Audit wants a group of Clerks and Treasurers to be included in the decision making process in devising this format. A motion was made and passed unanimously to allow President Jim Arnold to appoint Treasurers to this group. (Report is mandated by Ark Code Ann 14-21-102.attachment C)
- 4) Jim announced that the ATRAC group will meet July 8th at 10:30 at the AAC building and the next ACTA meeting will be November 17 & 18 in Eureka Springs at the Best Western. The 2006 meeting schedule is as follows: Feb 2 in Little Rock, June 6 in Hot Springs, October 10 in Fort Smith.
- 5) Jonathan announced that a meeting covering the new legislative issues pertaining to counties will be at the AAC building from 10 a.m. til 2 p.m. Monday and Wednesday of this next week.
- 6) Certificates and updates were distributed

Meeting adjourned at 12:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Becky Gattas
Secretary

*Attachment D is a list of new legislative issues effecting the treasurer's office. The book containing all info can be picked up at AAC building.

14-21-102. Annual financial report.

(a)(1) The clerk of the county court shall make out or cause to be made out a full and complete annual financial report of the county, using the financial records of the county clerk and county treasurer, giving:

(A) A beginning cash balance;

(B) The amount of revenue from each source classification;

(C) The amount expended during the fiscal year for all purposes; and

(D) An ending cash balance.

(2) The annual county financial report shall include all operating accounts of the county for which the quorum court has appropriating control.

(3) The annual county financial report shall include a statement of the bonded indebtedness of the county.

(b)(1) The clerk of the county court shall cause to be published one (1) time in one (1) newspaper published in the county the annual financial report of the county. The report shall be published between January 15 and February 15 of each year for the previous fiscal year of the county.

(2) If no newspaper is published in such county, then the financial report is to be published in a newspaper having the largest circulation in the county.

History. Acts 1993, No. 538, §§ 2, 3; 1995, No. 232, § 4.

May 24, 2005

Pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the Constitution of the Arkansas County Treasurers' Association, the following amendment to the Bylaws is hereby promulgated by the executive committee:

Article IV, Section 1 of the Bylaws of the Arkansas County Treasures Association is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Executive Committee

The officers of the association shall be president, a vice-president, a secretary, a treasurer, an at-large member of the Association of Arkansas Counties Board, and two members of the AAC Legislative Committee. The immediate past president of the association shall be an officer and ex-officio member of the executive committee. The officers shall be elected by vote of a majority of the active members present and voting at the annual meeting of the association, to take office effective January 1 of the following year. Each term of office shall be two years. The officers of the association shall serve as the executive committee.

A-2

May 24, 2005

Pursuant to Article IV, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Arkansas County Treasurers' Association, the following amendment to the Constitution is hereby proposed by the Executive Committee:

Article II, Section 1 of the Constitution of the Arkansas County Treasurers' Association is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 1. Officers of the Association shall be: one President; ~~one Immediate Past President~~; one Vice-President; one Secretary; one Treasurer; one at-large Member of the Board of the Association of Arkansas Counties and two Members of the Legislative Committee of the Association of Arkansas Counties. The Immediate Past President of the Association shall be an officer and an ex-officio member of the Executive Committee.

Purpose: Under current Article II, Section 1 language, the Immediate Past President of the Association is an officer. Under Article II, Section 2 "[T]he officers listed in Section 1 of this article shall comprise the executive committee." Therefore, the Immediate Past President of the Association is an officer and voting member of the executive committee. The amended language is necessary to make the immediate past president an ex-officio (non-voting) member of the executive committee.

This amendment must be proposed by the executive committee at least 45 days before the meeting of the association that is held in conjunction with the Association of Arkansas Counties annual meeting. Article IV, Section 1. All members shall be notified by mail at least 30 days before aforesaid meeting. Article IV, Section 1.

ARKANSAS COUNTY TREASURER'S ASSOCIATION

D

2005 LEGISLATION

<u>ACT #</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>PAGES</u>
ACT 58	Appropriation for the refund of local sales and use taxes	01-03
ACT 59	Appropriation for distribution of Amendment 74 funds	04-05
ACT 65	To increase the uniform filing fee for initiating a cause of action in Circuit Court and to use the increase to support the State Crime Lab	06-07
ACT 72	To clarify the creation and locations of the departments of various District Courts	08-12
ACT 86	To provide additional authority for the investment of public funds	13-15
ACT 121	Appropriation for maintaining and operating a continuing education program for County Treasurers	16-18
ACT 135	To provide that no penalties be assessed for delinquent real and personal property taxes during a taxpayer's deployment	19-20
ACT 252	To modify the initial meeting date of county quorum courts	21-22
ACT 423	To authorize electronic monitoring and other methods of jail population management for all jails	23-25
ACT 431	To increase the uniform filing fee for initiating a cause of action in Circuit Court and to use the increase to support legal education	26-27
ACT 433	To amend sections of the Arkansas Code pertaining to the distribution of certain funds	28-29
ACT 434	To provide that the county shall remit the administration of justice fund report on or before the fifteenth day of each month	30-31
ACT 435	To provide that county treasurers cannot collect the treasurer's commission on funds disbursed from the Fire Protection Premium Tax Fund	32-33
ACT 543	To clarify voting procedures for quorum courts.	34-36
ACT 652	To provide that public officials who are members of APERS and who are elected to public office in another form of government may retire and receive benefits without a break in service	37-39

ACT 654	To require a voter verified paper audit trail for a direct read electronic voting machine	40-43
ACT 659	To allow the distribution of Property Tax Relief Funds to begin each year in January rather than April	44-47
ACT 725	To authorize County Judges to dispose of discarded surplus property	48-49
ACT 876	To modify the amount of annual revenues a county can appropriate	50-51
ACT 893	To allow grant funds for Fish and Wildlife Education to be distributed to conservation districts in addition to school districts	52-53
ACT 921	County jail reimbursement supplemental appropriation	54-56
ACT 953	Concerning the preservation of ballot stubs	57-58
ACT 1019	To amend the procedures for establishing a maintenance tax in watershed improvement districts	59-60
ACT 1021	To amend the APERS laws to allow members to purchase credit for out-of-state governmental service	61-62
ACT 1022	To amend the Arkansas District Judge Retirement System	63-77
ACT 1159	Permits the creation of a position for a school district coordinator	78-80
ACT 1162	Allows the funds of the county public library to be in the custody of the governing library board under certain conditions	81-82
ACT 1205	Concerns the allocation of election expenses	83-84
ACT 1214	Sets the minimum and maximum compensation authorized for county officials and quorum court officials	85-93
ACT 1227	Allows the county judge to maintain his/her office in any county owned building at the county seat	94-95
ACT 1242	Provides for an interim study concerning Amendments 59, 74 and 79	96-97
ACT 1268	Amends laws concerning the assessment of property and to define terms used in Amendment 79	98-101
ACT 1272	Concerning payment of fees in county solid waste management systems	102-105

ACT 1275	Protects property taxes levied for libraries	106
ACT 1281	Concerns property exempt from taxes	107-109
ACT 1373	Clarifies that the levy of the additional fine authorized by Arkansas Code 16-17-129 may be imposed for each offense involved in the case	110-112
ACT 1384	Appropriation for State Turnback for counties and municipalities	113-118
ACT 1398	Appropriation for the payment of a portion of full-time juvenile probation and intake officers' salaries	119-123
ACT 1450	Amend APERS laws to establish the dates to determine the noncontributory multiplier to be used to calculate retirement benefits	124-125
ACT 1786	Arkansas Code Revision Commission appropriation	126-131
ACT 1849	Establishes the legislative task force on district courts	132-134
ACT 1880	Provides for the disbursement of funds from the sale of tax delinquent lands	135-138
ACT 1892	Provides that one percent (1%) of surplus funds from the Property Tax Relief Trust Fund be allocated to county assessors	139-142
ACT 1893	Increases the filing fee for reopening a case in circuit court to provide funding for legal aid	143-144
ACT 1920	Maintains additional funding sources for district judge and district clerk retirement	145-146
ACT 1922	Authorizes additional revenue sources for the payment and security of Industrial Revenue Bonds issued by cities and counties	147-152
ACT 1934	Makes technical corrections for the Administrative Office of the Courts	153-172
ACT 1938	Provides that counties may employ and compensate District Court Judges as criminal magistrates	173-174
ACT 1956	Increases the fee on bail bonds for the use of the Arkansas Public Defender Commission	175-176
ACT 1997	Amends the Arkansas Public Safety Communications Act of 1985 concerning the imposition of 911 charges	177-182

ACT 2008	Changes the effective date of the Streamlined Sales Tax Agreement	183-184
ACT 2084	The implementing legislation for the APERS contributory system	185-191
ACT 2091	To provide recognition of service credit between federal government retirement systems and certain state government retirement systems	192-193
ACT 2163	To adopt the administrative provisions of the streamlined sales tax agreement	194-200
ACT 2171	Clarifies professional services and bidding requirements for counties	201-204
ACT 2190	Repeals County Boards of Education	205-218
ACT 2192	Encourages open communications between the Department of Correction and county officials with regard to county jail reimbursement	219-220
ACT 2201	Concerns the Division of Legislative Audit and type of audits	221-276
ACT 2205	Allows school districts to invest moneys held for repayment of qualified zone academy bonds in guaranteed investment contracts or forward delivery agreements	277-279
ACT 2212	Reinstates the CPI increase for the County and City Administration of Justice Funds and increases the filing fees in district court	280-283
ACT 2220	Makes changes concerning the salaries of judges and other personnel of the various district courts	284-314
ACT 2231	Amends Arkansas laws pertaining to community redevelopment and to clarify the definition of "taxing unit"	315-330
ACT 2239	Amends provisions concerning probation fees in district courts	331-334
ACT 2314	Allows a county quorum court to levy and advertising and promotion tax if any rate of advertising and promotion tax is levied by a municipality in the county	335-338
ACT 2316	Amends the Arkansas Revenue Stabilization Law (sets funding levels for the biennium 2005-06 / 2006-07)	339-364

STATE	LENGTH OF TERM	TERM LIMITS
Alabama	4 years	No
Alaska	NO ELECTED GOVERNMENT COUNTY OFFICES	
Arizona	4 years	No
Arkansas	2 years	No
California	4 years	No
Colorado	4 years	Some two consecutive terms , some unlimited
Connecticut	NO OFFICE OF SHERIFF	
Delaware	4 years	No
Florida	4 years	No
Georgia	4 years	No
Hawaii	NO OFFICE OF SHERIFF	
Idaho	4 years	Yes, two terms
Illinois	4 years	No
Indiana	4 years	Yes, two consecutive terms
Iowa	4 years	No
Kansas	4 years	No
Kentucky	4 years	No
Louisiana	4 years	No
Maine	4 years	No
Maryland	4 years	No
Massachusetts	6 years	No
Michigan	4 years	No
Minnesota	4 years	No
Mississippi	4 years	No
Missouri	4 years	No
Montana	4 years	No
Nebraska	4 years	No
Nevada	4 years	No
New Hampshire	2 years	No
New Jersey	3 years	No
New Mexico	4 years	Yes, two consecutive terms
New York	4 years	No
North Carolina	4 years	No
North Dakota	4 years	No
Ohio	4 years	No
Oklahoma	4 years	No
Oregon	4 years	No
Pennsylvania	4 years	No
Rhode Island	10 years	No
South Carolina	4 years	No
South Dakota	4 years	No
Tennessee	4 years	No
Texas	4 years	No

Utah	4 years	No
Vermont	4 years	No
Virginia	4 years	No
Washington	4 years	No
West Virginia	4 years	Yes, two consecutive terms
Wisconsin	4 years	No
Wyoming	4 years	No

Forty-two states have 4 year terms

One state has a 10 year term

One state has a six year term

One state has 3 year term

Two states have 2 year terms

One state - No elected county government offices

Two states - No office of Sheriff

Forty-two states have no term limits

Colorado , some counties have unlimited terms, some are limited to two consecutive terms

Four states are limited to two consecutive terms