

RESOLUTION 2024 - 65

A RESOLUTION SETTING THE SALARIES FOR CERTAIN ELECTED OFFICIALS

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, establishes the manner in which the compensation for elected officials will be established; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, requires the County to create a Compensation Board to review elected officials' salaries annually in order to set compensation for elected county officers; and

WHEREAS, the Compensation Board held informational meetings and public hearings with regard to elected officials' compensation; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, states the Compensation Board must recommend a compensation schedule that is endorsed by a majority of the board including at least two county commissioners; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2107, MCA, requires that each County Commissioner receive a salary equivalent to the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503, plus \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, requires that the Sheriff/Coroner receive compensation equivalent to the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503, plus \$2,000, plus longevity in the amount of 1% of the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503 for each year of service; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, requires that the Superintendent of Schools receive the sum of \$400 a year in addition to the compensation equivalent to the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503, and allows an increase up to \$2000 if the Superintendent holds a Masters Degree; and

WHEREAS, the Commission did add to the base salary of the Clerk of the District Court, an additional \$2000 through Resolution 2015-87; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2301, MCA, allows the Board of County Commissioners to consolidate two or more offices and combine the powers and duties of the consolidated offices; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2312, MCA, requires the Board of County Commissioners to set the compensation of consolidated offices not to exceed 20% of the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503; and

WHEREAS, the Commission did consolidate the offices of County Treasurer and County Clerk and Recorder through Resolution 1990-7 and did increase the salary of the consolidated office by \$2000 through Resolution 1991-76 as provided by 7-4-2312, MCA; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, requires that the County Treasurer receive compensation equivalent to the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503, and allows an increase up to \$2,000; and

WHEREAS, 7-4-2503, MCA, requires that the Clerk and Recorder receive compensation equivalent to the base salary provided for in 7-4-2503, and allows an increase up to \$2,000 if the clerk and recorder is also the county election administrator; and




WHEREAS, the Commission did consolidate the offices of the Sheriff and Coroner through Resolution 2017-161

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Commission adopt the compensation schedule recommended by the Compensation Board on June 24, 2024, and attached by reference to this resolution.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners that Lewis and Clark County is designated as a Class 1 County as allowed under state law.

Dated this 9 day of July 2024.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
LEWIS AND CLARK COUNTY



Andy Hunthausen, Chair

ATTEST:



Amy Reeves, Clerk of the Board

Attachments: Exhibit "A"



Exhibit A

Elected Official Salaries
 Fiscal Year 2025
 June 16, 2024



**Lewis and Clark County
 ELECTED OFFICIALS SALARIES**

FY '25

3.5% Effective 06/16/2024

Incumbent	Elected Official Title	FY 24 Base	06/16/24 Base	Statutory Additions	FY '25 Longevity	Total FY '25
CHANEY	Superintendent of Schools	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 400	\$ 7,000	\$ 97,124
DOWNS	County Attorney	\$ 134,723	\$ 139,438		\$ 3,000	\$ 142,438
DUTTON	Sheriff/Coroner	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 25,612	\$ 117,336
HUNTHAUSEN	Commissioner	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 11,000	\$ 102,724
PAYNE	Commissioner	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 94,724
PISKOLICH	Justice of the Peace	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 95,724
REEVES	Treasurer/Clerk & Recorder/Elections	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 6,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 99,724
ROLFE	Commissioner	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 95,724
SPARKS	Clerk of District Court	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 97,724
SWINGLEY	Justice of the Peace	\$ 86,690	\$ 89,724	\$ 2,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 100,724
					Average Elected	\$ 104,397
					Average Commissioner	\$ 97,724