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January 23, 1957 (OPINION)

COUNTY AUDITOR

RE: Extra payment - Keeping Books for County and Federal Aid Roads

We are in receipt of your letter of January 22, 1957, in which you ask if it would be permissible for the county commissioners to pay the county auditor fifty dollars per month extra for keeping the books on county and federal aid road work.

It seems to us that keeping such books constitutes one of the duties of the county auditor and that since this is so, the county auditor could not receive any salary other than that authorized by law for performing such duties. This is not to say, of course, that a deputy county auditor could not be appointed and keep these books if it is felt that the county auditor has not the time to handle the matter.

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