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## A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING THE SALARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN DELAWARE COUNTY

WHEREAS, House Bill 1064 ("HB 1064") implemented a new county officer salary schedule and had an effective date of November 1, 2021: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 1064 and OKLA. CONST. Art XXIII, § 10, elected officials are prohibited from receiving an increase or decrease in salary during their term of office: and

WHEREAS, pursuant to HB 1064 and OKLA. CONST. Art XXIII § 10, the salaries of Delaware County elected officials beginning a term of office on or after November 1, 2021, are determined by OKLA STAT. tit. 19, §§ 180.58 through 180.68 (2022); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OKLA. CONST. Art V, § 54, the salaries of Delaware County elected officials who began their term of office prior to November 1, 2021, continue to be determined by OKLA. STAT. tit. 19, § §180.71 to 180.83 (2021), and shall continue until such time as any such officer shall begin a new term; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of Delaware County elected officials beginning a term of office on or after November 1, 2021 are computed by adding the "service-ability" factor (based on gross assessed valuation) calculated pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 19, § 180.63 (A) plus the "service-load" factor (based on population) calculated pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 19, § 180.63(B), to the basic salary selected by the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners as provided in OKLA. STAT. tit. 19, § 180.62; and

WHEREAS, the salaries of Delaware County elected officials who began their existing term before November 1, 2021 is computed by adding the "service-ability" factor (based on net assessed valuation) calculated pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Tit. 19 § 180.75 (A)(1), as adopted by the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County, plus the "service-load" factor (based on population) calculated pursuant to OKLA. STAT. Tit. 19 § 180.75(A)(2), to the basic salary selected by the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners as provided in OKLA. STAT. tit 19, § 180.74; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 19, §§ 180.62(B) and 180.74(B) require the Board of County Commissioners set the basic salary for all elected officials within the limits allowed by law: and

WHEREAS, the maximum basic salary of Delaware County elected officials commencing a term of office on or after November 1, 2021 may not exceed \$49,500.00 per annum, and those elected officials who began their existing term before November 1, 2021 may not exceed \$44,500.00 per annum until such time as any such elected official begins a new term: and

WHEREAS, on January 17, 2023, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County set the basic salary for all Delaware County elected officials at \$49,500.00 beginning July  $1^{st}$ , 2023. See Resolution approved by the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County adopted  $17^{th}$  day of January, 2023.

WHEREAS, based on the statutory formulas cited above, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County hereby determines that the annual salary authorized and hereby established for

Delaware County elected officials commencing a term of office on or after November 1, 2021, and effective as of July 1, 2023 including serviceability and service load adjustments required by law, is \$67,250.00 to be adjusted as may be required by OKLA. STAT. tit. 19, § 180.63(A); and

WHEREAS, on April 20, 2021, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County adopted the "Salary Act" of 1959 to set the salaries for all elected county officials within the limits allowed by law and per HB 1939 set the date of adjustment for service-ability and service-load on the first day of January each year.

WHEREAS, based on the statutory formulas cited above, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County hereby determines that the annual salary authorized and hereby established for Delaware County elected officials beginning an existing term before November 1, 2021 is \$61,549.31 effective as of January 1, 2023; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit. 19 § 180.68 (2019), the Board of County Commissioners further determines that the annual salary authorized and hereby established for Delaware County elected officials beginning an existing term before November 1, 2021, shall be adjusted pursuant to OKLA. STAT. tit 19 §§ 180.75(A)(1) and 180.75 (A)(2) to be effective January 1, 2024 is \$62,449.32; and

WHEREAS, the following salary determinations were not implemented due to confusion relating to the interpretation and application of HB 1064 to county officer salaries: and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County District Attorney's Office advised the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners to delay taking action on any salary increases until such time as the District Attorney's office could provide an opinion on the constitutionality and legality of any salary increases: and

WHEREAS, the Delaware County District Attorney's Office has provided the Board of County Commissioners an opinion on county officer salaries and as part of that opinion has stated that such salary determinations may be effective as of the dates discussed herein; and

WHEREAS, upon the interim advice of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County approved a salary increase for Delaware County elected officials on January 17, 2023 effective July 1, 2023 as allowed by law; and

WHEREAS, based upon the opinion of the Delaware County District Attorney's Office and discussions with the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners, the Delaware County Board of County Commissioners may establish the basic salary for Delaware county elected officials beginning a term of office on or after November 1, 2021 at \$49,500.00

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Delaware County hereby finds that the salaries listed above should be made effective as of the dates discussed herein.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF DELAWARE COUNTY, STATE OF OKLAHOMA;

That the salary for Delaware County elected officials shall be as follows:

The salary of the County Commissioner District 2, County Clerk and the Court Clerk, who began their term of office prior to November 1, 2021, shall be \$61,549.31 and shall be effective as of January 1, 2023; and

The basic salary for the County Commissioner District 1, County Commissioner District 3, Assessor, Sheriff, Treasurer, and the current Court Clerk office holder, who was appointed after July 1, 2023, shall be \$49,500 and shall be effective as of July 1, 2023 and the basic salary for the County Commissioner District 2 and County Clerk shall be \$49,500, effective as of January 1, 2025.

The salary of the County Commissioner District 1, County Commissioner District #3, Assessor, Sheriff, Treasurer, and the Court Clerk, who was appointed after July 1, 2023, shall be \$67,250.00 and shall be effective as of July 1, 2023 or upon the date the officer took office, whichever date is later; and

Effective as of January 1, 2024, the salary of the County Commissioner District 2 and County Clerk shall be \$62,449.32.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 26th DAY OF \_\_\_\_\_\_ MOUNCH\_,2024

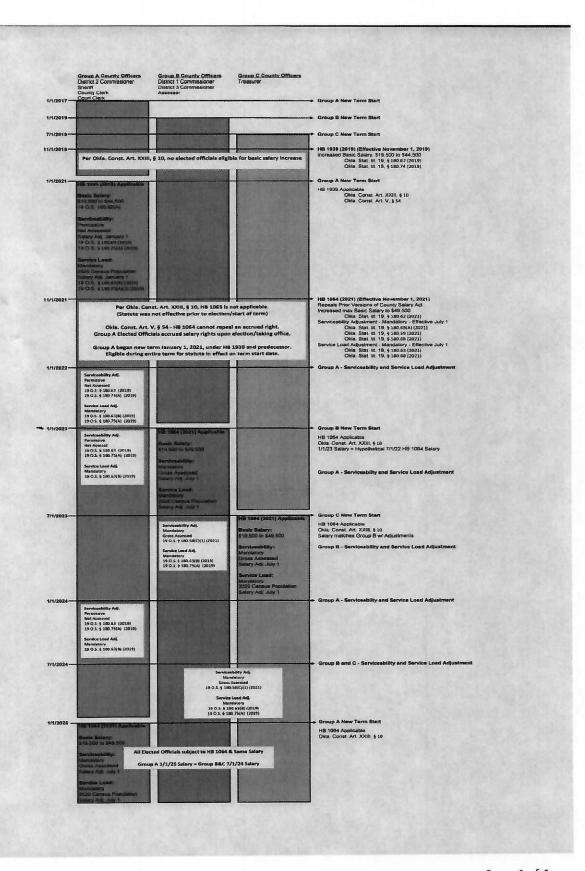
David Poindexter, Chairman, Commissioner, District 1.

Jake Callihan, Commissioner, District 2.

David Beck, Commissioner, District 3.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Barbara Barnes, Delaware County Clerk





## **BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS DELAWARE COUNTY**

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#23 MOTION MADE BY COLLAND SECONDED BY

TO DISCUSS WITH POSSIBLE ACTION RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING SALARY OF ELECTED OFFICIALS IN DELAWARE COUNTY.

MOTION CARRIED.

WITNESS OUR HANDS THIS 26th DAY OF MARCH, 2024.

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**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS** 

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AKE CALLIHAN, MEMBER

DAVID BECK, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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