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Association Dues

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We hope this information will be useful to you; reference to it will assist you with many of the questions that will arise in your tenure with county government. However, the *Tennessee Code Annotated* and other relevant laws or regulations should always be consulted before any action is taken based upon the contents of this document.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions or comments regarding this information or any other CTAS website material.

Sincerely,

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The county legislative body is authorized to appropriate funds for dues to associations of particular county officeholders or associations made up of groups of officeholders. If the county legislative body appropriates funds for dues for the county mayor, county highway superintendent, or members of the county legislative body, then the county legislative body is required to appropriate an amount sufficient to pay the annual dues in at least one association, up to one hundred dollars ($100.00), for the assessor of property, county clerk, state court clerks, sheriff, register of deeds, and trustee upon their request. The county legislative body is authorized to appropriate more than one hundred dollars ($100.00), in its discretion. None of the money appropriated can be used for lobbying activities (as defined in T.C.A. § 3-6-102) for the purpose of influencing legislation relative to benefits or salaries of the association's members. T.C.A. § 5-9-111.

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