

#### Section 130.908 of the Texas Local Government Code states:

If an incumbent county or precinct officer is not re-nominated or is not re-elected to the county or precinct office of a county, during the time following the date the results of the official canvass of the primary or election returns are announced, the Commissioners' Court must approve any expenditure by the incumbent county or precinct officer who was not re-nominated or re-elected that is over an amount set by the Commissioners' Court.

#### **Amount**

The amount set for this purpose is expenditures of 25% of the department's fiscal year budget. Any expenditures over 25% of the department fiscal year budget or more requires Commissioners Court pre-approval.

#### **County Officers**

County or precinct officers who shall comply with this policy and state statute are:

County Judge
County Commissioner
Constable
County Sheriff
County Treasurer
Justice of the Peace
County Tax Collector Assessor
County Clerk
County Attorney
District Clerk

### **Travel & Education**

No expenditures for education or travel associated with education will be admissible if required hours are met for the term. Any approved travel associated with training and education must be no higher than the block rate associated with the training course.

# **Delayed Bills**

Expenditures are not to be held or delayed in presentation for payment to avoid this statute and policy.

# **Pre-Approval**

Bills and invoices incurred in an amount of 25% or more of the department's fiscal year budget, must be **pre-approved** by Commissioners' Court or they may not be paid. Any financial obligation incurred by an outgoing county or precinct officer in the amount of 25% or more of the department's fiscal year budget, not pre-approved may become the personal responsibility of the outgoing county or precinct officer who incurred this expenditure.

# **Compliance Verification**

The not re-nominated or not re-elected county or precinct officer will provide all documents requested by the County Treasurer or County Auditor to ensure compliance with this policy and statute.

Approved this 25 <sup>th</sup> day of September, 2024 by	the Preside County Commissioners' Court
Jose Portillo Ir Brenda Bentley Commissioner Precinct 1	
Jose Cabezuela, Commissioner Precinct 3	David Beebe, Commissioner Precinct 4
ATTEST:	
Florcita Zubia, County Clerk	