

Conventions—County Treasurers—Expenses.

County treasurers are not required by law to attend state conventions of county treasurers and are not entitled to expenses from counties.

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My dear Mr. Hawkins:

Under date of January 15th, 1929, you addressed this office as follows:

“The county treasurers of the state are to hold a meeting at Helena during the present session of the legislature. In view of this, we desire to know if their traveling expense incident to such meeting would be a legal charge against the respective counties.”

Chapter 48, Laws of 1927 provides as follows:

“That Section 443 of the Revised Codes of the State of Montana, 1921, as amended by Chapter 124 of the Laws of the Eighteenth Legislative Assembly be amended so as to read as follows:

“Section 443. Hereafter no state, county, city or school district officer or employe of the state, or of any county or city, or of any school district, shall receive payment from any public funds for traveling expenses or other expenses of any sort or kind for attendance upon any convention, meeting or other gathering of public officers, save and except for attendance upon such convention, meetings or other gatherings as said officer may by virtue of his office be required by law to attend, * * * .”

I am unable to find any provision of law by virtue of which a county treasurer is required to attend a meeting such as is described in your letter and that traveling expenses incident to such meeting would not be a legal charge against the respective counties.

Very truly yours,
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