Ordinance No. <u>2001 - 15</u>

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE QUORUM COURT OF CRAIGHEAD COUNTY, STATE OF ARKANSAS, AN ORDINANCE TO BE ENTITLED:

## AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE RATE OF PAY AND REIMBURSEMENT FOR JURY SERVICE; TO ASSIGN RESPONSIBILITY FOR APPLYING FOR REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE STATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

Section 1. Legislative Intent.

Pursuant to the requirements of Act 1033 of 2007, codified as Arkansas Code Annotated (ACA) 16-34-101 et seq, and n order to qualify for reimbursement from the State of Arkansas for a portion of said jury costs, the Craighead county Quorum Court hereby establishes the following minimum requirements necessary for compensation as jurors nd corresponding rates of compensation for service as jurors or prospective jurors in Craighead County, Arkansas.

(1) The person must have received official notice that he or she has been selected as a prospective juror and

summoned to appear;

(2) The person must actually appear at the location to which they were summoned; and

(3) Their attendance must be noted in writing by the circuit clerk.

Section 2. Rates of Compensation.

The following rates of compensation are established for jury service in Craighead County, Arkansas:

(1) Persons who are selected and seated as a member of the jury including alternates shall be compensated at the rate of \$50.00 per day;

(2) Persons who are summoned and appear but who are not selected and seated as a member of the jury shall be compensated at the rate of \$15.00 per day; and

(3) Persons summoned for jury service but who fail, for any reason, to attend court shall not be entitled to receive compensation

Section 3. State Reimbursement Procedure and Responsibility Assignment.

Pursuant to ACA 16-34-106 the Circuit Court Clerk of Craighead County, Arkansas shall be responsible for remitting, in a timely manner, all documentation required by the Administrative Office of the Courts in order to receive reimbursement for the jury cost incurred under ACA 16-34-103(b) and Section 2(1) of this ordinance.

Section 4. Repealer Clause.

All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed. If any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person or circumstance is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or application of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision or application, and to this end the provisions of this ordinance are declared severable.

Section 5. Emergency Clause.

This ordinance, being necessary for the protection and preservation of public health and safety, an emergency is hereby declared to exist and this ordinance, upon passage and publication, shall be effective as of January 1, 2008.

Dated this 13 day of November, 2007

Approved: Dale G Haas

Craighead County Judge

Attest:

Nancy Nelms

Craighead County Clerk