

## CLAY COUNTY

### AGRICULTURE

Livestock, lists of cattle shipped to be filed--1884, 814  
Livestock regulated--1888, 168; 1890, 157; 1892, 131; 1896, 739; 1898, 303, 739, 1237, 1776; 1900, 1227, 1832, 2298; 1907, 293

### ANIMALS

Clay Co. Animal Shelter, created --2021-310

### ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Coldwater Camp Ground, sale prohibited--1884, 627  
Sale, election--1874, 276  
Sale, within certain areas prohibited--1872, 176; 1888, 466

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### BAILIFFS

Fees established--1880, 203

### BANKS

Branch banks authorized--87-320, 435  
Depository designation--(GBLA) 1961, 385; (GBLA) 1971, 3417  
Interest on demand deposit funds at maximum bid for county commission, board of education and hospitals--88-272, 429

### BOARD OF EDUCATION

Compensation--1947, 332  
Election--1943, 194  
Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1967, 402; (GBLA) 1971, 3419  
Funds, deposit at maximum interest required--88-272, 429; repealed--2007-276, 376  
School buildings rebuilt, transfer of funds--1949, 241

### BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1977, 1270

### BOARD OF HEALTH

Fees for certain services--88-426, 628; repealed--88-829, 1988 1st Sp. Sess., 292

### BOARD OF REGISTRARS

Absentee voting regulated--82-269, 338; repealed--97-561, 997  
Election officers, compensation--(GBLA) 1966, 461; (GBLA) 1971, 3418; 80-495, 767  
Registration at all high schools--1976, 251  
Reidentification of voters--1977, 632  
Voting centers established by resolution of county commission--93-518, 852

### BOATS

Ferries, state law regulating ferries repealed--1888, 304

**BOUNDARIES**

Altered--1866, 496, 528; 1869, 434; 1871, 163; 1872, 138; 1876, 233; 1892, 343; 1894, 55

**CHARITIES**

Raffles, cake walks, and turkey shoots authorized--90-122, 141

**CLERK, CIRCUIT COURT**

Clerk, compensation--1977, 136

Powers and fees--(GBLA) 1969, 383; (GBLA) 1971, 3416

**CLERK, COUNTY COURT**

Warrants, clerk authorized to destroy--(GBLA) 1975, 826

**COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS PROGRAM**

Director and employees, powers of law enforcement officers--2019-159

**CONSTABLES**

Fees established--1890, 67; 1898, 985; 1900, 2157

Office abolished--88-431, 632

**CORONER**

Compensation--(GBLA) 1971, 4510; 86-233, 344; 2001-553, 1118; amended--2010-197, 299; amended--2011-325, 600

**CORPORATIONS**

Lineville College, incorporated--1890, 712

**COUNTY COMMISSION--See also COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

Clerical assistance, appointment and compensation--1975, 852

Compensation--(GBLA) 1971, 4146

County offices, closing--(GBLA) 1966, 480; (GBLA) 1971, 3416

Court costs, county commission authorized to increase for general fund--2001-552, 1117; amended--2013-233, 567

Economic development zone, establishment authorized--2006-375, 971

Election--1939, 240; 1943, 193

Established--1935, 189; amended--1939, 68; repealed--1939, 240

Funds, deposit at maximum interest required--88-272, 429

Gasoline tax, county commission authorized to levy--2001-569, 1144

Private roads, authorized to maintain--79-199, 309; repealed--97-562, 997

Sale of fuel to volunteer fire departments and rescue squads authorized--2013-358, 1287

Transfer of funds, prior transfers ratified and confirmed--2007-344, 613; 2008-435, 836

Constitutional Amendment 359 (ratified 1976)--Legislature authorized to regulate compensation of certain county officials.

**COUNTY OFFICERS**

Constitutional Amendment 681--99-320 (ratified 2000); repealed, Amendment 671 (ratified 2000)--Supernumerary offices abolished, participation in employees' retirement system.

Constitutional Amendment 671 -- 2000-273 (ratified 2000)--Supernumerary offices abolished, participation in employees' retirement system.

Constitutional Amendment 940--2018-37 (ratified 2018) Supernumerary offices abolished, participation

in employees' retirement system, amended to include sheriff, repealed and replaced 2017-193.

#### **COURT COSTS**

County commission authorized to increase for general fund--2001-552, 1117; amended--2013-233, 567  
Increased for establishment of judicial administration fund--94-326, 572  
Increased for repair of jail--80-188, 265  
Increased for sheriff's fund--81-284, 366; 81-285, 367; 81-286, 368; 81-287, 368

Constitutional Amendment 359 (ratified 1976)--Legislature authorized to regulate court costs.

#### **COURT OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**--See also COUNTY COMMISSION

Abolished--1935, 189; repealed--1939, 240  
Bonds, issuance authorized--1872, 208  
Compensation--1977 1st Sp. Sess., 39  
Election--1878, 219; 1943, 193  
Legal notices posted at courthouse--1870, 87  
Paupers, authorized to provide for--1874, 555

#### **COURT, CHANCERY**

Terms--1870, 31; 1896, 146  
Time of holding--1878, 97; 1886, 134; 1888, 24; 1911, 296

#### **COURT, CIRCUIT**

Attached to 7th Judicial Circuit--1903, 567  
Circuit established (40th Jud. Cir.)--90-294, 402  
Court costs, county commission authorized to increase for general fund--2001-552, 1117; amended--2013-233  
Court costs increased for establishment of judicial administration fund--94-326, 572  
Eastern division judgeship created (18th Jud. Cir.)--89-955, 1883  
Judge, compensation (18th Jud. Cir.)--89-514, 1060  
Judge, expense allowance--(18th Jud. Cir.) 1971, 486; (GBLA) 1971, 487; (18th Jud. Cir.) 1976, 1017  
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Misdemeanors--1876, 183  
Practice and procedure regulated--1898, 196  
Register, compensation--1977, 136  
Reporter, expense allowance (18th Jud. Cir.)--1975, 347; 1978, 1282; 79-523, 934  
Secretary, appointment and compensation (18th Jud. Cir.)--1971, 209; 1973, 380, 528  
Terms--1869, 166; 1870, 21; 1876, 147; 1894, 626  
Time of holding--1878, 217; 1880, 59; 1888, 117; 1896, 1178; 1903, 539  
Witnesses, state, relief of--1890, 1270

#### **COURT, COUNTY**

Abolished--1903, 255  
Established--1898, 176, 506; 1900, 2085; 1907, 775; 1911, 63, 92, 313  
Witnesses, state, relief of--1890, 1270

#### **COURT, DISTRICT**

Court costs, county commission authorized to increase for general fund--2001-552, 1117; amended--2013-233  
Court costs increased for establishment of judicial administration fund--94-326, 572  
Judge, additional--85-924, 1985 2nd Sp. Sess., 208

**COURT, MUNICIPAL**

Court costs, county commission authorized to increase for general fund--2001-552, 1117; amended--2013-233

**COURT, PROBATE**

Clerk, compensation--1977, 136

Discretionary fund--2003-294, 691

Grantee address required on real estate conveyances--91-317, 577

Judge, compensation--1977, 136

Judge, reimbursed for monetary loss--98-631, 1387

Legal notices posted at courthouse--1870, 87

License issuing division established--86-486, 921

Recording fees--81-281, 364

Special recording fee--2003-294, 691

**COURTS, STATE**

Constitutional Amendment 945--2018-91 (ratified 2018)--Prohibited from removal from historical Clay County Courthouse.

**DISTRICT ATTORNEY--See also SOLICITOR, COUNTY**

Circuit established, office established (40th Jud. Cir.)--90-294, 402

Compensation (18th Jud. Cir.)--88-896, 1988 1st Sp. Sess., 45; 89-514, 1060

Expense allowance (18th Jud. Cir.)--1976, 364

Secretary only if district attorney resides in Shelby County (18th Jud. Cir.)--1967, 138

Worthless checks, fund created (40th Jud. Cir.)--94-384, 637

**DISTRICT COMMUNITY SERVICE OFFICE**

Established and funded--2003-248; 602; 2003-220, 553

Office abolished--2010-401, 660

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Economic development zone, establishment authorized--2006-375, 971

Emerald Triangle Commission assets provided for--2009-388, 712

Emerald Triangle Commission created with Cleburne and Randolph Counties to promote economic development and public safety--93-365, 608; repealed--2009-388, 712

Constitutional Amendment 682--2000-312 (ratified 2000)--Legislature authorized to create public corporation to assist.

**ELECTIONS**

Absentee voting regulated--82-269, 338; repealed--97-561, 997

Election officers, compensation--(GBLA) 1966, 461; (GBLA) 1971, 3418; 80-495, 767

Precincts established--1866, 395; 1868, 112

Registration at all high schools--1976, 251

Reidentification of voters--1977, 632

Voting centers established by resolution of county commission--93-518, 852

**ENGINEER, COUNTY**

Land surveyor, qualifications--1977, 1376

Office established, referendum--90-460, 649

**ESTABLISHMENT OF COUNTY**

Clay County established--1866, 92

**FINE AND FORFEITURE FUND**

Collection and distribution of fines--1871, 351; repealed--1874, 511

Regulated--1898, 425

**FIRE PROTECTION**

Assessment--1973, 454; (GBLA) 1973, 581; 84-572, 1194

Sale of fuel to volunteer fire departments and rescue squads authorized--2013-358, 1287

Tobacco tax--89-501, 1036; 2000-145, 208; repealed and replaced--2003-220, 553; amended--2010-401, 660; amended--2012-337, 854

Constitutional Amendment 585--96-193 (ratified 1996)--Ad valorem tax levied for fire protection.

**GAME AND FISH**

Game, state law repealed--1880, 145

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**HEALTH**

Board of health, fees for certain services--88-426, 628; repealed--88-829, 1988 1st Sp. Sess., 292

Soil percolation tests--86-216, 310

**HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES**

Engineer, office established, referendum--90-460, 649

Land surveyor, qualifications--1977, 1376

Maintenance of roads and bridges--1903, 298

Political signs prohibited--89-418, 882

Private roads, county commission to maintain--79-199, 309; repealed--97-562, 997

Road supervisors, justices of peace appointed--1871, 346; repealed--1872, 141

Road work, payment of claims--1907, 579, 600

Road work provided for--1898, 1026; 1911, 159, 250; repealed--1919, 97, 203

Toll bridge, prohibition, repealed--1888, 304

Unit road system, referendum--90-460, 649

**HOLLINS--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS****HOSPITALS**

Funds, deposit at maximum interest required--88-272, 429; repealed--2007-276, 376

**INDIGENT--See PUBLIC WELFARE****INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT**

County Industrial Development Council established--2001-506, 898

Economic development zone, establishment authorized--2006-375, 971

Funding for council--2001-506, 898

**JAILS**

Fund for repair from court costs--80-188, 265

Store, operation--2003-295, 694

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Excusal--1971, 403; 1977, 374  
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Livestock, lists of cattle shipped to be filed--1884, 814  
Road apportioners and supervisors, appointed--1871, 346; repealed--1872, 141

#### **JUVENILES**

Detention homes, authorizing construction and use of regional detention homes--(GBLA) 1970, 2665

#### **LICENSE INSPECTOR**

Office abolished, powers given sheriff--79-481, 890

#### **LICENSES**

Issuance fee on motor vehicles, manufactures homes, mobile homes, motorcycles--2001-912, 3rd Sp. Sess., 766  
Peddlers license, tax exempt--1900, 2009

#### **LINEVILLE--See INDEX OF MUNICIPAL LAWS**

#### **MOTOR VEHICLES**

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Soil percolation tests--86-216, 310

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Grantee address required on real estate conveyances--91-317, 577  
Recording fees--81-281, 364

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Sale of fuel by county commission authorized--2013-358, 1287

Constitutional Amendment 585--96-193 (ratified 1996)--Ad valorem tax levied for fire protection.

## **REVENUE COMMISSIONER**

Office established, referendum--87-393, 562  
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## **SCHOOLS**

Ashland College, Ashland Educational Company name changed--1890, 1160  
Fund, disbursements equalized--1890, 1210; repealed--1903, 396  
Gasoline tax distribution--1933, 41  
Rebuilding, transfer of funds--1949, 241  
Textbook board established--1900, 1087  
Voter registration at all high schools--1976, 251

Constitutional Amendment 169 (ratified 1961)--Property tax levied for school purposes.

## **SHERIFF**

Abandoned or stolen personal property, firearms, procedures for storage and sale--2025-196  
Chief deputy, mileage allowance--1947, 410  
Compensation--1977 1st Sp. Sess., 1455  
Deputy, additional--1947, 239  
Deputy compensation and automobile expense paid from public highway and traffic fund--94-196, 252  
Fund from court costs--81-284, 366; 81-285, 367; 81-286, 368; 81-287, 368  
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License inspector, duties--79-481, 890  
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Prisoners food allowance--85-478, 472  
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Work release program--1977, 113

## **SOLICITOR, COUNTY**--See also DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Office established--1959, 748

## **SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION**

Compensation--1935, 192; 1949, 163  
Election--1935, 192  
Expense allowance--(GBLA) 1963, 862; (GBLA) 1967, 403; (GBLA) 1971, 3420

**TAX ASSESSOR**

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Clerk, compensation--1977, 136  
Compensation--1977, 136  
Legal notices posted at courthouse--1870, 87  
Office abolished, referendum--87-393, 562

**TAX COLLECTOR**

Clerk, compensation--1977, 136  
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Compensation--1977, 136  
Legal notices posted at courthouse--1870, 87  
Office abolished, referendum--87-393, 562

**TAXATION**

Ad valorem tax, referendum--88-271, 428  
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Gasoline tax--1933, 41; 2001-569, 1144  
Peddlers license, tax exempt--1900, 2009  
Sales and use tax authorized in economic development zone--2006-375, 971  
Sales and use tax, referendum--1961, 1285; 89-298, 482  
Special property tax--1868, 432  
Tobacco tax--89-501, 1036; 2000-145, 208; repealed and replaced--2003-220, 553; amended--2005-165,  
286; repealed in part, amended in part--2010-401, 660; amended--2012-337, 854; amended--2017-65;  
amended--2018-432

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**TREASURER, COUNTY**

Office abolished--1915, 219

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**VETERANS**

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**VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS**

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**WATER AND WATERCOURSES**

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Ferries, state law regulating ferries repealed--1888, 304  
Soil percolation tests--86-216, 310

**WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

Secretary of State to provide--1874, 600

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Sale of draft or keg beer authorized--2020-125

**ASHLAND RAILWAY COMPANY**

Authorized to acquire assets--1935, 250

**BOUNDARIES**

Corporate limits altered--1927, 338; 1959, 419; 85-626, 957

**INCORPORATION**

Ashland incorporated--1871, 228; 1874, 347; 1876, 241; 1896, 480; 1907, 419

**TAXATION**

Sales and use tax, authorized in economic development zone--2006-375, 971

Constitutional Amendment 8 (ratified 1920)--Property tax levied.

**HOLLINS****INCORPORATION**

Hollins incorporated--1892, 1171; repealed--1919, 168

**LINEVILLE****ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

Draft or keg beer, sale authorized--2022-157

**CHARTER**

Adopted--1898, 215; 1907, 479

**SCHOOLS**

Separate district created--1896, 542; 1898, 836  
State school for teaching agriculture, established--1911, 195

**TAXATION**

Sales and use tax, authorized in economic development zone--2006-375, 971

## **WESOBULGA**

### **ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES**

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### **CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS**

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