

compensation as the boards of county commissioners may determine, and the board of county commissioners of such county, during the time such arrangement shall continue, shall appropriate each year, to be paid out of the county treasury into the treasury of such municipality, a sum sufficient to meet the county's portion of the cost of the work as determined by the number of employes in such classified service."

It is also to be noted that this section expressly authorizes the county commissioners to pay the county's portion of the cost of the work, where a municipal civil service commission is designated as the agent of the state commission, while there is no express authority where districts are established under section 486-20, and I find no other statutory provision authorizing such expenditure.

The board of county commissioners, especially with reference to the financial affairs of the county, has only such authority as is given it by statute. *Jones, Auditor, vs. County Commissioners*, 57 O. S. 189; *Peter vs. Parkinson, Treasurer*, 83 O. S. 36.

I am of the opinion, therefore, that where the state civil service commission establishes a district, the boundaries of which are coterminous with the boundaries of a county, and places an assistant in charge of such district, as provided by section 486-20, General Code, the board of commissioners of said county has no authority to pay the compensation of such assistant or any part of the expenses of such office, but that the only way in which the cost of such work can be paid by the county commissioners is where the local civil service commission of the largest municipality in such county is designated by the state commission, as its agent, for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of the civil service act as provided by section 486-5, General Code.

However, section 486-5 also provides that "The commission may designate persons in or out of the official service of the state to serve as examiners or assistants under its direction." And after providing for compensation of examiners and assistants the same section says: "provided, however, that if any such examiner or assistant is in the official service of the state, or any political subdivision thereof, it shall be a part of his official duties to render such services in connection with such examination without extra compensation."

Under these provisions, I am of the view that it would be permissible for the commission, on occasions when it deems it necessary, to designate, with the approval of the proper county or other officials, some one who is a bona fide employe of the county or other political subdivision of the state to act temporarily as an assistant or examiner, who would so serve without extra compensation.

Respectfully,

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APPROVAL, NOTES OF AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, SUMMIT COUNTY, OHIO—\$155,000.00.

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