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April 15, 1969

OPINION LETTER NO. 3

Honorable Clinton Almond
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Dear Mr. Almond:

This is in answer to your request for an opinion of this office on the following three questions:

"(1) May members of the Jefferson County Park and Recreation Commission be paid fees for attendance of Regular and Special Meetings.

"(2) If attendance fees cannot be paid, may members of the Park and Recreation Commission be paid mileage expenses for attendance of Regular and Special Meetings.

"(3) May members of the Park and Recreation Commission receive mileage expense payment in connection with research for possible park sites."

Sections 64.750 through 64.780, RSMo Supp. 1967, enacted in 1961, provide for and deal with a system of public recreation for political subdivisions. We note that Jefferson County comes under these provisions.

Authority for the Jefferson County Park and Recreation Commission is specifically given by Section 64.765, RSMo Supp. 1967. This section states in part that: "* * *Members of the board shall serve without pay.* * *"

Nowhere in Sections 64.750 through 64.780 does the legislature provide for fees for attendance at meetings or for mileage expenses for any purpose.

Honorable Clinton Almond

Enclosed is a copy of Attorney General Opinion No. 4, dated April 1, 1969, issued to the Honorable Charles A. Weber, which answers your questions. Accordingly the members of the Commission are not entitled to be paid fees or reimbursement for mileage expenses for attendance at regular and special meetings but may receive reimbursement for actual and necessary travel expenses for trips incurred in the performance of their duties as commissioners.

Yours very truly,

JOHN C. DANFORTH
Attorney General

Enclosure: Op. No. 4
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