

COUNTY MAYORS

Powers and Duties

COUNTY MAYOR



- **Constitutional Officer**
- **Powers and duties determined by General Assembly**
 - **General Law**
 - **General Laws of Local Application**
 - **Private Acts**

DESIGNATED TITLE

State Constitution

county executive

Legislature

county mayor

**Metropolitan
government charter/
county charter**

charter

TERM OF OFFICE



Four-year term



No term limit in most counties



Metro and charter counties

QUALIFICATIONS

- General qualifications
- 25 years old
- Qualified voter
- Residence



COMPENSATION



- County population
- Usually full-time
- 5% greater than any other constitutional officer

RELATIONSHIP TO CLB

Non-voting, ex-officio member of CLB

May be elected as chair

Legislative veto power if not chair

Non-voting, ex-officio member of committees of CLB

Appointments

DUTIES



- Leadership
- Accounting and general agent
- Chief financial officer
- Appointments

LEADERSHIP

- Provide direction in most policy areas
- Clear understanding of the whole county operation
- Ability to steer the county in a direction that is most beneficial to the county's future



ACCOUNTING OFFICER AND GENERAL AGENT

- **Oversee county's financial operations**
- **Audit claims**
- **Issue payments from treasury**
- **Review and settle accounts**
- **Keep accurate financial records**
- **Submit financial report to the CLB twice per year**
- **Hire attorney (unless private act provides otherwise)**
- **Care of county property**

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

- Draws warrants on general fund
- Examines accounts of officials
- Strong role in budgetary process



CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

Defends salary suits

Letters of Agreement

**Budgeted by CLB if salary
system**

**Fee officials and
mayor/executive if fee system**



BUDGET COMMITTEE ROLE

Committee member

1957 Budget Law

1981 Financial
Management
Committee

Charters and Private Acts -
may or may not



APPOINTMENT POWERS

**BOARDS AND
COMMISSIONS**

**DEPARTMENT
HEADS**

**COUNTY
ATTORNEY**

**APPROVES
DELINQUENT
TAX ATTORNEY**

**1957 FISCAL
ACTS**

OFFICE STAFF



“REPRESENTATIVE OF THE COUNTY”

Development Districts

Human Resource Agencies

Coordinating Committee for County Growth Plan

Economic and Community Development Board

TAKING OFFICE

Take the Oath

Financial Status

Budget
Adopted?

Surety
Bond/Insurance

Letters of
Agreement

Policies

Other Pressing
Issues

CLB Schedule

Committees



LEADERSHIP



"Leadership is the art of getting someone else to do something you want done because he wants to do it."

Dwight D. Eisenhower