

ASSESSMENT OF COST IN AMENDED ORDINANCE
CIVIL SUITS FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF LAW
LIBRARY

WHEREAS, Section 42-19.4 of the Code of Virginia, as amended, authorizes the assessment by this Board of a certain additional cost in civil cases to help defray expenses of a County law library; and

WHEREAS, such a library would be of benefit to the Bar of this County and the judges and other judicial officers thereof; and also to all litigants in its courts including indigent criminal defendants for whom the public must provide competent legal counsel.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Russell County, Virginia:

I

There is hereby imposed as a part of the costs incident to each civil action filed in the courts of this County a sum as follows:

(1) In the Circuit Court of Russell County, Virginia, a fee of \$2.00, and (2) in the Russsell County General District Court, a fee of \$2.00.

II

Such assessment shall be collected by the Clerk of the Court in which the action is filed, who shall remit all such sums collected to the Treasurer of the County to be held subject to disbursement by this Board for the acquisition of law books and law periodicals, for compensation to librarians and other

necessary staff for the maintenance of such library, and for the cost of suitable quarters for such library.

III

Any rates of compensation for librarian(s) or staff, or of rental or other costs for library quarters shall be fixed by this Board pursuant to law.

IV

The assessments provided for herein shall be in addition to all other costs prescribed by law for filing civil actions, but shall not apply to any action in which the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof or the Federal Government is a party and in which the costs are assessed against the Commonwealth, political subdivision thereof, or Federal Government.

V

Such law library shall be open for the use of the public, subject to such reasonable and necessary rules and conditions therefor as many be prescribed by the Clerk of the Circuit Court acting after due consultation with the Russell County Bar Association.

VI

Contributions to said law library fund may be accepted from any Bar Association.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Russell County Board of Supervisors that Item 1 of the Ordinance and Resolution adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Russell County, on the 1st day of February, 1965, be amended so that Item 1 of said ordinance shall read as follows:

It is hereby imposed as part of the cost incident to each civil action filed in the Courts of this County a sum as follows:

(1) in the Circuit Court of Russell County, Virginia, a fee of \$2.00 and (2) in the Russell General District Court a fee of \$2.00, to be effective as of September 1, 1987.