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Using guidelines suggested by the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), the Chase County commissioners approved salaries for all county elected officials for 2011 through 2014.

With the exception of the sheriff, the new salaries will increase 3% across the board for county officials in 2011. The sheriff's salary increases about 9.5% from 2010 to 2011, according to the county salary schedule.

After that, increases across the board for the elected officials go up 3.9% in 2012, 3.7% in 2013 and 3.6% in 2014.

County Clerk Debbie Clark said the salaries for sheriff, attorney, commissioners and surveyor are based on a percentage of what the assessor, clerk and treasurer are paid. The sheriff generally receives 120% of the salary of the assessor, clerk and treasurer, while the attorney makes 83%, commissioners 50% and the surveyor 50%.

The county does not have an elected surveyor, because no one ran for that office in the last election, Clark noted.

Chase County contracts out that work, and pays those contracts from what was set in salary for the surveyor.

This year, because a lot of surveying work was done, the county probably will spend the majority of the surveyor's 2009 salary, but Clark said generally they do not.

Action on the salaries came at the commissioners' Dec. 8 meeting. Those base salaries are set every four years, Clark said.

County officials' salaries

Assessor

Clerk □

	Treasurer	Sheriff	Attorney	Commissioner	Surveyor
2010	\$38,000.00	\$42,560.00	\$31,540.00	\$19,000.00	\$19,000.00
2011	\$39,200.00	\$47,040.00	\$32,536.00	\$19,600.00	\$19,600.00
2012	\$40,733.00	\$48,879.60	\$33,808.39	\$20,366.50	\$20,366.50
2013	\$42,266.00	\$50,719.20	\$35,080.78	\$21,133.00	\$21,133.00
2014	\$43,800.00	\$52,560.00	\$36,354.00	\$21,900.00	\$21,900.00

The County Sheriff will be paid an additional \$4,000 each year for management of the communications center.