- 200. It shall be the duty of the County Commissioners, whenever any sheriff, State's Attorney, clerk of the Circuit Court or register of wills of said county shall present or render any bill of fees, or other account or claim against the county, to them, for levy, before levying for the same, to examine such sheriff, State's Attorney, clerk or register, on oath, whether all the services charged in the bill of fees, account or claim rendered have been actually performed, and whether the charge or fee for each particular service is greater than is allowed by law; and they shall also examine said officers on oath, as to such other facts as they may deem proper, and may examine on oath any other person whose testimony they may think necessary to establish the legality and correctness of such bills of fees, accounts or claims.
- They shall have the right, and it is made their duty, if they have doubts as to the correctness and legality of any bill of fees, or other account, or claim rendered by any of said officers, against the county, to summon before them such witnesses as they may think proper, to disprove such bills of fees, accounts or claims, or any part of the same; and they shall have full power and authority to reduce said bills of fees, accounts or claims, or any part thereof, and to allow such amount only as they may deem just and legal; but they shall not allow nor levy for any bill of fees, account or claim, or any item therein, when services charged for have not been actually rendered, and if rendered, were not rendered under the requirements of law, except in cases where services have been rendered, and, in the opinion of said county commissioners, were necessary and indispensable in carrying out the provisions of existing laws, but in no case shall constructive fees be allowed.
- 202. They shall have the same rights and powers, in establishing and adjusting the correctness and legality of all other accounts and claims rendered against said county, by any other person, as are conferred by the preceding section; and they shall not allow or levy for any account or claim, until they have thoroughly examined and scrutinized each and every item contained therein, and are satisfied that all of said items are just and legal.
- 203. Any usage or custom that may prevail in the county, relating to fees or other items of accounts being charged against said county, by any of the officers aforesaid, or any other person, and allowed and levied for by former boards of county