

additional amount to the attendance officer, but the State shall not share in this additional payment. County boards of education are free to employ as many additional attendance officers as in their judgment are necessary, subject to the approval of the State Superintendent of Schools, but the State shall not share in the payment of their salaries. Provided that the State Board of Education in its discretion may excuse any county from employing an attendance officer and may designate the county superintendent of schools, the supervising teacher or the helping teacher to perform the duties of the attendance officer, and when so designated the amount allowed each county for such work shall be used for general school purposes.

(3) There shall be employed in each county at least one statistical and stenographic clerk; provided that in Montgomery County there shall also be appointed by the Board of Education for Montgomery County at its first meeting after June 1, 1943, a supervisor of school property who shall discharge the duties of his office under the general supervision of the superintendent of education for said county, said supervisor of school property, when appointed, shall serve for a term of four years at an annual salary of three thousand dollars (\$3,000) payable monthly by the board of education for Montgomery County, and said supervisor of school property shall be reimbursed for all additional necessary traveling and other expenses and disbursements incurred or made by him in the performance of his official duties and no part of the travelling or proper expenses of the said supervisor of school property incurred in the performance of his official duties shall be included in or counted as a part of his annual salary. The said supervisor of school property shall appoint an assistant to aid him in carrying out his duties, and such assistant shall receive an annual salary of two thousand and four hundred dollars (\$2,400) and an additional sum of six hundred dollars (\$600) per annum, for expenses incurred in carrying out his official duties. Neither the supervisor of school property nor his assistant shall have any pecuniary interest in any contract entered into by the county commissioners, the board of education, or on behalf of Montgomery County. It shall be the duty of the said supervisor of school property, in addition to whatever duties are assigned him by the board of education of Montgomery County, to supervise the construction, maintenance and operation of all school buildings, and he shall supervise the transportation of pupils at public expense, and he shall select, appoint and exercise supervision over and remove the drivers or operators of all school buses or vehicles used for the transportation of pupils in the public schools of Montgomery County, and he shall have jurisdiction of the sanitary conditions of all the buildings and