

the County Attorney by the officer or employee was complete and was neither false nor misleading. These costs constitute a debt due to the County and may be collected by appropriate judicial proceedings.

(2) That, if a judgment is rendered against the officer or employee, the County, its agency, board, commission, or department thereof, is not responsible for the payment of the judgment, and the legal representation by the County Attorney, [his] THE COUNTY ATTORNEYS assistants, or special counsel of an officer or employee in no manner constitutes an obligation on the part of the County to pay the judgment or a settlement of a claim, but that the officer or employee may make written application to the County Commissioners.

(3) That the County Attorney may not compromise or settle any claim without the written consent of the officer or employee. If the officer or employee does not consent to the compromise or settlement, the County Attorney may withdraw from the representation subject to the appropriate rules of court; and in that event the County is not responsible for any further costs [whatsoever].

[3-75.] 3-809. Same; judgment.

In an action or proceeding against an officer or employee, if a judgment is rendered in favor of the officer or employee, and if the court finds that the action or proceeding was instituted in (1) bad faith or (2) without substantial justification, the court shall require the moving party to pay the County or the officer or employee, as the case may be, the amount of the cost [thereof] OF THE ACTION OR PROCEEDING and the reasonable expenses incurred, including reasonable attorneys' fees. The Court shall require the moving party to pay the costs and expenses directly to the County or to its appropriate agency, board, commission, or department thereof, if prior payment of costs and expenses to the officer or employee has been made pursuant to the provisions of [§ 3-71 of this Article] § 3-805 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

[3-76.] 3-810. Same; immunity.

The consent of the County Attorney to defend actions or proceedings against County Officers and employees may not be construed to deprive any agency, board, commission, department, officer, or institution, or any employee thereof, of its immunity as it existed prior to July 1, 1980.

[3-77.] 3-811. Penalties.

(a) The County Commissioners may provide that a violation of any ordinance, resolution, rule, regulation, or bylaw adopted by it is:

(1) A misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed [One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)] \$1,000 or imprisonment not to exceed 6 months in the Carroll County Detention Center; or

(2) A civil infraction punishable by a penalty not to exceed [One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00)] \$1,000.

(b) The County Commissioners may provide for the administering of the issuance of citations for civil infractions.