

they perform as that county board of trustee member. Has nothing to do with how many trips they take, how many meetings they...(interruption)

SENATOR SMITH: Didn't you mention something about \$100 a trip.

SENATOR ELMER: No, \$100 per meeting is the maximum.

SENATOR SMITH: Well, then per meeting, isn't that about the same difference as a trip?

SENATOR ELMER: If they had four meetings a year, they would receive no more than \$400.

SENATOR SMITH: In other words, basically they meet, they get \$100 for coming to the meeting.

SENATOR ELMER: If they had only...you know, they could. If they had two meetings, they'd get \$200.

SENATOR SMITH: I guess my concern here is that we're talking on one hand about the little rural hospitals who can hardly survive and we're talking on the other hand about giving these people who are, who have...who are these board members? Are they county supervisors themselves?

SENATOR ELMER: No. They are individuals from the county or the community who have...

SENATOR SMITH: Volunteered to be a member of the board.

SENATOR ELMER: Well, have, you know, a lot of small towns people come around and twist your arm in order to serve on these various public bodies, and in the normal course of events, they are unable to find people who are willing to serve because of the hardships that it's causing to those people with the numerous things that they've had to do in...

SENATOR SMITH: Well, how many times are they meeting now, approximately, because you said on one hand \$100 a meeting, but then you said like four or two meetings a year. Now how many meetings are they averaging?

SENATOR ELMER: I can't answer that exactly but some of these boards are meeting every week and traveling and going to other