

**94-5-18. Stipulations.** (a) The parties and counsel shall to the fullest extent possible stipulate to facts, issues, and other matters that are not the subject of reasonable dispute.

(b) Any stipulation may be made either by written stipulation or by oral statement shown upon the hearing record. All stipulations shall be binding upon all parties so stipulating and may be regarded by the court as conclusive evidence of the fact stipulated.

(c) Each stipulation that finally and conclusively settles an appeal involving the valuation of county-assessed property shall be made by means of a fully executed order of stipulation and dismissal. Each order shall be filed within 30 days from the date the parties notify the court of the pending stipulation. All stipulations executed by county officials shall be presumed by the court to have been made in keeping with the legal duties and obligations of those county officials.

(d) Each settlement negotiation shall be confidential, unless all participants to the negotiation agree otherwise in writing. Facts disclosed, offers made, and all other aspects of negotiation shall not be part of the record. (Authorized by and implementing K.S.A. 2009 Supp. 74-2437; effective Oct. 29, 2010.)