

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BROWN COUNTY EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Pursuant to Section 18.94 Wis. Stats., a special meeting of the **Brown County Executive Committee** was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2011 in Room 210, City Hall, 100 North Jefferson Street, Green Bay.

Present: Mary Scray, Chair; Jesse Brunette, Bernie Erickson, Pat Evans, Tom Lund, Guy Zima, Tom DeWane

Also Present: Supervisor La Violette, Fred Mohr, Other Interested Parties

I. **Call Meeting to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Scray at 6:30 p.m.

II. **Approve/Modify Agenda:**

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to approve. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

1. Resolution re: Supporting Legislation Mandating Payment by Municipal Employees of the Employee Retirement Contribution for the Wisconsin Retirement System.

Motion made by Supervisor Lund and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to open the floor for comment. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

-Joshua Barr, 1317 Meadowview Lane, De Pere, Wisconsin

Barr stated that as a group of teachers and government workers, they would like to have a motion added to the agenda for the Board to vote to not support Governor Walker's Budget Repair Bill. He went on to say that he would like Brown County to voice their opinion that the proposed bill is unfair to workers, the economy, the teacher's union, and employees of the State, County and City. He further stated that the group felt it was not fair to take away bargaining rights and impose huge pay cuts.

Supervisor Zima explained to the group that the item on the agenda was to urge the legislature to pass a resolution requiring all employees to pay the employee portion of their retirement. Chair Scray further explained that the resolution applied to municipal employees. Fred Mohr also stated that Barr's request could not be granted as it had not been properly noticed and he explained that any items to be acted on need to have 48 hour notice.

Barr asked what the procedure would be to get on the agenda. Chair Scray advised that the procedure would be to submit a communication to the County Board Office and it would then be taken up with the Committee. Chair Scray urged Barr to attend the County Board meeting if he wished to be recognized again.

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane and seconded by Supervisor Evans to return to regular order. Vote taken. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to receive and place on file. *No vote taken.*

Motion made by substitution by Supervisor Zima and seconded by Supervisor Brunette to hold for one month. Vote taken. Ayes: 5 (Scray, Zima, Brunette, Erickson, Evans); Nays: 2 (De Wane, Lund). MOTION PASSED

Supervisor Zima said that he was in support of the resolution. He stated that since there was action being taken in Madison, this resolution may be moot until that vote is taken. He indicated that although he does not agree with everything the Governor is proposing, he does agree with the majority of it and our resolution deals with only a small part of the larger proposal. Zima felt it would be prudent to table this matter for one month to see if the State makes a motion that supersedes the resolution. He was not in favor of receiving and placing on file as he felt that meant throwing it away.

Supervisor Lund stated that he was not in favor of getting rid of collective bargaining. Supervisor Scray and Supervisor Zima indicated that this is not about collective bargaining. Lund felt that mandating someone to pay the retirement contribution is collective bargaining as it is bargained for in a contract. Fred Mohr stated that it was just the opposite and what the recommendation is is that it be excluded from collective bargaining. Lund felt that if you look at the State cutting the shared revenues with the County, you will either see people being laid off or people paying more to their health insurance and retirement contributions. He was in favor of the first motion to receive and place on file.

Supervisor Erickson addressed the Committee and the interested parties and stated that the resolution before the Executive Committee was brought up before anything happened in Madison. He clarified that the resolution was a county issue, not an issue dealing with the Governor's Budget Repair Bill even though there are similarities. He would go along with either holding this for one month or receiving and placing on file.

Supervisor Zima reminded the Committee that the County Board discussed this and was in favor of it and voted on it a month ago. He felt that receiving and placing on file is tantamount to saying we didn't want it anymore and he feels that that is not the case. He explained that the reason he made the motion to hold for a month is that our action may be moot if the legislature takes action that supersedes what we're doing.

2. Such Other Matters as Authorized by Law:

Motion made by Supervisor De Wane and seconded by Supervisor Erickson to adjourn at 6:40 p.m. MOTION APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary