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Newton Drops Court Fight On Raises

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DADE CITY — Circuit Court Clerk Miller Newton, who vowed Tuesday that he would fight a proposed raise for some county employes, said Thursday that he will put

the raise into effect, "to avoid going to a lot of expense to obtain a court ruling."

The raise was approved Tuesday by the Pasco County Commission and will amount to \$10 more per week for all

county employes in departments under the office of County Administrator George Knoblock.

EXCLUDED are members of the sheriff's department, county hospital employes and

employes in the office of constitutional officers.

"The problem is whether the commission is acting as the employer of the 250 persons involved, or whether it is acting in its capacity as

budget policy-making body for the county," Newton said.

The words 'across-the-board' and 'cost-of-living' make it sound like budget policy to me, but I suppose the commission could contend

that it is acting directly as employer.

"My argument was and that a budget policy would have to be applied to all employes and not just to those

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the offices under the administrator and commission."

Newton said a court challenge of the raise would demand "hours of testimony and a lot of money in attorneys fees and fees for professional witnesses."

"I JUST DON'T see how the county would be well-served by such a challenge," he added.

Newton said the raise will

go to about 250 employes, instead of the 170 estimated by Knoblock Tuesday.

"To accomplish this legally is going to take an awful lot of paper work," Newton said. "There will have to be a separate memorandum submitted for each job description — in other words, for each employe. As soon as the paper-work comes through, however, we will implement the raise."

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