



Lake County Illinois

Legislation Text

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Committee action clarifying board member expenses.

- Staff completed a study of cost comparisons between lap top computers and ipad tablets.
- At the direction of the Finance and Administrative Committee, iPads are to be offered to board members as an alternative to laptops at such time as laptops need to be replaced.
- Action is requested to interpret expense language to include ipads in place of laptop computers.
- Committee action is requested to clarify expense language related to cell phone reimbursement

Memorandum

To: Finance and Administrative Committee
From: Barry A. Burton
County Administrator
Re: Board Member Expenses Clarification
Date: September 7, 2011

At the direction of the Finance and Administrative Committee, staff completed a study of costs comparisons between lap top computers and iPad tablets. The study was presented at the August 3rd F&A meeting. Based on this analysis it was the direction of committee that iPads be offered to Board Members as an alternative to laptops at such time as laptops need to be replaced. County Board rules direct that any modifications or clarifications to Board rules related to Board member expenses be approved by the F&A Committee. Therefore, action is requested to interpret the following language to include iPads in place of laptop computers.

A. All County Board members shall be provided a county laptop computer, printer and or fax machine (or equivalent) while on the County Board for County business purposes only. This equipment and any other equipment purchased with County funds are County property. All equipment must remain in the sole possession and use of the County Board Member and must be returned at the conclusion of their services. Any items that are lost or stolen must be reported to the County Board office immediately.

The iPad shall be a 2nd generation or equivalent device and shall include a cellular data package to be funded outside of the constituent service account.

In addition, there is a need to clarify the language related to cellular service reimbursement. It is staffs understanding the cost for the County plan of \$95 includes both data and cellular service and if a Board member has a County issued Blackberry with data package, then the cellular service reimbursement should be reduced by the amount of the Blackberry data package, or \$36.

Your favorable approval of these clarifications is requested.

