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Regional Utility Service Systems v. City of Mount Union

Supreme Court of Iowa - January 29, 2016 - N.W.2d - 2016 WL 359069

Judgment creditor garnished city's bank account when the city failed to pay a judgment. City moved to quash the garnishment on grounds the bank account was exempt from execution. The District Court denied the motion. City appealed.

The Supreme Court of Iowa held that:

- As matters of first impression, general funds in a municipal bank account constitute "other public property" exempt from execution so long as they are necessary and proper for carrying out the general purpose for which the municipality is organized, and
- Substantial evidence supported trial court's finding that general funds were necessary to the general purposes for which the city was organized.

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