

RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

April 8, 2014

The Rules and Resolutions Committee met on Tuesday, April 8, 2014, at 1:00 p.m., in the County Board Room, located on the Third Floor of the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Fred Clary, Bette Cook, Bob Holets and Lew Van Vliet. Carol Clausius was absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; Jennifer Harper, District Attorney; Sandra Kramer, Veteran Service Officer; and Jeanetta Kirkpatrick and Larry Sebranek.

Committee Vice Chairman Clary called meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting had been properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were sent by either mail or email to all Rules and Resolutions Committee members, a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board, a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer, and copies were sent by email to WRCO and all County Department Heads.

Motion by Cook, second by Holets that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Van Vliet, second by Cook that the printed copies of the minutes for the March 11th meeting be approved. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed increasing the size of the Veterans Service Commission. Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that the Statutes provide that the Commission must consist of at least three members who are veterans. Motion by Holets, second by Van Vliet to amend the committee structure as follows. Motion carried.

- Under the "Health and Human Services Board" heading, remove language which states that the H&HS Board supervises the Veterans Service Officer Department;
- Add the heading "Veterans Service Commission" to the Committee Structure;
- Under the "Veterans Service Commission" heading add the following:
 - The Commission shall consist of five members, of which at least three will be County Board Supervisors;
 - The Commission shall carry out the duties set forth in Wisconsin Statutes, section 45.81 (3) and supervise the Veterans Service Department;
 - One of the new seats will have an initial term of one year;
 - The second new seat will have an initial term of two years;
 - After the initial terms for the two new seats are completed, the members will be appointed for a three-year term by the County Board Chair per Wisconsin Statutes, section 45.81 (1).

The Committee reviewed proposed language dealing with Supervisor participation in meetings by use of the telephone rather than being physically present. Vice Chairman Clary noted that phone participation has occurred more at the committee level than at County Board sessions. Motion by Van Vliet, second by Cook that the proposed language not be added to the

Rules of the Board. Motion carried. Corporation Counsel will draft language to deal with situations where committee meeting participation by committee members is by phone rather than being physically present.

The Committee reviewed a proposed amendment to the Rules of the Board which would require that “The Chairman of boards, commissions or committees be a County Board Supervisor when a majority of the members of the board, commission or committee is made up of County Board Supervisors”. Motion by Holets, second by Van Vliet to present a resolution for approval to add the new language to Rule 22 of the Rules of the Board. Motion carried.

Motion by Van Vliet, second by Holets to re-present Resolution No. 14-41 which was tabled at the March 18th County Board session. Motion carried. The resolution dealt with amending Rule 9 of the Rules of the Board to deal with postponing agenda items; amending Rule 18 of the Rules of the Board to replace all reference of \$30,000 to \$50,000; and adding new Rule 26 to the Rules of the Board to deal with joint meetings of boards, commissions or committees.

Motion by Holets, second by Cook to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:53 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk