

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE  
AND ETHICS BOARD**

January 21, 2015

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Wednesday, January 21, 2015, at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board Room, located in the Courthouse, 181 West Seminary Street, Richland Center, Wisconsin.

Committee members present included: Fred Clary, Richard Rasmussen, Lew Van Vliet and Ruth Williams. Dave Turk was absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; and Barb Scott, MIS Director.

Committee Chairman Clary called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting was properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were mailed to all Rules and Resolutions Committee members; a copy was posted on the Courthouse Bulletin Board and County web site; a copy was faxed to The Richland Observer; and copies were emailed to Fruit Broadcasting, LLC and County Department Heads

Motion by Van Vliet, second by Rasmussen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Williams, second by Van Vliet to approve the printed copies of the minutes for the meeting held on November 17, 2014. Motion carried.

Chairman Clary presented information from an article that was in the WCA Magazine regarding an excise tax under the Affordable Care Act that would apply to health premiums with annual costs exceeding \$27,000 for a family plan and \$10,200 for a single plan.

The Committee discussed amending the Rules of the Board to deal with attendance of committee members at board, commission or committee meetings by teleconferencing instead of physically being present. Chairman Clary asked if Committee members felt that guidelines should be established. Some of the questions raised about participation via teleconference included the following:

- Does the member qualify for per diem and mileage?
- Are there circumstances where per diem and mileage would not be paid?
- Does their attendance count towards meeting a quorum?
- What about circumstances where County Board Supervisors constitute a quorum?
- Do they have to attend the entire meeting?
- Can they participate in the discussion?
- Can they vote on issues?
- Do they need an excuse for not being physically present?
- Could all of the members of the committee participate via teleconference?
- Do the guidelines apply only to committee meetings?

- What about meetings held outside of the County?
- Would the Chair of the committee need advance notice for equipment needs?

Corporation Counsel Southwick will put together a list of the issues and send them to members of the Rules and Resolutions Committee.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m.

Motion by Van Vliet, second by Williams to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:05 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak  
Richland County Clerk