

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AND ETHICS BOARD**

November 22, 2017

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Wednesday, November 22, 2017, at 9:00 a.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, Don Seep and Dave Turk.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk, Linda Gentes and Larry Sebranek.

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 Rasmussen, second by Turk for approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Seep, second by Rasmussen for approval of the printed copies of the minutes for the October 11, 2017 meeting. Motion carried.

The first agenda item to be discussed was the "Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordination Committee Addition to Committee Structure". Chairman Clary noted that the resolution drafted by Corporation Counsel Southwick was reviewed and changed by Health and Human Services Director Patrick Metz. Motion by Seep, second by Turk to postpone the agenda item. The Committee will meet on December 12th at 9:30 a.m. to review a final draft of the resolution to be presented to the County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Committee discussion took place regarding the reduction in size of the County Parks Commission, Finance and Personnel Committee, Health and Human Services Board, Pine Valley Board of Trustees and Zoning and Land Information Committee.

The reduction of the County Parks Commission from seven members to five members was discussed. County Parks Commission Chairman Bob Bellman sent an email opposing the change. The proposed reduction would remove one citizen member and one County Board member. Terms on the Commission are for seven years. Motion by Seep to postpone action on reducing the size of the County Parks Commission until further input is received from the Commission. Second by Clary. The motion was declared defeated. Motion by Turk, second by Rasmussen to present a resolution for approval to reduce the size of the County Parks Commission by eliminating one citizen member position and one County Board member position effective July 1, 2018. Motion carried.

The reduction of the Finance and Personnel Committee from seven members to five members was discussed. Sebranek addressed the Committee recommending that the size of the committee remain at seven members due to the importance of the committee and so that there will be a broader representation on the committee from members of the County Board. Motion by Rasmussen, second by Clary to reduce the size of the Finance and Personnel Committee from seven members to five members. Motion by Turk, second by Rasmussen to amend the motion so that the five appointments on the Committee be comprised of the County Board Chairman and four County Board members. Turk and Rasmussen voted in favor of amending the motion and Clary and Seep voted against amending the motion. The motion to amend the original motion was declared defeated due to a tie vote. Discussion continued on the original motion. Clary and Rasmussen voted in favor of the original motion and Turk and Seep voted against the original motion. The motion to reduce to reduce the size of the Finance and Personnel Committee from seven members to five members was declared defeated due to a tie vote.

The reduction in the size of the Health and Human Services Board was discussed. Currently the Board consists of three citizen members and six County Board members. The proposal is to reduce the size of the Board to seven members consisting of three citizen members and four County Board members. Motion by Turk, second by Rasmussen to present a resolution for approval to reduce the size of the Health and Human Services Board to seven members consisting of three citizen members and four County Board members effective April, 2018. Discussion continued regarding the proposed change. Motion carried.

The reduction in the size of the Pine Valley Board of Trustees was discussed. Chairman Clary proposed that the size of the Board be reduced now that the building project has been completed. The change from seven members to five members would eliminate one citizen member appointment and one County Board appointment. Motion by Turk, second by Rasmussen to present a resolution for approval to reduce the size of the Pine Valley Board of Trustees by eliminating one citizen member position and one County Board member position effective April, 2018. Motion carried.

The reduction in the size of the Zoning and Land Information Committee was discussed. Motion by Rasmussen, second by Turk to reduce the size of the Zoning and Land Information Committee from seven members to five members effective April, 2018. Motion carried.

Each board, commission and committee change in membership size will be presented as a separate resolution for approval by the County Board.

Motion by Turk, second by Seep to adjourn to Tuesday, December 12th at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:13 a.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk