

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE  
AND ETHICS BOARD**

February 18, 2019

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Monday, February 18, 2018, at 3:00 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: David Turk, Don Seep, Ed Pulvermacher, Chad Cosgrove and Jayme Walsh.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk and Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel.

Committee Chair Turk called the meeting to order.

The Clerk verified that the meeting was properly noticed. Copies of the agenda were emailed 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 Cosgrove, second by Pulvermacher that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Walsh that the printed copies of the January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Chair Turk reported that he had contacted Ben Koelsch, Nova Video, regarding the recording of the Committee on Committees meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Koelsch indicated that Shaun Murphy-Lopez had requested that Nova Video record the meeting. Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that no individual supervisor has the authority to spend money on behalf of the County. It was clarified with Ben Koelsch that the cost is \$40 a meeting to video record meetings. Chair Turk will contact Murphy-Lopez to let him know that no supervisor has authority to incur costs for the County.

Corporation Counsel Southwick provided a handed out of changes that were proposed by the Committee at their January 17<sup>th</sup> meeting. Corporation Counsel Southwick researched Robert's Rules regarding the language in County Board Rule 5 regarding "committee of the whole". The reference to "committee of the whole" is limited to large bodies of more than one hundred and is not applicable to the Rules of the Board. That sentence will be removed from Rule 5 of the Rules of the Board.

Rule 6 was discussed. The rule prohibits the use of cellphones during a County Board meeting without the permission of the chair of the meeting. The language will be changed to add "all other personal electronic devices".

Rule 6

Supervisors shall turn off their cell phones and all other personal electronic devices during a meeting of the County Board or of any committee or board on which Supervisors serve. Cell phones may not be used during any such meeting except with permission of the chair of the meeting.

Rules 7 (e-mail addresses), Rule 8 (form of questions) and Rule 9 (voting) were reviewed. Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that the Chair can require a roll call vote if the vote on the question is undecided.

Rule 10 regarding a question under debate was reviewed. Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that the rule is consistent with Robert's Rules.

Chair Turk recommended that Rule 11 (recognition by the Chair) and Rule 12 (when two members arise to speak at once) be combined.

Rule 17 (roll call votes) will be combined with Rule 8 (aye and no) and Rule 9 (every member voting).

Rule 13 (when a question is divided) and Rule 14 (when a vote is taken on a question) will be combined.

Rule 15 will be changed as follows:

No amendments to a Rule of the Board shall be effective in the ~~session~~ meeting in which that Rule is amended.

Rule 16 (limiting floor time) will be combined with Rule 11 (addressing the Chair) and Rule 12 (when two members arise to speak). Rule 16, limiting the time of any speaker, was discussed.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Walsh, second by Pulvermacher to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:01 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak  
Richland County Clerk