

RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

July 1, 2021

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Thursday, July 1, 2021, virtually at 10:15 a.m.

Committee members present included: Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Kerry Severson and Donald Seep. Cosgrove and Luck were absent.

Also present was: Derek S. Kalish, County Clerk, Clinton Langreck, County Administrator, and Attorney Windle.

Committee Chair Murphy-Lopez called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Motion by Severson, second by Seep for approval of the Agenda. Motion carried.

Motion by Severson, second by Seep for approval of the minutes for the June 3rd meeting of the Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board.

Independent Retailer Month – Murphy-Lopez reviewed proposed resolution recognizing independent retailer month. Seep makes motion, seconded by Murphy-Lopez, to present a resolution to County Board celebrating Independent Retailer Month. Motion carried.

Board rule changes from Administrator Transition Committee – Rules & Resolutions Committee reviewed proposed changed to Rules of Board suggested by Administrator Transition Committee. The Rules & Resolutions Committee suggested the following changes:

Rule 14(A) Contracts: Strike the word “with” and replace with “subject to” in the sentence beginning with “Department heads” to read as follows: “Department heads may enter into a contract on behalf of Richland County subject to County Administrator approval.”

Rule 14(D) Program Initiatives & Grants: Remove “the State of Wisconsin or with the Federal Government or with any other entity” and replace “without approval by” with “unless approved” in the sentence beginning with “No” to read as follows: “No department of the County Government may undertake a program initiative, or contract with, or apply and accept a grant unless approved by the County Administrator”.

Renumber items as follows:

- 14(A) Contracts becomes 14(J)
- 14(B) Expenditures becomes 14(K)
- 14(C) Public Works Projects becomes 14(L)
- 14(D) Programs Initiatives & Grants becomes 14(M)
- 14(E) Emergencies becomes 14(N)
- 14(F) Surplus County Property becomes 14(O)

14(G) Budget Matters becomes 14(P)

Murphy-Lopez makes motion, seconded by Severson, to amend Rules of the Board with suggested changes noted above. Motion carried.

Seep makes motion, seconded by Murphy-Lopez, to present suggested amended Rules of the Board to County Board for approval. Motion carried.

Broadband fiber backbone effort in Richland County – Bug Tussel representative Mitchel Olson shared information regarding their efforts to install broadband fiber backbone infrastructure in Richland County. Murphy-Lopez makes motion, seconded by Seep to postpone bringing item forward to County Board. Motion carried with Severson abstaining.

Strategic Plan Committee – Severson makes motion, seconded by Murphy-Lopez, to recommend to the County Board the creation of a new committee called Strategic Plan and Oversight Committee. Motion carried.

Rule #16b meal rate reimbursements – Murphy-Lopez makes motion, seconded by Severson, to recommend a resolution to the County Board to amend the Richland County Rules of the Board 16(B) policy regarding increase in reimbursement for meals from \$20/day to \$25/day and to motion to recommend proposed Employee Handbook changes to the Finance & Personnel Committee for consideration of increase in reimbursement for meals from \$20/day to \$25/day. Motion carried.

Video recording of meetings and availability of meeting materials – Murphy-Lopez reviewed the recording status of various county meetings. Murphy-Lopez makes motion, seconded by Severson, to develop County Board Rules at a future meeting in tandem with IT and Admin staff regarding videoconferencing processes. Motion carried.

Future Agenda Items – None noted at this meeting.

Adjournment – Motion by Severson, second by Seep to adjourn to August 5th, 2021 at 10 a.m. in County Board Room in person and with videoconferencing capabilities available. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 12:36 p.m.

Derek S. Kalish
Richland County Clerk