

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AND ETHICS BOARD**

October 11, 2017

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Wednesday, October 11, 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; Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, County Board Chair; and Patrick Metz, Health and Human Services 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 Rasmussen, second by Turk that the agenda be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Seep, second by Rasmussen that the printed copies of the May 31st meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Chairman Clary addressed the Closed Session agenda item regarding a complaint received from a citizen against a County employee. The complaint has been shared with Corporation Counsel Ben Southwick. Corporation Counsel Southwick has determined that the complaint does not allege facts which could constitute a violation of the County's Ethics Ordinance. Corporation Counsel Southwick has advised that the complaint be forwarded to the employee's supervising committee for a discussion of the employee's job performance as directed by the County's Handbook of Personnel Policies and Work Rules.

Motion by Seep, second by Turk to bring back onto the floor for discussion the agenda item regarding a resolution to create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of legislative and congressional redistricting plans. Motion carried. Motion by Seep, second by Turk to forward the resolution to the County Board with a recommendation that the resolution be adopted. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the creation of the Americans With Disabilities Act Compliance Committee to deal with complaints that cannot be resolved by the County's ADA Coordinator to the satisfaction of the complainant. The ADA Compliance Committee is to be composed of representatives from elected officials, the disabled community, business or nonprofit sector, education and health/medical profession. The elected official's representation would be the County Board Chair, Vice Chair and one other County Board Supervisor. Motion

by Turk, second by Rasmussen to present a resolution to the County Board for approval to create the committee based upon the proposed structure and that the Committee be added to the County's Committee Structure. Motion carried.

Patrick Metz addressed the Committee requesting that the Comprehensive Community Services (CCS) Coordination Committee Structure and current membership be added to the County's Committee Structure. Motion by Seep, second by Turk that a resolution be presented to the County Board for approval to incorporate the CCS Committee in the County's Committee Structure. Motion carried.

Two County Board Supervisors have indicated interest in serving on the Southwest Wisconsin Community Action Program Board. Motion by Rasmussen, second by Seep that a resolution be presented to the County Board for approval to amend the Committee Structure to allow for two Richland County Board representatives to the Southwest CAP Board. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed the current Committee Structure and the number of members serving on boards, commissions and committees in the Committee Structure as well as the actual number of boards, commissions and committees in the Structure. The Rules and Resolutions Committee will recommend reducing the number of representatives for the following:

- County Parks Commission – Reduction of Commission size from seven members to five members;
- Finance and Personnel Committee – Reduction of Committee size from seven members to five members;
- Health and Human Services Board – Reduction of Board size from nine members to seven members;
- Pine Valley Board of Trustees – Reduction of Board size from seven members to five members; and
- Zoning and Land Information Committee – Reduction of Committee size from seven members to five members.

Chairs of the Boards, Commission and Committees will be notified of the proposed changes. The Rules and Resolutions Committee will discuss the proposed changes at their next meeting. Each of the five affected Boards, Commission and Committees shall post their own agenda if they anticipate that a majority of their members will attend the next Rules and Resolutions Committee meeting. Motion by Rasmussen, second by Seep to proceed with the restructuring study as proposed. Motion carried.

The Committee discussed reducing the per diem of \$40.00 received for attendance at County Board sessions and reducing the per diem of \$30.00 received for attendance at board, commission and committee meetings. Motion by Seep to postpone action on the agenda item. Motion failed due to the lack of a second. Motion by Turk, second by Rasmussen to present a resolution for approval to reduce the per diem paid for attendance at meetings of the County Board from the current per diem rate of \$40.00 per meeting to a new per diem rate of \$30.00 per County Board session effective with the December, 2018 session. Motion carried.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 22nd at 9:00 a.m.

Motion by Turk, second by Rasmussen to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk