

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE  
AND ETHICS BOARD**

April 9, 2019

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Tuesday, April 9, 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: Dave Turk, Don Seep, Ed Pulvermacher and Jayme Walsh. Chad Cosgrove was absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, County Board Chair; Shaun Murphy-Lopez and Kerry Severson, County Board Supervisors; and Barb Scott and Jason Marshall, Management Information Systems Department.

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 a copy was emailed to Fruit Broadcasting, LLC.

Motion by Seep, second by Walsh that the agenda, as amended, be approved. Motion carried.

Motion by Walsh, second by Seep that the printed copies of the March 14<sup>th</sup> meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Corporation Counsel Southwick reviewed the open meetings law. Emails sent to a majority of the body by a member of the body, the content of which relates to the business or jurisdiction of that body, is a violation of the open meetings law. Public business has to be open for the public. There is a strong policy in favor of public business being done in a manner that is available to the public. Murphy-Lopez asked how an audio link of meetings could be shared with Board members. The County Clerk, not being a member of the body, could receive the video and distribute it to the Supervisors.

Corporation Counsel Southwick reviewed the changes that have been made to the Rules of the Board in the prior meetings. Throughout the body of the Rules, the word session is being changed to meeting.

Rules 20 was discussed. Attendance in person or by remote means was discussed. The Rule will be changed to strike language which only allowed remote means of attendance "for meetings held outside of Richland County". Reducing the per diem for remote attendance was discussed.

The annual payment of \$1,800 to the Chair of the County Board was discussed. Kirkpatrick stated that a payment should be made every month rather than annually. Kirkpatrick recommended that the annual payment be \$3,000.00 paid over 12 months. Motion by Seep that the Chair be paid additional compensation of \$4,000 annually, with the compensation being paid on a monthly basis. The motion died for the lack of a second.

Motion by Walsh, second by Seep that the annual compensation for the County Board Chair be increased from \$1,800.00 to \$3,000.00 effective May 1, 2020. Motion by Walsh, second by Pulvermacher that the motion be amended to state that the compensation shall be paid at the rate of \$250.00 per month effective May 1 2020. Motion carried on the amendment. The original motion carried, as amended.

The Committee discussed Rule 20 (e) limiting attendance by Supervisors at conferences or conventions held outside of the County to 2 per calendar year. Language will be added to state “unless specific approval is granted by the Board”.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 9<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Motion by Walsh, second by Pulvermacher to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak  
Richland County Clerk