

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AND ETHICS BOARD**

September 10, 2019

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Tuesday, September 10, 2019, at 10:00 a.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, Ed Pulvermacher, Chad Cosgrove and Jayme Walsh. Don Seep was absent.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; Ben Southwick, Corporation Counsel; Jeanetta Kirkpatrick, County Board Chair; and Chad Kanable, Chief Deputy Sheriff.

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 Cosgrove, second by Walsh for approval of the agenda. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Pulvermacher, second by Cosgrove for approval of the printed copies of the minutes for the August 13 meeting of the Rules and Resolutions Committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Rules of the Board Amendment – Sheriff’s Department Spending Authority – Chief Deputy Kanable addressed the Committee requesting an amendment to Rule 19 of the Rules of the County Board that currently limits purchases of \$5,000 or more unless approved by the County Board. There have been opportunities for the Sheriff’s Department to pick up used squad cars from either an auction site or from another department. Timeliness does not allow taking advantage of those opportunities. The request is that the spending limit for the Sheriff’s Department be set at \$50,000 for purchases, with the expenditures being approved by the Law Enforcement and Judiciary Committee. No committee action was taken on the request.

Census Resolution – Information has been received encouraging full participation and the forming of a Complete Count Committee. A volunteer committee established by tribal, state and local governments and or community leaders to increase awareness about the census and motivate residents in the community to respond. The committee is charged with developing and implementing a 2020 census outreach promotion, recruitment and enumeration assistance plan of action designed to target and address the needs of their community. The five goals for the Complete Count Committee are as follows: 1. Motivating the community to self-respond. 2. Educating the public about the importance of the census to the local community. 3. Informing the

community about census activities and timelines. 4. Involving the community in activities to build awareness. 5. Increasing the census respond rate. No committee action was taken.

Tri-County Airport Commission – The new Agreement calls for each of the three Counties to appoint two County Board members. Corporation Counsel Southwick will bring a draft resolution to the next Rules and Resolutions Committee meeting amending the Committee Structure to reflect the appointment of two supervisors.

Board Member Code of Conduct – Corporation Counsel Southwick noted that there are statutory rules of ethics. There is also a statute defining cause for removal from office. No committee action was taken.

Public Ethics Commission – The thought was to organize a separate body charged with overseeing ethics. Membership would include citizens.

The amended Rules of the Board will be presented at the September County Board meeting for approval.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 17th at 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Walsh, second by Pulvermacher to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 10:57 a.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk