

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE  
AND ETHICS BOARD**  
December 3, 2020

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met remotely on Thursday, October 1, 2020, at 1:00 p.m.

Committee members present included: Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Chad Cosgrove, Melissa Luck, Don Seep and Kerry Severson.

Others present included: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk; and Clinton Langreck, County Administrator.

Chair Murphy-Lopez 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 Severson for approval of the agenda. Motion carried.

**Phoenix Center** - Motion by Luck, second by Severson to present a resolution to the County Board for adoption thanking the owner of the Phoenix Center for allowing the County Board to hold its July, August, September and October evening meetings at the banquet hall at the Phoenix Center. Motion carried.

**Departmental Spending Authority** – The Committee discussed a proposed resolution to amend Rule 14 of the Rules of the Board to increase departmental spending authority from the current limit of \$1,000 to a new limit of \$2,000 and to further amend the rule to state that purchases between \$2,000 and up to \$5,000 receive appropriate committee approval. Questions were raised regarding the lack of supervisory committee review of expenditures up to the proposed new \$2,000 limit. Motion by Luck, second by Seep to present a resolution for approval of the proposed changes. Roll call vote. AYES: Murphy-Lopez, Cosgrove, Luck, Seep, Severson. Ayes 5. Noes 0. Total 5. Motion carried. The proposed change is as follows:

“ (b) Expenditures. If the purchase price of the needed property including computers is ~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 or less the department head may make the purchase upon obtaining at least one quotation from a vendor. If the purchase price of the needed property including computers ~~is between~~ exceeds \$2,000 and does not exceed \$5,000, the purchase must be made by the appropriate committee of the County Board after having obtained a minimum of 3 quotes from vendors, if reasonably possible.”

**Fair Maps Advisory Referendum** – Chair Murphy-Lopez reviewed action taken by a number of Wisconsin Counties to recommend the creation of a non-partisan procedure for drawing Legislative and Congressional districts in Wisconsin. A resolution has been drafted for presentation to the County Board for approval to place on the April 6, 2021 ballot an advisory referendum question. The question is as follows: Should the Wisconsin Legislature create a non-partisan procedure for the preparation of Legislative and Congressional district plans and maps?” Motion by Luck, second by Seep to

present the resolution to the County Board. Roll call vote. AYES: Cosgrove, Luck, Seep, Severson, Murphy-Lopez. Ayes 5. Noes 0. Total 5. Motion carried.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Luck to adjourn. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak  
Richland County Clerk