

**RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE
AND ETHICS BOARD**

March 4, 2021

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Thursday, March 4, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. virtually.

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

Also present was: Victor Vlasak, County Clerk and Clinton Langreck, County Administrator.

Committee Chair Murphy-Lopez called the meeting to order.

Administrator Langreck confirmed Proof of Notification.

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

Motion by Luck, second by Seep for approval of the minutes for the February 4th meeting of the Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board. Motion carried.

County Board Rules – Rule 6 – Appointments – The Committee discussed situations where a previous County employee is interested in serving on a committee that oversees a department where they previously worked. Below is proposed language to be added to Rule 6:

No supervisor or citizen members shall serve on a committee, board or commission charged with oversight of a department in which the supervisor, or citizen member served the department as an employee, without having separate from employment with the department two years prior to their assignment to such committee, board or commission.

Motion by Seep, second by Cosgrove to present a Resolution for approval to add the proposed language to Rule 6 of the County Board Rules. Motion by Seep to amend the motion to change the separation period to “three” years except for boards, commissions or committees which by statute have staggered terms; but in all cases no member shall serve for than six years. Motion to amend the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Roll call vote on the original motion to add the proposed language to Rule 6. AYES: Seep, Cosgrove. NOES: Luck, Murphy-Lopez, Severson. Ayes 2. Noes 3. Total 5. Motion declared defeated.

Women’s History Month – Motion by Luck, second by Cosgrove to present a resolution to the County Board designating March, 2021 as Women’s History Month in Richland County. Motion carried.

Municipal Elected Officials Service Recognition – Motion by Seep, second by Cosgrove to present a resolution to the County Board recognizing long serving municipal elected officials who have served 40 years or more. Motion carried.

Survey on County Board Size – Chair Murphy-Lopez noted that redistricting may be delayed for two years due to the late release of 2020 census numbers. Motion by Seep, second by Severson to postpone indefinitely the development of a survey asking County Board members to give their input on the future size of the Richland County Board. Motion carried.

Retiring Employees Recognition – Chair Murphy-Lopez noted that the issue arose in the Highway Department. Highway Commissioner Petrick is compiling a list of retirees in the department. Corporation Counsel Southwick will be drafting a resolution commemorating the retired employees service.

Future Agenda Items – None

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Severson to adjourn to Thursday, April 1st at 1:00 p.m. in the County Board room. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.

Victor V. Vlasak
Richland County Clerk