

## **RULES AND RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

September 2, 2021

The Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board met on Thursday, September 2, 2021, in person and virtually at 10:05 a.m. in the County Board Room at the Richland County Courthouse. Committee members present included: Shaun Murphy-Lopez, Kerry Severson, Donald Seep, Chad Cosgrove and Melissa Luck. Also present was: Derek S. Kalish, County Clerk, and Clinton Langreck, County Administrator.

Committee Chair Murphy-Lopez called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Murphy-Lopez confirmed the meeting had been properly noticed.

Motion by Cosgrove, second by Luck for approval of the agenda. Motion carried and the agenda was approved.

Motion by Seep, second by Luck for approval of the minutes for the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Rules and Resolutions Committee and Ethics Board. Minutes from the August 5<sup>th</sup> meeting were declared approved.

**Hispanic American Heritage Month** – Murphy-Lopez reviewed the draft resolution celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month. Consensus was reached to insert the word “migrant” before the word “worker” in the second to last sentence. Severson makes motion to present proposed resolution to the County Board celebrating Hispanic American Heritage Month with the addition of the word “migrant”, seconded by Luck and the motion carried.

**Ethics Ordinances** – Murphy-Lopez shared ethics ordinances from other counties in the state and noted that many contain language that includes employees and elected/appointed officials. Seep noted that elected/appointed officials are usually covered under the ethics prescribed in state statute. Luck stated that it would be beneficial to incorporate language that applies to appointed/elected officials into the County’s ordinances. Seep stated that the County’s ordinance should align with state statute. Severson questions the definition of causes for removal and the Attorney General’s interpretation of statute. Seep suggested that the County’s Corporation Counsel review the current ordinances. Administrator Langreck advised the committee to specify which elements of the ordinance they would like Corporation Counsel to review. After further discussion, it was determined that a more thorough review of the current ordinances occur before proceeding any further. Seep makes motion to postpone further discussion until October, seconded by Cosgrove and the motion carried.

**Richland County Flag** – Murphy-Lopez shared the idea of developing or updating the flag for Richland County. Severson questioned whether or not the county needs a logo or a flag. Luck stated that a flag would help with the rebranding process of the county and Seep noted the flag could also be used as a logo in many different ways. Luck also noted that the guidelines provided by Murphy-Lopez regarding the creation of a flag state that a committee should not

create the flag. Luck stated that the creation of a county flag may be a way to get the community involved. Administrator Langreck stated that the committee should be cognizant of the administrative commitment that may be required to complete the task of creating the flag. Severson and County Clerk Kalish agreed to reach out to those that may have information regarding the item currently on display resembling a flag in the County Board Room. No further action was taken.

**Future Agenda Items** – None.

**Adjournment** – Motion by Seep, second by Luck to adjourn to October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 10 am in County Board Room in person and with videoconferencing capabilities available. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:44 am.

Derek S. Kalish  
Richland County Clerk