

ORDINANCE 2008-05

Whereas, the DeKalb County Board has studied the need to review and amend Chapter 2 Article II, Division 2 (Rules) of the DeKalb County Code as it pertains to the Rules of the County Board, and

Whereas, the County board did appoint a bi-partisan Ad Hoc Rules Committee to review the current rules and make recommendations on the improvement of those rules, and

Whereas, the Ad Hoc Rules Committee did meet on several occasions and has recommended that the following Sections of Chapter 2, Article II, Division 2 be amended as indicated below:

Sec. 2-29. Officers. (b) It shall be the chairman's responsibility to preside over the meetings of the board, to appoint the committees of the board with the advice of the ad hoc Executive Committee, to compile the agenda for board meetings that the chairman calls, and to perform such other duties as the board may from time to time assign.

Sec. 2-30. Seating. Members of the county board shall be seated in alphabetical order.

Sec. 2-31. Rules of Order. (10) The clerk shall call the names of members in alphabetical order when calling the roll or when polling a vote. Beginning at the first regular or special meeting of the county board following adoption of this ordinance the clerk shall call the first member in alphabetical order and cycle through the alphabet one member per meeting, skipping members who may be absent, until the last member in alphabetical order has voted first and then begin the process again. The clerk shall restart the process at the beginning of each session of the board starting with the first roll call vote following the seating of the new board at the organizational meeting held on the first Monday of December of each even-numbered year by beginning with the first member in alphabetical order.

Sec. 2-40. Committees Generally. (a) Not less than one week prior to the organizational meeting of the county board, members shall hold their respective caucuses. Each caucus shall select three of its members to serve on an ad hoc executive committee. It shall be the responsibility of the ad hoc executive committee to recommend to the chairman of the county board elected at the organizational meeting members and chairman for each of the seven standing committees. The committee chairmanships shall be proportional to each party's representation on the board. The majority party shall have the first selection of standing committee chairmanships and the parties shall then select alternately until the minority allotment has been filled. Minority party chairmanship allotments shall be as follows: If the party holds 9, 10 or 11 seats it shall be entitled to three committee chairmanships. If the minority party holds 6, 7, or 8 seats it shall be entitled to two chairmanships. If the minority holds 2, 3, 4, or 5 seats it shall be entitled to one chairmanship. A party holding less than 2 seats shall be entitled to no standing committee chairmanships. The chairman of the Executive Committee shall be the county board chairman. The vice-chairman of the Executive Committee shall be a member of opposing party.

Sec. 2-41. Standing Committees enumerated. (2) The Executive Committee consists of the Chairs of the seven standing committees, or in their absence, the vice-chairs of those standing committees and is chaired by the county board chairman. The vice-chairman of the Executive Committee shall be a member of the opposite party of the county board chairman and shall represent the county board chairman in his absence and present all reports of the executive committee at meetings of the full county board. When neither the board chairman nor the vice-chairman is available the board chairman shall designate another member of the executive committee to serve. This committee advises the county board with regard to the agenda for its meetings, coordinates the efforts of all standing and ad hoc committees, administers the exempt employee evaluation plan and advises the board on matters relating to administrative procedures such as the conduct of public hearings.

Sec. 2-46. Amendments to DIVISION 2. Rules. Amendments to the County Board Rules shall be based on recommendations made by an Ad Hoc Rules Committee. This committee shall contain equal representatives of the opposing parties. This Committee shall be appointed by the Chairman and shall consist of not less than two or more than eight members of the County Board. The full board shall have the sole authority to adopt such amendments and shall do so by a 2/3 majority.

This Ordinance shall be effective upon adoption by the DeKalb County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED that the DeKalb County Board has reviewed the recommendations of the ad hoc rules committee as set forth above and does hereby approve them. Be it further ordained that the changes set forth in Ordinance 2008-05 shall be transmitted to the Municipal Code Corporation and incorporated in the next annual supplement to the DeKalb County Code.

PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS THIS 21st DAY OF MAY 2008 A.D.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

Sharon L. Holmes
County Clerk

Ruth Anne Tobias
County Board Chairman