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DeKalb County Government
Sycamore, Illinois

**Ad Hoc Rules Committee Minutes
February 11, 2014**

The Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, February 7, 2014 at 6 p.m. in the DeKalb County Administration Building's Conference Room East.

Chairman Paul Stoddard called the meeting to order. Members present were Mrs. DeFauw, Mr. Emerson, Mr. Jones, Mr. Oncken, Mr. Pietrowski and Mr. Reid. Mrs. Fullerton was absent. Others present were Gary Hanson and Paul Miller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski and moved unanimously by voice vote to approve the committee's minutes from January 7, 2014.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Mr. Oncken moved to approve the agenda and Mr. Emerson seconded the motion. The motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE FOR MEETINGS

Mr. Oncken reviewed his proposed amendments to the last Ordinance that was presented to the Committee last meeting. He indicated that these new paragraphs and addition covered all of the items that were in question from their last review. He briefly went over each paragraph and the reasoning behind each one. The Committee agreed that the additional wording covered any outstanding concerns or questions they had about electronic attendance for Committee Meetings.

Mr. Oncken moved to approve the recommended rule change to the Full Board for approval in March. Mr. Jones seconded the motion and it was carried unanimously.

COUNTY BOARD RESIDENCY REQUIREMENTS

The Committee discussed proposed amendments to Section 2-27 in the County Board Rules. Wording was drafted by State's Attorney, Richard Schmack with other wording taken directly from Illinois State Statute 55 ILCS 5/2-3015.

These additions to this section of the rules come about because of a recently discrepancy and court hearing that had taken place. Mr. Oncken indicated that he believed that everyone had lived in the district that represent and that has always been the intent but the proposed wording looked to clear up any doubt. He did suggest to not be to completely restrictive and add that: "he or she

is a legal voter and has been a resident of the county, and the county board district from which elected (or appointed), for a least one year *immediately* preceding the *General* Election.” There was added discussion about when the one year started but the Committee agreed that General Election would be the most appropriate addition to the purposed wording.

Mr. Hanson brought up that the original wording of Sec. 2-27 says: “The 12 districts shall be as depicted on maps I and II, which maps are on file in the office of the County Clerk...” he in felt that was odd wording. After further discussion on the issue the Committee decided to change the above wording to say: “The 12 districts shall be as depicted on the official DeKalb County Board District Maps as maintained by the County Clerk...”

It was moved by Mr. Pietrowski and seconded by Ms. DeFauw to forward the purposed amendments to Sec. 2-27 of the DeKalb County Rules. It was carried unanimously by voice vote.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE SUBSTITUTES

This topic was brought up last meeting by Mrs. Fullerton to discuss, but unfortunately she was absent at this meeting. The Committee discussed the item and it was determined that there was existing wording in the Rules that stated Vice Chairs substitute for Chairman at the Executive Committee. Mr. Hanson indicated that his understanding of the concern was if there is a heated topic of discussion a Vice Chair could change the entire dynamics of the Committee because they are of different political parties than the Chairman.

The Committee continued to discuss different options but they ultimately decided that the current wording in the rules sufficed. No additional action was taken on this item.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Pietrowski, and it was carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Chairman Paul Stoddard

Tasha Stogsdill, Recording Secretary

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Current Wording – “Sec. 2-43. Committee meetings.

- (a) Without permission of the county board chairman, no committee may conduct business during any regular or special meeting of the board.
- (b) Standing committees shall establish regular meeting dates and times which shall be published in accordance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. The first meeting and special meetings of standing committees and meetings of other committees and subcommittees including executive sessions shall be called, public notice given, and held in compliance with the Illinois Open Meetings Act. (5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.).
- (c) No committee shall meet without a quorum being present. A quorum of a standing committee shall be a majority of its members.”

Add to 2-43(c) – “Members in attendance by other means, as provided in subparagraph (d) below, shall not be included for purposes of establishing a quorum, but shall have the right to participate fully in the meeting and vote on all matters in the same manner as if the member were present in person.”

New Paragraph 2-43(d) – “If a member of a committee is prevented from physically attending a committee meeting because of: (i) personal illness or disability; (ii) employment purposes or the business of the public body; or (iii) a family or other emergency, then a quorum of the members of the committee may allow, by majority vote, a committee member to attend the meeting by other means.” Other means" shall mean by video or audio conference. If a committee member wishes to attend a meeting by other means, the member shall notify the County Board Office or committee chair before the meeting, unless advance notice is impractical, and the County Board Office or committee chair shall make appropriate arrangements for attendance by other means by the member.

New Paragraph 2-43(e) after remote attendance paragraph (d) – “Members who do not attend a committee meeting in person, but attend by other means, as defined in subparagraph (d) above, shall not receive per-diem compensation or mileage reimbursement for such attendance by other means.”

New Paragraph 2-43(f) – In the event that a committee chairman is absent or attends a meeting by other means, the committee vice chairman shall preside over the meeting. In the event that both the committee chairman and vice chairman are absent or attend by other means, the committee members shall elect a committee member to preside over the meeting.

Sec.2-27. Number of district and representation of districts.

There shall be 12 multimember districts, which two members elected from each district. The 12 districts shall be as depicted on maps I and II, which maps are on file in the office of the County Clerk, and as described on the basis of the number of precincts that have been approved for the county. No person shall be eligible to hold the office of County Board Member unless he or she is a legal voter and has been a resident of the county, and the county board district from which elected (or appointed), for at least one year next proceeding the election (or date of appointment if filling a mid-term vacancy), and registered to vote at a residence located in said district at the time of filing their statement of candidacy (or at the time of appointment).

***The text in regular type is taken directly from 55 ILCS 5/2-3015 and already apply whether added to the Ordinance or not. The italicized text is additional language provided by State's Attorney, Richard Schmack.**