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**DeKalb County Ad Hoc Rules Committee  
Minutes**

**September 22, 2014**

The Ad Hoc Rules Committee of the DeKalb County Board met on Tuesday, September 22, 2014 @ 7:00p.m. in the Administration Building's Conference Room East.

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

**APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

It was moved by Mr. Oncken, seconded by Mr. Reid, and moved unanimously by voice vote to approve the committee's minutes from February 11, 2014.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

Mr. Oncken stated that he would like to speak on a subject under New Business.

**RULES FOR ELECTRONIC MEETING ATTENDANCE**

Mr. Reid approached the committee regarding the electronic meeting attendance section of the county board rules. He said that he would like to see the word "vacations" included in this section since there are some county board members that would like to call into their committee meetings while they are on vacation. He said that this came up at one of the committee meetings this year and the county board member wanted to call in while they were on vacation and could not.

The committee discussed the issue and said that so far under this section of the county board rules they have not seen anyone abuse the electronic meeting attendance. Chairman Stoddard reminded the committee that once a person is accepted by the committee to take part in the meeting, then they can vote on the issues on the agenda that evening.

Mr. Oncken said that he could not find in the statutes whether or not this wording could be included in the rules. The committee agreed to put this item on hold until they check with the State's Attorney's Office on whether or not it is okay to include the wording.

## **PROCESS FOR REDISTRICTING MAPS**

Chairman Stoddard said that this board would like to get the rules for redistricting finished before the new board is seated this year.

Mr. Pietrowski said that he would like to have a computer draw the lines out of our Information Management Office (IMO). No political party would be involved in the decision making. IMO would come up with the maps. This way we could keep the redistricting substantially equal.

Ms. Hanson said that precinct lines are done prior to redistricting. Redistricting is based on the population.

Chairman Stoddard said that DeKalb and Sycamore would need to be divided because they are simply too big. He feels that we could have the maps created by computer but he still liked input from a committee deciding on which map we would bring forward to the full board for a vote. He would like the Rules Committee to participate in that committee with a bipartisan equal Republican/Democrat split.

Mr. Reid asked if we need to confirm this before the new board is seated.

Mr. Pietrowski said that he would like to, at least then we would have the rules approved so that when the board meets in 2020 the rules will already be in place regardless of what political party is in charge.

Chairman Stoddard informed the committee that the board can enact the rules now but we can't make a map right now.

Mr. Oncken asked if anyone has done the criteria already like the State of Iowa did.

Mr. Pietrowski said that he thought California may have and possibly some counties.

Mr. Pietrowski said that he would like to see this sent down to Springfield where other counties can say, take a look at DeKalb County's ordinance and what they passed. Hopefully, in time we could get the Illinois Fair Map amendment passed in Springfield then, he further stated.

After further discussion it was agreed to have Ms. Supple with the Administration Office and committee members research the Fair Map Redistricting in Iowa and then meet on October 9, 2014 to discuss this issue further.

The committee would like to have something come before the county board in November, if possible.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Oncken approached the committee about a language change to the rules under the section relating to residency. He would like the section to include the wording, continue to reside in your district during the person's term in office. He said that he could not find this in the state law.

Mr. Pietrowski said that he could see some people who may own two homes where they live in one home and rent out the other.

He is asking the committee if this item could be on their October 9<sup>th</sup> agenda too.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

Respectfully submitted,

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Chairman Paul Stoddard

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Mary Supple, Recording Secretary