# **ROCK COUNTY, WISCONSIN**



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AMENDED 11/1/2021

#### ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2021 – 6:00 P.M. COUNTY BOARD ROOM/COURTROOM H FOURTH FLOOR/COURTHOUSE EAST

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#### <u>Agenda</u>

- 1. CALL TO ORDER
- 2. INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- 3. ROLL CALL
- 4. CONSENT AGENDA
  - A. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
  - B. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - C. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
  - D. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS
  - E. OTHER
- 5. PUBLIC HEARING
  - A. Public Hearing on 2022 Recommended Budget
- 6. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION, COMMUNICATIONS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
- 7. NOMINATIONS, APPOINTMENTS AND CONFIRMATION
- 8. RECOGNITION OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES OR OTHERS
- 9. INTRODUCTION OF NEW RESOLUTIONS OR ORDINANCES BY SUPERVISORS FOR REFERRAL TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE
- 10. **REPORTS**
- 11. NEW BUSINESS
  - A. SUPPLEMENTARY APPROPRIATIONS AND BUDGET CHANGES ROLL CALL
  - B. CONTRACTS ROLL CALL
  - C. Amending Rules I & IV of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure (Pending County Board Staff Committee approval)
- 12. ADJOURNMENT

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RESOLUTION NO.

AGENDA NO.\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Shirley Williams
INITIATED BY

County Board Staff Committee

SUBMITTED BY

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October 20, 2021 DATE DRAFTED

# AMENDING RULES I & IV OF THE ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RULES OF PROCEDURE

WHEREAS, in a representative democracy an informed electorate is essential for the workings of good government; and,

WHEREAS, providing for broad public access to channels of communication which allow the free flow of information from members of the public to elected officials and government administrators creates and more responsive and well informed government body; and,

**WHEREAS,** modern technology provides many different avenues of modes of communication, allowing for many different communities to find access to information and ability to communicate in ways that have been previously difficult or impossible; and,

**WHEREAS**, for public agencies across the country, the public health pandemic resulting from COVID-19 required quick adaptation to a new way of interacting with community members. Organizations moved processes from in-person to digital formats and public meetings also had to make the leap, with many teams turning to conferencing tools, like Microsoft Teams, Webex, and Zoom, to support the change; and

**WHEREAS**, providing for remote access to meetings creates more flexibility for both Supervisors and the public to attend meetings and can increase participation in public meetings, thereby vindicating the goal of increased access and better flow of information for a more diverse set of communities; and

**WHEREAS**, it should be the policy of Rock County to continue to provide electronic access to meetings even after the COVID-19 pandemic subsides and it is safe to meet in person again.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this \_\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_ amends the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure as follows (added text appears as <u>underlined</u>; deleted text appears as <u>struck through</u>):

Rule I shall be amended as follows:

J. At all meetings of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, members shall have the ability to attend, participate, and exercise all the responsibilities and privileges of their position by audiovisual electronic means.

K. During any period of public comment, or public hearing during a meeting of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, the public shall be provided the opportunity to submit their comments to the Board by electronic means which may include, but shall not be limited to, comments submitted by email, web form, or real-time remote testimony or comment.

Rule IV-Q. shall be created as follows:

Q. At all meetings of the committees listed in Rule V. of these Rules, members of such committees shall have the ability to attend, participate and exercise all the responsibilities and privileges of their position by audio-visual electronic means. All other committees, advisory groups, or other governmental bodies created by order, rule, statute or ordinance of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, or any other government authority, but not listed under Rule V herein, may provide access to meetings consistent with this paragraph

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Respectfully submitted,

# COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

Rich Bostwick, Chair

Wes Davis, Vice Chair

J. Russell Podzilni

Tom Brien

Alan Sweeney

Kevin Leavy

Bob Yeomans

Lou Peer

Mary Beaver

### LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Rule X-C. of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the rules of procedure may be amended upon 2/3 vote of all members present.

s/Richard Greenlee

Richard Greenlee Corporation Counsel

### ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith County Administrator

### FISCAL NOTE:

Minimal fiscal impact.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja Finance Director