

RESOLUTION**ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Supervisor Rich Bostwick, County
Board Chair
INITIATED BY



1/19/2022
DATE DRAFTED

Amending the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure to Add a Second Vice Chair

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 global pandemic is entering its third year; and,

WHEREAS, with the emergence of the omicron variant, cases of COVID-19 have increased again in Rock County, the State of Wisconsin and throughout the Country; and,

WHEREAS, given the prevalence of COVID-19, the likelihood that COVID-19 could result in the temporary incapacity or unavailability of the Chair or Vice Chair is high; and,

WHEREAS, in order to ensure the orderly continuity of governance of Rock County, it is advisable to add a position of Second Vice Chair to the officers of the Rock County Board of Supervisors, who may, upon the incapacity or unavailability of the Chair or Vice Chair fulfill their duties; and,

WHEREAS, creating this position would provide leadership support and flexibility for the Rock County Board of Supervisors, promote continuity of operations and consistency, and position the Board to address future unanticipated challenges and emergencies that may arise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled this 27th day of January, 2022 amends the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure as follows (added text appears as underlined; deleted text appears as ~~struck through~~):

RULE I-B. is amended as follows:

B. The Chair, ~~and Vice Chair~~, and Second Vice Chair shall be elected biennially by the Board at the April organizational meeting in even numbered years. After submission of nominations for Chair, ~~and Vice Chair~~, Second Vice Chair, but before the taking of any vote on the election of each officer, the presiding official shall allow each candidate who has put forth his or her name, the opportunity to address the Board as to his or her qualifications for, and desirability of selection to the office that he or she is seeking. Such officers shall take office upon election.

RULE II is amended as follows:

A. The Chair shall call the Board to order at the hour named, and shall preside at all meetings of the Board. The Chair shall have the duties and powers conferred by law and these rules. The Chair shall decide all questions of order, subject to appeal; and shall preserve order and see that order is maintained. The Chair shall vote on all roll calls when the Chair's name is called except upon appeals from the Chair's own decision. In the Chair's absence or disability, the Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair, and the Second Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Vice Chair as articulated by law or in any portion of these rules. In the Chair and Vice Chair's absence or disability, the Second Vice Chair shall perform the duties of the Chair or Vice Chair as necessary.

B. In the absence of, or disability of ~~both~~ the Chair, ~~and Vice Chair~~, and Second Vice Chair the Committee Chair of the Committees listed *infra*, if a Supervisor, becomes the temporary acting Board chair based on the following precedence: Public Safety and Justice, Agricultural/Land Conservation, Board of Health, Education, Veterans and Aging Services, Finance, General Services, Health Services, Human Services, Planning and Development, Public Works and Rail Transit.

RULE IV-O. shall be amended as follows:

O. Except as otherwise provided by law, the Chair ~~of the County Board and the Vice-Chair~~, and Second Vice Chair, shall be ex-officio members of all standing committees. Their ex-officio membership is in

addition to the membership hereinafter prescribed for each committee. Any committee lacking a quorum may call on the Chair ~~or~~ Vice-Chair or Second Vice Chair to make a quorum as an active voting member of that committee for that day. The Chair, ~~and~~ Vice-Chair, and Second Vice Chair shall be paid mileage and per diem only when used to make a quorum by any properly noticed Standing County Committee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Second Vice Chair shall collect a stipend of \$100 dollars per month

FISCAL NOTE:

A stipend for the Second Vice Chair was not included in the 2022 budget. While the cost is minimal, a transfer to the per diem budget may be needed later in the year.

/s/Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Rule X-C. of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the Rules of Procedure may be amended by 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

Committee Action

County Board Staff Committee

The County Board Staff Committee recommended this resolution for approval as amended by acclamation. NO - Supervisor Pozilni. Supervisor Leavy was absent.

The approved amendment is noted below in red.

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
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Given the continued existence of the COVID-19 pandemic, and the likelihood of the absence or incapacity of either the Board Chair or the Vice Chair because of the need to quarantine or isolate, it is advisable that the County Board create a Second Vice Chair position. The Second Vice Chair would be expected to attend the weekly meetings with the Chair, Vice Chair, County Administrator, and County Clerk in order to ensure that they are fully informed and could assume responsibility for presiding over County Board meetings if needed. Upon the incapacity of the Chair, or the Vice Chair, they would assume the duties of either the Chair or Vice Chair as necessary. They would also serve as ex-officio members of all County Board committees and could be called upon by committee chairs to attend meetings in order to form a quorum when needed. In order to compensate the time of attending to additional duties, this resolution would also set the compensation of the Second Vice Chair at \$100 per month. Upon creation of the office, the Second Vice Chair would be elected from among the membership of Supervisors at the next available County Board meeting and would serve until elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Second Vice Chair were conducted at the next Organizational Meeting on the third Tuesday in April 2022.