#### **JUDICIAL & LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE**

DATE: Tuesday, March 17, 2020

TIME: 9 a.m.

**LOCATION: Room 317A, Wood County Courthouse** 

1. Call meeting to order.

- 2. Public comments. Now or at the time the item is taken up. Rules may apply.
- 3. Review resolution on procedures for the county board organizational meeting.
- 4. Review resolution on committee restructure.
- 5. Adjourn.

# WOOD COUNTY

Reviewed by:

**RESOLUTION#** 

Finance Dir.

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Motion:

1st Lost:

2nd Tabled:

No: Yes: Absent:

Number of votes required:

X Majority Two-thirds

Reviewed by: AK, Corp Counsel

INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To adopt procedures for the county board organizational meeting as recommended by the Wisconsin Counties Association.

FISCAL NOTE: None.

		NO	YES	A
1	LaFontaine, D			
2	Rozar, D			
3	Feirer, M			
4	Urban, D			
5	Fischer, A			
6	Breu, A			
7	Ashbeck, R			
8	Hahn, J			
9	Winch, W			
10	Holbrook, M			
11	Curry, K			
12	Machon, D			
13	Hokamp, M			
14	Polach, D			
15	Clendenning, B			
16	Pliml, L			
17	Zurfluh, J			
18	Hamilton, B			
19	Leichtnam, B		1	

WHEREAS, the county board has an organizational meeting every two years in April following the election of county board supervisors and it is important for the procedures utilized at this meeting to be impartial and fair insofar as conducting elections of officers for the next two years, and

WHEREAS, the Judicial and Legislative Committee (Committee) is responsible for studying the rules of the board and to make recommendations for improvements thereto, and

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin Counties Association (WCA) has recently published an article that recommends certain procedures for use at the organizational meeting, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has reviewed the WCA's recommendations on how best to conduct an organizational meeting and has determined it would behoove the county board to adopt those procedures to enhance the board's current procedures.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF

## SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to:

- 1. Delete current County Board Rule #35, which states as follows: Use of Ballots. The election of county board chairperson and vice-chairperson shall be by secret ballot.
- 2. Create new County Board Rule #35

### Organizational Meeting Procedures

- A. The County Clerk shall chair the organizational meeting of the board in April of evennumbered years until all of the elections being conducted by secret ballot are concluded at which time the county board chair will assume the responsibility of running the meeting. No substantive matters will be brought before the board during the organizational meeting until the elections are concluded.
- B. The County Clerk shall handle the elections by identifying in turn each office that is open for election. For each office, the Clerk will declare the floor open for nominations (including self-nominations). A nomination need not (but can) be seconded. The supervisor making a nomination or one supporting a nomination may speak for or against a nominee. After a reasonable time the Clerk will declare the time for making nominations for an office closed.

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C. If there is only one nominee, the Clerk will declare the sole nominee as the winning candidate for the office (no motion or vote is necessary).

D. If there are multiple nominees for an office, the Clerk shall conduct votes by secret ballot until one candidate receives a majority of the votes being cast. During the voting process, a candidate may withdraw their name from consideration for election to the office. If a majority cannot be reached, the Clerk may allow speeches for and against candidates as well as breaks to allow the supervisors to speak privately amongst themselves. Votes may be made for any person eligible for an office; they need not have been nominated. The Clerk may appoint tellers for assisting in the election process as the Clerk deems fit.

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Reviewed	1 by: <u>PAK</u>	, Corp Counsel	
Reviewed	by:	, Finance Dir.	

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INTENT & SYNOPSIS: To realign the committee structure to better serve the county's interests.

FISCAL NOTE: Minimal increase in per diems.

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Judicial and Legislative Committee to study the organizational needs of the county board and the Committee has spent significant time considering the responsibilities of the various oversight committees, and

WHEREAS, the Committee has determined that it is appropriate to establish a separate committee overseeing the Maintenance Department/Facilities Manager and Information Technology Department as well as to handle the responsibilities previously dealt with by the Renewable and Sustainable Ad Hoc Committee.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE WOOD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HEREBY RESOLVES to amend the Rules and Committees of the Wood County Board of Supervisors as set forth in the attached Wood County Board Restructure Option 1 and the Wood County Committee Structure Organizational Chart, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the "Rules and Committees of the Wood County Board of Supervisors" shall be amended to reflect the changes to the committee structures set forth herein and to specifically provide as follows:

Property and Information Technology Committee

Membership shall consist of five (5) Wood County Supervisors appointed by the County Board Chairperson. The Property and Information Technology Committee shall elect a Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson.

The Property and Information Technology Committee shall have oversight of the Maintenance and Information Technology departments and handle the responsibilities previously assigned to the Renewable and Sustainable Ad Hoc Committee. The Committee shall perform the following functions with respect to the departments it oversees: draft proposed budgets; audit the revenues and expenditures pursuant to the approved budgets; study and develop recommendations to the county board pertaining to changes in the budgets, functions, and personnel; and oversee the management of the departments and the services they provide.

#### WOOD COUNTY COMMITTEE STRUCTURE ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

