



RULES SUBCOMMITTEE AGENDA

Room 404, Government Center

Monday, January 6, 2014

4:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order – Chairman McIntyre
2. Items to be Presented for Action:
 - A. Approval of Minutes – September 17, 2013 1-4
 - B. Consideration and Discussion of Amendments to Rules of the County Board of McLean County
 - 1) Request Approval of Resolution to Amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County in Regards to Committees – Number, Designation and Membership 5
3. Items to be presented for Information:
 - A. General Report
 - B. Other
4. Adjournment

Minutes of the Rules Subcommittee

The Rules Subcommittee of the Executive Committee of the McLean County Board met on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 404, Government Center, 115 E. Washington Street, Bloomington, Illinois.

Members Present: Chairman McIntyre, Members Owens, Rankin, Gordon, and Erickson

Members Absent: None

Other Members Present: County Board Chairman Sorensen and Member Wendt

Staff Present: Mr. Bill Wasson, County Administrator; Ms. Hannah Eisner, Assistant County Administrator; Mr. Pablo Eves, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division; and Ms. Judith LaCasse, Recording Secretary, County Administrator's Office

Department Heads/
Elected Officials
Present: None

Chairman McIntyre called the meeting to order at 11:08 a.m.

Chairman McIntyre presented the minutes from the March 29, 2013 Rules Subcommittee meeting for approval.

Motion by Owens/Gordon to Approve the Minutes of the
March 26, 2013 Meeting.
Motion carried.

Mr. Pablo Eves, First Assistant State's Attorney, Civil Division, cautioned Committee members against using electronic messaging devices during meetings.

Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of a Resolution to amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County to continue Remote Attendance until the first Monday in December 2014.

Motion by Gordon/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a
Resolution to Amend the Rules of the County Board of
McLean County to continue Remote Attendance until the
first Monday in December 2014.

Mr. Gordon asked if we had a particular time period for extension built into the original proposal. Chairman McIntyre replied that the original proposal set forth a term of six months.

Mr. Gordon asked how many times remote attendance has been used. Chairman McIntyre replied that it has been used only once in a Land Use & Development Committee meeting.

Mr. Wendt requested that remote attendance be allowed at the County Board meetings, as they are the most important meeting for Board members to represent their constituents. He stated that by not being allowed to attend remotely, his constituents lose their right to vote. Mr. Wendt pointed out that the State Legislature allows remote attendance under three conditions, with the third condition being remote attendance when a member is either away on County business or away for employment business. He noted that the County Board Resolution eliminated the condition of remote attendance when a member was on work-related business.

Mr. Owens asked if members who attend meetings are allowed to vote. Ms. Eisner replied that the Resolution specifically allows that members attending remotely have the right to vote. Mr. Gordon indicated that the section says "...the remote member shall be heard, considered and counted as to any vote taken.

Ms. Eisner advised that the agenda today is only to consider that the Resolution for remote attendance be extended to December 2014, and not to consider amending the Resolution.

Mr. Erickson clarified that his support for remote attendance at the full County Board was never contingent on the needs one Board member; rather it was a bigger principal.

Mr. Rankin asked what results are expected for remote attendance if it is continued to 2014; if it is not used will it be eliminated or will it be made permanent. Chairman McIntyre replied that if we have no data at the end of 2014, it shows that there isn't much call for remote attendance. He added that extending the remote attendance to December 2014 provides time to determine its usefulness.

Mr. Rankin asked if the Resolution covers what happens if a chair of a Committee is the person attending remotely. Mr. Wasson replied that the Resolution states that if a Chairman of a Committee is attending by remote attendance, that person may participate as a voting member, but the Vice Chairman of the Committee will be the presiding officer.

Mr. Wendt reiterated his wishes that remote attendance to County Board meetings be included in the Resolution.

There was a discussion on the possibility of video remote attendance. Chairman McIntyre reminded the Committee that video remote attendance was discussed at previous meetings. Mr. Wasson explained that, at this time, video conferencing is technically a difficult alternative.

Mr. Wendt requested that the Rules Sub-Committee meet to discuss allowing Board members to attend County Board meetings via remote attendance. Mr. Sorensen stated that according to the County Board Rules, Chairman McIntyre has the total authority to call a Rules Subcommittee meeting.

Mr. Gordon asked if approving this Resolution to continue remote attendance until December 2014 would preclude the potential of changing the Resolution before that time. Chairman McIntyre replied it does not preclude that possibility.

Ms. Eisner advised that the first Monday in December 2014 was recommended because that is the date that all of the Rules get approved for the following two years. She suggested that if the Committee is considering a change, it be considered on that timetable.

Chairman McIntyre called for a vote on the Motion.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre presented a request for approval of a Resolution to amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County to allow Vice-Chairmen of Committees to serve on the Executive Committee when the Chair of the Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee. He noted that this has been a common practice, but was not clarified in the County Board Rules.

Mr. Rankin asked who acts as Chairman if the Chairman and Vice Chairman are not available. Mr. Sorensen responded that, historically, it has always been a common practice for the next highest Committee member to act as Chairman, but it is not written into the rules. Mr. Eves stated that if this is the direction the Committee would like to go, he recommended adding the ranking member issue at a future meeting.

Motion by Owens/Rankin to Recommend Approval of a Resolution to Amend the Rules of the County Board of McLean County to allow Vice-Chairmen of Committees to serve on the Executive Committee when the Chair of the Committee is unable to attend a meeting of the Executive Committee.

Motion carried.

Chairman McIntyre asked if there were any additional questions or comments. Hearing none he called for a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Owens/Rankin to Adjourn the Rules
Subcommittee Meeting at 11:30 a.m.
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,



Judith A. LaCasse
Recording Secretary

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RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE RULES
OF THE COUNTY BOARD OF McLEAN COUNTY

Whereas, the McLean County Board Rule 5.15-1 provides that each standing committee shall have not more than six members each at the discretion of the County Board Chairman, and

Whereas, the McLean County Board wishes to amend its rules to allow each of the standing committees have not more than seven members each at the discretion of the County Board Chairman.

Be it resolved that McLean County Board Rule 5.15-1 is amended to read as follows: (underline indicates additions)

5.15 COMMITTEES – NUMBER, DESIGNATION AND MEMBERSHIP.

5.15-1 There shall be six (6) Standing Committees:

(A) The Executive Committee shall have not more than nine members with the membership consisting of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman of the Board and the Chairman of the other standing committees and not more than three (3) members of the Board appointed as at-large members of the Committee by the County Board Chairman.

(B) The Finance Committee, Justice Committee, Land Use and Development Committee, Property Committee, and Transportation Committee; each committee shall have not more than ~~six~~seven members each at the discretion of the County Board Chairman.

ADOPTED by the McLean County Board this 21st day of January, 2013

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Kathy Michael, Clerk of the McLean
County Board, McLean County, Illinois

Matt Sorensen, Chairman
McLean County Board