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**AD-HOC TASK FORCE ON THE WRITTEN RULES OF THE 2024-2026 WINNEBAGO COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025**

A. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hanson at 4:30 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Conference room at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh.

Roll Call: Chairman Conley Hanson, Supervisor Tom Swan, Supervisor Ralph Harrison, Supervisor Morris Cox, Supervisor Karen Powers, Supervisor Rachael Dowling and Supervisor Billy Halbur (arrived at 6:00 p.m.)

Also Present: Corporation Counsel Mary Anne Mueller, Public Policy Paralegal Rhys Phillips, County Board Chairman Tom Egan, County Board Vice-Chairman Chuck Farrey, and County Clerk Julie Barthels

B. Public Comments

Vice-Chairman Chuck Farrey thanked the task force for allowing consideration of his revision.

C. Adopt Agenda

Motion made and seconded to adopt the agenda for this evening's meeting. CARRIED BY VOICE VOTE.

D. Approval of Minutes

1. January 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Supervisor Dowling, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to approve the minutes. Supervisor Swan noted that a correction needs to be made for Agenda Item F4 regarding County Board Rules Section 10.

The correction was to strike the following sentence: "The committee agreed with this change."

Supervisor Cox questioned the amount listed for Rule 8.11. It was determined that the minutes were correct.

Chairman Hanson noted that he will place Rule 10.2 on the next agenda for further discussion.

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Swan to approve the minutes as presented with the correction to strike the last sentence under item F4 "The committee agreed with this change."

E. Comments from the Chair

Chairman Hanson extended his appreciation and thanked the County Clerk, Corporation Counsel, Rhys Phillips and Tori Kinderman for helping to make this process move along smoothly.

Chairman Hanson would like to set meeting dates for future meetings to be able to complete this task on time.

Meeting dates were discussed and are noted in the minutes under next meeting dates.

1. Excused Members

Chairman Hanson recognized that Supervisor Halbur might be late for this meeting.

2. Rule changes that have been previously discussed have been drafted in resolution form. These are included as an exhibit only for information purposes and are not on agenda for discussion.

Chairman Hanson noted that resolutions have been created by the Corporation Counsel's office regarding County Board Rule changes that will be presented to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. The resolutions will be voted on by task force members at their last meeting.

The hope is to be able to present the proposed rule changes to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee for their April meeting.

Chairman Hanson asked Corporation Counsel Mueller to provide her opinion on Rule 10.2. She read the rule as it was proposed and her interpretation of the rule is that the clock should not be stopped per the wording of 10.2 as it now reads. This item will be placed on the next agenda to make a determination of how this rule should read.

F. Business Items

Action may be taken on any business items.

1. Discussion/Action: County Board Rules Section 9 - Definitions

- 9.12

Chairman Hanson recognized County Board Vice-Chairman Farrey to voice his concerns regarding this rule. On November 11th, Vice-Chairman Farrey introduced a change for Rule 22.3. He went through the whole process to have this rule enacted, that included the Corporation Counsel's office. The change was approved on the 19th of November at the Winnebago County Board meeting. Rule 9.12 references vetoing a resolution and the length of time of when it can be vetoed. Due to circumstances that occurred at a meeting Vice-Chairman Farrey was involved with, he feels that this rule needs to be changed to clarify for future board of supervisors'.

*The proposed change for Rule 9.12 is: "The refusal of assent by the County Executive to a Resolution or Ordinance passed by the County Board. Resolutions or ordinances passed by the County Board shall become law on the 7th **business** day after passed **and presented** by the County Board unless returned with objection, in writing on or before **6 business** day in all or in part, to the County Board Chair. If a Resolution or Ordinance is returned with objection, the measure shall be placed on the next calendared date of the county Board unless the Chair calls a meeting prior to discuss said objection."*

Discussion continued regarding this change and when the passed resolutions or ordinances have to be signed. Discussion was held to determine when the resolutions and ordinances need to or should be presented to the County Executive for signature. Supervisor Dowling suggested that an item be added to Section 6 of the rules to address the formal presentation of accepted resolutions and ordinances. Chairman Hanson would like to add Section 6.1, Section 9.12 and Section 10.2 to the next agenda.

- 9.13

Chairman Hanson introduced Section 9.13. The proposed change for this resolution reads as follows: "Partial Veto: The refusal or assent by the County Executive to any portion of a resolution or ordinance passed by the County Board which contains an appropriation and appropriately enacted or denied as per 9.12.

- **9.14**

Chairman Hanson introduced Rule 9.14.

The proposed change for this rule is as follows: "Motion to Reconsider: The Motion to Reconsider can be made only by a member who voted with the prevailing side. The making of this motion is subject to time limits, as follows: In a session of one day, the motion to

reconsider can be made only on the same day the vote was considered. A motion to reconsider may be made by a member of the prevailing side on the subsequent ~~at the next business~~ meeting, as a matter of exception only if presenting evidence of new information that would change the member's previous vote. The Board shall vote on the measure to reconsider and pass with a 2/3 majority to reconsider. A motion cannot be reconsidered twice unless it was materially amended during its first reconsideration. Motions to reconsider are only for the County Board as Standing Committees, Commissions or Task Force may entertain a motion at any time during a session."

Chairman Hanson noted that this rule comes from Roberts Rules. After discussion, a few changes were made. The changes are noted in the paragraph above by striking out the words to be deleted and the new verbiage in red. Chairman Hanson would like to see this item on the next agenda. He will have a copy of Roberts Rules at that meeting.

Vice-Chairman Farrey asked to clarify a motion to reconsider. It was determined that the motion to reconsider is placed on an agenda. A motion is made to approve the reconsideration and then the reconsideration is considered at that same meeting. If a reconsideration is proposed to the County Board Chairman but not placed on the agenda for that meeting, a motion is made to reconsider and if passed, the reconsideration is placed on the next business agenda.

Chairman Hanson noted that any suggestions for changes to the rules need to be submitted to Chairman Hanson prior to the meeting so that they can be included with the packet for the meeting. Supervisor Halbur and Supervisor Dowling questioned why they were not able to discuss these items because they were included on the agenda. An e-mail was sent regarding Chairman Hanson's requests.

2. Discussion/Action: County Board Rules Section 11 - Voting and Roll Call
Chairman Hanson noted that Items 2 - 6 of this agenda will be added to the next agenda and items need to be presented to him by noon on Wednesday, January 29th.
3. Discussion/Action: County Board Rules Section 12 - Motions
This item will be added to the next agenda.
4. Discussion/Action: County Board Rules Section 13 - Suspension of Rules
This item will be added to the next agenda.
5. Discussion/Action: County Board Rules Section 14 - Roberts Rules
This item will be added to the next agenda.
6. Discussion/Action: County Board Rules Section 15 - Publication of Reports
This item will be added to the next agenda.

G. Next Meeting Date

Thursday, February 13, 2024 at 4:30 p.m.

The next meeting dates will be held on the following evenings: Thursday, February 6, 2025; Thursday, February 13, 2025; Thursday, March 13, 2025 and Tuesday, March 25, 2025.

All of the meetings will be held at 4:30 p.m. in the Susan T. Ertmer Room at 112 Otter Avenue, Oshkosh, WI.

The following items will be placed on the agenda for February 6, 2025: Section 6, Section 9, Section 10 and Sections 11 - 15 possibly.

Supervisor Dowling noted that the e-mail that was sent could have been clearer regarding the way changes needed to be presented to the Task Force.

H. Adjourn

Motion by Supervisor Cox, seconded by Supervisor Harrison to adjourn this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The video portion of this meeting is available on the County website:
<https://winnebago.cowi.portal.civicclerk.com>