

MINUTES

RULES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 – 4:00 p.m.
111 S. Michigan Ave., Rm. 200, Saginaw, MI 48602

Present: Christopher Boyd - Chairman, Sheldon Matthews, Dennis Krafft, Rich Spitzer
Absent: Michael Webster
Others: Robert Belleman, Dave Gilbert, Marissa Sawdon, Jaime Ceja, Suzy Koeplinger

- I. Call to Order---**Boyd at 4:00 p.m.**
- II. Welcome
- III. Correction/Approval of Minutes (**Feb. 14, 2023 Meeting Minutes**)
---**Moved by Matthews, seconded by Spitzer, to approve. Motion carried.**
- IV. Public Comment ---**None**
Speakers limited to 3 minutes
- V. Agenda

Tabled at March 21, 2023 Board Session

1. Consideration and discussion of current Board Rules and proposed changes discussed at the last Rules Committee meeting [See Feb., 2023 Minutes]

Article I Section 1.1 “~~On~~ **Within** the first business day in **seven days** of January each year, the election of Permanent Chair and Vice-Chair for a one year term shall be the first order of business.”

Article II Section 2.1 “The organizational meeting of the Board of Commissioners shall be held ~~on the first business day~~ **within the first seven days** of January each year.”

--Discussion was held regarding merging the text of these separate articles. Chairman Boyd will provide the Board Coordinator with language for the board report. Krafft moved, seconded by Matthews to approve. Motion carried

---Article II Section 2.2 “All meetings of the Board of Commissioners shall be called in accordance with State Statutes and Rules of this Board. (MSA 5.321 – MSA 5.359 (16) [MCL 46.1 – 46.416])”

---Article II Section 2.7 “...referral to the appropriate committee, if required. This section shall not apply to any other committee ~~or subcommittee~~ of the Board.”

---Article II Section 2.9 “Special meetings of the Board shall be held only when authorized during regular sessions or by petition of at least one-third (1/3rd) of the members of the Board, (MCLA 46.10) and shall be at a time to allow maximum attendance. Notice of special meetings of the Board may be mailed to Commissioners via ~~regular U.S. mail~~ **email** at least 10 days before the date of the meeting.”

--Krafft moved, seconded by Matthews, to confirm the changes to Article II, Sections 2.2 2.7 and 2.9. Motion carried.

---Article IV Section 4.5.2 “During a roll call vote, a member shall vote when requested by the Clerk, and each member shall be recorded in the Minutes as voting ~~aye~~ **yes** or ~~nay~~ **no**; provided, however, any member who after...”

--Krafft moved, seconded by Matthews, to remove the amendment to Article IV Section 4.5.2 from consideration. Motion carried.

2. Discussion of future date and time to bring additions/deletions/corrections back to committee
---No Action

3. Any other matters brought to the committee

--Discussion was held regarding the addition of a Board Rule to address a commissioner vacancy. Chairman Boyd advised there has been no movement in the legislature to amend the statute. An issue occurred when a previous commissioner changed her address on her driver's license, and thus her voting location, and didn't notify Saginaw County. Per statute, vacancies must be filled within thirty (30) days or a special election must be held. County Civil Counsel will draft language for review at the next Rules Committee meeting.

--Discussion was held regarding the Controller's "Decision Making Framework" that all department heads would be required to use when submitting items to committees. A timeline will be added and it will be presented as a policy at the next meeting.

--Discussion was held regarding the "Commissioner Privilege" rule and if limitations can be placed on it. No action.

VI. Miscellaneous---***None***

VII. Adjournment---***Moved by Krafft, seconded by Matthews, to adjourn. Motion carried; time being 5:08 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted,
Christopher Boyd, Committee Chair
Suzy Koeplinger, Committee Clerk