

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Chair Kara Purviance
INITIATED BY



Corporation Counsel
Richard Greenlee
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SUBMITTED BY

May 12, 2020
DATE DRAFTED

AMENDING COUNTY BOARD RULES I & IV

1 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly assembled
2 this 20th day of May, 2020 hereby amends the Rules of Procedure of the Rock County Board of Supervisors
3 as follows:

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5 (1) Rule I-I. shall be created as follows:

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7 I. If, an emergency situation arises, in which in the opinion of the Chair and Vice Chair
8 collectively, it would be unsafe, or a threat to the health of members of the Board of Supervisors, or
9 members of the public, to hold an in-person meeting, then on a temporary basis, any meeting of the Rock
10 County Board of Supervisors may be conducted by electronic audio-visual means. Any electronic
11 meetings must be conducted in accordance with the Wisconsin Open Meetings Law, Wis. Stat. § 19.81, et
12 seq., such that reasonable notice is provided to the public in accordance therewith, and the meeting is
13 reasonably accessible to members of the public. During any electronic meeting of the County Board, any
14 period normally designated for public hearing or public comment may be omitted, at the sole discretion of
15 the Chair, except those public comment, or public hearing periods, which are required by state law or
16 administrative rule. In lieu of receiving public comments during an electronic meeting, the public shall be
17 made aware of other means by which they may submit their comments, such as email, phone, or U.S. Mail.
18 In order to facilitate the orderly proceeding of business, when necessary as determined at the sole discretion
19 of the Chair, a resolution or ordinance may be brought before the County Board of Supervisors for
20 consideration without report from a governing committee of the County Board as required by Rule IV-
21 D. For the purposes of Rules I-I and IV-P an "emergency situation" shall include, but not limited to: a
22 declared local state of emergency under chapter 323 of the Wisconsin Statutes; a public health emergency,
23 pandemic, or epidemic that puts members of the Board of Supervisors, staff, or the public in danger; a
24 natural disaster that threatens public safety; or any other situation or event that represents a substantial
25 threat to the health or safety of the Board of Supervisors, staff, or the public.

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27 (2) Rule IV-P. shall be created as follows:

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29 P. If, an emergency situation arises, in which in the opinion of the Chair or presiding official
30 of any committee, board or commission of the County Board, it would be unsafe to the members of the
31 body, or unsafe to members of the public, to hold an in person meeting, then on a temporary basis, any
32 meeting of the body may be held by remote electronic audio-visual means consistent with the requirements
33 of Rule I-I.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNTY BOARD STAFF COMMITTEE

/s/ Kara Purviance
Kara Purviance, Chair

/s/ J. Russell Podzilni
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/s/ Richard Bostwick
Richard Bostwick, Vice Chair

/s/ Alan Sweeney
Alan Sweeney

/s/ Tom Brien
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/s/ Bob Yeomans
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/s/ Kevin Leavy
Kevin Leavy

/s/ Jeremy Zajac
Jeremy Zajac

/s/ Louis Peer
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FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

/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 upon 2/3 vote of all members present.

/s/Richard Greenlee

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Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

/s/Josh Smith

Josh Smith
County Administrator