

**ORDINANCE  
O2019-36**

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board has determined that it is necessary to amend Chapter 2, Division 2 (Rules) of the DeKalb County Code as it pertains to the Rules of the County Board, and

WHEREAS, the County Board did appoint a bi-partisan Ad Hoc Rules Committee to review current rules and to make recommendations for amendments and improvements of those Rules, and


WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Rules Committee has recommended that sections be added to Chapter 2, Division 2 of the DeKalb County Code that pertain to creating a County Board Committee of the Whole, Board Member per diems, meeting mileage, and attendance at non-assigned Committee Meetings.

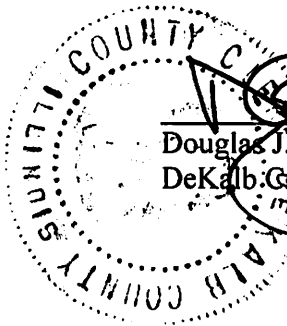
NOW, THEREFORE BY IT ORDAINED that the DeKalb County Board has reviewed the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee as attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, and those changes are hereby approved, if passed by a 2/3 majority vote as required by Sec. 2-46.


PASSED AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS THIS 18TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER, 2019.

ATTEST:

SIGNED:

  
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Douglas J. Johnson  
DeKalb County Clerk



  
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Mark Pietrowski, Jr.  
County Board Chairman

**All Language is New**

**Sec. 2-41. – Executive Committee and Standing Committees Enumerated.**

- (c) Committee of the Whole. The Committee of the Whole, comprised of all County Board Members and chaired by the County Board Chair, receives, studies, questions, and debates matters of general interest to the entire County Board. These meetings are designed to learn and gather information and as such, no formal votes may be taken. Discussions which may ultimately lead to business items for action by the entire County Board are still subject to the Standing Committee process. No requirement is made nor inferred that a matter for Standing Committee consideration must first be routed through the Committee of the Whole.

**Sec. 2-47. – Per Diem & Mileage.**

DeKalb County Board members may collect a per diem and mileage for the attendance of any County Board or Committee meeting for which they are assigned and attend. Should a Board member attend more than one county meeting in a calendar day, then he/she may only receive the payment of one per diem for the day in total and mileage only for trips actually driven. Per diems and mileage cannot be collected for meetings attended where the Board Member is not themselves a member.

**Sec. 2-48. – Board Member Attendance at Non-Assigned Committee Meetings.**

County Board members are permitted, and in some cases encouraged, to attend the meetings of committees that they do not serve on, so as to be informed on all issues. However, when a Board Member is attending a Committee meeting that they are not a member of, it is imperative that they do not participate in discussions, but rather just attend for informational purposes. When a Board member participates in a Committee meeting for which they are not assigned, the result could be a violation of the Open Meetings Act and thus must be strictly avoided.