

ORDINANCE
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AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2, "COUNTY BOARD RULES," SECTION 2-19, "STANDING COMMITTEES ENUMERATED," AND 2-21-G, "COMMITTEE MEETINGS," AND CHAPTER 5, "COUNTY OPERATIONS," SECTION 5-5, "FILLING OF DEPARTMENTAL VACANCIES."

WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Board has determined that it is necessary to amend Chapter 2 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

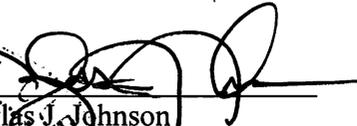
WHEREAS, the Ad Hoc Rules Committee has recommended that Section 2-19 under Chapter 2 of the DeKalb County Code that pertains to the Standing Committees Enumerated, Section 2-21-G under Chapter 2 of the DeKalb County Code that pertains to Committee Meetings, and Section 5-5 under Chapter 5 of the DeKalb County Code that pertains with Filling Departmental Staff Vacancies be deleted in entirety and replaced with the attached "Exhibit A".

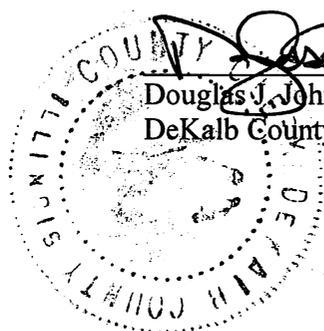
NOW, THEREFORE BY IT ORDAINED that the DeKalb County Board has reviewed the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Rules Committee as attached to this Ordinance as Exhibit A, and those changes are hereby approved, if passed by a 2/3 majority vote as required by Sec. 2-46.

PASSED THIS 16TH DAY OF NOVEMBER 2022 AT SYCAMORE, ILLINOIS

ATTEST:

SIGNED:


Douglas J. Johnson
DeKalb County Clerk




John Frieders, Chairman
DeKalb County Board

Exhibit A

Chapter 2: County Board Rules, Section 2-19: Standing Committees Enumerated

A1. Executive Committee.

The Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the County Board Chair. The Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee shall be the Vice-Chair of the County Board. The Executive Committee consists of the Chairs of the County Standing Committees, or in their absence, the Vice-Chairs of those Standing Committees, along with an at-large member from the Party that Chairs the Forest Preserve Committee. ~~and is Chaired by the County Board Chair.~~ The Vice-Chair of the Executive Committee shall be a member of the opposite party of the County Board Chair and shall represent the County Board Chair in his absence and present all reports of the Executive Committee at meetings of the full County Board. When neither the Board Chair nor the Vice-Chair is available the Board Chair shall designate another member of the Executive Committee to serve as Chair for any regular or Executive Committee meeting. The Executive Committee advises the County Board with regard to the agenda for its meetings, coordinates the efforts of all Standing and Ad Hoc Committees, administers the exempt employee evaluation plan and advises the Board on matters relating to administrative procedures such as the conduct of public hearings. If a Committee Chair is absent from the meeting, then the Vice-Chair shall serve on the Executive Committee in his absence. If both the Committee Chair and Vice-Chair are absent from the meeting, then the County Board Chair, with the advice and consent of the Executive Committee, may designate a member of the Committee who is present at the meeting to serve on the Executive Committee in the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair.

A2. The Executive Committee is entrusted with the authority to receive litigation updates on County litigation that is pending against it, or on behalf of it, and its elected officials, as deemed necessary. The Executive Committee shall also be responsible for making final determinations as to the initiation, settlement, compromise, and/or appeal of litigation for and against the County of DeKalb. Though, upon its own motion, the Executive Committee may refer such duties to the full County Board on a case by case basis should it determine such is necessary or desirable. (Further reference Section 5-3.)

B. All Standing Committees serve in an advisory capacity and perform such functions as are determined by the County Board plus those responsibilities noted below:

1. Finance and Administration Committee (7 Members). This committee advises the county board in matters relating to finance, capital planning, ~~facility management, information management technology~~ and administrative services. Responsible annually for the submission to the county board of a balanced budget along with recommended tax levy and capital spending plan for the coming five-year period. The Finance Committee monitors the budget revenues and expenses throughout each fiscal year and may propose measures during the year to help meet annual budget goals.
2. Planning, ~~and~~ Zoning and Development Committee (7 Members). The planning, ~~and~~ zoning, and development committee advises the county board in matters relative to the county's comprehensive plan, zoning ordinances, building and development matters, building codes and violations of various county ordinances. This committee coordinates with the regional planning commission. The committee advises the county board on all matters relating to growth, including residential, commercial and industrial growth and the economic opportunities and challenges associated with that growth. This committee coordinates with the county economic development corporation, and the various cities, towns and villages within the county on growth-related matters. This committee also recommends periodically beneficial changes in local policies and state laws.
3. County Highway Committee (7 Members). The county highway committee advises the county board on all matters related to roads, bridges and other elements of public infrastructure. This committee is also responsible for intergovernmental issues related to transportation including coordination of efforts with the state, municipal and township road and bridge systems and participation in the metropolitan planning organization.

- ~~4. Economic Development Committee. The economic development committee advises the county board on all matters relating to growth, including residential, commercial and industrial growth and the economic opportunities and challenges associated with that growth. This committee coordinates with the county economic development corporation, and the various cities, towns and villages within the county on growth-related matters. This committee also coordinates and oversees the operation of the property tax system and recommends periodically beneficial changes in local policies and state laws.~~
4. Health and Human Services Committee (7 Members). The health and human services committee advises the county board on all matters pertaining to the provision of health and human services to the residents of the county, including those services provided directly by the county and/or services provided by others that are overseen and/or funded by the county. This committee coordinates and oversees a wide variety of services in the fields of health, mental health, public health and long-term care. The committee oversees the administration of the county's senior services levy and the rural transportation services and veterans' transportation services provided through the Voluntary Action Center. This committee coordinates with the board of health, 708 board and the regional superintendent of schools.
5. Law and Justice Committee (7 Members). This committee advises the county board on all aspects of the justice system, including, but not limited to, funding and coordination of services provided by the judiciary, coroner/ESDA, sheriff's department, court services, the public defender, the circuit clerk's office and the office of the State's Attorney. This committee makes periodic recommendations to the county board on tax and financial policies relative to the ongoing operational and capital needs of the justice system.
6. Facilities and Technology Committee (7 Members). This committee advises the county board on all matters related to facilities, grounds and technological infrastructure. This includes the preparation of five-year plans to address deferred maintenance of county buildings and the use and implementation of advancing technology to enhance efficiency in county operations. The committee will coordinate with the Public Building Commission as it relates to long-term planning needs.

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. Annual reports and periodic updates from departments with independent boards (Public Health, Community Mental Health, & Veterans) will be presented to the Committee of the Whole. Other annual reports or updates that may be of interest can be presented directly to the Committee of the Whole and will be introduced by the Chair of the Committee that would otherwise hear the report.

Chapter 2: County Board Rules, Section 2-21: Committee Meetings, Section G.

G. No standing committee shall schedule its regular monthly meetings between the executive committee meeting and the date of the full county board meeting without approval of the ~~executive committee~~ Board Chair.

Chapter 5: County Operations, Section 5-5: Filling Departmental Staff Vacancies

When a staff vacancy exists in a Department where the County board appoints the Department Head, ~~before those vacancies can be filled, the over-sight Standing Committee~~ the County Administrator must first approve that the need exists for this position. The Department Head will provide ~~six-month~~ financial status updates to the ~~Standing Committee~~ County Administrator during the vacancy period. The Finance Committee, as provided for in Section 2-41 (A) (1), may impose additional conditions on filling vacancies based on budgetary concerns. ~~Each Standing Committee, if requested by a Department Head, may approve a list of "critical employees" for whom the above approval process would then not apply when a vacancy occurs.~~