

TO AMEND 2.04.010 B. OF THE CODE: RULE 1—MEETINGS; TO AMEND 2.04.130 C. OF THE CODE: RULE 13—DILIGENT COMMITTEE SERVICE; TO AMEND 2.04.310 B. OF THE CODE: RULE 31—COMMITTEE MEETINGS

SECTION 1. That Subsection B. of Section 2.04.010 of the code be amended as follows:

B. All meetings shall be held in the county board of supervisors' chambers at the courthouse unless otherwise ordered by the board. All members of the board shall attend meetings in person. An individual supervisor may appear remotely and participate in county board meetings based on the supervisor's discretion. The supervisor is required to inform the county board chair and the county clerk of their intent to participate remotely as soon as the supervisor determines the need to appear remotely. The supervisor's remote participation will be reflected in the minutes. ~~The chair has the authority to approve remote participation by electronic means for individual members for specific meetings, and remote participation by electronic means for longer defined periods of time for members with a known disability or illness that prevents in person attendance at the meeting.~~ Supervisors may also participate in meetings remotely as an approved accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act as determined by the Eau Claire County Human Resources Department. "Participation" or "participate" includes the right to speak and vote on an agenda item. Each meeting notice shall contain access information for any board member, staff, or a member of the public to view the open sessions of the meeting remotely. The chair shall have the authority to allow an individual to speak remotely during public comments or on an agenda item and determine which individuals may remotely attend a closed session of the board. Notwithstanding the above, the chair of the county board in response to a pandemic, ~~or~~ crisis, or other exigent circumstance, such as severe weather, and for finite and specific time period, shall have the authority to authorize meetings to be held remotely either at another location or by electronic means that includes ~~the~~ participation of members by videoconference or ~~by~~ teleconference.

SECTION 2. That Subsection C. of Section 2.04.130 of the code be amended to read:

C. ~~The chair of Eau Claire County~~ Members of standing committees, boards or commissions may ~~approve remote participation~~ participate in meetings remotely by electronic means ~~for individual members for specific meetings, and remote participation by electronic means for longer defined periods of time for members with a known disability or illness that prevents in person attendance at the meeting.~~ The supervisor is required to inform the committee, board or commission chair and the clerk of their intent to participate remotely as soon as the supervisor determines the need to appear remotely. Diligent committee service continues to be the primary expectation. Supervisors may ~~also~~ participate in Eau Claire County standing committee, board or commission meetings remotely as an approved accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act as determined by the Eau Claire County Human Resources Department. "Participation" or "participate" includes the right to speak and vote on an agenda item. The committee clerk shall track remote appearances, which shall be reflected in the committee minutes. Each meeting notice shall contain access information for any board member, staff, or a member of the public to view the open sessions of the meeting remotely. The chair of the committee, board or commission shall have the authority to allow an individual to speak remotely during public comment or on an agenda item and determine which individuals may remotely attend a closed session of the committee. Notwithstanding the above, the chair of the committee, board or

commission in response to a pandemic or crisis, and for a finite and specific time period, shall have the authority to authorize meetings to be held remotely either at a location or by electronic means that includes the participation of members by videoconference or teleconference.

SECTION 3. That Subsection B. of Section 2.04.310 of the code be amended to read:

B. No standing committee meeting shall be held without ~~the majority~~ a quorum of the members in ~~physical attendance, either physically or remotely. except in case of extreme emergency as approved by the committee chair.~~ Other committees, commissions, boards and councils may meet via telephone conference call phone using a speaker phone or videoconference ing at the discretion of the chair, but only if all available county board members are in physical attendance at the meeting site. Notwithstanding the above, ~~if the chair of the county board authorizes meetings to be held remotely under section 2.04.010 B~~ the chair of the committee may convene the meeting remotely by electronic means that include attendance of all members by videoconference or teleconference.

ENACTED: August 15, 2023

Sue McDonald
County Clerk