

B. The chair of the board shall make written announcements of appointments to said committees to the board and shall designate a chair pro tempore of each of said committees. Each member shall be appointed to at least one committee. All appointments shall be for 2-year terms commencing on the 3rd Tuesday of April in even-numbered years. In case of a vacancy in any committee the same shall be filled by written appointment of the chair as and for the unexpired portion of the term. In the event of a vacancy in the office of chair of the board and a successor is elected, such successor may, within 30 days, make changes in committee appointments in the manner provided in this section.

C. Committee Assignments.

1. Each supervisor shall submit to the county administrator's office prior to the annual organizational meeting of the board a statement setting forth his or her background, experience, responses to questions on potential conflicts of interest and requested committee assignments. The form of the statement shall be approved by the committee on administration.

2. Following the annual election of supervisors, the county administrator's office shall notify by letter each supervisor of the provisions of A. and shall solicit responses from each.

3. When making committee, commission or board appointments, if a reelected supervisor has indicated an interest in remaining on a committee they were previously serving on, strong consideration should be given to their prior experience serving on the committee, commission or board, especially if they were the chair or vice-chair of the committee, commission or board. The committee assignments shall be done objectively and without any retaliatory action.

D. The committee, commission, and board chairs have the authority over the committee agenda with legal advice from the Corporation Counsel. Committee members' requests for "future agenda items" shall be placed on all standing committee agendas, without allowing for discussion on those items. The committee chair approves or denies the request when a committee member requests an item for future agendas. If denied, the chair shall state the reason. The committee clerk shall maintain an approved list of requested items on each agenda under "future agenda items."

E. "Announcements" shall be placed on all standing committee agendas, without allowing for discussions on those items. (Ord. 168-17, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 168-3, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 167-23, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 154-2, Sec. 4, 2010; Ord. 151-10, Sec. 2, 2007; Ord. 146-14, Sec. 3, 2002; Ord. 144-01, Sec. 6, 2000; Ord. 141-97 Sec.8, 1998; Ord. 141-26, Sec.1, 1997; Ord. 136-83, Sec. 1; Ord. 136-78, Sec. 1, 1992; Ord. 132-25 Sec.1, 1988, Ord. 131-73. Secs. 1, 2, 127-2 Secs.1, 2, 3, 1983; Ord. 127-1 Secs.1, 2, 1983; Ord. 126-2 Secs.1 and 1m, 1982; Ord. 81-82/13 Secs.8, 9, 1981; Ord. 80-81/247 Sec.2, 1980; Ord. 80-81/142 Sec.1, 1980; Ord. 80-81/06 Sec.1(part), Sec.2(part), Sec.3(part) and Sec.20, 1980; Ord. 78-80/282 Sec.2, Ord. 102-79 Sec.1, 1979; Ord. 38-79 Secs.1, 2, 1979; Ord. 111-78 Sec.5, 1978).

2.04.130 Rule 13--Diligent committee service.

A. It shall be the responsibility of each committee member to serve diligently. The following circumstances shall constitute less than diligent service and shall be subject to the sanctions expressed in this section:

1. The failure of any member to attend the greater portion of any committee meeting shall be cause for the chair thereof to not enroll said member on the attendance form for the purpose of claiming per diem provided in 3.20.040. Any member aggrieved thereby may appeal said denial of per diem to the committee on finance and budget and will not be paid except upon the written directive of the committee on finance and budget.

2. The consistent failure to attend the meetings of any committee on a regular basis without cause shall constitute neglect of committee duty and shall be prima facie cause for removal therefrom by the chair of the board.

B. In addition to the sanctions imposed in A., the chair of the board may remove any member from a committee for cause as defined in Wis. Stat. § 17.001, and fill such vacancy in accord with 2.04.120 B.

C. Members of standing committees, boards or commissions may participate in meetings remotely by electronic means. 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 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. (Ord. 168-3, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 167-5, Sec. 2; Ord. 166-15, Sec. 2, 2022; Ord. 165-30, Sec. 2, 2021; Ord. 161-6, Sec. 8, 2017; Ord. 156-38, Sec. 3, 2013; Ord. 147-80, Sec. 2, 2003; Ord. 144-01 Sec. 3-5, 2000; Ord. 141-97 Sec.9, 1998; Ord. 80-81/06 Sec.2(part), 1980).

2.04.140 Rule 14--General duties and powers of standing committees.

A. Each committee shall be convened to organize by the chair pro tempore. At such meeting each committee, except those named in 2.04.120 A.1., shall elect a chair and a vice-chair. The chair shall appoint a member thereof or a staff person as committee clerk.

B. Each committee shall have the following powers:

1. To introduce all such legislation as may fall in its general jurisdiction, and to report on all such legislation as may be referred thereto;

2. Such ministerial powers as may be provided by ordinance, but such enumeration shall not be exclusive;

3. Responsibility for the departmental policy and oversight of such departments, commissions, councils and boards as shall be directed to report thereto;

4. To review, at least quarterly, the budgetary printouts of every department, agency, board or commission under its jurisdiction

C. Each committee shall review all personnel and budget requests made by departments or bodies under its jurisdiction and shall forward recommendations thereon to the human resources department and to the county administrator for referral to the committees on human resources and finance and budget.

1. The human resources director shall inform each committee of any collective bargaining negotiations being conducted with employees of any department under the jurisdiction of the committee and the committee may advise the human resources director on departmental needs related to hours of performance or working conditions.

2. For any department under its jurisdiction, each committee shall review any work rules promulgated pursuant to 3.70.001.

D. Each committee shall be responsible and accountable to the county board, and shall promptly act on all matters referred to the committee and report on same to the board.

E. No committee shall enter into any contract, lease or agreement, commit the county board to any course of action, sell any real or personal property of the county, purchase or take an option to purchase any real property, or promulgate any rules without the express approval of the county board, unless otherwise provided by law or ordinance.

F. Duties of the committee clerk.

1. The committee clerk shall be responsible for the files and records of the committee as well as the compilation and distribution of agendas, including all attachments or agenda packet materials, and the typing and distribution of minutes to the committee at the next succeeding meeting. The original copy of the approved minutes of each meeting shall be filed in the office of the county clerk within two working days of their approval or correction.

2. The committee clerk shall be responsible for recording the attendance of members on the appropriate forms.

3. The committee clerk shall see that all resolutions, ordinances, amendments and reports of the committee are properly drafted and signed prior to submission to the county administrator.

4. The committee clerk shall see that all resolutions and ordinances indicate next to the supervisors signature an aye vote, nay vote, or abstention.

G. Each committee may by order filed with the county clerk and the human resources director create any subcommittee or (with another committee) joint subcommittee, provided that the charge to any such subcommittee or joint subcommittee is within the jurisdiction of the parent committee or committees.

1. Subcommittees shall consist of not less than 2 members of the parent committee appointed by the chair thereof, one of whom shall be designated as subcommittee chair.

2. Joint subcommittee shall consist of not less than 2 members of each parent committee appointed by the chair thereof who shall thereafter jointly designate a member of the joint subcommittee as subcommittee chair.

3. Each subcommittee or joint subcommittee chair shall appoint a subcommittee clerk who shall perform the duties of G. and shall file the order creating the subcommittee or joint subcommittee as provided herein.

H. Meetings scheduled beyond 24 annually by a committee shall be approved in writing by the county board chair.

I. All committees shall include a public comment item on each agenda at the outset of the meeting. The purpose of public comment is to provide non county board members with an opportunity to present information to the committee. It is not intended to provide for interactive debate or for the cross examination of nonmembers. Any person who is not a member of the county board shall be given, subject to the chair's discretion, up to 3 minutes to speak to the committee during the public comment time period. The public comment time period will be limited to no more than 15 minutes per meeting. Each person wishing to speak shall include their name, address and county of residence when signing in, and also state their name, address and county of residence when speaking. All speakers must follow the guidelines established by the chair. The 15-minute public comment time period may be extended at the discretion of the chair. The land conservation commission shall be considered a standing committee within the meaning of this subsection. (Ord. 168-12, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 168-006, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 161-6, Sec. 9, 2017; Ord. 160-16, Sec. 1, 2016; Ord. 159-13, Sec. 1, 2015; Ord. 152-31, Sec. 1, 2008; Ord. 152-001, Sec. 1 & 2, 2008; Ord. 151-10, Sec. 3, 2007; Ord. 147-80, Sec. 3, 2003; Ord. 145-65, Sec. 2, 2001; Ord.141-97 Sec.10, 1998; Ord.141-92 Sec.3-4, 1998; Ord. 138-15, Sec. 1&2, 1994; Ord. 136-91, 1993; Ord. 136-31, 1992; Ord. 131-85 Sec.1 1988; Ord. 81-82/13 Secs.1, 2, 3, 1981; Ord. 80-81/06 Sec.3(part), Sec.4, 1980).

2.04.150 Rule 15--Select and special committees.

A. Select and special committees may be created by resolution, specifying the committee charge, number of members and termination date. Select committees shall consist solely of members of the board, and special committees shall have at least 1 member of the board. Select and special committees created without a termination date shall expire on the 3rd Tuesday of April next following creation thereof. Said committees shall have such authority as shall be granted by resolution, except that the reports of special committees shall be referred to a standing committee pursuant to 2.04.160.

B. The chair of the county board shall make written announcements of his or her appointments to said committees and shall designate a chair and vice-chair on each. All appointments shall expire upon the termination of the respective committee or the 3rd Tuesday of April in even-numbered years, whichever comes first. Vacancies shall be filled by written appointment of the chair for the unexpired portion of the respective terms of appointment.

C. The county administrator shall assign staff or clerical assistance to each select or special committee, and the committee chair shall appoint a committee member or assigned staff member as committee clerk. (Ord. 168-006, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 168-12, Sec. 1, 2024; Ord. 161-6, Sec. 10, 2017; Ord. 159-43, Sec. 8, 2016; Ord.141-92 Sec.5, 1998; Ord. 80-81/06 Sec.21, 1980).

2.04.160 Rule 16--Reference to appropriate committee.

A. All resolutions and ordinances other than those embodied in a committee report and all petitions and claims shall upon introduction be read by title by the clerk and shall then be referred by the chair without motion to the committee(s) having jurisdiction, or if not referred held over, and shall not be acted upon by the board at such meeting unless a suspension of the rules is granted. The clerk shall immediately thereafter enter on the folio of the petition, claim, resolution or ordinance the date and committee of reference and the calendar supplement page on which it appeared, or if distributed at a meeting or by separate mailing, a notation to that effect.

B. Each member of the board shall receive a copy of any resolution or ordinance submitted to the board for adoption under suspension of the rules, unless there is unanimous consent to suspend this requirement. The clerk shall read such resolution or ordinance by title, except for those offered from the floor which shall be read in their entirety. If suspension of the rules is granted, the question on the passage of the resolution or ordinance shall be put by the chair without a motion from the floor.

C. Resolutions or ordinances referred to committee shall be acted upon by the committee or committees and reported to the board at a succeeding meeting, within 60 days of such referral, with a recommendation for adoption, or amendment and adoption, or indefinite postponement, or placement on file, or rejection. In the absence of committee action during said period of time, the resolution or ordinance shall automatically be placed upon the agenda for the next succeeding regular session of the county board following the expiration of the 60 day period herein described. Additional 60 day extensions to the above-described period of time for committee action may be granted by the county board upon adoption of a report to the board by the committee requesting said extension. Petitions or claims shall be acted upon by the appropriate committee(s) and reported to the board at a succeeding meeting by resolution granting, denying or filing the petition, or allowing or disallowing the claim.