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## **Rules Committee Meeting**

James Carius Community Room  
Monday, September 14, 2023 – 4:01 p.m.

Committee Members Present: Chairman Atkins, Nancy Proehl, Sierra Smith and Russ Crawford

Committee Members Absent: Mike Harris

Others Attending: Mike Deluhery, County Administrator

**MOTION**                    **MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to approve the minutes of the August 14, 2023 meeting.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION**                    **MOTION BY MEMBER PROEHL, SECOND BY MEMBER CRAWFORD** to approve rules committee becoming a standing committee

Member Proehl stated that she does not see a need to have a separate committee.

Member Crawford recommends the rules committee become a standing committee. He stated that if there is nothing to discuss, the meeting could be canceled.

Chairman Atkins stated that it should be the Chairman's discretion. He stated that the committee would no longer be a subcommittee of executive.

County Administrator Mike Deluhery stated that the committee may need to consist of 7 members at a minimum.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED WITH 3 AYES AND 1 NAY.**  
Member Proehl voted nay.

**MOTION**                    **MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to approve term limits of committee chairs.

Member Crawford voiced his support of term limits. He stated that it is a safeguard. He stated that this would not take away the chairman's right to make a change.

Chairman Atkins stated that he is against term limits.

County Administrator Mike Deluhery explained that someone would not serve more than 6 years, however, if someone had a partial term beforehand, it could go over. He stated that a chairman could appoint someone initially and then remove them and appoint someone else within the two-year window. He stated that it takes a member time to build up knowledge while on a committee.

On voice vote, **MOTION FAILED WITH 2 AYES AND 2 NAYS.**  
Member Proehl and Member Atkins voted nay.

**MOTION**

**MOTION BY MEMBER PROEHL, SECOND BY MEMBER CRAWFORD** to approve adding in-place committee meetings

County Administrator Mike Deluhery explained that committee chairs could still schedule an in-place meeting. He stated that receiving it by the end of Monday would give the county board office time to get it noticed for the Wednesday meeting.

Chairman Atkins voiced his support for this.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**MOTION**

**MOTION BY MEMBER CRAWFORD, SECOND BY MEMBER SMITH** to approve recording all committee meetings

County Administrator Mike Deluhery explained that he had language separated out for committee and for county board meetings.

Member Crawford voiced concerns regarding moving the recording equipment from Tremont to Pekin and back. He stated that each location should have its own equipment. He stated that he supports a county officer or department head volunteering their department to be a pilot to try this and to identify the advantages and disadvantages.

Member Proehl stated that she did not support mandating this for every department. She stated that departments are limited in staff.

Deluhery stated that he would be in support of a pilot version.

County Clerk Ackerman stated that the county board and land use have already been recording meetings so he is not sure what else there is to learn.

Tazewell County Health Department Administrator Amy Fox voiced her concerns regarding internet issues at the health department and how this could affect video recording.

Member Crawford requested that Administrator Deluhery send a note on behalf of the Rules Committee to department heads with a proposal to participate in a pilot and determine who would be willing to participate.

Deluhery introduced IT Network Administrator, Bill Jenkins, and stated that he had prepared a proposal of the equipment that we would need to record committee meetings. He stated that for the jury room, it would be approximately \$350 investment to purchase a camera and recording equipment.

Member Proehl questioned if equipment for each facility would be purchased and stay at each facility.

Deluhery stated that the highway department already has an audio recording system and a PC. He stated that they would need a camera, cables, and a tripod for about \$340. He stated that for the justice center, they could do one or two cameras and they already have audio at that facility. He stated that the one-camera option would be \$425 and the two-camera option would be about \$1,000.

**MOTION**

**MOTION BY CRAWFORD, SECOND BY PROEHL** to table recording all committee meetings.

On voice vote, **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

County Administrator Mike Deluhery confirmed that all changes will go to the executive committee next week but it will not be considered by the board until October.

**RECESS**

Chairman Atkins recessed the meeting at 4:57 p.m.

(transcribed by S. Gullette)