

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

County Board Chair Rich Bostwick
INITIATED BY



5/11/2023
DATE DRAFTED

Amending Rule IV-P. of the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure

WHEREAS, technology has improved significantly over the years making electronic transmission of meetings efficient and more affordable; and

WHEREAS, there is a population of the public that cannot physically attend meetings; and

WHEREAS, there are members of the public that have disabilities who could benefit from electronic meetings; and

WHEREAS, implementation of electronic meetings would likely increase meeting attendance; and

WHEREAS, implementation of electronic meetings would create a higher level of transparency.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Rock County Board of Supervisors, duly assembled this 25th day of May, 2023 amends the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure as follows (added text appears as underlined; deleted text appears as ~~struck through~~):

Section 1 - Rule IV-P. is amended to read as follows:

~~P. If, an emergency situation arises, in which in the opinion of the Chair or presiding official of any committee, board or commission of the County Board, it would be unsafe to the members of the body, or unsafe to members of the public, to hold an in person meeting, then on a temporary basis, any meeting of the body may be held by remote electronic audio-visual means consistent with the requirements of Rule I-I.~~ All meetings of the Committees listed under Rule V, other than the Rail Transit Commission, shall be broadcast and recorded by electronic audio-visual means accessible to the public. At the sole discretion of the committee chair, any committee may convene by, or use in its meeting, interactive electronic audio-visual media to allow members of the committee, members of the public, or both, to participate in the Committee's meetings. Notwithstanding the above, the following shall not bar the meeting from occurring so long as the requirements of the Wisconsin Open Meetings law have been satisfied: (a) any inadvertent technical issue, failure, barrier, incompatibility, or problem that prevents the meeting from being broadcast or recorded, or (b) the meeting is being conducted in a manner or location that makes broadcasting or recording impracticable and such manner or location is outside the ordinary meeting manner or location, e.g. a committee tour or one-time satellite meeting.

Section 2 – effective date.

This rule shall be effective as of September 16, 2023.

FISCAL NOTE:

Cost of equipment and other implementation costs are to be determined.

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

Pursuant to Rule X-C. of the Rock County Board of Supervisors Rules of Procedure, the Rules of Procedure may be amended by 2/3 vote of all members present.

Richard Greenlee
Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Matter of policy.

Josh Smith
County Administrator

Committee Action

County Board Staff Committee

County Board Staff Committee recommended this resolution for approval by a unanimous voice vote. Supervisors Leavy and Peer were absent.