

**SHEBOYGAN COUNTY    ORDINANCE NO. 03 (2014/15)**

Re:    **Adding Officers' Election Procedure to the County Board Rules**

**WHEREAS**, at the Organizational Meeting of the Sheboygan County Board, the election of Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, and members of the Executive Committee is one of the first tasks that is undertaken, and

**WHEREAS**, historically, the election has been undertaken under a process known as the "usual manner," apparently referring to an election methodology outlined in Robert's Rules of Order, and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interests of the County Board and particularly its newer members that the manner of electing officers be expressly set forth in the County Board Rules;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the County Board of Supervisors of the County of Sheboygan does ordain as follows:

Section 1.    **Providing for Election Procedure in Section 2.04.** Section 2.04 of the Sheboygan County Code of Ordinances is hereby amended so that Section 2.04(2) is renumbered to 2.04(3) and a new 2.04(2) be added as follows:

2.04(2) Organizational Election. Following the Adoption of Rules the outgoing Chairperson shall, in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 59.12, direct the County Clerk to direct the Corporation Counsel to conduct the election of the Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, and additional Executive Committee members. The Corporation Counsel shall appoint three Election Tellers from among the Department Heads.

(a) Election Announcement. The Corporation Counsel shall announce the election, receive the vote tallies from the Election Tellers for each ballot, and certify to the County Board the final result of each ballot and each election.

(b) Election Tellers. The Election Tellers shall collect the votes from each County Supervisor, count the votes, and report the totals to the Corporation Counsel.

(c) Ballots. The Organizational Election shall be conducted by secret ballot in accordance with Wis. Stat. § 19.88(1). The voting ballots shall be paper ballots supplied by the County Clerk, and shall have no writing or marks thereon except that which is placed on the ballot by each voting County Supervisor.

(d) Nominations. The first vote in each election for a given office shall be the nominating ballot. The Corporation Counsel shall display the result of the nominating ballot and ask all Supervisors receiving at least one vote if they accept the nomination. Any County Supervisor declining the nomination will be removed from consideration in the election for which the nominating ballot was taken. The nominating ballot cannot serve as an election ballot, even if a candidate receives a majority of votes cast.

- (e) Election Balloting. County Supervisors shall continue to cast one vote per ballot for one of the names placed in nomination for the office at election by writing the last name of the nominee on the voting ballot. When one of the nominated candidates receives at least one vote more than 50% of the votes cast, the Corporation Counsel shall declare that candidate elected. Any vote received by the Election Tellers that is unreadable, contains extraneous verbiage or marks, is blank, or is cast for a name not in nomination will be classified as an abstention, shall reduce the total of votes cast by one vote, and shall impact the number of votes needed for 50% of votes cast to be elected.

Section 2. **Effective Date.** The herein Ordinance shall take effect upon enactment.

Respectfully submitted this 15th day of July, 2014.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

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Opposed to Introduction:

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