

Whereas, the County Board of Rock Island County adopted in 2015 a code of conduct which states that “stewardship of the public interest must be a primary concern, members of the Rock Island County Board will work for the common good of the people of Rock Island County and not for any personal or private interest,” and “members shall not use their position on the County Board to obtain special favors for personal gain nor shall they ... influence a decision in which they have a personal financial interest,” and

Whereas, pursuant to 40 ILCS 5/; 50 ILCS 145/1; 55 ILCS 5/2-3002; 55 ILCS 5/5-1005; and 55 ILCS 5/5-1113, members of the Governance Task Force of the Rock Island County Board have developed this Resolution in accordance with the strategic directives derived from three County Board strategic planning sessions held between August 11, 2015, and September 15, 2015, therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the County Board to be elected following the 2020 United States Census reapportionment (i.e., in 2022) shall consist of fifteen (15) members from single-member County Board districts reapportioned to ensure each member represents the same number of inhabitants, being elected to staggered terms, eight (8) of four (4) years in length and seven (7) of two (2) years in length, to be apportioned by lot, with every subsequent election to be to four (4) year terms for all members. And be it further

RESOLVED, that in order to demonstrate clearly its willingness to share in the sacrifices that will be required to rectify the fiscal crisis facing Rock Island County, the County Board hereby directs the County Board Chairman no later than March 1, 2016, to notify the Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) of the withdrawal from participation in the IMRF by the Rock Island County Board, effective at the earliest possible date subsequent to notification according to IMRF policy; and to hereby direct the Rock Island County Health Insurance Committee to end County health insurance coverage for Board members, effective no later than April 30, 2016. And be it further

RESOLVED, that the regular work of the County Board be organized among four (4) standing committees, with membership appointed by the County Board Chairman and with responsibilities apportioned as follows:

1. Standing Committee on Finance and Personnel, with oversight to include but not be limited to matters affecting County finances, budgets, revenues, expenditures, financial planning, employee policies and training;
2. Standing Committee on Facilities and Infrastructure, with oversight to include but not be limited to matters affecting County property, buildings, infrastructure, and capital improvement planning;
3. Standing Committee on Governance, with oversight to include but not be limited to matters of intergovernmental relationships, policy advocacy, County Board member orientation and ongoing training, and setting internal rules and procedures;
4. Standing Committee for Leadership, comprised of the County Board Chairman and Vice Chairman (as elected by membership of the County Board), and each committee’s chairman (as appointed by the County Board Chairman). And be it further

RESOLVED, that the County Board direct the County Administrator to prepare, propose, and maintain five-year budget and capital improvement plans to be used in long-range planning, as well as a comprehensive strategy to build and maintain a level of unassigned funds within the General Fund of between 20% and 25% of the budgeted General Fund expenditures for the ten-current fiscal year, and finally be it

RESOLVED, that the County Board direct the County Administrator to amend the Procedural Manual as required to reflect all changes herein effected.

Legal Disclaimers:

SECTION 1: Severability Clause- If any provision of this resolution is held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such ruling shall not affect any other provisions of this resolution not specifically included in such ruling or which can be given effect without the unconstitutional or invalid provision or application.

SECTION 2: Repeal- All ordinances, resolutions, rules, and regulations in conflict with this resolution are hereby repealed to the extent of the inconsistency.

SECTION 3: Saving Clause- Nothing herein adopted shall be construed to affect any suit or proceeding now pending in any court of any rights accrued or liability incurred or any cause or causes of action accrued or existing under any prior resolution or ordinance. Nor shall any right or remedy of any character be lost, impaired, or affected by this resolution.

This resolution shall be in effect after its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

Karen Kinney, Clerk of the County Board
County Board

Ken Maranda, Chairman of the

[Contingent upon passage:] Adopted by the County Board of the County of Rock Island in Open Meeting this 16th Day of February, 2016