

RESOLUTION

ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Supervisor Kathy Schulz
INITIATED BY



5/11/2023
DATE DRAFTED

FAILED Amending Rule VIII-B. of the Rock County Board Rules of Procedure

WHEREAS, in the spirit of providing meaningful comments for a County proposal or budget item to set reasonable limits on debate in order to encourage as much discourse from as many members as possible; and

WHEREAS, limiting members to speak for up to five minutes ~~and only be recognized twice~~ is advisable to make sure that members use their time judicially and thoughtfully; and

WHEREAS, allowing for flexibility for the Chair to recognize members ~~beyond this rule~~ is advisable to allow for a fair and equitable discussion of the issues at hand; and

WHEREAS, if all 29 supervisors spoke for the full ~~five-minute~~ allowance, it would take two hours and 25 minutes.

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

RULE VIII-B. is amended to read as follows:

B. In presenting business, ~~or debate~~, members shall address the Chair, be recognized, and when in order, proceed without interruption. ~~In cases when more than one member shall seek to be recognized, the Chair shall decide who has precedence. No member shall be permitted to speak for more than 5 minutes on any question, nor shall any member be recognized more than twice. Notwithstanding the above, the chair may recognize a member more than twice if doing so, in the opinion of the chair, is necessarily to be fair and equitable or shall move deliberations more expediently towards resolution accordance, and in granting such additional recognition, the member shall only be recognized for two additional minutes.~~

FISCAL NOTE:

No fiscal impact.

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

Supervisor Wilson moved to amend the resolution to add to 3rd Whereas statement "allow for a fair and equitable discussion of the issues at hand", second by Supervisor Beaver. The County Board Staff Committee recommended this amended resolution for approval by a roll call vote of 5-2 in which Supervisors Bostwick, Sweeney, Beaver, Wilson, and Podzilni voted "Aye" and Supervisors Brien and Towns voted "Nay." Supervisors Leavy and Peer were absent.

FAILED