

The Reorganization Committee met in Room A-200 of the Administration Center at 1:30 PM

Reorganization Committee called to order by Vice-Chairperson Geracie.

Present: Committee Members: Vice-Chairperson Geracie, Supervisors Marchese, Richart, Rothstein, Stumpf, and Szatkowski.

Others Present: County Administrator Thomas Meaux, and Human Resources Director Jason Dzwiniel.

Absent: Supervisors Mark Cronce (excused) and Walerstein (excused)

1. Call to Order/Proper Notice/Adoption of Agenda: Agenda adopted by unanimous consent (6-0).
2. Public Comments/Correspondence/Communications: Supervisor Walerstein sent a note that he is unavailable and requested to be excused. Supervisor Szatkowski informed the Committee that she discussed the Public Safety Committee's current role in the personnel recruitment and promotional matters of the Sheriff's Department and the Committee would like to maintain this role.
3. Approve Minutes of September 16, 2010 Meeting: Motion made by Supervisor Szatkowski to approve the minutes, seconded by Supervisor Rothstein. Supervisor Stumpf offered corrections regarding the Administrative Committee's role in budgeting and collective bargaining and its role in reducing the Committee's current workload, also clarifying that he supported allowing the Committees to elect their Chairs. The minutes will be corrected to reflect these items. Motion carried (6-0).
4. Discussion Items:
  - a. Committee Membership: Chairperson Geracie presented the appointment analysis. The Committee suggested 4 recommendations to the County Board

Supervisor Rothstein said she preferred an odd number for committee membership and the current 5 member committee. She also stated that the Board Chair should not be appointed to a standing committee as they have enough work to do. Supervisor Rothstein stated that in general she prefers 26 members. Supervisor Szatkowski concurred that the County Board Chair should not serve on a standing committee, she inquired about the Vice Chair serving on a standing committee. Supervisor Geracie stated that as it stands now it has not posed a problem.

Supervisor Richart stated that he supported 5 on a committee and that the County Board Chair and Vice Chair should not be required to service on a standing committee due to the increased workload of the Executive Committee, his preference is 27 members.

Supervisor Marchese stated that he does not support committees of 3 but thought that the range presented to the County Board should be between 20 and 31. He continued that 4 member committees have a weakness, due to potential ties on votes and quorum issues.

Supervisor Stumpf stated that he prefers that Board Members serve on 2 Standing Committees appointments. He stated that when he began his tenure on the County Board he assumed that 31 members were correct but, now believes that a smaller Board is appropriate. When the Board calls the question on a vote on the floor it passes a majority of the time, he believes that this says the Board is too large. He stated that 7 member standing committees allows for more member participation at the Committee level where the work is done. Furthermore, 7 member standing committees would solve most of the quorum issues. Supervisor Geracie inquired if potential members working full-time days would have an issue with two standing committee appointments. Supervisor Stumpf stated that he would propose eliminating the second County Board meeting to save time and, hold the presentations after the monthly business meeting to

address the workload issue. Supervisor Szatkowski stated that she feels that the 2 committees might impact those who work full time, as the Committee meetings generate work, it may impact some of the outside appointments that the current Board members take voluntarily at present. Supervisor Geracie said that night meetings may allow for flexibility. Supervisor Rothstein stated that serving on 2 Committees allow Board Members to learn more about different areas of County operations. The Committee consensus was to recommend the following:

1. Full Board - 31 Members
  - a. Committee Membership - 6 Members
  - b. Executive Committee – Comprised of 5 Standing Committee Chairs and County Board Chair
  - c. County Board Chair is not appointed to a Standing Committee
  
2. Full Board - 22 Members
  - a. Committee Membership - 7 Members, each member serves on two Committees
  - b. Executive Committee – Comprised of 5 Standing Committee Chairs and County Board Chair and Vice Chair
  - c. County Board Chair and Vice Chair are not appointed to a Standing Committee
  
3. Full Board - 26 Members
  - a. Committee Membership - 5 Members
  - b. Executive Committee – Comprised of 5 Standing Committee Chairs and County Board Chair and Vice Chair
  - c. County Board Chair is not appointed to a Standing Committee
  
4. Full Board - 27 Members
  - a. Committee Membership - 5 Members
  - b. Executive Committee – Comprised of 5 Standing Committee Chairs and County Board Chair and Vice Chair
  - c. County Board Chair and Vice Chair are not appointed to a Standing Committee
  
- b. Term Limits for Committee Chairs: Supervisor Marchese stated that he is in favor of rotation, it will allow for the development of leadership among the Board. Supervisor Szatkowski stated that she agrees with term limits, but questioned how the Board would account for a large project that might span the terms, would the limits harm the project. She stated that she is in favor of two terms, but the limits should allow for large project exception. Supervisor Richart stated that some members of the Board are good leaders, if the members are comfortable being led by that person it should not be limited. Committee consensus was to recommend 2-3 terms.
  
- c. Rotation of Committee Assignment – Supervisor Marchese states that he felt this was not as important as the terms for Chairperson, but that the rotation should be staggered. Supervisor Rothstein stated that she felt it should be longer than the Committee Chair limits as the Board needs to develop leadership. Committee consensus was to recommend rotation of 3-4.
  
5. Adjournment – Motion made by Supervisor Szatkowski to adjourn, seconded by Supervisor Stumpf. Motion carried (7-0).

Meeting adjourned at 3:16 PM