

RESOLUTION 2011 – 221

RESOLUTION ---- ESTABLISHING AND APPROVING STANDING RULES FOR PUBLIC CONDUCT FOR BOARD SESSIONS OF THE SANDUSKY COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Board of County Commissioners, Sandusky County, Ohio, met in regular session on the 30th day of June, 2011 at the offices of the Board with the following members present:

Dan Polter

Matt Damschroder

Terry Thatcher

Commissioner Polter moved the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, the Sandusky County Board of Commissioners recognizes that the citizens of Sandusky County are the county's most valuable asset and that the meetings of the Board of Commissioners are public meetings and from time to time are attended by interested citizens, and,

Whereas, the Board of Commissioners recognizes that citizens attending the meetings may want to express their views to the Board, and,

Whereas, decorum, civility and order must be observed by all persons in attendance, and all persons in attendance must conduct themselves at all times in such a manner so they do not interfere with the ability of others to hear, follow, focus upon and/or record the proceedings without unnecessary distraction, and,

Whereas, the Board recognizes the need to precisely and narrowly tailor any limitations upon the conduct of the public in attendance and impose such limitations reservedly and to ensure the greater public good of an orderly and efficiently conducted county government,

THEREFORE; Be It Resolved,

Section 1. Persons who wish to address the Board of Commissioners regarding any item on the agenda may be granted the privilege of the floor for a five minute period unless, at the discretion of the Board President or other presiding person, circumstances dictate a longer or shorter period of time.

Section 2. All remarks shall be addressed to the Board as a body and not to any one member.

Section 3. No person, other than a Board member and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into a discussion or make comment without the permission of the Board President or other person presiding.

Section 4. No disruptive behavior or violations of the rules will be tolerated. The President of the Board or other presiding person shall have the discretion to order the cessation of any disruptive behavior or of rules being violated. The Board President or other presiding person shall have the discretion to order the removal of persons who continue to disrupt meetings and/or violate the rules of conduct. Readmission to the current meeting will be at the discretion of the Board President or other person presiding.

Section 5. All electronic devices shall be set to vibrate or turned off if no vibrate setting is available.

Section 6. All persons who choose to independently record the proceedings of the Board must do so using equipment that is silent, unobtrusive, self-contained and self-powered. Additionally, for security reasons, all recording devices shall be monitored by an attendant at all times.

Section 7. All persons using laptop oriented devices that require typing are required to use the back two rows of seats in the boardroom. This will ensure that the typing will not inordinately interfere with the recording/transcription of the meetings and should reduce the chance of annoyance to the Board or others in attendance.

Section 8. This resolution shall be copied to all elected officials and media outlets that are part of the contact list for Commissioner Sessions. It shall also be posted on the county website under the "public notice" button.

Section 9. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were so adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Commissioner Damschroder seconded the above resolution and the vote upon its adoption resulted as follows:

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yes

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yes

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yes

Considered and adopted by unanimous vote.

Attest: *Wynn Beum*
Clerk to the Board

file: cmmisisoners
copies:

I, the undersigned, Clerk of the Board of Commissioners,
Sandusky County, Ohio, do hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true and correct copy from the official record of the Board of
County Commissioners as recorded in the official Journal.

Clerk, Board of County Commissioners
Sandusky County, Ohio