



Lawrence County
RULES COMMITTEE

Date: Tuesday, October 6, 2026 | **Time:** 4:30-5:07 p.m.

PRESENT: **County Executive** David Morgan. **Commissioners:** *Chairman* Scott Franks, *Chair Pro-Tempore* Rick Skillington, Tim Clifton, J.D. Bosheers, Ray Brazier, Steve Hagan, and Travis Cauwels. **Circuit Court Clerk** Tommy Lee Kidd, and John Uzbasic.

Commissioner Skillington called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL: *Committee Chair* Rick Skillington, *Committee Vice-chair* Scott Franks, and Travis Cauwels.

ABSENT: Angie Jacobs and Blake Grooms.

PRAYER: Executive Morgan.

PLEDGE: Commissioner Clifton.

- **Commissioner Skillington** proposed that one member of each committee stand to clarify and summarize resolutions being presented to the Commission.
- **Commissioner Franks** noted that the most recent County Commission rules formally adopted on paper were from 1979 and 1999. A 2024 draft of updated rules is available. He stated that updated rules should be adopted within 120 days after a new Commission takes office.
- **Commissioner Skillington** stated that Madison County's rules appear to be the closest comparison to Lawrence County.
- **Commissioner Franks** discussed quorum requirements.
- *The Committee discussed whether non-Commissioners should be permitted to serve on County Commission committees.*
- **Commissioner Cauwels** suggested adopting rules governing Commission meetings first and then returning at a later date to review and establish rules governing Committee meetings.
- **Commissioner Franks** stated that he would use Madison County's rules as a template, make the necessary modifications, and prepare a red-line draft for the Committee's review at a later date.

Motion to use Madison County's Rules as a Template for County Commission Meetings and to Authorize Commissioner Scott Franks to Make the Necessary Modifications and Prepare a Red-Line Draft to Present to the Rules Committee at a Later Date.

Motion: Cauwels. **Second:** Franks.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously, 2/0.

- **Commissioner Skillington** suggested including a gavel for meetings in the updated rules and procedures.
- *The Committee agreed and discussed the practice of standing, when physically able, to be formally recognized when wishing to address the Board during a meeting.*

Motion to Recess

Motion: Franks. **Second:** Cauwels.

Vote: Motion passed unanimously 2/0.

Minutes Submitted By: *Christian Tyree*