

CHAPTER 3

CITIZEN COMMITTEES

3.005 Definitions. As used in BCC Chapter 3:

(1) "Committee" means any citizen committee, commission, or board to which appointments are made by the Board of Commissioners. [Ord. 85-0024]

3.010 Applicability.

This section shall apply to all advisory boards, commissions, and committees that are created solely by the Benton County Board of Commissioners or for which Benton County is legally responsible, unless to do so would cause County to be in violation of state or federal law. [Ord. 2016-0273]

3.015 Appointments.

(1) The Board of Commissioners shall select and appoint members of County advisory, boards, commissions, and committees. The Board may establish procedures for member selection and appointment to supplement the provisions of this Chapter.

(2) Applications for appointment to County boards, commissions, and committees shall be filed with the Board of Commissioners. The Board of Commissioners may limit the times when it will accept applications. The Board shall review submitted applications and may refer applications to advisory boards, commissions, and committees for screening and recommendations.

(3) All persons appointed to serve on County advisory boards, commissions and committees shall serve on such advisory boards, commissions, and committees at the pleasure of the Board of Commissioners. Appointments shall be made for such terms as designated by the Board of Commissioners.

(4) The Board of Commissioners reserves the right to appoint or not appoint a person to fill any position vacated by a member of an advisory board, commission or committee. [Ord 85-0024; Ord. 2016-0273]

3.020 By-Laws.

(1) By-Laws may be drafted, reviewed, and recommended to the Board of Commissioners by any advisory board, commission, or committee. By-Laws may also be prepared by the Board of Commissioners.

(2) The Board of Commissioners shall have the sole authority to adopt, amend, or repeal by-laws for County advisory boards, commissions, and committees.

(3) By-Laws shall govern the conduct of the County advisory board, commission, or committee but shall not, in any way, bind the Board of County Commissioners. By-Laws may contain more stringent requirements or procedures than those specified in this Chapter. [Ord. 2016-0273]

3.025 Conflicts of Interest.

(1) All members of County advisory boards, commissions, or committees shall comply with all State laws relating to conflicts of interest, financial interest, and ethics laws.

3.030 Quorum

A quorum is required before a County advisory board, commission, or committee or any of its members may decide any matter relating to the advisory board, commission, or committee's business. A quorum shall be a majority of the persons then appointed by the County to serve on the advisory board, commission, or committee, excluding vacant positions. [Ord. 2016-0273]

3.035 Removal; Grounds, Procedures.

(1) *Removal.* Removal of a member of a County advisory board, commission, or committee may be made or approved by the Board of Commissioners, without cause, at any time.

(2) *Opportunity to address Board of Commissioners.* Whenever practicable, the Board of Commissioners may provide the member being removed from an advisory board, commission or committee position with an opportunity to address the Board of Commissioners concerning that member's removal prior to removal from the advisory board, commission or committee. Last Modified 3/9/90, Ord. 90-0067 3-2; Ord. 2016-0273