

Sec. 2-47. Majority vote required to change regular meeting.

The quorum court may temporarily alter and change the time, date or place of a regular meeting of any month upon a majority vote of the quorum court at a regular meeting no less than one regular meeting prior to the meeting altered or changed.

(Ord. No. 80-4, art. III, 2-29-80)

Sec. 2-48. Authority of county judge.

(a) The county judge shall have the authority, after first giving notice to the members of the quorum court, to postpone or cancel a regularly scheduled meeting of the quorum court five days or less prior to the regularly scheduled meeting when such postponement or cancellation shall be due to adverse weather conditions, the regular monthly meeting falling on a legal holiday or there being no business on the quorum court agenda or any business to be brought by an individual quorum court member.

(b) If the county judge exercises his authority in this section, he shall, at that time, announce the date of the next regularly scheduled meeting.

(c) The county judge shall have no authority to make more than two postponements or cancellations in succession.

(Ord. No. 90-15, arts. I—III, 6-28-90)

Sec. 2-49. Agenda.

(a) All resolutions or ordinances to be considered at any regular meeting of the quorum court must be submitted in writing to the county clerk no later than 9:00 a.m. of the morning six days prior to the meeting. All such resolutions or ordinances shall include the name of the justice introducing such proposed action. Nothing in this subsection shall prevent the court by a majority vote from waiving the time for submission of ordinances and resolutions and considering them.

(b) In order to provide orderly discussion of the legislative matters considered by the quorum court, the order of business for quorum court meetings shall be patterned in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised. The quorum court hereby designates the county clerk as secretariat of the quorum court to prepare an agenda and notice of the meeting, such agenda to include the specific nature of matters to be considered at quorum court meetings as submitted, in addition to the pattern usually used, a *brief period of public comment or questions after "committee reports" and before "new business"*. However, the order of business is not prescribed by law and may be deviated from when circumstances dictate. Deviation from the order of business is accomplished either by a motion to suspend the rules or by general consent.

The county clerk shall coordinate the agenda with the county judge or presiding officer of the quorum court and shall distribute copies of the agenda and notice of the meeting along with copies of ordinances and resolutions to be considered. Distribution to all members of the

quorum court, the county judge and all news media and other persons requesting the agenda shall be made either through the United States Postal Service or electronically where available no later than six days prior to the meeting.

(Ord. No. 77-13, art. 1, 6-7-77; Ord. No. 80-12, art. 1, 4-28-80; Ord. No. 97-11, art. I, 3-17-97; Ord. No. 05-01, art. 3, 1-27-05; Ord. No. 07-33, art. 3, 12-20-07)

Secs. 2-50—2-65. Reserved.

DIVISION 3. SPECIAL MEETINGS

Sec. 2-66. Notice required.

(a) The county judge or a majority of the elected justices of the peace may call a special meeting upon at least 24 hours' notice.

(b) Such notice shall specify the subjects, time, date and place of the meeting. The notice shall also include the general purpose of the special meeting; however, this does not preclude the quorum court from acting on or considering other matters which may appropriately come before the quorum court at such special meeting.

(c) Notice of a special meeting given at any regular or special meeting of the quorum court shall constitute due notice to the members present. The county judge shall be responsible for giving timely notice to absent members, as well as giving public notice, containing the information specified in subsection (b) of this section.

(Ord. No. 77-2, §§ 1—3, 1-3-77)

Sec. 2-67. Change of regular meeting during special meeting.

The quorum court may temporarily alter and change the time, date or place of a regular meeting of any month upon a two-thirds vote of the quorum court at a special meeting.

(Ord. No. 80-4, art. IV, 2-29-80)

Sec. 2-68. Notice.

(a) Notice of a special meeting of the quorum court called by the county judge at other than a meeting of the quorum court shall be accomplished by the county judge notifying, in writing if time permits, each justice of the peace individually and giving due public notice.

(b) Notice of a special meeting of the quorum court called by a majority of the justices of the peace shall be accomplished by one member of the majority notifying the county judge in writing if time permits. In addition to the information specified in section 2-66, the notice shall also include the name of each justice of the peace making up the majority calling the meeting. The county judge shall be responsible for notifying individually each justice of the peace not included in the majority calling the special meeting, in writing if time permits, and giving public notice.