

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
February 6, 2024, at 6 pm
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Stock, Stocker, Kubicki, Gentz, and Yuhas

Committee Members Excused: Supervisors Geertsen and Nedweski

Youth-In-Governance Present: Sona Hawkins

Staff Present: John Jansen, Kari Foss, Lori Plahmer, Tammy Capito, Lynda Bogdala and Rebecca Dutter

Others Present: Brookside Board of Trustees Chairman Bob Pitts

1. **Call to order / Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Chairman Stock. Roll call was taken.
2. **Citizens Comments:** None
3. **Chairman's / Committee Members / Supervisors / YIG comments:** None
4. **Approval of Minutes – December 5, 2023** - Supervisor Yuhas made a motion to accept the minutes from December 5, 2023. Chairman Stocker seconded. All in Favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **A Resolution to approve the appointment of Cathi McCutchan to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services.** John Jansen introduced the resolution. Cathi was present at the meeting and gave the committee an overview of her credentials for serving on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services.

Supervisor Gentz made a motion to approve the appointment, Supervisor Kubicki seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. **A resolution to approve the appointment of Kayla Hove to serve on Kenosha County's Board of Health.** John Jansen introduced the resolution. Kayla was present at the meeting and gave an overview of her credentials for serving on the Board of Health.

Supervisor Kubicki made a motion to approve the appointment, Supervisor Gentz seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **A resolution to approve the appointment of Harry Laws to serve on Kenosha County's Board of Health.** John Jansen introduced the resolution. Dr. Laws was present at the meeting and gave an overview of her credentials for serving on the Board of Health.

Supervisor Gentz made a motion to approve the appointment, Supervisor Yuhas seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. **A resolution to approve the reappointment of Julia Robinson to serve on Kenosha County's Board of Health.** John Jansen introduced the resolution for the reappointment.

Supervisor Yuhas made a motion to approve the appointment, Supervisor Kubicki seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**
9. **A resolution to approve the reappointment of Kenny Harper to serve on Kenosha County's Board of Health.** John Jansen introduced the resolution for the reappointment.

Supervisor Gentz made a motion to approve the appointment, Supervisor Yuhas seconded. All in favor. **Motion carried unanimously.**

10. A resolution to approve the reappointment of Barbara Wisniewski to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

John Jansen introduced the resolution for the reappointment.

Chairman Stocker wanted to have Barb Wisniewski in person at the meeting. Chairman Stocker made a motion to table the resolution until the next meeting to have Barb present. There was no second. Motion failed. Supervisor Kubicki stated that we don't have reappointments attend as we have the credentials and they have served already.

Supervisor Kubicki made a motion to approve the appointment, Supervisor Gentz seconded. Ayes- Supervisors Stock, Kubicki, Gentz and Yuhas. Nay – Supervisor Stocker. **Motion carried.**

11. Brookside Presentation – Tammy Capito presented the committee with the financials for Brookside Care Center.

There are good changes. There is a \$98,000 loss at the end of December 2023. There is still \$225,000 of ARPA funds that we will be able to put in.

Supervisor Gentz asked where we were halfway through the year. Tammy stated we were at a \$682,000 loss. Brookside is changing their model to more long-term care residents which will stabilize the census. Supervisor Gentz asked how we compare to other facilities in the area for cost. Tammy stated that all medical costs are public now so she can look that up. Brookside is top notch in quality of care. She will pull reports for cost at other facilities and get that information back to the committee.

Supervisor Kubicki asked how we were doing with staffing. Lynda Bogdala stated that we are doing much better. She stated that we are trying to open the other 12 beds in the long-term care unit. We are moving in the right direction.

Chairman Stock asked what # of rooms was budgeted and what is the capacity. Tammy stated 128 beds was budgeted and capacity was 154. Lynda stated that our census today was 131. At this time of the year there seems to be a lot of residents passing away. Chairman Stock thanked them for the presentation.

12. Any other business as authorized by law: None.

13. Adjournment: Supervisor Gentz made a motion to Adjourn. Supervisor Kubicki seconded. All in Favor. **Motion carried unanimously.** Meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Full audio of the meeting is available at <https://www.kenoshacounty.org/ArchiveCenter/ViewFile/Item/7021>

Respectfully Submitted,

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