

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
February 22, 2024

Members Present: Gabe Nudo, Erin Decker, Brian Bashaw, Zach Stock, Brian Thomas

Excused: Mark Nordigian, Terry Rose

YIG: Present: Alec Schires, Enze Price

YIG Absent:

Others Present: John Franco, Jeff Gentz, Dave Geertsen

6:30 PM

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Chair Nudo at 6:30pm

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2. Citizen Comments:

Veronica King- Emailed County Board regarding an incident in her neighborhood. She is asking EC to reconsider the REEC for Kenosha County as there is a race problem.

Jodi Meerhof- Here tonight to state that the REEC needs to be reinstated and as leaders it is the Boards responsibility to see that a public health crisis is being addressed. She reminds the Committee of the incident that happened at Country Thunder. She urges the Committee to do the right that for the people in our community.

Gail Clark Taylor- Thanks Supervisor Gentz for bringing this resolution. She states the Commission was brought down internally. Please accept this Resolution and create a commission that is under control of the whole Board with people that want to do what's right and believe that Racism is a problem in Kenosha County.

Heidi Helgeson- She is here to speak in support of bringing back the REEC. She speaks about the former commission and the struggles it had endured.

Tamara Weber- When she first started attending REEC, she was the only citizen at the meetings. She encouraged people to attend with her. The Commission was too like minded to move forward. The new Commission was comprised with differing viewpoints, the public derailed this commission with their hateful comments and reversed racism. She believes that members of this community will never be happy with people that are not likeminded. She believes this Commission should be dissolved as nothing good has come from it. The Commission is not needed as Kenosha County Thrive is in place.

Jeff Gentz- States the reason he's brought this Resolution forward as it is clear in both sides that the membership was flawed. By having the Kenosha County Board in charge of this Commission is the best route to take. The last REEC was a disaster. He believes the County still needs this Commission, just in a different way.

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3. Chair/Supervisor Comments: Remove Resolution from tonight's agenda #8 KMR to next month as Supervisor Rose is unexpectedly unable to attend tonight.

Supervisor Thomas welcomes Chair Nudo back.

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4. Communications- None

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5. Approval of Minutes- Approval of minutes for October 26, 2023 meeting **Moved by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Bashaw. All aye. YIG Aye. Motion passes.**

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6. Resolution Recognizing March 2024 as “National Social Work Month” - **Moved by Vice Chair Decker, seconded by Karow. Approved unanimously.** Vice Chair Decker recognizes and thanks all Social Workers for their hard work. Supervisor Thomas inquires if there is a solid number of Social Workers in Kenosha County. **All aye. YIG Aye. Motion passes.**

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7. Resolution Recognizing April 15-19, 2024 as “National Work Zone Awareness Week”– **Moved by Vice Chair Decker, seconded by Bashaw. Approved unanimously.** Vice Chair Decker would like to recognize our Safety Workers and bring awareness to our Work Zones. Supervisor Karow states that work zone safety is a big deal especially with the inattentive drivers. Supervisor Bashaw thanks for the resolution as it is timely and purposeful. The rate of incidents is on the rise and out of control. Our workers put themselves in jeopardy by simply doing their jobs and being on the roads. To recognize their efforts and their safety is critical is critical to what they do. **All aye. YIG Aye. Motion passes.**

8. A Resolution Supporting the Kenosha-Racine-Milwaukee (KRM) Regional Rail Line-moved to next month.

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9. Resolution Modifying The Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission of Kenosha County- No motion to move, resolution dies.

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10. Items for Future Discussion - None

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11. Future Scheduling– No discussion

6:56 PM

12. Adjourn – **Moved by Vice Chair Decker, seconded by Stock. All aye. YIG Aye. Motion passes.**
Meeting concluded at 6:56p

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Peralta
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