

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
February 7, 2023**

The **Regular County Board Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Nudo at 7:32 p.m., in the County Board Chambers located in the Administration Building.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Bashaw, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Excused: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, and Gentz.

Present: 20 Excused: 3

Chairman Nudo welcomed Youth In Governance member Alexa Didinsky (Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee).

Chairman Nudo held a moment of silence in honor of Milwaukee police officer, Peter Jerving, whom was killed on duty on the morning of Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

Citizen Comments

Linda Spaulding (3023 25th Street, Kenosha) shared concern with Committee meeting times. They distributed a [written summary](#) to each Supervisor. The concern originates from the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee following a meeting rescheduled from 6:30 PM to 4:15 PM. They urged the Board to schedule Committee meetings after 6:00 PM.

Announcements Of The Chairperson

Chairman Nudo recommended the Resolution 72 be removed from the agenda and be referred to the Finance/Administration Committee for further review – the recommendation was non-debatable. The Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee members completed a voice vote. The vote passed (4-2).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Franco, Nordigian and Wamboldt.

NAY: Supervisors Decker and Rodriguez.

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Rodriguez

Stated they were unaware of the Chairman's recommendation to remove Resolution 72 from the agenda. The Committee met with Josh Nielsen, Director of Joint Services, following a meeting with the Executive Committee regarding changes in the Joint Services department. Nielsen had informed the Committee changes were underway to establish new processes to ensure recent problems are not reoccurring. The Committee is aware of misconduct in the department throughout the last decade but are unaware of the dollar amount – it is estimated to be in the range of \$10,000+ from statements given to the Walworth County Sheriff's Department. The Committee found Director Nielsen does not have a current plan in place. Supervisor Rodriguez stated if the issues are not addressed they will require a director.

Supervisor Nordigian

Shared a second public informational meeting regarding the Highway W reconstruction was held; it is scheduled to start in 2024, yet the meeting was well attended by local residents. Some requested changes to the plan, at the first public meeting, were made and the residents were more affirming of the current plan. Clement Abongwa, Director of Kenosha County Highways, was available for questioning at both meetings. Supervisor Nordigian noted the first meeting was not as well attended but noted Director Abongwa had corrected this error by noticing the second meeting in a timelier manner to ensure the meeting was well attended - the effort was noticed and recognized the Director's work. Many of the comments made at the meeting were regarding miscommunication from the Sheriff's Department in

previous years and urged the current Sheriff to increase communication efforts with residents in the Western side of the County.

Vice-Chair Decker

Reported they attended the inaugural meeting of the Opioid Settlement Advisory Panel on January 31, 2023, chaired by Carrie Foss, Manager of Behavioral Health. The panel was created by Executive Kerkman to provide input to the Executive's office on potential uses of the funds the County received, and will be receiving, from the opioid settlements. An overview of ways the settlement funds can be used was discussed. The County received 1.75 million dollars in opioid settlement money, and more is expected. The Executive's goal is to use the interest earned on the principal to pay for programs so the funding can continue following initial startup investments. The panel meets monthly at 1:30 PM, on the fourth Tuesday, at the Kenosha County Job Center (Human Services Building), and the next meeting will be held on February 28, 2023. The panel will learn more on the Botvin LifeSkills program and evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention programs. On February 6, 2023, Vice-Chair Decker joined Executive Kerkman and Nathan Houdek, Commissioner of Insurance for WI, on a tour of the County's flood mitigation efforts which coincided with flood insurance awareness week. The County's participation in the National flood insurance programs community rating system allows for a discount of up to 25% for policyholders living in split special flood hazard areas. Only seventeen units of local government in WI participate in this voluntary community rating system and Kenosha County is one of two in WI, and 170 nationally, to achieve a class five rating. This recognizes the efforts of the County's ongoing fox river floodplain buyout program led by Andy Buehler, Development Director of Planning & Development. Since 1995, the program has obtained FEMA funds to purchase 186 parcels, including 119 residences, located in the floodplain. The voluntary program allows residents to relocate to drier land and reverts the newly county-owned properties to natural land in the floodplain. Supervisor Decker shared several flood insurance facts.

Supervisor Nedweski

Shared the Human Services Committee met on February 7, 2023, and received a Narcan and Fentanyl strip training; County schools have increased training. Overdose emergency kits will be placed in County buildings in the upcoming weeks; the grant may be expanded to allow for further placement in businesses or various organizations through the County. It is recommended that all inquire about attending Narcan training and obtaining an overdose emergency kit.

Supervisor Thomas

Reported the Racial Ethnic & Equity Commission will meet on February 8, 2023, at 6:00 PM at the Bradford Community Church and will end following the last speaker or at 8:00 PM.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - One Reading

69. From The Public Works & Facilities & Finance/Administration Committees - A Resolution To Lease Kenosha County Property At Kenosha County Center To U.S. Rep. Steil

It was moved by Supervisor Nordigian, seconded by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 69. After some discussion and on roll call vote, motion passed (19-1).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas.

NAY: Supervisor Grady.

70. From Chairman Nudo And The Legislative Committee: A Resolution To Request The State Of Wisconsin To Revise The Current Real Estate Transfer Fees Revenue Sharing Formula

Regi Waligora, County Clerk, noted that there was a previous clerical error on the agenda (listed Supervisor Rose rather than Chairman Nudo on the agenda item) and has been amended.

It was moved by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Poole to adopt Resolution 70. On a voice vote, motion passed.

71. From The Judiciary And Law Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Representative Tip McGuire To Serve As A Member Of The Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group #1 – State Elected Official Group)

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Bashaw to adopt Resolution 71. On a voice vote, motion passed.

72. From Supervisors Decker, Bashaw, Rodriguez And The Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution Regarding DARE And Deputy Friendly Programs

Resolution 72 was removed from the agenda and referred to the Finance/Administration Committee – see Announcements Of The Chairman, above.

COMMUNICATIONS

46. Communication From Judiciary And Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution In Support Of The Intergovernmental Mutual Aid Agreement For Transportation Of Chapter 51 Detainees By Wisconsin Law Enforcement From Wisconsin To Lake Behavioral Hospital In Illinois

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 46 to the Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee.

47. Communication From Supervisors Rose And Rodriguez - Ordinance: Amendment To Chapter 4, Municipal Code Of Kenosha County, The Civil Service Ordinance

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 47 to the Judiciary & Law Enforcement and Finance/Administration Committees.

48. Communication From The Finance/Administration Committee - A Resolution To Accept And Utilize WLIP Grant Funding For Kenosha County Land Records Modernization Project Activities

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 48 to the Finance/Administration Committee

49. Communication From Supervisors Decker, Geertsen, And Stocker - A Resolution In Support Of Increased County Child Support Funding

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 49 to the Legislative Committee.

50. Communication From Supervisors Decker, Geertsen, And Stocker - A Resolution Regarding Substitute Care Collections

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 50 to the Legislative Committee.

51. Communication From The Public Works/Facilities Committee - A Resolution To Approve A FICA Alternative Plan For Eligible KC Employees

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 51 to the Finance/Administration Committee.

52. Communication From The Public Works/Facilities Committee - A Resolution To Approve Repurposing Of ARPA Funds From CTH S Project To CTH EM Project

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 52 to the Public Works & Facilities Committee.

53. Communication From Supervisors Decker And Rodriguez And The Finance/Administration Committee - A Resolution Relating To The Use Of TikTok On Kenosha County Owned Devices

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 53 to the Finance/Administration Committee.

54. Communication From Supervisors Decker And Rodriguez - A Resolution To Amend Chapter LE-5.06-1

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 54 to the Legislative Committee.

55. Communication From Supervisors Decker And Rodriguez - A Resolution Recognizing April 2023 As "National Child Abuse Prevention Month"

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 55 to the Executive Committee.

Approval Of The January 17, 2023, Minutes By Supervisor O'Day

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day, seconded by Supervisor Wamboldt to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on January 17, 2023. On a voice vote, motion passed.

Adjourn

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Nordigian to adjourn at 8:09 p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Prepared by: Alyssa Padjen, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk