

Human Services Committee

Minutes of Meeting

April 6, 2022 – immediately following the 5:30 pm Joint Human Services Committee/Finance Administration meeting
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Gulley, Rose, Lewis, Berg and Decker

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Beth

YIG Present: Kayla Mitchell

YIG not Present: Arjun Kumar

Others Present: John Jansen, Rebecca Dutter and Lynda Bogdala

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 5:49 pm by Supervisor Belsky. Roll call was taken.

2. **Citizen's Comments-** None

3. **Chairman's/Committee members/Supervisors/YIG Comments-** none

4. **Approval of Minutes-March 1, 2022** – Motion to approve the minutes from the March 1, 2022 Human Services Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gulley. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution for the appointment of Ms. Jane Sandberg to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services.** John Jansen introduced the resolution and stated that although Ms. Sandberg was not able to make it to this meeting. Rebecca Dutter stated that Ms. Sandberg was a long-standing employee for the county and she will bring a great deal of knowledge and energy to this commission.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ms. Jane Sandberg to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution for the appointment of Supervisor Andy Berg to serve on the Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency Board.** John Jansen introduce the resolution. Supervisor Rose asked what this Board does, and John explained the duties

Motion to approve the reappointment of Andy Berg to serve on the Racine Kenosha Community Action Agency Board was made by Supervisor Lewis, seconded by Supervisor Rose. All in favor. Andy Berg abstained. **MOTION CARRIED.**

7. **Discussion of potential assisted living facility in Twin Lakes** – Supervisor Lewis asked to have this item placed on the agenda. spoke about the facility in Twin Lakes. This is a 36-bed facility that was built in the 1960's as a nursing home. It has been vacant for a number of years and Lynda Bogdala and he toured the facility. His anticipation is that we could purchase the building for \$300,000 and upgrade for about \$1,000,000 to get it ready to be an assisted living facility. There is some damage to it from vandalism. Supervisor Lewis would like to have a feasibility study done. This study would cost \$80,000. One of the big concerns is staffing. Supervisor Lewis stated that there are many trained staff in Twin Lakes.

Supervisor Rose is worried about expansion of what we currently have and trace back to the history of Brookside. Are people in the county asking for this facility? He needs more persuasion and is it needed? Is it worth it to spend the money? Supervisor Lewis stated there are 3 senior buildings in Twin Lakes and all have a waiting list.

Supervisor Lewis said that this is just a starting conversation and feels it is worth looking at.

Supervisor Gulley asked Supervisor Berg if he has an opinion on this. Is there elder abuse West of the I? Rebecca Dutter said that it is a struggle finding somewhere for seniors to go. Supervisor Berg likes the idea of the study and would like to see where it can go. Chairman Belsky stated she is struggling with this due to current staffing issues. Supervisor Berg asked how the relationship is with the colleges. Lynda was able to list the colleges that they have a great relationship with and are doing clinicals at Brookside. Supervisor Lewis stated that Wilmot High School has a career track for this field. Lynda said that they also partner with KUSD.

Supervisor Rose asked if this was the right time? He also stated that there have been 2 facilities that have been there and failed. Supervisor Lewis stated that this facility is available now and that it won't be in six months to a year.

8. **Any other business as authorized by law** – none
9. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Rose. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)