

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
July 13, 2021- 6 pm Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Beth, Gulley, Rose and Lewis

Excused: Supervisors Berg and Beth

YIG Present: Arjun Kumar

Others Present: John Jansen, Tammy Capito and Jacquetta Gilman

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

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Belsky. Roll call was taken.

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

3. **Chairman's / Committee members / Supervisors / YIG Comments-** Chairman Belsky thanked everyone for being flexible with the meeting date. She will not be at the August 3 meeting. Chairman Belsky welcomed Terry Rose to the Human Services Committee.

Supervisor Beth had submitted written questions via email, and it is noted that it will be on the August agenda.

4. **Approval of Minutes** - Motion to approve the minutes of the Human Services Committee on June 1, 2021 was made by Supervisor Gulley, seconded by Supervisor Beth. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution to Approve the reappointment of Mr. William Erickson to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Administrative Appeals** John Jansen introduced the resolution.

Supervisor Rose asks that this resolution and the resolution for Ms. Gail Gentz be referred back to the County Executive as the County Board passed a diversity resolution. He stated it is clear that the Board wants more diversification, more people of color, more Asian people, Jewish people. Not just the routine reappointments as it does not fill the commitment they made.

Motion to refer this reappointment and the reappointment of Ms. Gail Gentz back to the County Executive for consideration for diversity membership was made by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Chairman Belsky. A Roll Call vote was taken. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution to Approve the reappointment Ms. Gail Gentz to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Administrative Appeals-** The above motion stands for this resolution as above.

Referred back to the County Executive. Please see above motion.

7. **DHS Budget Process Presentation** – Tammy Capito, CFO, Department of Human Services presented.

Appropriations-Chairman Belsky asked who determines the inter-departmental appropriations? Tammy Capito stated that the Director of Finance is the person who says what accounts we use and what goes into each type of account. There are accounting rules that must be followed.

Chairman Belsky wanted to define that appropriations can move without approval as long as it doesn't exceed the bottom line and there is no limit on how much can be moved.

Capital Requests-IT requests for 2022 have already been submitted.

Facilities handles janitorial staff. **Renovating** goes through Public Works.

The budget for the next year has to be submitted to the County Executive by the end of July.

Contracted employees-There are many contracted agencies who work in county facilities. Chairman Belsky requested the following list to be put together for the September meeting regarding service providers.

- Who the service providers are?
- What services they provide
- What their proposed budget is
- How are they funded? i.e. levy, federal, state or county?
- Is it associated with a grant or has matching funds?
- How many FTE's
- The type of outsource service that we are purchasing
- What is the outsource contract amount
- What was the last increase of the contract?

There are many factors that have a big effect on the budget. We have many State and Federal grants and they have different funding cycles. Kenosha County runs January-December, the State runs July 1-June 30 and Federal runs October 1-September 30.

DCFS placements – there is a large deficit showing for this year so next year we would ask for that amount for the next year. Many factors go into this reason. Rates have gone up, residential treatment, corrections. Supervisor Rose said we should be talking to the legislators to have the state paying for much of this instead of the county. Supervisor Belsky stated that we should invite the legislators to attend the September meeting.

Brookside and Willowbrook are a separate proprietary fund. The industry changed with Covid. Will it bounce back? Leading Age, who does a lot with nursing homes believes it will bounce back. Brookside is running with a deficit but some of the things that restricted them last year should be getting better and hoping they will end on a positive side. Willowbrook still has a profit which can cover some of Brookside's loss.

The County Executive will present the budget. Each committee then looks at the budget. The Joint committee meets in October and the budget goes to the full board in November.

American Recovery Act-Supervisor Lewis asked if we know how much money we are getting, and do we know when? 33 million. Funds are good to spend until 2024. Are they designated? No this is completely different funding from the Cares Act. There are 4 different categories for funding consideration. None of the funding has been committed. Chairman Belsky indicated it will have to be taken to the county board to be approved.

The presentation was well received. *Audio minutes are available online.*

8. **Any other business as authorized by law** – None

9. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Duberstine, Senior Administrative Assistant
Office of the Director

(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)