

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
September 5, 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, Belsky, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Excused: Supervisors Berg and O'Day

Present: 21 Excused: 2

Chairman Nudo welcomed Youth In Governance member Aqsa Saad Qadri (Planning, Development & Extension Committee).

Citizen Comments 1:19

Anthony Kennedy (4223 29th Ave, Kenosha), gave an update on the Sister cities association and how Kenosha recently hosted 24 members from Wolfenbüttel, Germany.

Todd Hauser (6622 24th Ave, Kenosha) spoke about the Kenosha shock waves, a cross county track running club, for elementary and middle school children and gave an update on how much people are enjoying Kenosha's new bike trails.

Announcements of The Chairman 1:05

September 17th is the WCA conference.

Supervisor Reports 12:40

Supervisor Rodriguez gave an update about the courtroom restoration project, the blue-ribbon committee is overseeing the fundraising and met today. There were some questions about how much money has been provided to the consultants over the last two years. The first consultant group received 84,500 dollars by the end of their contract, which included a feasibility study. That money was needed to apply for the Jeffries Foundation Grant, which Kenosha received, and it is 675,000 dollars, a third of the total project cost. That contract expired mid last year, and they did not renew with that group. Instead, they went with the Abbey Group, who specializes more in the type of project they have here. That decision was made in correlation with the county executive as well as the Blue-Ribbon Committee. The Abbey Group has received 34,000 dollars in consultant fees paid to date and with their contract through June of 2024 with an additional 56,000 dollars. The total amount pledged, not including the Jeffries Grant, so far is 435,602 dollars. The match needing to be raised is 1,350,000 dollars, meaning they are roughly a third of the way done. Since the last meeting over 50,000 dollars has been raised for the courtroom. The deadline for the challenge Grant is June of next year. The funds are being housed and processed by the Kenosha Community Foundation. The money pledge needs to be collected by June 26, 2024. The pledges are either a one-time pledge or a pledge given over three years and the individual, business, or foundation can decide how they divvy it up. Supervisor Rodriguez encouraged the county board member to donate as well.

Supervisor Nedweski thanked Alderman Kennedy and Supervisor Belsky with their involvement in the sister city project and spoke about how the supervisors of the county have an important role in conveying the true spirit of Kenosha County, city and all the municipalities.

Supervisor Nordigian gave an update on Public Works. A full [report](#) of all updates has been sent to all supervisors.

Supervisor Bashaw spoke about his weekly call with Paris solar, the solar panels were set to arrive in fall however they are being delayed at U.S. customs and are hoping to arrive in April. Installation and energizing of the system will not be until the end of 2024. In the meantime, the developer is continuing stabilization and restoration of the areas. Some of the arable ground was turned back over agricultural use. Regarding the corner of 136th and C project, signage and barricades are blocking view for oncoming traffic, making it extremely hazardous area, Clements was contacted prior to the holiday weekend.

Supervisor Belsky spoke about CIP meeting and advised that Joe Potente sent a video of the meeting to all the county board members.

Vice Chair Decker also spoke about the CIP meeting.

NEW BUSINESS 29:36

Resolution – One Reading

50. From the Executive Committee – A resolution recognizing September 15 – October 15, 2023, as “Hispanic Heritage Month.”

It was moved by Vice Chair Decker, seconded by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 50. On a roll call vote, motion passed.

51. From the Executive Committee- A resolution recognizing October 2023 as “National Domestic Violence Awareness and Prevention Month.”

It was moved by Vice Chair Decker and seconded by Supervisor Stock to adopt Resolution 51. On a Roll call vote, motion passed.

52. From the Public Works/Facilities Committee – A resolution to Approve the Appointment of James Wallace As the Director of the Division of Golf.

It was moved by Supervisor Nordigian, seconded by Supervisor Stock to adopt Resolution 52. On a voice vote, motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS 37:43

35. Communication From Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee – A resolution To Approve The probationary Cabaret License – Premier Wine and Spirits 32400 Geneva Road Salem WI 53168 Town Of Wheatland.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 35 to the Judiciary and Law Committee.

36. Communication From Public Works/Facilities Committee – Resolution Authorizing Application To The Wi DNR WI Assessment Monies Program For Parcels Located In The Area of 17th Court and 15th Street By Kenosha County.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 36 to the Public Works/Facilities Committee and Finance & Administration Committee.

37. Communication From Public Works/Facilities Committee – Resolution Authorizing Application To The Wi DNR WI Assessment Monies Program For Property At 2907 63rd Street.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 37 to the Public Works/Facilities Committee and Finance & Administration Committee.

38. Communication From The Finance Committee – A Resolution Authorizing Transfer of A Parcel Taken By Tax Deed To The City Of Kenosha For A Determined Price to Cover Taxes.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 38 to Finance & Administration Committee.

39. Communication From Vice Chair Decker – A Resolution on the Individual Health Decisions Pertaining to COVID 19 Government Lockdowns, Vaccine and Mask Mandates.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 39 to Human Services Committee.

Approval of the August 15, 2023, County Board Minutes By Supervisor Gaschke 39:23

It was moved by Supervisor Gaschke, seconded by Supervisor Poole to approve the minutes from the meeting held on August 15, 2023. On a voice vote, motion passed.

Adjourn

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Nordigian to adjourn at 8:13 p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Prepared by: Amanda Sorensen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk