

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
January 16, 2024**

The **Regular County Board Meeting** was called to order by Vice Chair Decker at 7:30 p.m., in the County Board Chambers located in the Administration Building.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Excused: Chairman Nudo, Supervisors Kubicki, Nordigian, and O'Day

Present: 19      Excused: 4

**Citizen Comments** (0:28 1<sup>st</sup> video)

The following citizens spoke **in favor** of the casino: Veronica King (5518 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), Todd Molgaard (5623 37<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), John McCabe (9115 160<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bristol), Tom Reiherzer (11107 79<sup>th</sup> St, Pleasant Prairie), Steve Fredriksson (2807 25<sup>th</sup> St, Kenosha), John Hawley (1914 21<sup>st</sup> St, Kenosha), Sheriff David Zoerner (1000 55<sup>th</sup> St, Kenosha), Anthony Kennedy (4223 29<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), Scott Fredrick (504 13<sup>th</sup> St, Somers), and Sarah Kirby (7121 23<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Kenosha).

The following citizens spoke **against** the casino: Steven Guion (6717 144<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), Kevin Krantz (16807 60<sup>th</sup> St, Bristol), Pamela Mundling (7327 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), John Engberg (11986 247<sup>th</sup> Ave, Trevor), Randy Shane (7328 148<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), J. Michael McTernan (6633 Green Bay Rd, Kenosha), Mary Wanta (6328 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), Dwight Campbell (1919 54<sup>th</sup> St, Kenosha), Colleen Fisch (7912 160<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha), and Kathleen Gavre (7940 130<sup>th</sup> Ave, Bristol).

The following citizens spoke from the Menominee Tribe and Hard Rock: Gena Kaakkak, Joey Awonohopay, Bob Terry, Shannon Chapman, Spencer Gauthier, Jon Lucas, Paul Pelari, Loren Gill, and Gary Besaw.

The following citizens stated they were neither for nor against the casino but recommended the County of Kenosha take more time and do some more research: Joseph Clark (4862 105<sup>th</sup> Pl, Pleasant Prairie) and Andreas Meyer (5717 34<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha).

Michael Bell (3317 13<sup>th</sup> Pl, Kenosha) spoke about the shooting death of his son back in 2004 and played a recording of an officer's testimony.

Donald Diehl (5602 35<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha) – Spoke in favor of the appointment for Jennifer Blasi to serve as the Director of Veterans Services.

**Announcements of The Chairperson** (6:00 2<sup>nd</sup> video)

Vice Chair Decker made an announcement that we will be moving Resolution 73 after Ordinances and prior to Communications. No objections.

**Supervisor Reports** (6:50 2<sup>nd</sup> video)

Supervisor Nedweski spoke about government responsibility and the job of County Board Supervisors of protecting Kenosha County.

Supervisor Bashaw reported that Town of Paris Board Member, Ron Butke, passed away last Saturday.

Supervisor Rose reported he will be bringing forward an amendment to Resolution #73.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS** (14:20 2<sup>nd</sup> video)

**28. Harry Laws To Serve On The Board Of Health**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 28 to the Human Services Committee.

**29. Julia Robinson to serve on the Board of Health**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 29 to the Human Services Committee.

**30. Kayla Hove to serve on the Board of Health**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 30 to the Human Services Committee.

**31. Kenny Harper to serve on the Board of Health**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 31 to the Human Services Committee.

**32. Barbara Wisniewski to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 32 to the Human Services Committee.

**33. Aaron Strom to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 33 to the Judiciary & Law Committee.

**34. Carson Wilkinson to serve on the Local Emergency Planning Committee**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 34 to the Judiciary & Law Committee.

**35. Joseph Labatore to serve on the Traffic Safety Commission**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 35 to the Public Works & Facilities Committee.

**36. Michael Bastianelli to serve as Chief Information Officer, Division of Information Technology**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 36 to the Finance & Administration Committee.

**37. Cathi McCutchan to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services**

Vice Chair Decker referred County Executive Appointment 37 to the Human Services Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS (56:45 2<sup>nd</sup> video)**

**Resolution – One Reading**

**73. From the Legislative and Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution in Support of an Intergovernmental Agreement Pertaining to the Application by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to the Bureau of Indian Affairs to Place Approximately 59.19 Acres Located in the City and County of Kenosha in Trust for the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin for the Purpose of Conducting Class III and Class II Gaming**

Supervisor Rose made a motion to amend Resolution 73 to include a binding referendum to be placed on the April Ballot. Seconded by Supervisor Stock. Vice Chair Decker ruled Supervisor Rose's motion out of order. Supervisor Rose made a motion to overrule the chair. Seconded by Supervisor Gaschke. On a roll call vote, motion passed 9-10. Supervisors Berg, Decker, Geertsen, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, Stocker, and Thomas voting AYE. Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Franco, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Rose, Stock, Wamboldt, and Yuhas voting NAY.

After some discussion, Supervisor Franco made a motion to Call the Question. Seconded by Supervisor Nedweski. On a roll call vote, the motion to Call the Question passes 18-1. : Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt voting AYE. Supervisor Yuhas voting NAY.

On a roll call vote, the motion to include a binding referendum failed 14-5. Supervisors Belsky, Franco, Grady, Rose, and Stock voting AYE. Supervisors Bashaw, Berg, Decker, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas voting NAY.

After some discussion, Supervisor Rodriguez made a motion to Call the Question. Seconded by Supervisor Rose. On a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

It was moved by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 73. On a roll call vote, motion passed 10-9. Supervisors Bashaw, Berg, Decker, Geertsen, Gentz, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, and Thomas voting AYE. Supervisors Belsky, Franco, Gaschke, Grady, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Wamboldt, and Yuhas voting NAY.

**NEW BUSINESS** (15:37 2<sup>nd</sup> video)

**Resolution – One Reading**

**77. From The Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Probationary Cabaret License - Wilmot Mountain Fox River Road Wilmot WI 53192 (Town Of Randall)**

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez to adopt Resolution 77. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**78. From The Human Services Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Lori Plahmer To Serve As The Director Of Division Of Health Services**

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 78. On a roll call vote, motion passed 18-1. Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas voting AYE. Supervisor Stocker voting NAY.

**79. From The Human Services Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Reappointment Of Eula Payne-Williams To Serve On The Commission Of Aging And Disability Services**

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Stocker to adopt Resolution 79. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**80. From The Human Services Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Reappointment Of Jim Schmidt To Serve On The Veterans Service Commission**

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Yuhas to adopt Resolution 80. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**81. From The Human Services Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Jennifer Blasi To Serve As The Director Of Veterans Services**

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Gentz to adopt Resolution 81. On a roll call vote, motion passed 18-1. Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Nedweski, Poole, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas voting AYE. Supervisor Rodriguez voting NAY.

**82. From The Public Works & Facilities And Finance & Administration Committees A Resolution Authorizing Sale Of A Highway F Project Remnant**

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Stock to adopt Resolution 82. On a roll call vote, motion passed 18-1. Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Nedweski, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas voting AYE. Supervisor Karow abstaining.

**83. From The Public Works & Facilities And Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution Authorizing The Acceptance And Expenditure Of Funds From CCM – Sommerville, LLC For The Acquisition Of Right- Of- Way And Highway Improvements At The Intersection Of CTH E And CTH EA**

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Stocker to adopt Resolution 83. On a roll call vote, motion passed unanimously.

**84. From The Public Works & Facilities And Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution To Approve The Formation Of A Focus Committee To Provide Input In The Development Of Kenosha County Comprehensive Safety Action Plan**

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 84. On a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

**85. From The Finance & Administration Committee - A Resolution To Approve Kenosha County's Intent And Agreement To Self-Insure For Workers Compensation**

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 85. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**86. From The Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution To Adopt The 2023-2028 Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan**

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez to adopt Resolution 86. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**The Following Communications Have Been Referred, But Have Not Been Heard By Committee But Will Have A Motion To Suspend The Rules To Approve The Resolutions At This Meeting**

Supervisor Nedweski made a motion to suspend the rules for Communications 54 and 59. Seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez. The communications have been referred to the Executive Committee but have not been heard by committee. The motion to suspend the rules would allow for the Communications to be approved as Resolution 87 and 88 tonight. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**87. Communication From Vice Chair Decker - A Resolution Recognizing January 2024 As "Human Trafficking And Modern Slavery Prevention Month"**

It was moved by Supervisor Nedweski, seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez to adopt Resolution 87. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**88. Communication From Vice Chair Decker, Supervisors Nedweski And Rodriguez - A Resolution Recognizing February 2024 As "Black History Month"**

It was moved by Supervisor Nedweski, seconded by Supervisor Poole to adopt Resolution 88. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**Ordinance - One Reading (52:56 2<sup>nd</sup> video)**

**8. From the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee An Ordinance Regarding Benedict Shores LLC (Owner), David Banas (Agent), Requests a Rezoning from from A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., A-2 General Agricultural Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. to A-2 General Agricultural Dist., C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist., Town of Randall**

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Franco to adopt Ordinance 8. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**9. From the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee An Ordinance Regarding Christopher and Jennifer Eck Joint Rev. Trust (Owner), Martin and Mary Gust Rev. Trust (owner), Requesting a Rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., A-2 General Agricultural Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. to A-2 General Agricultural Dist., C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist., Town of Brighton**

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Franco to adopt Ordinance 9. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**COMMUNICATIONS (4:10:40 2<sup>nd</sup> video)**

**65. Communication From Judiciary And Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution Approving the Fundraiser for the K-9 Unit**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 65 to the Judiciary & Law and Finance & Administrative Committees.

**66. Communication From Judiciary And Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution Approving the 2024 WI OJA Multi-Jurisdiction Drug Task Force Grant – South East Area Drug Operations Group (S.E.A.D.O.G.)**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 66 to the Judiciary & Law and Finance & Administrative Committees.

**67. Communication from the Human Services Committee and Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services 2024 Budget for a grant: "Every Court is a Treatment Court" initiative.**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 67 to the Human Services and Finance & Administrative Committees.

**68. Communication From Andy M. Buehler Regarding Future Items Scheduled Before The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee**

Vice Chair Decker received and filed Communication 68.

**69. Communication From Supervisor Stocker - A Resolution Protecting Children From Materials Containing Adult Content In Taxpayer Funded Libraries In Kenosha County**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 69 to the Finance & Administrative Committee.

**70. Communication From Supervisor Thomas - A Resolution To Create A Risk Assessment And Management Practices For Kenosha County**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 70 to the Finance & Administrative Committee.

**71. Communication From Supervisor Gentz - A Resolution Modifying The Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission Of Kenosha County**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 71 to the Executive Committee.

**72. Communication From Supervisor Gentz - A Resolution To Appeal 2022 Policy Resolution 1**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 72 to the Public Works & Facilities Committee.

**73. Communication From Vice Chair Decker - A Resolution Recognizing March 2024 as "National Social Work Month"**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 73 to the Executive Committee.

**74. Communication From Vice Chair Decker - A Resolution Requesting The State Legislature Increase The Penalties For Harming Or Killing A Law Enforcement K9**

Vice Chair Decker referred Communication 74 to the Legislative Committee.

**CLAIMS (4:13:03 2<sup>nd</sup> video)**

**14. Kim Koukal – Property Damage**

Vice Chair Decker referred Claim 14 to Corporation Counsel.

**Approval of the December 5, 2023, County Board Minutes By Supervisor Poole (4:13:08 2<sup>nd</sup> video)**

It was moved by Supervisor Poole, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to approve the minutes from the meeting held on December 5, 2023. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**Adjourn (4:13:25 2<sup>nd</sup> video)**

It was moved by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Karow to adjourn at 1:21 a.m. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**Prepared by: Amanda Sorensen, Chief Deputy County Clerk**

**Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk**