

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
DECEMBER 5, 2006**

The **Regular Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Rose at 7:30 p.m., in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.
Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Marrelli, Booth, Arrington, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Carbone.

Present: 27. Excused: 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

David Unger, 101 W. College Ave., Oakcreek, WI, representing workers at Superior Health Linens spoke regarding the \$30,000 a year contract Kenosha County has with Superior Health Linens to provide incontinent pads for Brookside Care Center. They feel Superior acts irresponsibly towards it's workers and suffers from a culture mismanagement.

Victor Cortez, 2615 S 8th St., Milwaukee spoke through an interpreter and stated he worked at Superior Health Linens. During the course of his work, he was stuck in his finger with a dirty needle. The company took over 6 hours before attending to him. After he was attended to at the hospital, he had to go back to work immediately. He stayed working there and the company would not pay for the medication he needed after the needle stick. After an amount of time the company fired him.

Chairman Rose asked Supervisor Rossow, Chairman of the Human Services Board to have the committee look into this.

Jeff Lovell, 8432 Kingsway Ln., Sturtevant, stated he is the president of AFSCME Local 2430 which represents employees at the City/County Joint Services. There is a staffing crisis in the dispatch center. There should be 28 dispatchers and 3 supervisors, currently they are missing 8 dispatchers, not including those on medical leave. The employees are required to work an enormous amount of overtime. In the month of December alone, 508 hours of overtime is required to make the minimum staffing requirement. People are working 12 hour days in one of the most stressful jobs. He would like to speak to the board again when he has all the information to present since the County Board has oversight control over Joint Services. They are asking for the Boards help.

Chairman Rose asked Supervisor Elverman, chairman of the Administrative Committee to have this item placed on their agenda and report back to the board.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Rose reminded the board of the County Board Christmas party on December 19 in the Conference Center at the Kemper Center.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Singer reported on behalf of the Building and Grounds Committee there will be a ribbon cutting and dedication ceremony at the parking structure this Saturday, December 9th at 10:00 a.m. The 1968 remodeled air units in Judge Schroeder's courtroom will be replaced. The Public Safety

Building painting and carpet replacement bids were opened in late November. The Public Works is working with the County Planning Office for site location for the emergency center. The Tower report is complete and distributed to the consultant.

Supervisor Noble reported on behalf of the Highway and Parks Committee, regarding the extension of the bike trail. They are attempting to extend the bike trail to connect Carthage, Parkside and Gateway. They hope to have something for the County Board in January. He also stated they received a report from Fred Patrie who sits on the steering committee that governs the commuter rail extension from Kenosha to Milwaukee. Supervisor Noble asked that Mr. Patrie give a report.

Fred Patrie stated they looked into two alternatives, one being bus service and the other commuter rail from Kenosha to Milwaukee. Late last month, the committee did make a recommendation to the Regional Transportation Authority that they unanimously agreed the locally preferred alternative would be commuter rail.

Supervisor Wisnefski stated he received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources which refers to the Feasibility Study done on Waste Management expansion. A copy will be sent to each supervisor.

Supervisor Huff reported the Legislative Committee discussed the size of the County Board and the report was to be presented to the committee this month, however corporation counsel is waiting on two additional maps, so the report will be presented to the committee in January.

Supervisor Molinaro reported on the progress on the Youth in Governance discussion. He invites members of the board to the meeting scheduled on January 2nd at 5:00 p.m., 2nd floor of the Administration Building. They received a \$500 planning grant to assist with their efforts with a 4-H Youth Development Program. The Youth as Resources members have attended their meetings as well as members of Kenosha Unified. It is very important they have some type of mentor or sponsorship on the County Board who can work with the youth. They can't move this forward without having a program that defines the rolls and responsibility of the youth they have involved and of members of the County Board who may be mentors or sponsors of those students. The training program will be administered by the UW Extension. It is very well established in other counties.

Supervisor Marrelli reported on behalf of the Extension Education Committee that they received a letter and resolution from the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees regarding a Memorial Resolution for former Supervisor Leonard Johnson. It states:

WHEREAS, former Kenosha County Board Supervisor Leonard Johnson, 73, of Kenosha, passed away on October 21, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Leonard Johnson proudly served as a member of the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors from 1982 to 2000 and from 2004 to 2006; and was a long time member of the Kenosha County Agriculture and Extension Education Committee; and

WHEREAS, he served on the finance committee for the National Association of Counties and as chair of the Southeastern County Boards Association; and

WHEREAS, his heart was bigger than life itself, and he worked and shared his vision for the betterment of the Kenosha County community; and

WHEREAS, we feel deeply grieved by the loss of this dedicated public official who has served his County, State and Country in various capacities; and

WHEREAS, his many friends and fellow colleagues will long cherish in memory his willingness to serve his community through public office, especially those who were in need or want.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Wisconsin Associated County Extension Committees, Inc., commends Leonard Johnson for his support and dedication to the work of UW-Extension in Kenosha County, WACEC District 1, and the State of Wisconsin.

Along with this resolution they have send a \$25 donation to Kenosha 4-H and Leonard himself left an amount of money to the Extension Education to be used for Urban Programs.

Supervisor West reported that at the Brookside Trustees meeting the people that spoke tonight regarding Superior Health Linens also spoke at their meeting. They were assured this matter will be well looked into.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolution - one reading.

RESOLUTION 66

66. From Human Services and Finance Committees regarding Office of the Medical Examiner: Resolution to Modify the 2006 Budget resulting from the increase in service activity related to autopsy services provided to other jurisdictions within the State of Wisconsin.

It was moved by Supervisor Rossow to adopt Resolution 66. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 70

70. From Administration Committee regarding Rebecca Matoska-Mentink, currently the Office Manager of the District Attorney's Office, seeks leave of absence from that position to hold the Office of the Clerk of Circuit Court.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 70. Seconded by Supervisor Marrelli.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 71

71. From Administration and Finance Committees Resolution to approve the successor Labor Agreement between Kenosha County and AFSCME Local 1090 - Parks Employees.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 71. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 72

72. From Finance Committee Resolution awarding the sale of \$2,150,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2006: providing the form of the notes; and levying a tax in connection therewith.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adopt Resolution 72. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 73

73. From Highway & Parks and Finance Committees Resolution to accept a Donation from Joseph Madrigrano Jr. for the purpose of constructing a new Artesian Well at Petrifying Springs County Park and Ancillary Structures.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Resolution 73. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 74

74. From Highway & Parks and Finance Committees Resolution to transfer additional funds for Petrifying Springs Lift Station Replacement.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Resolution 74. Seconded by Supervisor Grady.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

21. Ricky Blaisdell - Personal Property lost while in custody. Chairman Rose referred Claim 21 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to approve the November 21, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

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County Clerk