

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

October 3, 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, Carbone, Arrington, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors O'Day, Singer.

Present: 26. Excused: 2.

Presentation of the 2007 County Budget by County Executive Allan Kehl.

There were no citizen comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Rose stated he would like all the committees to go over the budgets of the departments they oversee and look at them in depth. When the budgets come to the Finance Committee they should contain all the additions, subtractions and recommendations that the oversight committees feel are appropriate. Chairman Rose urges the committees to spend enough time on the budgets.

Chairman Rose stated there is a booklet on all the supervisor's desks which contain a description of the various County Board committees and commissions which was requested at an earlier meeting.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Carbone stated the Finance Committee hearings are scheduled for October 24th through October 26th. All Supervisors are invited to attend. He would like the minutes of the oversight committee hearings sent to the Finance Department prior to the budget hearings. Public hearing for the budget will be Tuesday, November 14th and the budget adoption is scheduled for November 15th.

Supervisor Rossow reported the Shalom Center will have to cut their desired raising of funds in half. They are trying to decide what they can cover, and how to accomplish this. They should have an answer and decision by their board by early November.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Noble stated he would like to submit to the Finance Committee a request for funding for a camera person so the County Board meetings can be video taped. He stated because the minutes are no longer published in the Kenosha News, information on what is happening on the board is available to far fewer people. There are a multitude of items that come before this board and these items need to be available for the public to deliberate on and to form opinions.

Supervisor Moore commented on the 2007 budget. He stated that several months ago the board unanimously set an advisory levy objective increase between

2.5% and 3%. The County Executive presented a budget which comes within that objective. Supervisor Moore stated they can not continue to direct an increasingly disproportionate amount of dollars to the salary line while failing to proportion increased dollars to other services, while at the same time patting themselves on the back for keeping the tax increase to less than 3%. He stated they must think forward in compensation planning. He thinks that until they trim as much as possible internally can they in good conscience go to the tax payers and ask for more tax revenue to support the present and expanded services that were mentioned in the budget presentation. The board has to own the full responsibility of approving the budget and providing maximum services for minimum costs to their constituents.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to approve the September 26, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to amend the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

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County Clerk