

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

June 15, 2004

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Booth, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Deschler, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli.

Excused: Supervisor Gorlinski, Modory.

Present. 26. Excused. 2.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ramona Dodge, 2602-33rd Street, Kenosha. As an employee of Brookside Care Center she hopes that the County Board approves Resolution 10, the Labor Agreement between Kenosha County and Local 1392. Kenosha really needs a County Nursing Home and should keep it as one.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Elverman stated that on June 19th the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast will be held on Hwy JB & B.

Chairman Elverman stated that an opinion from the Attorney General's Office regarding comment periods at public meetings was placed on everyone's desk to read.

Chairman Elverman stated that a copy of the proposal for the casino project was placed on everyone's desk. He is asking that Finance and Legislative Committees set up a joint meeting to review the proposal. Then make recommendations to the County Board. Also, Supervisor Clark and Supervisor Modory will serve on a committee with the administration to work on the Intergovernmental Agreement. He would like these meetings to occur at the County Center at Hwy 45 & 50.

Chairman Elverman stated that the stop signs are going to be installed on the Frontage Road and Hwy 158. He thanked Supervisor Noble from Highway & Parks Committee for looking into this problem.

Chairman Elverman asked Ben Schliesman, Director of Emergency Management to give a report on recent flooding in Kenosha County.

Ben Schliesman stated that County Executive, Alan Kehl, on May 22nd declared Kenosha County a State of Local Emergency due to the dangers of flooding on the Fox River. This is a requirement to request a Presidential Disaster Declaration as well as assistance from the State. All orders and temporary emergency measures taken under the Declaration of Emergency was cancelled at 8:00 a.m. on June 14th.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor Singer stated that Administration and Finance Committees had a joint meeting regarding the Labor Agreements that are on tonight's agenda. Also discussed was county board per diem. No opinion has come out of either committee.

Supervisor Wisnefski thanked the Highway Committee for getting the stop signs on Hwy 158. This problem exists in his district. Also, regarding the flooding - the 165 interchange was built and there was a bridge over the Des Plains River. Pleasant Prairie petitioned the DNR to lower the 100 year flood plain by one foot. That shortened up the span of the bridge that allowed volumes of water to pass through. Apparently, the 100 year old flood plain had been accurate because now we are holding up the water and getting water up stream. This has contributed to some of the flooding.

Supervisor Molinaro reported on the Building and Grounds Committee that met last Tuesday. The Joint Committee of County Board and Kemper Center was discussed and a joint meeting will be scheduled with Highway & Parks, Building & Grounds and Finance Committees to discuss the \$100,000.00 payment to Kemper Center that was put into the 2004 budget. Work on the parking structure continues. We are scheduled to be before the Planning Commission at their next regularly scheduled meeting. Application has been made to the DNR regarding the former Kroger Building to begin the process of demolition. Also, only one of the two park employees accepted and signed a lease to rent the house at Brightondale. The other one opted to move out. Now, only one property will be occupied and that is a great loss to the county. The county will now be paying for the utilities that the employee paid for before.

Supervisor Ekornaas, stated that he attended the Highway Conference. As a new member of the Highway & Parks Committee it was an opportunity to learn about his new responsibilities. He gained a lot of insight into the importance of a good highway department. The highway safety from an engineering standpoint is a lot more complex and if we do not build and maintain safe roads, traffic enforcement will not be successful. The cost of crashes in the US for the year 2002 was two hundred and thirty one billion dollars. That breaks down to eight hundred and twenty dollars for every man, woman and child in the United States. Highway safety must be given the highest priority in County Government. Federal and State money is very limited and difficult to get. One of the recommendations in the Tax Study was the proposal to turn the county trunk highway system over to the towns. To decentralize the county trunk highways would be a disaster.

Supervisor Carbone stated that everyone should have received a report from David Geersten regarding Kenosha County Undesignated Reserves. If there are any questions or comments please contact the Finance Director, Dave Geersten.

Supervisor Noble stated that there is a public notice posted for the Wisconsin Department of Transportation in Kenosha County Division of Highways. They are proposing to reconstruct the intersection of 22nd Avenue and County Hwy E (12th Street). All those interested in the reconstruction are encouraged to attend a public information meeting on June 22nd at the Somers Town Hall. Also, those that have received their WCA Magazine should notice that there is a photo contest from the Department of Transportation and Tourism. They are sponsoring a contest called "Rustic Road" to commemorate the 30th Anniversary of the Rustic Road Program and designation of the 100th rustic road. Kenosha County has one rustic road and that is Highway B - from Highway 142 to the Racine County Line.

Supervisor Clark commented that the Committee Chairman's are doing an excellent job in reporting actions that are being done at the committee level to the whole board.

County Executive Appointments.

11. Salonia O. Grimes to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.
12. Dr. Steven Schwimmer to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health.
13. Marbeth H. Knoff to serve on the Kenosha County Resource Center Board.
14. Richard W. Lenz to serve on the Kenosha County Resource Center Board.
15. Phyllis J. Rozinski to serve on the Kenosha County Resource Center Board.
16. Keith F. Kmiecik to serve on the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council.
17. Doug Potter to serve on the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board.
18. William Letson to serve on the Kenosha County Resource Center Board.

Chairman Elverman referred County Executive Appointments 11 thru 18 to the Human Services Committee.

NEW BUSINESS.

Ordinances - one reading.

ORDINANCE 6

6. From Land Use Committee regarding Hunt Club North LLC (Owner), Dennis Ellerbrock (Agent), requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to A-2 General Agricultural District excluding lands currently zoned C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy District in the Town of Brighton.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Ordinance 6. Seconded by Supervisor Molinaro.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 7

7. From Land Use Committee regarding Hansen Joint Revocable Trust Christian and Beverly Hansen Trustees, requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to A-2 General Agricultural District and R-2 Suburban Single-family residential District in the Town of Somers.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Ordinance 7. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 8

8. From Land Use Committee regarding Summerfield Investments LLP, requesting rezoning from M-3 Mineral Extraction District to A-2 Gene Agricultural District excluding lands currently zoned C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy District in the Town of Wheatland.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Ordinance 8. Seconded by Supervisor Marrelli.

Motion carried.

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 10

10. From Administration and Finance Committees regarding Approval of the Successor Labor Agreement between Kenosha County and Local 1392 Brookside.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to adopt Resolution 10. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Booth, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Deschler, Molinaro, Wisnefski,

Noble, West, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli.

Nays: Supervisor Clark.

Ayes. 25. Nays. 1.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 11

11. From Administration and Finance Committees regarding Approval of the Successor Labor Agreement between Kenosha County and AFSCME Local 1090 - Parks Employees.

Ayes: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Booth, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Deschler, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Noble, West, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli.

Nays. Supervisors Clark.

Ayes. 25. Nays. 1.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 12

12. From Extension Education and Finance Committees regarding UW-Extension 2004 Budget Modification - Youth Quest Lumina Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Carey-Mielke to adopt Resolution 12. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

Ayes: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Deschler, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Noble, West, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli, Clark.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Supervisor Booth.

Ayes. 25. Nays. 0. Abstain. 1.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 13

13. From Finance Committee regarding Appointment of Earl W. Hollister to the Kenosha County Housing Authority.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 13. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 14

14. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Designating the Joint Services Communications Center as Kenosha County's Wireless Public Safety Answering Point.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 14. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 15

15. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding FY04 Terrorism Table-Top Exercise Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 15. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.
Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 16

16. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Supervisor Gordon West to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 17

17. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Robert Pitts to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

RESOLUTION 18

18. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Maria Maravilla to the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.

RESOLUTION 19

19. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Denis Wikel to the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

RESOLUTION 20

20. From Human Services Committee regarding the Re-Appointment of Jean Rumachik to the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council.

RESOLUTION 21

21. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Richard Guenther to the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council.

RESOLUTION 22

22. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Jill Wilson to the Kenosha County Resource Center Board.

RESOLUTION 23

23. From Human Services Committee regarding the Appointment of Lauren Fox to the Kenosha County Resource Center Board.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to approve Resolutions 16 thru 23. Seconded by Supervisor L. Johnson.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 24

24. From Land Use Committee regarding Re-Appointment of Barbara K. Ford to the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

RESOLUTION 25

25. From Land Use Committee regarding Re-Appointment of George D. Wundsam to the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Resolutions 24 and 25. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

4. From George E. Melcher, Director of Planning and Development, regarding future rezonings.

Chairman Elverman referred Communication 4 to the Land Use Committee.

CLAIMS

5. Regarding Lawrence Allen - injuries sustained in a motor vehicle.

6. Susan Taylor - tar damage to car.

Chairman Elverman referred Claims 5 and 6 to the Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Deschler to approve the June 1, 2004 minutes as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

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

Prepared by: Pam Young
Chief Deputy
Submitted by: Edna R. Highland

County Clerk