

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

May 4, 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, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, R., Michel, O'Day, Singer, Deschler, Molinero, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Johnson, L. and Marrelli.

Present. 26. Excused. 2.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Elverman appointed Supervisor R. Johnson as chairman of the Land Conservation Committee.

Chairman Elverman stated that Wisconsin Statutes, Chapter 59 and a budget book was placed on all new supervisor's desks. Also, the Seven County District Meeting will be held tomorrow at the Holiday Inn Express in Kenosha at 1:00 P.M.

Chairman Elverman stated that the County Officials Workshop's next meeting is in Jefferson, on May 6th.

Chairman Elverman reminded everyone on the Kemper Committee that there is a meeting tomorrow at 6:30 with the Kemper Board Committee.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor Wisnefski spoke regarding the Kenosha News Article regarding County Board Supervisors absenteeism. He went to see the editor at the Kenosha News and asked that a correction be put on the front page.

Supervisor Smitz reported on a meeting April 28th at the County Center for the Smart Growth Program. There was a good representation of all of the municipalities. The Land Use Committee and the Planning & Development staff are hoping the county would sign onto a grant and if there are any questions please call George Melcher at the Planning & Development Office. This has to be done by 2010.

Supervisor Huff, stated that he also received phone calls about the article in the Kenosha News regarding attendance. In August he will be on vacation with his son.

Supervisor Rose stated that Chairman Elverman appointed Supervisor Wisnefski to represent the County Board by serving on the committee that would be negotiating the Intergovernmental Agreement if a Casino Agreement is brought to the County Board. That is very positive and there are four general areas that we should be thinking about. 1. What is the split between City and County? He is looking at a 50-50 split. 2. Sovereign Immunity. This is for the enforcement of an agreement. Indian Tribes cannot be sued unless they waive sovereign immunity. This is very important. 3. Appropriate wages. Good paying jobs are

important. 4. Future use of the land if at such time a casino is terminated. Everything has cycles.

Chairman Elverman stated that he would like a committee made up by the chairpersons of the standing committees of the County Board. Any supervisor could attend.

Supervisor Singer reported that the Administration Committee will meet on Monday, May 10, 2004. Another issue is that perhaps we could have some County Board Meetings at the Kenosha County Center. Also, the County Board Room can be used for judicial purposes if needed.

Supervisor Ekornaas, stated that development in Kenosha County has increased and this has brought about a need for additional building space, traffic lanes, traffic signals, jail cells and a whole host of other improvements to serve the growing population. The cost to the infra structure must not be laid on the backs of current residents and taxpayers. Currently state law does not allow counties to collect impact fees. This is a law that can be changed and must be changed. Not only for the counties but also the school districts. We need to press our legislatures. Refer this issue to the Legislative Committee to be acted upon.

Chairman Elverman asked Supervisor R. Johnson to put this issue on the Legislative Committee Agenda.

Supervisor Noble stated that at the Highway & Parks Meeting the new committee met for the first time. Placed on everyone's desk is the Asphalt Resurfacing Improvement Program for Kenosha County. Some of this resurfacing will be paid for by state funding. Some by the developers. He has a map if anyone is interested. The intersection at I94 & 158 is being looked at by the Department of Transportation due to so many accidents. There will be four way stop signs. Also, so far the golf is on track. Hopefully at the end of the season the golf courses will break even. The county has contracted with a PGA Pro to help with the golf courses.

Supervisor O'Day thanked Supervisor Wisnefski for getting the Kenosha News to put the correction on the front page. The article did not reflect all of the committees supervisors serve on. His advice for the new supervisors is to be careful when talking to the news.

Supervisor Wisnefski thanked Supervisor Noble for looking into the I94 & Hwy 158 intersection problem.

Supervisor Clark stated that it is troubling to him that this county would release numbers in error to the Kenosha News regarding supervisors attendance of County Board Meetings. As an accountant he has taken it upon himself to analyze the numbers and the second article correcting Sunday's mistake are still incorrect. His numbers are correct and anybody wanting a copy can get it from him.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance - second reading, two required.

ORDINANCE 1

1. From Supervisor Terry Rose regarding an Ordinance to repeal and recreate Section 3.01 (1)(g) of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County pertaining to the filling of vacancies in the Office of Kenosha County Board Supervisor.

Chairman Elverman referred Ordinance 1 to the Legislative Committee.

COMMUNICATION

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

Chairman Elverman referred Communication 1 to the Land Use Committee.

CLAIMS

1. John M. Lewis - false imprisonment.
2. Philip, Michelle and Danielle Cecchini - injured during high speed chase.

Chairman Elverman referred Claims 1 & 2 to the Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to approve the April 20TH & 22ND minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 P.M.

Prepared by: Pam Young
Chief Deputy
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County Clerk