

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

April 13, 2004

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Marrelli.

Present. 26. Excused. 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jennifer Arnold, 3411 86th Street, President of CUSH (congregations united to serve humanity) spoke regarding homelessness. The current shelter system of rotating nightly sites is not working, and we as a community need a better approach. She asked for support in appropriating the funds for a single site homeless shelter.

Pat Kiefer, 3821 16th Street, Executive Director of WoMen and Children's Pathways of Courage, also a member of the Emergency Services Network and the Homeless Taskforce stated it is almost impossible to hold a job and live in a shelter that changes locations every night. She encouraged the supervisors to look at the issues they have been facing, particularly as it impacts these agencies who's demand for services increases as the resources dwindle.

Celeste Walker, 1732 Linden Avenue, Racine, a volunteer at the Salvation Army, issued a challenge for the supervisors to live as a homeless person for one weekend to get a slight understanding of what life is like for their guests.

Michael Lill, 2804 19th Avenue, Kenosha Director of Program Operations for Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency and Co-chair for the Emergency Services Network stated one program they operate is emergency assistance, rent assistance for families. The program has grown from 430 households in 1998 to last year serving over 700 households. Kenosha County has one of the fastest growing housing costs in the state. Spending 50 - 75% of income on housing is causing a lot more families and individuals to end up on the streets. The INNS program worked for a number of years but now is at a point if they want to make any progress a site needs to be found where they can stabilize these individuals and families and provide services on site to help empower them to move forward with their lives. He encouraged the supervisors to support the resolution to bring additional dollars from last year and make it available to help them find a permanent site for homeless families and individuals.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Avenue, stated he feels a county wide referendum for the casino is ridiculous because it is a city issue. He also stated that about \$300,000 in tax payer's money can be saved by not allowing the supervisors to receive full time employee health benefits. He stated that he does not think a county of this size needs 28 County Board Supervisors. Milwaukee County has twice the population and has 15 supervisors.

Sue Schmidt Decker, 1775 19th Avenue, Director of Transitional Services at WoMen and Children's Horizons, a member of CUSH and the executive committee and an INNS volunteer stated she had the privilege to speak to the Finance and Human Services Committees about the carryover resolution. She appreciated their unanimous vote of support. There is a large change in the population they are serving and asks the board to appropriate the \$250,000 as seed money to begin a permanent homeless shelter.

Dan Meleyn, 1713 62nd Street, Executive Director of the Shalom Center, asked for support to carry over \$250,000 to help them move forward in increasing the number of services they deliver. With program support and trained staff they could have a much greater impact in turning lives around for these individuals so they can once again become productive members of our community.

Peggy Makousky, 4400 4 Mile Road, Racine, Chief Professional Officer of the United Way of Kenosha County has observed the dedication and caring consideration this community gives to people that no longer has the means to meet their own individual and family basic needs. She commended the agencies involved that work with very limited resources to address this growing population. She stated United Way supports this calibration among these agencies to develop a single site shelter and their intent to provide on site support services that will enable individuals and families to transition back into a stable and sustainable life style. She encourages the support of the board for the \$250,000 carry over resolution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Kessler asked that any supervisors interested in purchasing a group picture of the board to turn their money into the county clerk this evening.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor Grady spoke about the recent turn of events in the election of the 18th district Kenosha County supervisor position. He stated that both Mark Molinaro who won the election by 92 votes and Irv Larsen are capable representatives of their constituents and both have done a fine job. Supervisor Grady would like it explained how Mark Molinaro a current board member was able to circulate nomination papers in a district he didn't reside in at the time of circulation and have those signatures accepted and be elected to represent a district he did not reside in on the day of election. The second issue that needs to be addressed is not as much about individuals as it is about the process, Supervisor Grady plans to write a resolution that would adopt guidelines that deal with nomination and election of candidates to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors and encouraged the board's support and suggestions.

Supervisor Larsen thanked the voters in his district that put him in office for the last four years. It has been a good experience and feels he has learned a lot. He wishes Mark all the best in the world, he has to represent him now. Supervisor Larsen also thanked the board members, staff and all the people he encountered while on the County Board.

Supervisor Elverman reported that the golf courses got off to a good start, they have exceeded last years passes by \$52,000 in sales. A lot of new things were instituted this year including rate increases and non-resident senior and non-resident regular season passes. So far \$5,400 worth of non-resident passes have been sold. Supervisor Elverman also reported that the Highway and Parks committee decided to increase the rent of the two park residences that have been lived in by park employees 12% of their wages. A month to month lease will be drafted but it is no longer required for these employees to reside in the houses. He also thanked the Highway and Parks Committee for their good service the past two years, they cut at \$600,000 deficit to a \$300,000 deficit and are

hoping with this early start to have a profitable year. A questionnaire will also be instituted at the golf courses to get feed back from golfers.

Supervisor Pitts stated it was an honor and pleasure to serve as a County Supervisor. He commended Supervisor Elverman for his leadership on the Highway and Park Committee. He also thanked Supervisor Carbone for doing an outstanding job as chairman of the Finance Committee. The whole board worked as a team and accomplished a lot and everyone should take credit, but there are leaders on this board and he respects them very much and it was a pleasure working with them.

Supervisor Carbone stated on the desks there is a packet from the finance committee that includes the yearend closing numbers. The general fund will be \$6,672,364 after all of the pluses and minuses. Any questions can be directed to the finance director.

Supervisor Boyer did not intend to make a farewell speech but is tempted. She was not the first woman to serve on the county board but was the first women elected independently. All the other women where widows whose husbands had been on the county board and they served out their husbands unexpired term and graciously withdrew. Supervisor Boyer stated people have been waiting for her to graciously withdraw and she is now doing it and thanks everyone.

Supervisor Noble spoke regarding the adult entertainment ordinance that will be on next Wednesday's agenda. There was some debate to bring forward through the Judiciary and Law committee a licensing component. The ordinance we adopted is very similar to Racine's except that Racine has a licensing component, as well as the Village of Pleasant Prairie. Supervisor Noble also stated the Highway and Parks Committee has pursued State of Wisconsin to once again review the intersection at I-94 and HWY 158 to have a stop sign installed. He also said there is a letter on the desks regarding the 60th Street property.

Supervisor Singer, as the Chairman of the Administration Committee thanked his committee members for the time they put in and especially wanted to comment about Supervisor Ruffolo because he won't be on the County Board anymore. He has be a formidable voice on the committee.

Supervisor Bergo stated it has been her pleasure to work with the members of the County Board and wished everyone well.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance - second reading, two required.

ORDINANCE 47

47. From Land Use Committee regarding proposed amendments to the Kenosha County General Zoning and Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning Ordinance amending boundaries of the floodplain overlay district incorporating the Comprehensive Plan for the Des Plaines River Watershed Study and amending Appendix "C" Index to Large Scale Topographic Mapping in regards to the floodplain of the Des Plaines River Watershed Study and to reflect topographic maps recently prepared meeting the standards of the County's Topographic Mapping Program.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Ordinance 47. Seconded by Supervisor Larsen.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 138

138. From Administrative and Finance Committees regarding Health Insurance Reserve.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to adopt Resolution 138. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.
Motion carried unanimously

RESOLUTION 139

139. From Administrative and Finance Committees regarding Establishing Salaries for the Clerk of Courts, County Clerk, Register of Deeds and Treasurer for the term 2005-2006.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to adopt Resolution 139. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 140

140. From Finance Committee regarding 2004 Carryover Resolution.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 140. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

2/3 vote required.
Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 141

From Kenosha County Department of Public Works - Golf Division, 2003 budget Modification.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 141. Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

2/3 vote required.
Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 142

From Human Services regarding Carry Over 2003 Levy under-spending by the Department of Human Services into the 2004 County Budget for a Community Homeless Shelter Program.

It was moved by Supervisor Boyer to adopt Resolution 142. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day for a 'friendly' amendment to the last two paragraphs. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

WHEREAS the Kenosha County Executive has indicated his support for the goals of the Joint Task Force and has offered to provide one-time support from the County in the amount of \$250,000 to help with facility procurement and shelter start-up costs, with such offer contingent upon the Kenosha County Human Services Committee approval and completion by the Task Force of an acceptable business plan.

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED to carry over the amount of \$250,000 from 2003 levy underspending by the Department of Human Services into the 2004 county budget per the attached budget modification incorporated herein by reference, and to authorize the administration to release this amount as a one-time grant for use in supporting procurement and/or start up costs of a community homeless shelter program in Kenosha County upon completion by the Joint Task Force of a shelter program business plan deemed acceptable by Kenosha County Human Service Committee.

Roll call vote on amendment.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Abstain: Supervisor Clark.

Motion Carried.

Roll call vote on Resolution 142 as amended.
2/3 vote required.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Abstain: Supervisor Clark.

Ayes 25. Nays: 1.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

Chairman Kessler referred Communication 35 to the Land Use Committee.

CLAIMS

Chairman Kessler referred Claim 68 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to approve the March 16, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Bergo.

Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 9:05 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Submitted by: Edna R. Highland
County Clerk