

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

October 7, 2003

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, Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Montemurro, Larsen, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Ruffolo and Marrelli.

Present. 26. Excused. 2.

County Executive Allan Kehl presented the 2004 County Budget. Chairman Kessler referred the 2004 County Budget to the Finance Committee.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Scott Barter, 3106 13th Lane, stated he was glad that the County Executive decided not to privatize the county golf courses and he has about 1100 signatures that would oppose such privatization. He also wanted to make it clear he does not want any tax payer subsidy to cover the golf courses nor does he want people laid off, or to take a pay cut. He was at a meeting and Supervisor Noble had a great idea about two tier pricing, one for Pets and one for Brighton Dale.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Avenue, spoke regarding the golf courses and the wages some employees were making, which should not be on the backs of the golfers. He also spoke about the improvements at Brighton Dale golf course, which should be on the backs of the golfers. He does not want privatization of the golf courses because if that happens, rates will probably double.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Kessler stated the budget hearings will commence Monday October 20th, starting at 6:00 p.m. Also the public hearing and the first reading of the budget will be held on Wednesday November 12, 2003, and the second reading and adoption of the budget will occur on Thursday, November 13, 2003.

Chairman Kessler stated the sale of the 60th Street garage property was finalized last week. RFP's are forth coming in the sale of the Silver Lake property and the old Human Services building on 52nd Street.

Chairman Kessler announced the County Board Christmas Party will be held on Tuesday, December 16th at the Italian American Club.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Huff stated that on Saturday, October 11th the Kenosha County Emergency Management will be sponsoring the 3rd Annual Kenosha County Safety Fair. The purpose of the safety fair is to educate citizens, parents and

children about what their community's first responders do when they respond to an emergency. He encourages supervisors to attend.

Supervisor Carbone stated there are several papers on the supervisors desks, one is the budget inquiry form, anyone interested in requesting information on the budget from the Finance Director can use this form. He also asked the committee chairs to set up meetings with their departments so they can adequately take a look at the budget, and requested the minutes of those meetings be sent to the Finance Director. Also on the supervisors desks there is a report on the Critical Path with Financial Services and the Department of Administration. Also there is a Corporation Counsel opinion on the Bills over \$5000. One of the recommendations was to streamline the bill paying procedure and someday go to electronic payment, which will come through the budget process and will eliminate one person. Also on the desks are the audits for 2002. Supervisor Carbone gave kudos to Ben Schiesman and Cheryl McCrary for the table top exercise on terrorist attacks they put together on September 30th.

Supervisor Gorlinski stated he had the opportunity last Sunday to enjoy a visit at Brighton Dale. He was a little miffed that the parking lot was half filled. Usually on Sunday afternoons it's almost like having his own private golf course. In retrospect it was a wonderful thing to see, primarily because of an advertisement printed in a Korean Chicago Newspaper. He gave his compliments to the Highway & Parks Committee, marketing is not the only thing, it's everything, and it showed results. He also commented that golfing there is a bargain compared to other golf courses, and that by charging a few dollars extra isn't of any consequence relative to the value that you get at the county golf courses. He would like to see the Highway & Parks Committee pursue looking at increasing usage through various activities like selling or distribution of treats, beverages or whatever.

Supervisor Gorlinski also stated that Assembly Person Kerkman has been sending him minutes of the committee meetings being held by Shoreland Management Division of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. They have been meeting to further a new summary document called NR115 which is tightening up the control on shoreland in unincorporated areas. In tightening up restrictions it is putting more responsibility on counties. He feels that we should all be adhering to the same rules so the cost is equitably distributed. There will be public hearings before this new rule is proposed and anyone who has an interest should make an appearance, there is a lot of resistance from large urban areas.

Supervisor Modory made a fund raising request on behalf of the CYC Cheer and Dance Team. It has been a difficult year for them. This is the first time they have had to ask for funds.

Supervisor Elverman stated that the Highway & Parks Committee meeting will be held on October 13th instead of the usual first Monday of the month because they wanted to wait until the budget was presented. Supervisor Elverman stated that the Kenosha News has printed some very intelligent articles regarding the golf operation, their editors printed a nonsensical editorial, they must not read their own peoples articles. One of their statements was that the County should not sit back and wait for rounds to increase. If they would have paid attention they would have noticed beer sales were instituted totaling more than \$125,000 so far. The deficit from last year has been cut in half. Advertising in the Korean Newspaper tapped a market in the Chicago area. The solution to this problem is to not blame the staff, the solution is the steps the committee has been taking.

Supervisor Wisnefski thanked the volunteers who spend many hours picking up the trash on the county highways. They do a great job.

Supervisor Molinaro asked Chairman Kessler to make certain that Ordinance 27, distribution of meeting minutes, is enacted and strictly adhered to county wide so that draft meeting minutes are not distributed or published.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance - second reading, two required.

ORDINANCE 28

28. From Highway and Parks Committee regarding Repealing and Recreating an Ordinance on parking Regulations Prohibiting Parking on CTH "F" in Powers Lake.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Ordinance 28. Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 65

65. From Finance Committee regarding Bills over \$5,000.00.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 65. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 66

66. From Finance Committee regarding Transfer of Funds within the Corporation Counsel's Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 66. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

2/3 vote required.

Roll all vote passed unanimously.

It was moved by Supervisor West to approve the September 23, 2003 minutes as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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County Clerk