

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**April 14, 2009**

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Zerban, Kessler, Rose, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Noble, Clark, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Grady, Marks, Michel.

Present: 25. Excused: 3.

At this time, State Treasurer Dawn Marie Sass made a presentation to the County Board to let the public know what is being done in their name and with their money.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Jack Spencer 17320 Winfield Rd. Bristol, stated he was here with Wally Zirbel and Todd Peyron representing Lakeland Little League. They just completed their second venture with Kenosha County Parks Department with the completion of the Little League Diamonds at Brighton Dale Golf Course. They encouraged the board to vote in favor of the resolution on tonight's agenda to keep baseball strong in Kenosha County.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Clark announced that there will be a Council of Governments meeting on Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at the Kenosha County Center. Kemper Center will be holding their annual meeting tomorrow. Kemper Center needs a County Board liaison to be on their board. Pringle Nature Center is also looking for a liaison to be on their board. If anyone is interested in either position they can contact Chairman Clark by next week. Wisconsin County Association is putting out a call for anyone interested in the nursing home to attend lobby day in Madison on April 22<sup>nd</sup> to meet with our Legislator's Joint Finance Committee. If interested, contact Fran Petrick at Brookside or Bob Pitts. On Thursday, May 14 on the 7<sup>th</sup> hole at Petrified Springs Golf Course there will be a presentation of the tree planted in honor of former Supervisor Richard Lindgren who passed away 1 year ago followed by a small reception in the club house.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Ekornaas stated the Directors of the Wisconsin Counties Association met to adopt which positions they're going to take on various items of the Governor's budget. He placed a copy of those positions on the supervisor's desks.

Supervisor Elverman reported there was an update placed in the supervisor's packets on what Mr. Drier has been doing with the golf operations. Most of the changes have been well received. The golf courses opened on March 20th and are off to a good start. They hired a new Supervisor of Golf Course Conditions, who is also a turf specialist. The parks are also in full swing, crews are working on the soft spots on the bike trails. Living Land and Waters Million

Trees project donated 600 oak trees which will be lined out in our own nursery with some being planted directly into the parks. Two men being paid out of the W-2 program will be working 15 hours per week at Fox River Park, they are here to gain experience at no cost to us. One of the biggest benefactors to the parks, Mr. Paul Swartz passed away last month. He started his nursery near Silver Lake next to the Fox River Park in 1949 and his father was one of the first caretakers of Fox River Park. He quietly donated \$4,000 to \$5,000 in trees per year for the past 60 years. The Highway and Parks Committee would like to honor Mr. Swartz by naming the road that enters into Fox River Park, "The Paul Swartz Parkway".

Supervisor Breunig stated Extension Education met on April 1<sup>st</sup>. She thanked Supervisors Grady and Molinaro for coming out to hear what the Youth In Governance Representative had to say regarding the feed back they received from the Youth in Governance Members. She has a copy of the report if anyone is interested. There will be a reception next Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. in the lobby for the new Youth In Governance Members.

Supervisor Noble reported the Building and Grounds Committee met and one of the topics was regarding the Public Safety Building addition. Riley Construction was picked to be the construction manager with Zimmerman Architectural Studio being the architect. The rough time line of the plan is as follows; the programming, the design and information gathering is to completed in May, the footings, foundation and design is projected to be done by the end of June, the building construction to commence in the summer of 2009 and the interior design is expected to be complete in late 2009. The building addition, and remodeling should be complete by late 2010. Another topic they discussed is the public address system and voting system in the county board room as well the sound system out at the County Center at 45 & 50. They talked with the president of Professional Audio Designs and he will bring a proposal to the committee next month with a not to exceed number as well as an estimate of what our projected needs are. As a committee they will consider the proposal and may bring back a resolution to the County Board for the 2010 budget. He also stated the Branch 8 remodeling project is expected to be finished by June 15<sup>th</sup> and the Corporation Counsel garage was demolished on April 6<sup>th</sup>.

Supervisor Huff stated the Legislative Committee met last month along with our local State Representatives. The Representatives were supposed to give a presentation on the State Budget, however they just received that information several days earlier so they weren't able to give many details but that didn't prevent the committee or other supervisors that were in attendance from asking questions and having a very good exchange. The Representatives will be invited back again in 6 months, in which Supervisor Huff hopes to make into a bi-annual event.

Vice-chair Faraone stated the Finance Committee met on March 26<sup>th</sup> and Corporation Counsel reported on the County contract with Midwest Fiber Networks LLC. Kenosha County along with Kenosha Unified School District and Gateway Technical College formed a consortium and issued an RFP for creation and maintenance of an optical fiber network in Kenosha County to provide a reliable and durable medium for high speed, high volume transmission of digital data. Under the contract, the county is provided 16 strands of fiber for a 20 year term with a renewable option. The contract will provide for the connecting of all county buildings with fiber and will allow the county to purchase additional strands at a discounted rate if necessary. This fiber contract has been included in the county capital budget over a number of years. They also received a report from Gina Turner of Maximus on the Information Services re-organization. The division has secured data, implemented a new project management approach and created a steering committee for division oversight. The steering committee members are Dave Geersten, Ray Arbet, Charles Smith, John Jansen and Joe Clark. The County is in the process of hiring staff which will provide for a smooth transition back to the county after Maximus leaves. The transition is expected to conclude in June. The Finance Committee also

concluded work on a comprehensive debt management policy. This policy will be brought forth to the full board at next Tuesday's meeting. The committee also developed an administrative process to report on grant functions and effectiveness as an attachment to any resolution of a grant renewal brought forward to the County Board.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance - one reading

**ORDINANCE 34**

34. From the Land Use Committee regarding Ventura Family Limited Partnership (Owner), Joe Malucha, MSI General Corporation (Agent) requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to B-3 Highway Business District in the Town of Paris.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 34. Seconded by Supervisor Morton.

Motion carried.

Resolutions - one reading

**RESOLUTION 136**

136. From Highway & Parks Committee regarding Agreement with Lakeland Little League for Ball Fields at Brighton Dale.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 136. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

Motion carried.

**CLAIMS**

- 45. Amber Elizabeth Cornwell - broken windshield.
- 46. Scott Shulda - vehicle damage.
- 47. Randall Piant - tire and wheel damaged by pothole.
- 48. Lauren Malecki - broken windshield.
- 49. Humana Insurance Company - payment made on behalf of insured.

Chairman Clark referred Claims 45 - 49 to Corporation Counsel

It was moved by Huff to approve the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

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