

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

November 9, 2009

The **Public Hearing** 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 Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Absent: Supervisor Huff, Morton, Roger Johnson.

Present: 25. Absent: 3.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ron Frederick 6038 34th Ave., asked the board to seriously consider eliminating the \$286,000 subsidy to County Board Supervisor health insurance participation. Full time benefits should not be made available for part time jobs. Kenosha County retirees have already made their contribution in the form of a \$722,000 involuntary contribution. As a fall back position, it would be fair if the current subsidy be capped at 50% of the current rates. Waukesha County has 42% more population and 3 fewer supervisors; it is their practice to provide health insurance to their county board at a 50% subsidy level.

Madeline Wirch 8934 62nd Ave., spoke regarding the creation of the new Marketing Position for Brookside Care Center which will cost Kenosha County and the taxpayers more than \$64,000 per year. She is a nurse at Brookside and has worked at other nursing homes in management and feels this is a redundant position. The duties of the Marketing Position can be carried out by the Director of Nurses and the Social Workers. There is a waiting list for beds at Brookside. Considering the terrible economic situation we're all facing, and the fact that almost all county workers took a wage freeze for next year, it's not fiscally responsible to create a redundant position when there is a plethora of people in the office at Brookside who could do the job. The taxpayers have entrusted the county board to be frugal and efficient in the use of the taxpayers money.

Donna Dickenson, 7522 12th Ave, states she is Local 990's vice-president, a voter and a taxpayer. She would like the board to review and scrutinize the recommendation of the Finance Committee, County Executive and the Brookside Director regarding the new Marketing Admissions non-represented position at Brookside. The purpose of the position is to bring more revenue into Brookside by utilizing Medicare benefits as it relates to short term rehab patients. The Finance Committee and the Director of Brookside will tell you that if Brookside maintains the minimum of 25 Medicare beds everyday it will generate one million dollars. As of the last week of October, 2009 Brookside's daily Medicare census ranged from 28 to 31 beds. The current established requirement as established by the Director of Brookside for 2009 is 19 Medicare beds, it is apparent that the present staff are in reach of meeting if not exceeding the directors 2009 expectation. Recently most of the AFSCME represented units including the 990 Professionals which are the Social Workers, voluntary agreed to financial concessions to help alleviate the shortfalls of the county budget. Most of the non-represented employees followed suit. The new director of Brookside accepted a salary of over \$20,000 more than the previous director. In addition she was granted a "sweet" retirement package. The County Executive has given her carte blanche hiring abilities, and she brought two former employees from her other facility. It is requested as the board looks at the

2010 budget, in these hard economic times, that if a new position is warranted and needed that it's a represented Social Work position to help alleviate the Social Worker strain and help make admission decisions.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Ave., stated part timers shouldn't get full time benefits. This will cost the taxpayers over a quarter of a million dollars. He would like to know where the county will get the money from since two of the largest taxpayers, Fiat Engine Plant and Dairyland Greyhound Park will be closing soon. If the board is to have health insurance benefits, then the subsidy should be half.

Don Gillespie, 2023 73th St., stated he is the Chairman of the Kemper Center. He wishes the board well in their deliberations and thanked the board for their partnership of the past. The Kemper Center's partnership of public, private and business entities has blossomed and continues to grow, and with the boards continued support they will continue to do so.

Louis Rugani, 4526 29th Ave., asked the board to re-allocate the quarter of a million dollar allocation for the homeless shelter proposal. There is no real hard evidence proposed by anybody that there has been any homeless need in the City of Kenosha or the County of Kenosha.

Supervisor O'Day presented the 2010 Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Ronald Johnson.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk
Submitted by: Mary T. Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk

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

November 9, 2009

The **Organizational Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Clark immediately following the Public Hearing, in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Supervisor Huff, Morton, Roger Johnson.

Present: 25. Absent: 3.

There were no Citizen Comments

CHAIRMAN COMMENTS

Chairman Clark informed the board that in the last month the county was approached by the Menomonee Tribe; the Intergovernmental Agreement is expiring December 31, 2009. They are asking that the board acts on it this year. Chairman Clark is anticipating having a presentation to the County Board and possible discussion at the first meeting in December to go over the Intergovernmental Agreement. He asked that Corporation Counsel give a report on how it would impact the county if the Intergovernmental Agreement should expire. Copies of the Intergovernmental Agreement will be mailed out with the next county board packet.

There were no supervisor reports

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - one reading.

69. From Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the Appointment of Supervisor Richard Kessler to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolution 69. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Molinaro, Jackson Clark, Noble, West, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Faraone, Moore.

Abstain: Supervisor Kessler.

Ayes: 22. Nays: 2. Abstain: 1.

Motion carried

CLAIM

18. Village of Paddock Lake/John Burg - Sheriff squad car damaged light pole.

Chairman Clark referred Claim 18 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to approve the November 3, 2009 minutes.
Seconded by Supervisor Marks.

Motion carried

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to adjourn sine die. Seconded by
Supervisor Marks.

Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk
Submitted by: Mary T. Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

November 9, 2009

The **Annual Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Clark immediately following the Organizational Meeting, in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

Roll call was taken.

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

Absent: Supervisor Huff, Morton, Roger Johnson.

Present: 25. Absent: 3.

There were no Citizen Comments

There were no Chairman Comments

NEW BUSINESS

Policy Resolution - first reading, two required

POLICY RESOLUTION 2

2. From Finance Committee regarding 2010 Kenosha County Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Ronald Johnson to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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Submitted by: Mary T. Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk