

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

July 20, 2010

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, Grulich, J. Gentz, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, Kohlmeier, Molinaro, G. Gentz, Esposito, Clark, Noble, Underhill, Decker, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: none.

Present: 28. Excused 0.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ed Sinnen, 5217 41st Ave., stated he is one of the laid off employees in the Highway Department. His understanding is that an executive is defined to protect and serve public health, welfare and safety with good moral decisions and citizenship for all of us and our children as governed by law. They have a strike clause in their contract at the Highway Department. There is good reason for that; it's for the safety and welfare of the taxpayers. Apparently upper management doesn't understand that with 14 people laid off and 6 unfilled retirement positions opened it jeopardizes the general public's safety. Will management step up to the plate when an accident occurs and take responsibility when someone gets killed? It's not a matter of if, but when. With all the neglected shoulders and protruding brush it will happen. The big picture is the health, safety and welfare of anyone behind a wheel, walking or riding a bike is at stake. People he's talked to are upset because their taxes aren't being lowered but their services have been cut dramatically. The officials could put their heads together and manage to spread the funds across the board more evenly and fairly to protect the health, safety and welfare for all citizens. All non-union employees should take wage cuts across the board, not just union labor taking the cuts. The moral of this issue is, we don't want to be held hostage to political wrangling.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Molinaro stated that on the agenda tonight is County Executive Appointment #16, Supervisor O'Day to the Brookside Board of Trustees. He asked that unless there is opposition the board moves the appointment this evening to replace former Supervisor West without referring it to committee.

Chairman Molinaro has a great opportunity for a supervisor to take part in Kenosha County History Center celebrating National Lighthouse Day. They're looking for volunteers for a pie eating contest. Anyone interested can let the chairman or Jennie Tunkieicz know. Last week he attended Wisconsin Way Blue Print for Change 2010, which is a presentation by the Wisconsin Way Group. There is some real opportunity here for Kenosha County, Wisconsin Counties Association and others to get involved. A copy will be in the next packet. This is something we should take advantage of getting up to speed as quickly as we can; there are some great ideas here.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Kubicki stated the Legislative Committee met tonight earlier tonight discussing Resolution #8 authorizing the placement on the November 2010 ballot an advisory referendum. They didn't get to the point they wanted to so a special Legislative meeting will be scheduled.

Supervisor Michel stated the Judiciary and Law Committee met and approved Resolutions 35, 36 & 37 all of which are on tonight agenda. He also wanted to commend the staff at the County Clerk's Office for their diligent work in implementing the execution of Passports and gaining additional revenue for Kenosha County.

Supervisor Elverman stated he's sure everyone has followed the plight of the laid off workers of the Highway Department. The last Highway and Parks meeting was held at the Pringle Nature Center and the majority of the audience was highway workers and they are all hoping this can all be worked out. Road work is abundant in the State of Wisconsin and Kenosha County. West Hwy 50 has a 4.7 million dollar project going on from Hwy 75 to the county line at Walworth replacing asphalt with concrete. Hwys 50 & P will be re-worked with new turn lanes and stop lights. There is 70% above average accidents at that intersection. Hwy KD is closed from Hwy P to Geneva Rd. for entrance work to the KD Park. The youth crew from Human Services is working on the trails again this year. The new disc golf course at Fox River Park has been very popular.

Supervisor Noble stated the Administration Committee met last night. One thing they got resolved was that they were looking for a method in which the County Board Supervisors could get involved in expressing what they would like to see with regards to negotiations before the negotiations start. What they determined to do is about a month before the initial exchange with one of the unions, they will announce it to the county board. The Administration Committee will then go into closed session and will entertain the input from county supervisors. They have also had two sessions regarding compensation for county board supervisors and they intend to meet again next Wednesday if anyone is interested.

Supervisor Hallmon stated at the Legislative Meeting he passed out the Working White Paper; Kenosha County on the Move. It is posted on line, but if anyone would like a paper copy they can contact him or the County Clerk's Office.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

16. John O'Day to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to suspend the rules and immediately appoint Supervisor O'Day to the Brookside Board of Trustees. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas.

Motion carried

17. Martin Lacock to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

18. John O'Day to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

19. Kurt Bauer to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

20. Joe Huck to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

21. George Melcher to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

22. Edward VanTine to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

Chairman Molinaro referred County Executive Appointments 17 - 22 to the Land Use Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 30

30. From the Administration and Finance Committees a resolution to approve the successor Labor Agreement between Kenosha County and SEIU Local 168-Maintenance and Custodial Workers.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Resolution 30. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 31

31. From Building & Grounds and Finance Committees a resolution to accept the Wisconsin Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Grady to adopt Resolution 31. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 32

32. From Extension Education and Finance Committees regarding UW-Extension 2010 budget modification.

It was moved by Supervisor Johnson to adopt Resolution 32. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 33

33. From Finance Committee a resolution to approve the Kenosha County Debt Policy.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 33. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 34

34. From Finance Committee a resolution to approve the appointment of David Geersten as Director of the Department of Finance and Administrative

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 34. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 35

35. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding additional funding from Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Forces Strategic Initiative for Overtime support.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 35. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 36

36. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding FY10 Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 36. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 37

37. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding WI DOT Kenosha County PreTrial Intensive Supervision Program XIV Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 37. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 38

38. From the Land Use Committee a resolution to approve the appointment of George E. Melcher as Director of the Department of Planning and Development.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Resolution 38. Seconded by Supervisor Esposito.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

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

Chairman Molinaro referred Communication 5 to Land Use.

It was moved by Supervisor Johnson to approve the July 6, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kubicki.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

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