

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

August 17, 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, Underhill, Decker, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Noble.

Present: 27. Excused 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mark Montague, 7835 36th Ave., stated he is the President of Local 70, Kenosha County Highway Department. First he wanted to speak in favor of the Local 990C's contract they negotiated with the county and give them his support. He also stated that as most of us know, there have been 14 Highway employees laid off since the middle of June. They have been working with the county trying to find solutions to this problem. Most of the supervisors who know Mark know that if he and his union brothers and sisters come before the board with issues, they're serious. When the county first realized they were going to be looking at revenue shortfalls what did we do to initiate some plan? Up until June, when they were still negotiating, their plan was just to lay off employees.

Mark Montague also stated there is an appointment on the agenda tonight appointing Ray Arbet as the Division Chief of the Department of Public Works. Two years ago when he was first appointed, everyone knew about the revenue shortfall and the impending disaster. At that point what the county did was to freeze any job available if it wasn't a management job. The Highway Department has 4 frozen positions and 14 employees laid off. In spite of that what the county chooses to do is to appoint a new Public Works Director and start him out at \$1000 more than his predecessor, Fred Patrie. The county decided to start the new guy out at over \$108,000 per year. Right now one of the county's proposals is to have 10 of the Highway employees come back and go through the progression steps, these are all 10 ten year employees that have been working at a full time position. They are wondering where are the progression steps for Ray Arbet's job. They don't see any type of public administration or road construction background in the new director that would help them out at the Highway Department. One thing he wanted to stress which is still under investigation is the verbal confrontation between Ray Arbet and one of their members at a Highway and Parks Committee meeting. They would like to see that resolved before there is an appointment to a permanent status.

They have been taking a tally of current staffing. Sometimes there are 30 employees with 4 bosses. Some of the bosses have 2 or 3 people underneath them for an 8 hour shift. It is his understanding that if you're a Corrections Officer on a dorm floor it's 64 inmates to one CO. Yet they need 3 or 4 bosses to watch 10 Highway workers. It's not daycare, they're grown people. They were told the state would provide 6 fully funded state jobs year round, now they found out it's going to be 3. If they're going to continue at that rate the Superintendent they have which is a state funded job should be gone. Right now the daily jobs like pot holes, brushing behind signs, and debris lying in the roadways and on the shoulders are falling behind. They were told any employee who retired after this new negotiation session would be replaced. Now they find out differently. The county isn't going to replace anybody; the person that should be called back is sitting here tonight still unemployed. He agrees the County Board members are woefully underpaid and deserve a wage

increase. The health insurance for those 14 employees was gone immediately. They do not have enough people to do the work that needs to be done. Trying to find solutions is not easy, but they need the boards help. We'll find out the hard way when it begins to snow. He also brought up the I-94 monster that continues to grow daily; right now there is no one assigned to the Interstate. He thanked the board for their time and attentiveness.

Louis Ragani, 4526 29th Ave., wanted to address some of the claims one the board's college made in the local daily newspaper about the KRM line. He feels these comments are misinformation which keeps flying around. One of the claims made was SERTA (Wisconsin Southeastern Regional Transit Authority) has not many years to figure out the bus plan. SERTA is 13 months old so they didn't have many years at all. They have to manage, operate and allocate the local share on the KRM Line. KRM has got their funding system setup through the rental car fees. If you want another tax to fund the KRM Line, that's not fair, it's misleading. You don't need another tax to fund the KRM Line; it's in progress. SERTA doesn't plan bus services in the city or county; that's up to SEWRPC (Southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission). He attended both Legislative Meetings when the KRM was discussed. He feels it's interesting that someone from out of the county is going to try and tell Kenosha County what to do. Big oil doesn't want the KRM Line because you only have one tail pipe to carry 300 people to Milwaukee and back.

Larry Obuchowski, 3813 14th Ave., stated he would like to keep the idea of a county wide referendum going. He sees no reason why we can't have a question on the ballot for this train. He feels the tax on the rental cars is not going to pay for that train. He doesn't want to wait until Madison tells us what to do. Let us tell Madison what we want to do.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Molinaro stated the board received a thank you note from David Geersten and his wife Sharon for the flowers sent at the passing of Agnes McMahon, his mother-in-law. Chairman Molinaro stated he made copies of Wisconsin Way Report and encourages everyone and read it. He brings this up not only to remind the board but also to point out that in conjunction with this there are three Wisconsin Economic Summit Series that is going on. More information can be found at wiroundtable.org.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Clark reported the Finance Committee received an update on the County's expenditures. At this time all expenditures are within limits. The General fund balance at the end of 2009 is approximately \$6,277,000. There is a surplus in the Sheriff's Department of \$200,000, and anticipating there will be a health insurance surplus. There are areas we are anticipating shortfalls; sales tax deficit of \$900,000. Tipping fee revenue is decreased by \$300,000. We lost revenues from the dog track because it closed. The general fund without regard to tax delinquencies which are uncontrollable would be at 7.29%. The County Board in prior resolutions has stated policy that they would like to see at 17%. If we counted the general fund without those tax delinquencies we would be at 15%. One of the positive things is there is a \$1,000,000 reduction coming forward by resolution tonight. The county executive asked the departments to come up with revenues or cuts in expenditures of at least \$1,000,000 in anticipation of budget shortfalls. Because of that it is likely the general fund will end the year at 4.5 million. KABA report was also received. They reported at this point in time there are no delinquencies in the revolving loan funds.

Supervisor Underhill stated he had the pleasure of participating in the First Annual Southport Light Station event on Simmons Island. Although there were many events going on that day, he was there for one reason; the pie eating contest. The contest consisted of 6 county and city officials. The rules were 15 minutes to eat a 12 inch blueberry pie with double whipped cream with no

hands. He won the contest with 8 minutes to spare with Alderman Ruffolo a close second.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

26. Dean R. Troyer to serve on the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Chairman Molinaro referred County Executive Appointment 26 to Land Use Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances - one reading

ORDINANCE 4

4. From Land Use Committee regarding J & L Drissel LLC (Owner), Keith Drissel (Agent) requesting a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Farmland Protection District to Suburban Density Residential District in the Town of Paris.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Ordinance 4. Seconded by Supervisor Kohlmeier.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 5

5. From Land Use Committee regarding J & L Drissel LLC (Owner), Keith Drissel (Agent) requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential District in the Town of Paris.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Ordinance 5. Seconded by Supervisor Underhill.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 6

6. From Land Use Committee regarding Bradley Potter and Rebecca Potter-Hill Revocable Trust requesting rezoning from R-3 Urban Single-Family Residential District and C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy District to R-3 Urban Single-Family Residential District and C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy District in the Town of Salem.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Ordinance 6. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Motion carried.

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 39

39. From Administration and Finance Committees a Resolution to approve the Successor Labor Agreement between Kenosha County and Local 990 Clerical.

It was moved by Vice-chair Ekornaas to adopt Resolution 39. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark and seconded by Supervisor Michel to amend Resolution 39 to add the Paragraphs;

WHEREAS, 2009 Kenosha County Budget Policy Resolution resolves that except in the case of specific action by the County Board, all positions included in the budget which are fully or partially grant funded shall be terminated if the grant is terminated and alternate, non-levy funding is not available.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County board of Supervisors reaffirms the 2009 Budget Policy Resolution as it pertains to grant funded jobs

and recognize the County Executive's memo to Chairman Molinaro dated August 16, 2010 wherein it states that the successor agreement is presented to the board with confidence that it can be managed respecting both the board's grant job position and the no lay-off agreement with the union.

Roll call vote on amendment for Resolution 39 passed unanimously.

Roll call vote on Resolution 39 as amended passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 40

40. From Building and Grounds and Highway and Parks Committees a Resolution to approve the appointment of Ray Arbet as Director of the Department of Public Works.

It was moved by Supervisor Grady to adopt Resolution 40. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

It was moved by Supervisor Zerban to refer Resolution 40 back to the Building & Grounds and Highway & Parks Committees. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

Roll call vote:

Ayes: Supervisors Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Hallmon, Grulich, Arrington, Michel, Singer, Elverman,

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Celebre, Kubicki, J. Gentz, R. Frederick, Johnson, O'Day, B. Frederick, Kohlmeier, Molinaro, G. Gentz, Clark, Underhill, Decker, Breunig, Haas, Ekornaas

Abstain: Supervisor Esposito.

Ayes: 9. Nays: 17. Abstain: 1.

Motion failed.

Roll call vote on Resolution 40.

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

Nays: Supervisors Zerban, Goebel.

Abstain: Supervisor Elverman.

Ayes: 9. Nays: 2. Abstain: 1

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 41

41. From Finance Committee a Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$12,325,000 Taxable General Obligation Promissory Notes (Build America Bonds - Direct Payment)

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 41. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 42

42. From Finance Committee a Resolution providing for the sale of not to exceed \$10,435,000 Taxable General Obligation Public Safety Building Bonds (Build America Bonds - Direct Payment)

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 42. Seconded by Supervisor J. Gentz.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 43

43. From Finance Committee a Resolution to approve mid-year budget modification.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 43. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 44

44. From Highway and Parks a Resolution to approve the appointment of Attorney David P. Wilk to the Kenosha County Traffic Safety Commission.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 44. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Motion carried

RESOLUTION 45

45. From Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Supervisor Gail Gentz to the Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 45. Seconded by Supervisor J. Gentz.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 46

46. From Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of John T. Jansen as Director of the Department of Human Services.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 46. Seconded by Supervisor Arrington.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 47

47. From Judiciary & Law Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of James Huff to serve as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 47. Seconded by Supervisor Haas.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 48

48. From Judiciary & Law Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Fred Ekornaas to serve as a member of the Local Emergency Planning Committee.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 48. Seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 49

49. From Judiciary & Law Committee a Resolution for a Probationary Cabaret License Extension for El Fracazo Tavern.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 49. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 50

50. From Judiciary & Law Committee a Resolution for a Regular Cabaret License for T&L Pub.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 50. Seconded by Supervisor Johnson.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 51

51. From Land Use Committee approving amendment to the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: 2035 for J & L Drissel LLC for a change from Farmland Protection District to Suburban Density Residential District in the Town of Paris.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Resolution 51. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 52

52. From Land Use Committee a Resolution to approve the appointments to the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Resolution 52. Seconded by Supervisor Kohlmeier.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 53

53. From Land Use Committee regarding request to approve the appointment of Supervisor Kimberly Breunig to the southeastern Wisconsin Regional Planning Commission (SEWRPC)

It was moved by Supervisor Esposito to adopt Resolution 53. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Motion carried

COMMUNICATION

6. From Michael K. Higgins, City Clerk/Treasurer regarding Temporary Zoning District Classification of Land in the Town of Somers.

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

Chairman Molinaro referred Communication 6 & 7 to Land Use Committee

CLAIMS

11. Thomas Vitrano denied the allowance of litigation while incarcerated.

12. Debra Kolloch broken windshield.

Chairman Molinaro referred Claims 11 & 12 to Corporation Counsel

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to approve the August 3, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Arrington.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Gentz.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m.

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