

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

November 7, 2011

The **Public Hearing** was called to order by Chairman Molinaro at 7:00 p.m., in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

Roll call was taken.

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

Excused: Supervisors Zerban, Grulich. Arrington, Breunig.

Present: 24. Excused: 4.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jim Kennedy, 7819 5th Ave., asked the board to support the funding for Human Services 2012 budget as presented and keep in the budget the \$830,000 of levy funds.

Jack Rose, 4315 68th St., stated he is an advocate for mental illness. He asks the board to support the budget with the additional levy for Human Services.

Florence Hamnelev, 3018 86th St., stated she is here representing CUSH (Congregations United to Serve Humanity) and as a volunteer having worked with families, children and the impoverished. She asked the board to support the \$830,000 levy funds which is in Human Services budget. Human Services needs the funds to protect the most vulnerable.

Rose Hamilton, 6516 54th Ave., stated she is here for the taxpayers of Kenosha County. She doesn't think the golf manager should be getting a raise when the golf courses have a deficit of over \$200,000. She works for the Kenosha County Treasurer's Office and has had grown men come in tears because they can't pay their property taxes, yet we throw more money into Brighton Dale. She would rather see the money used in Human Services instead.

Donna Zarovy, 6207 203rd Ave, stated she is a long term devoted county employee. She, along with most of the Kenosha County employees works hard to do the best possible job. The employees have almost every time stepped up to the plate and worked with the county to save taxpayers money. She asked the board not to make anymore changes to the insurance plan.

Nick Kazmer, 6517 94th Ave. stated there are four issues he wanted to speak on. First is regarding the possibility of a premium contribution for health insurance. He feels it's a bad idea for both the county and the employees. Second is the paid time off; he feels employees should be able to keep earning paid time off even after 25 years. Third is moving the Sheriff's Department to a 5/2-4/2 work schedule. This would cause employees to lose 4 ½% take home pay. Last is mandatory overtime specifically for the Highway. In the current policy the board passed a few months ago, mandatory overtime was only in place for snow and ice control activities. It is now being proposed for all activities at the Highway Department. He would like this to remain as it is now.

Mark Montague, 7835 36th Ave., spoke regarding mandatory overtime and the proposed premium pay for the health insurance. He stated high co-pays along with a premium contribution is starting to pile it on. He hopes they won't have to step into mandatory "show up", or a premium pay.

Donna Dickenson 7522 12th Ave, stated she is an employee of Kenosha County Department of Human Services. She asked the board to not consider a premium contribution by employees for health insurance.

Darrell Stoen, 129 Hwy Z, stated he is an employee of the Kenosha County Public Works Highway Division. He asked the board to remove mandatory overtime from the non-classified employee plan for Highway and only require it for snow and ice control.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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