

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

**November 8, 2011**

The **Regular Meeting** 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, Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, 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: Supervisors Grulich.

Present: 27.           Excused: 1.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mark Micklas, 1648 Kniper Ln, Racine, stated he is an employee of Kenosha County and asked the board to approve the budget as presented as it pertains to the employee health insurance benefit. The Federal Bureau of Labor Statistics did a study separating out wages and benefits for both private and public sector. What they found was when it came to benefits public sector employees fared better. However, when they looked at wages the private sector did much better. When total compensation was considered, it was virtually identical with public sector doing worse.

Mike Skalitzky, 1415 97<sup>th</sup> Ave, asked the board to re-evaluate the budget and to hold it at a zero increase overall. One place to start is with insurance benefits to county workers.

Jack Rose, 4315 68<sup>th</sup> St., stated we really need to take care of people with mental illness. Severe budget cuts are threatening mental health services. When cuts are made, people who do not receive services end up in hospitals, shelters, jails or dead. We really need to avoid that in our community. We can do so by supporting the Human Services budget as presented.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Molinaro stated the board will be going into closed session to hear from Corporation Counsel regarding a late afternoon call from the city's attorney relative to re-districting. He asked the board be respectful of those who would like to talk during the budget debate. He wanted to recognize all who put the effort forth with the budget including the board and all those who attended the budget hearings.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Michel thanked the Kenosha News for the nice article about the Cub Scouts Pack 512, which his son is a part of, for doing an excellent job cleaning around St. Mary's.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolutions - one reading

**RESOLUTION 65**

65. From Finance/Administration Committee a Resolution to Modify Prior Agreements between Kenosha County and Waste Management.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 65. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, 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.

Nay: Supervisor Zerban.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 66**

66. From the Finance/Administration Committee an Initial Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Promissory Notes in an Amount not to exceed \$8,651,259 for Budgeted Capital Projects and Kenosha Area Business Alliance Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 66. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Policy Resolution - second reading, two required

**POLICY RESOLUTION 3**

3. From the Finance/Administration Committee regarding 2012 Kenosha County Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Policy Resolution 3. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to amend Policy Resolution 3 to insert a new paragraph "Now Therefore Be it Resolved beginning January 1, 2012 any Kenosha County Employee or Officer who participates in any county health or dental or prescription insurance benefit shall be required to contribute 10% of the premium cost as established annually by Kenosha County." Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to amend the amendment to Policy Resolution 3 to include a 5% insurance premium contribution instead of 10%. Seconded by Supervisor Kohlmeier.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to make a friendly amendment to the amendment on Policy Resolution 3 to replace the word "officers" with "elected officials". Friendly Amendment was accepted by Supervisor Decker.

Roll call vote on the amendment to the amendment (5%) on Policy Resolution 3.

Aye: Kohlmeier, Clark, Breunig, Elverman.

Nay: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, J. Gentz, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, Molinaro, G. Gentz, Noble, Underhill, Decker, Haas, Ekornaas.

Abstain: Supervisor Esposito.

Aye: 4. Nay: 22. Abstain: 1.

Motion failed.

Roll call vote on the amendment (10%) to Policy Resolution 3.

Aye: Supervisors Kohlmeier, Decker,

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

Abstain: Supervisor Esposito.

Aye: 2. Nay: 24. Abstain: 1.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to amend Policy Resolution 3 - II. Overtime, first paragraph last sentence, to remove the word "mandatory" and instead read "Such a request for overtime is considered to be voluntary, except during County Executive declared emergencies. Overtime is considered mandatory during the snow and ice removal season for Kenosha County Highway Department Employees." And "The Sheriff's Department Overtime is at the discretion of the Sheriff." Seconded by Supervisor Arrington.

It was moved by Supervisor Arrington to amend the amendment by striking the sentence "Such a request for overtime is considered to be mandatory". Motion dies for the lack of a second.

It was moved by Supervisor Haas to amend the amendment by adding the words "Overtime shall be voluntary by seniority, if no volunteers, the lowest senior employee with be required to report". Motion dies for the lack of a second.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to make a friendly amendment to the amendment for Policy Resolution 3 to substitute "snow and ice control operations" in place of "seasons". Friendly Amendment accepted by Supervisor Singer.

Roll call vote on amendment to Policy Resolution 3.

Aye: Supervisors Zerban, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, Michel, Singer, B. Frederick, Kohlmeier, G. Gentz, Esposito, Clark, Underhill, Haas.

Nay: Grady, Rose, Hallmon, J. Gentz, O'Day, Molinaro, Noble, Decker, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Aye: 16. Nay: 11.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to amend Policy Resolution 3 to remove the inline adjustment for Golf Manager. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Hallmon, Esposito, Noble, Decker, Elverman.

Nay: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, J. Gentz, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, Kohlmeier, Molinaro, G. Gentz, Clark, Underhill, Breunig, Haas, Ekornaas.

Aye: 5. Nay: 22.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to amend Policy Resolution 3 by reducing Professional Services in County Executive's budget from \$120,000 to \$70,000 and appropriating \$50,000 in the County Board's budget for Professional Services. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Grady, Celebre, Michel, Kohlmeier, Molinaro, Clark, Noble, Decker, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nay: Supervisors Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Kubicki, Hallmon, J. Gentz, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, G. Gentz, Esposito, Underhill, Haas,

Aye: 11. Nay: 16.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Kohlmeier to amend Policy Resolution 3 to reduce the temporary salaries in golf by \$100,000 and reduce revenue in golf by \$100,000. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisor Kohlmeier.

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

Aye: 1. Nay: 26.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to amend Policy Resolution 3 to add a paragraph "Be it Further Resolved, that the Human Services Department review with Human Services Committee, Public Welfare Committee & Finance Committee all Human Services programs and report on the effectiveness and cost benefits of Human Services programs and if additional resources are needed to accomplish said review, the department and committee will report back to the County Board and County Executive". Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Rose, Molinaro, Decker, Ekornaas.

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

Aye: 4. Nay: 23.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to close debate on Policy Resolution 3. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call vote. 2/3 required.

Aye: Supervisors Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, J. Gentz, Arrington, Johnson, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, G. Gentz, Underhill, Haas.

Nay: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, R. Frederick, Michel, Kohlmeier, Molinaro, Esposito, Clark, Noble, Decker, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Aye: 14. Nay: 13.

Motion failed.

Roll call vote on Policy Resolution as amended.

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

Nay: Supervisors Kohlmeier, Decker.

Aye: 25. Nay: 2.

Motion carried.

It was requested by Supervisor Esposito to put in the record he abstained on the non-classified employee portion of Policy Resolution 3. There was no objection by the board.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to go into Closed Session pursuant to section 19.84(3) of the Wisconsin Statutes regarding consultation with attorney regarding pending litigation regarding status of redistricting suit, Kenosha County vs. City of Kenosha, and possible resolution and/or compromise. Seconded by Supervisor Arrington.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

Closed Session began at 10:43 p.m.

Present in closed session along with the County Board Members were: Corporation Counsel Frank Volpintesta, County Clerk Mary T. Schuch-Krebs and her staff, Edie LaMothe and Regi Bachochin and Al Brokmeier, Director of Land Information.

It was moved by Vice-chairman Underhill to return to open session. Seconded by Supervisor Arrington.

Motion carried.

Return to open session at 11:30 p.m.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe  
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Mary T. Schuch-Krebs  
County Clerk