

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
October 7, 2008**

The **Regular Meeting** 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, Huff, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor O'Day.

Present: 27. Absent: 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Anthony Kennedy, 4223 29th Avenue, Alderman for the 10th District in the City of Kenosha, stated he is in full support of the resolution on Sustainable Living. We have an opportunity to get ahead of the curve with this sustainable living committee. This committee can be a way of looking at how green technologies can be incorporated into our lives in a way that produces jobs, and reduces our impact on the environment. He also stated he was at the Council of Government this past Saturday and thanked the County Executive for reviving it and hopes to attend more of them.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Avenue stated last Wednesday he was golfing on the BlueCourse at Brighton Dale and the rough was so thick it took them an extra hour and a half to play 18 holes of golf. He found out that there are not enough employees to cover all forty-five holes out there. First priority should be to have speedy rounds as far as the golf course is concerned. With gas prices the way they are, people aren't going to drive that far unless an extra effort is made to maintain the golf course. The main reason he came to the meeting is because 17 of the supervisors represent city districts. The no smoking ordinance will be voted on November 4th. The Chief of Police was asked if the ordinance, if passed, would be enforced in the city taverns, he stated it was a health issue. To Mr. Danbeck, that means that the Health Department, which is county funded, will have to cover for a city ordinance and he doesn't think that is right.

At this time County Executive Jim Kreuser presented the 2009 County Budget.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Clark stated that Tom Lois, the Director of Kenosha County Veterans Services is retiring after 21 years and there will be an open house on Friday, October 24th from 11:00 - 1:00 at the Job Center. He also stated he has been provided the building plans/alternatives from the County Executive and will refer them to the Building and Grounds Committee to do their analysis and come back with a recommendation.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Noble stated the Building and Grounds Committee will have a meeting on Tuesday and they will be going over the facilities building's budget and capital improvements. There will be a representative from Zimmerman and Associates at the meeting. This will be everyone's first opportunity to see the detailed plans for the Safety Building project.

Supervisor Elverman stated that Captain Apker from the Sheriff's Department was at the Highway & Parks meeting and gave a detailed report on what the Sheriff's Department has done and will continue to do on Hwy C. Another thing that has been done on Hwy C is there are rumble strips engraved in the asphalt on some of the more dangerous sections. He also reported there has been some topography work being done at the Meyer Material Property a/k/a Hwy KD Pit and should have some plans within the next month that people can work off of for the trail work. The budget meeting for Highway & Parks will be held next Monday, October 13th at the County Center.

Supervisor Breunig stated their Nutrition Educators gave a presentation on the Well Stocked Pantry. This is a program that teaches families the items to keep on hand for correct nutritional meals at an affordable price. Extension Education has several programs that they facilitate to combat problems facing Kenosha County regarding poverty. Each year they promote Asset Builders Money

Conference which teaches adults about homeownership, credit reports, vehicle financing and paycheck budgeting. Youth sessions include Finance and Investment, Junior Achievement Dollars and Cents and Economics for Success. Other programs provided by Extension are Family Finance Management, Share Food Program, the Angel Food Program, which is new and doesn't require any minimum financial situations for families, Neighborhood Revitalization, which is involved in the Emergency Services Network and Hungry Prevention Council. On October 22nd, the 2008 Southeast Wisconsin Regional Hunger Forum will present "Stepping up to the Plate" which will discuss hunger issues, family economic security, access to affordable and healthy food, federal nutrition programs and emergency food assistance. She also stated the Youth in Governance Policy update was e-mailed out recently. Supervisor Breunig will be attending some committee meetings over the next couple months to observe the youth and their mentors and see how they're interacting with the committees. She asked each committee to provide a copy of their budgets to the YIG members, this will allow them to ask questions and help them understand the budget process. The Center for Community and Economic Development through UW Extension will present a series of webinars to address Sustainable Communities. These will be held at the County Center.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 63

63. From Building and Grounds and Highway and Parks a Resolution to approve the appointment of Ray Arbet as Department Director of Public Works. It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Resolution 63. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-17, the County Executive has appointed Ray Arbet to the position of Department Director of Public Works; and

WHEREAS, the Building and Grounds and Highways and Parks committees have reviewed the County Executive's appointment of Mr. Arbet to serve in this position and are recommending to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the approval of this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Ray Arbet to the position of Department Director of Public Works, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Mr. Arbet shall be placed in pay grade L of the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan at an annual salary of \$108,000.

SUBMITTED BY:

Building & Grounds Committee
Douglas Noble
Mark Molinaro, Jr.
Gabe Nudo
Roger Johnson
Rob Zerban

Highway & Parks Committee
Dennis Elverman
William Grady
Gordon West
Douglas Noble

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Resolution 63. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 64

64. From Finance Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of David M. Geertsen as Department Director of Finance and Administrative Services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-12, the County Executive has appointed David M. Geertsen to the position of Department Director of Finance and Administrative Services; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee has reviewed the County Executive's appointment of Mr. Geertsen to serve in this position and is recommending to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the approval of this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of David M. Geertsen to the position of Department Director of Finance and Administrative Services, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Mr. Geertsen shall be placed in pay grade L of the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan at an annual salary of \$108,151.

SUBMITTED BY:

Finance Committee

Anita M. Faraone
Terry Rose
Mark Molinaro, Jr.
David Singer

It was moved by Vice-Chair Faraone to adopt Resolution 64. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 65

65. From Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Ronald L. Rogers as Division Director of Children and Family Services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-15, the County Executive has appointed Ronald L. Rogers to the position of Division Director of Children and Family Services; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee has reviewed the County Executive's appointment of Mr. Rogers to serve in this position and is recommending to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the approval of this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Ronald L. Rogers to the position of Division Director of Children and Family Services, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Mr. Rogers shall be placed in pay grade I of the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan at an annual salary of \$84,444.

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolution 65. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 66

66. From Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Mark J. Witeck, M.D. as Kenosha County Medical Examiner.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-16 the County Executive has appointed Mark J. Witeck, M.D. to the position Kenosha County Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee has reviewed the County Executive's appointment of Dr. Witeck to serve in this position and is recommending to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the approval of this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Mark J. Witeck, M.D. to the position of Kenosha County Medical Examiner, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Dr. Witeck will earn \$110,000 in 2009.

SUBMITTED BY:

Human Services Committee
Edward Kubicki
Terry Rose
Richard Kessler
Jennifer Jackson
Jeffrey Gentz

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

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 67

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-13, the County Executive has appointed John T. Jansen to the position of Department Director of Human Services; and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee has reviewed the County Executive's appointment of Mr. Jansen to serve in this position and is recommending to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the approval of this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of John T. Jansen to the position of Department Director of Human Services, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Mr. Jansen shall be placed in wage range L of the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan at an annual salary of \$96,729.

SUBMITTED BY:

Human Services Committee

Edward Kubicki
Terry Rose
Richard Kessler
Jennifer Jackson
Jeffrey Gentz

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolution 67. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.
Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 68

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

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-14, the County Executive has appointed George E. Melcher to the position of Department Director of Planning and Development; and

WHEREAS, the Land Use Committee has reviewed the County Executive's appointment of Mr. Melcher to serve in this position and is recommending to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors the approval of this appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of George E. Melcher to the position of Department Director of Planning and Development, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Mr. Melcher shall be placed in pay grade L of the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan at an annual salary of \$107,244.

SUBMITTED BY:

Land Use Committee
Fred Ekornaas
Gabe Nudo
Kimberly Breunig
Gordon West
Brian Morton

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Resolution 68. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.
Motion carried

RESOLUTION 69

69. From Legislative Committee regarding Creating a Joint City-County Committee on Sustainable Living.

WHEREAS, government is the representative voice of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, it is the duty of government to address the needs of the citizenry;

WHEREAS, sustainable living initiatives are of great interest among the citizenry of the city of Kenosha and county of Kenosha;

WHEREAS, sustainable living initiatives have considerably untapped potential to save citizens and institutions money;

WHEREAS, sustainable living initiatives have considerably untapped potential to create jobs and provide economic growth;

WHEREAS, sustainable living initiatives have the ability to forge bonds between citizens creating a more cohesive community;

WHEREAS, sustainable living initiatives have the ability to tackle hunger and homelessness in the Kenosha Community;

WHEREAS, government has the authority and resources to investigate and implement plans pertaining to sustainable living;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors in conjunction with the common council of the city of Kenosha create a joint city-county committee exclusively for the purpose of addressing issues and matters pertaining to sustainable living.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Committee Mission & Structure be developed and brought forward to the County Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 69. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

SUBMITTED BY:

Legislative Committee
James Huff
Mark Modory
William Michel, II
Bob Haas

Dayvin Hallmon

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to amend Resolution 69 to add a last paragraph to read: "NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee mission & structure be developed and brought forward to the County Board. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to call the question on the Amendment for Resolution 69. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.
Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Huff, Rose, Kubicki, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Moore, Molinaro, Elverman.

Abstain: Supervisor Hallmon

Ayes: 23. Nays: 3. Abstain: 1

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on the amendment on Resolution 69.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Huff, Rose, Kubicki, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisor Jackson.

Abstain: Supervisor Hallmon

Ayes: 25. Nays: 3. Abstain: 1

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to make a second amendment to Resolution 69 by adding a paragraph defining Sustainable Living as "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs." Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to refer Resolution 69 back to committee. Seconded by Supervisor Moore.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Faraone, Nudo, Moore, Ekornaas, West, Rose.

Nays: Supervisors Clark, Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Noble, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman.

Ayes: 6. Nays: 21.

Motion failed.

Roll call vote on the second amendment to Resolution 69.

Ayes: Supervisors Hallmon, Gentz, Modory, Jackson, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Haas,

Nays: Supervisors Clark, Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Marks, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Ekornaas, Breunig, Elverman, Rose.

Ayes: 8. Nays: 19.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to make a third amendment to Resolution 69 by striking the word "create" from the 9th paragraph and replacing it with: "Explore the viability of". Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Nudo, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Huff, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Ayes: 2. Nays: 25.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Rose to move all previous questions. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Rose, Kubicki, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Morton, Jackson, Ekornaas, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Hallmon, Moore, Molinaro.

Ayes: 23. Nays: 4.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Resolution 69 as amended.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Huff, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman.

Nays: Supervisor Moore, Ekornaas.

Ayes: 25. Nays: 2.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 70

70. From Legislative Committee a Resolution in Opposition to the Forest-wide Travel Management Project Plan in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest as Proposed by the United States Forest Service.

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has published a Forest-wide Travel Management Plan in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest that proposes closure of 55% of the public roads within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service fails to recognize the need to manage the National Forests as productive managed forests and continues to regulate National Forests as though they were National Parks, which is contrary to the congressional authority granted to the United States Forest Service for the purchase and management of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has not managed the National Forests consistent with the provisions of the Clark-McNary Act to furnish a continuous supply of timber for the use and necessities of citizens of the United States, and

WHEREAS, for the most part these lands were purchased from the counties where said lands are located under the pretext and commitment that these lands would be returned to a forested condition and that these lands would again provide a sound base for the local and regional economy and that local governments would play a major role in the management and operation of the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and

WHEREAS, the United States Forest Service has failed to consider the negative impact of reduced employment, and loss of local and state tax generation, that otherwise would be created by tourism opportunities that rely on motorized access to public lands within counties and communities where the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is located in its recently published United States Forest Service's Travel Management Project Environmental Assessment, and

WHEREAS, lands within the National Forests should be accessible to the citizens of these United States of America and not just experienced from the edges of the forest boundaries along major highways, and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of the roads in the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest eliminates a reasonable level of public access to recreational pursuits including but not limited to hunting, fishing, wood cutting, mushroom and berry picking, birding, wildlife viewing, ATV and snowmobile travel, and general access by the young, elderly, physically and or mentally impaired, or provide emergency and or rescue services to visitors to the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest, and

WHEREAS, the lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest boundaries are not large tracts of contiguous property such as within National Parks but include significant private property that relies upon travel upon these roads for a variety of purposes such as access to employment, their private lands, routes for emergency vehicles, and emergency evacuation routes in times of disaster, and

WHEREAS, the proposed closure of these roads within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest will have a negative impact on sound forestry management and will limit the United States Forest Services' ability to combat fire, disease, pests and invasive species.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors recognizes the tremendous importance of transportation networks within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and that the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest is an exceptional natural resource that has the capacity to provide recreational, social, and economic benefits on a sustainable basis provided

that the lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest remain accessible to the traveling public and local units of government, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the United States Forest Service's Travel Management Project Environmental Assessment has failed to properly address forest ecology, local historic uses, multiple use principals, and social and economic needs of the region, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proposed closure of roads coupled with severe reductions in timber harvesting below sustainable levels within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest constitutes continuing evidence that the United States Forest Service is unwilling or unable to properly manage the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest and that this Board of Supervisors demands that unless the United States Forest Service provides for a Travel Management Project Environmental Assessment that addresses all of the stated above, that all lands within the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest should revert back to the counties where said forest lands are located by virtue of a breach of promise by the Federal Government and their failure to comply with the Clark-McNary Act, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be presented to President George Bush, Secretary of the Interior, Secretary of the Department of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service, Joan Marburger, Project Coordinator, Chequamegon-Nicolet NF, all Wisconsin Federal Representatives, Governor James Doyle, area Wisconsin State Representatives and respectfully request that all counties that contain any lands designated as the Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest concur and take similar action.

SUBMITTED BY:

Legislative Committee

James Huff

Mark Modory

William Michel, II

Bob Haas

Dayvin Hallmon

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 70. Seconded by Supervisor Modory.

Motion carried.

CLAIM

28. Carlton R. Dravis - vehicle damaged by rock thrown by county mower.

Chairman Clark referred Claim 28 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Faraone to approve the September 16, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe

Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Edna R. Highland

County Clerk