

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

April 15, 2014

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Gentz, Dodge, Kubicki, Hallmon, R. Johnson, O'Day, Arrington, R. Frederick, Nudo, Kohlmeier, B. Frederick, Molinaro, Esposito, Noble, A. Johnson, Skalitzky, Underhill, Breunig, Decker, Elverman.

Absent: Supervisor Montemurro,

Present: 22. Absent: 1.

There were no Citizen Comments

7:31 PM* ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Gentz spoke of what the board had accomplished the past two years. Some of his goals were regarding small businesses and to wrap up the lawsuit with the Health Department. The tax levy numbers are better than they have been in 25 yrs. There have been about 3,100 jobs created the past two years. With the help of KABA, County Executive, City of Kenosha there has been \$525,000,000 in capital investments along with the High Impact Fund and other incentives. Brookside Care Center and the golf courses have been two years in the black. The county's general fund balance is over 17% which hasn't been the case since 2006. He thanked the board for working with him and working with each other to get these things done. He also thanked the County Executive and the Administration Staff and the Employees and looks forward to continue working together for the constituents of Kenosha County.

Chairman Gentz thanked outgoing Supervisors Underhill, Nudo, and Molinaro for their service and presented them each with a plaque.

7:35PM* SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Rose stated two years ago, Chairman Gentz appointed the Finance/Administration Committee with different walks of life along with different political view points. This came at a time of the worst economic time since the Great Depression. The committee got down to work and recognized what was best for the community. With the assistance of the County Executive, Dave Geersten and Al Swartz, presented two budgets to this County Board for endorsement. 2013 budget had a 0% levy increase and the 2014 1.8% levy increase. Those are the numbers we can be proud of. Neither Brookside nor golf have been in the red, the roads have been paved, the snow has been cleared, the buildings have been maintained and the employees have not been laid-off. The services that we have had traditionally have been continued. They have always tried to maintain 17% of operating expenses in the General Fund; in 2014 there is 19.73%. That is an outstanding accomplishment considering the current economic situation. He thanked Supervisors R. Frederick, O'Day, Grady, Kohlmeier, Kubicki and Molinaro for working together and making his job easier. He concluded with his final remark, "a job well done."

Supervisor Hallmon gave a report on the NACo Annual Legislative Conference which was held in Washington DC last March. He stated he cherished that the outgoing supervisor of the 15th District pushed him to be brighter and more intelligent. He thanked Chairman Gentz for having a 21st Century leading style, meaning he brings people together, asks for their thoughts and ideas and actually listens. He also thanked him for making him chair of the Human Services Committee.

Supervisor Breunig thanked the members of the Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee. She noted some of what the committee accomplished in the past two years which includes, 23 Comprehensive Plan Amendment Applications, 39 Rezoning Applications, 34 Conditional Use Permits, 16 Certified Survey Maps and 1 Subdivision Plat Application. There is a new Youth Development Educator in Extension Education. Youth In Governance has had 107 members since the start of the program thanks to Supervisor Molinaro who brought this program to Kenosha County. New members will be appointment at the May 20th County Board Meeting. 4H has grown tremendously along with Horticulture and many other programs. It's been a busy two years.

Supervisor Molinaro stated his journey on the County Board for the past 20 years has been rewarding and full of accomplishments. Some notable accomplishments include the High Impact Development Fund, downsizing and re-organizing the County Board while he was Chairman, and Youth In Governance. There

is no solo performance in what was done; it takes a majority. It was because of former Chairman Bob Carbone, who took a risk on a twenty something year old kid when he appointed him in 1994. He thanked Tedi Winnett for developing and implementing the Youth In Governance Program when he had the idea to get youth more involved in county government. He also enjoyed working with County Executive Kreuser and wished him all the best as he was just sworn in for the next four years. He is glad he was able to be a part of Kenosha County.

Supervisor Elverman stated the golf courses are open for the season. Two years in a row golf has not shown a loss. The 60th St. tower has had a setback; they are now looking at May for completion. The work on the Administration Building has begun and should continue all summer. He is looking forward to the new session and what the board can get accomplished.

Supervisor Esposito thanked the Judiciary & Law Committee for their past session. They had a lot of tough issues in which they hit head on. He also thanked Supervisor Molinaro; Kenosha County is a better place because of him being a County Board Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions – one reading

8:12pm*

RESOLUTION 115

115. From Finance/Administration Committee regarding 2013 to 2014 Carryover and Annual Closeout Resolution.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 115. Seconded by Supervisor R. Frederick.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

8:14PM*

RESOLUTION 116

116. From Judiciary & Law Committee regarding Probationary Cabaret License for Shadow Hill Ranch d/b/a Country Thunder Music Festival.

It was moved by Supervisor Esposito to adopt Resolution 116. Seconded by Supervisor R. Johnson.

Motion carried.

8:17PM*

RESOLUTION 117

117. From Judiciary & Law and Finance/Administration Committee regarding request authorization to re-direct bonded funds earmarked for a Control Room Security Software project and Walk-thru Metal Detector to the Detentions Portable Radio System upgrade project.

It was moved by Supervisor Esposito to adopt Resolution 117. Seconded by Supervisor A. Johnson.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

8:18PM*

RESOLUTION 118

118. From Public Works/Facilities and Finance/Administration Committees a Resolution authorizing the submission of a Wisconsin Department of Transportation Facilities for Economic Assistance (TEA) Grant Application.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 118. Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky.

Motion carried.

8:23PM*

RESOLUTION 119

119. From Public/Works/Facilities and Finance/Administration Committees a Resolution authorizing the General Manager of Park Operations to apply for grant funding from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources which will be used to make improvements in KD Park.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 119. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried.

8:25PM*

RESOLUTION 120

120. From Public Works/Facilities and Finance/Administration Committees a Resolution to Authorize the Installation of Parking Lot Gates and Entry System to be Sole Sourced.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 120. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

was moved by Supervisor R. Frederick to refer Resolution 120 back to the Public Works/Facilities and Finance/Administration Committees. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

Motion carried.

CLAIMS

- 40. Susan Karow – tire damage.
- 41. State Farm for Romwald Maczka – vehicle damage.
- 42. Land Quest of WI Inc. – property damage.

Chairman Gentz referred Claims 40-42 to Corporation Counsel.

was moved by Supervisor Grady to approve the March 18, 2014 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor R. Johnson.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2014 meeting. Seconded by Supervisor Underhill.

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to adjourn sine die. Seconded by Supervisor Underhill.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:47 p.m.

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Deputy Clerk
Submitted by: Mary Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk

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