

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

October 4, 2016

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Gentz, Goebel, Dodge, Kubicki, Hallmon, Bostrom, O'Day, Berg, R. Frederick, Franco, Retzlaff, Esposito, Wamboldt, Gillmore, Skalitzky, Poole, Breunig, Decker, Elverman.

Excused: Supervisors Blough, B. Frederick.

Present: 21. Excused: 2.

At this time County Executive Jim Kreuser presented the 2017 Kenosha County Budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jack Rose, 4315 68th St. stated NAMI's mission in Kenosha is to improve the quality of life for folks affected with mental illness by education, support and advocacy. He thanked the board for their past support. There is a great opportunity with the County Executive's 2017 budget to do even more. The expanding of the Care Center is fantastic. The Care Center is a jewel in the battle against mental illness. With the recent pilot program with Kenosha Human Development Services and Kenosha Police the crisis people are using a 3rd site to check on people who may be in mental health crisis. Diversion from in-patient care works especially if it's not warranted. Expanding the hours at Bridges Community Center will be extremely helpful to the folks living with mental illness. The role of the Vivitrol program has been exceedingly important. Many times a person living with a mental illness is also an addict. We need more proactive diversion programs which cost up to \$22 per day compared to about \$76 per day for jail. He asked for the boards continued help during the budget process.

Virginia Hoekstra, 6209 75th St, stated she has been an advocate for the Shalom homeless shelter. She has not been able to get the city to move on anything. An alderman explained to her that the city only has so much to give. She said she has found out the county is actually the one responsible for the homeless shelter. So she feels the county should use some of the federal money given to them for health to go towards the homeless shelter.

Bob Waldron, 25910 103rd St., stated over the past year there has been a lot of fanfare over the newly acquired facility for the Shalom Center, but the facility is not scheduled to be activated for another year or so. Even then, the entrance requirements will remain the same as they are now. He is not against keeping the "rough" characters, or the mentally handicapped individuals away from women, children or other vulnerable individuals. These individuals have difficulty finding shelter. The city has created a committee which addresses some of these issues and he thanked Supervisor Bostrom for serving on this committee.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRWOMAN

Chairwoman Breunig stated she is still looking for two supervisors to sit on Land & Water Conservation. One of the supervisors needs to from PDEEC. The dates for the budget hearings are in the budget book. She hopes to see everyone at least once during that week.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Elverman stated the completion of the fire alarm project is expected by April 1st. the Public Safety Building generator has been put back out for bid. Bids close on October 11th. All the design work for the Public Safety Building addition has been done and the all the project components should be ready by the first of the year. The Courthouse is on a four-year program to re-do 3 of the courtrooms. Branch 4 will be on deck this year and should be ready for bid by December 1st. Highway's biggest item happening in Kenosha County for the next two years is on Hwy S (142) from Green Bay Rd. to the freeway. Wisconsin Park and Recreation Association has awarded Kenosha County with the Silver Star for the 2016 Youth Program and they will be recognized at the WPRA Annual Conference. Pike River clean-up was last week. The KD park will be re-opened within the next two weeks and Golf has had a fantastic fall.

Supervisor Rose encouraged and welcomed suggestions from the various committees regarding the budget.

Supervisor Hallmon stated one of the workshops he attended at the WCA Conference was on priority based budget. He suggests to the supervisors as they go through the budget project to think critically on how they do this, about what the conversations are, what the hot items are and what is the rationale as to why they make certain decisions.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

17. Dennis Elverman to serve on the Kenosha County Library System Board.

Chairwoman Breunig referred County Executive Appointment 17 to Finance/Administration Committee.

18. Andy Buehler to serve on the Southeastern Wisconsin Fox River Commission.

Chairwoman Breunig referred County Executive Appointment 18 to Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee.

Approval of the September 20, 2016 minutes by Supervisor Gillmore

It was moved by Supervisor Gillmore to approve the September 20, 2016 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky.

Motion carried.

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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