

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
March 3, 2020**

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

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Berg, Celebre, Decker, Elverman, Esposito, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, Maurer, Nordigian, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Skalitzky, Wamboldt and Yuhas

Excused: Supervisors Belsky and Nudo
Present: 21 Excused: 2

Citizen Comments

Daniel Duncan, 3600 93rd St, Pleasant Prairie, expressed concern about the condition of our lakeshore. There have been both public and private areas that have been affected by the erosion due to the extremely high lake levels, which are higher than they have been in decades. This has resulted in public and private beaches, which have sustained significant damage from recent storms, being at risk of further erosion. And many homeowners along the lakeshore are facing hundreds of thousands of dollars in costs to address this situation and either invest in counter measures or cut their losses and sell. If left unresolved, this issue could put the economic strength of the entire county in jeopardy through falling property values and reduce tourism. This problem affects all States in the Great Lakes region, and US representatives in Michigan have already reached out to FEMA to address the damage to their shoreline. Mr. Duncan requested the Kenosha County Board draft a resolution to Senator Tammy Baldwin, Senator Ron Johnson and Congressman Bryan Steil to adopt federal legislation allocating federal aid to address this situation.

Leah Blough, 8355 – 57th Ave, spoke in favor of new legislative maps for Wisconsin following the 2020 US census. The Governor's proposed Commission would be made up of experts and nonpartisan redistricting members from communities of interest and residents from each of the State's eight congressional districts.

Jodi Muerhoff, 7220 – 1st Ave, spoke in favor of the redistricting referendum, encouraging the Board to allow voters to have their say on the ballot in November. Addressing objections raised at the Kenosha County Legislative Committee, Ms. Muerhoff concluded with Wisconsin Attorney General Josh Kaul's determination that maps drawn by a nonpartisan commission would not violate the State constitution, as they would still be presented to legislators for approval.

Amanda Becker, 1807 81st St., spoke in favor of the redistricting referendum, citing a Marquette Law School poll which found that 72% of WI voters want a nonpartisan commission to draw their maps.

Lori Hawkins, 18513 – 102nd Street, Bristol, spoke in favor of the redistricting referendum, warning that the current maps are likely to disenfranchise voters as they will feel their vote does not matter.

Renee Dwyer, 1296 Village Centre Dr., Somers, stated gerrymandering removes choices that voters have a legal right to make. She encouraged the fight for a census in which every person is counted, and a process for drawing district maps that puts the communities first.

Announcements Of The Chairman

Chairman Esposito welcomed YIG Seth Rosen from PDEEC Committee.

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Elverman gave a report from the Public Works meeting on March 2. Anderson Arts Center held their grand opening on 22nd of February. Everything has been completed there except for some landscaping, and it has been very well received. The ceremonial courtroom scoping project is ongoing, and we are receiving estimates for pursuing grant funding and eventual bidding. The Joint Services Evidence Area renovation construction began on January 6th, and project drawings and specs are being created for the District Attorney Juvenile Intake... with bids scheduled to be released in March. Chiller replacement and facilities at KCC is ready to go. P&D Remodeling is done, and it has streamlined things and made much better use of the space. From Highway Dept, County W has been closed due to the Fox River Flooding, and we were able to put that out for bids quickly. They came in under our estimate, and the work will begin March 9. It will likely be several months before that road is open again. County Hwy C trail project is ongoing. It should be done by mid-July. The favorable weather allowed us to begin early on the Brookside parking lot. The bid was awarded for County Hwy S Phase 1 to Michael's Corporation at just over \$18,000,000, with work to begin this summer. For Phase 2, all of the properties have been acquired for right-of-way. The Highway F realignment project will be advertised on 3/10 for bid opening on 4/14; construction is expected to begin in June or July. There has been some movement on the Highway K project, dealing with drainage and the water issues, and the construction may begin sooner than expected. Parks – FEMA was at all our public properties, and estimates were done. We were a step ahead of everyone as we had the engineering done, and we're actually in the process of getting permits for work on the Kemper shoreline. Our damage assessment estimates by FEMA was \$2.1 million. We are just waiting for the president to authorize public assistance through FEMA to move forward with shoreline and multi-use trail repairs. Other current projects at Kemper include a boiler being replaced in 2020, and we're evaluating windows and tuckpointing on the east side of the building. Oktoberfest, which is held at Old Settlers Park, donated \$10,000 to the Parks Division to work on design for the new band shelter. Golf courses are set to open on March 13, weather permitting. The golf simulator is up and running and doing well. Hiring started early this year and has put us in a much better position than last year.

Supervisor Gentz wanted to thank the board for approving the Joint Services budget each year, and putting public safety as a priority. He reviewed the path for getting the 911 text ready, which was made available to the public on June 25. A letter from the Director of Joint Services was read regarding an incident on June 29, 2020 stating that the text application functioned as designed, and played a significant role in communication and the exchange of information throughout the crisis. The incident lasted about an hour, and concluded safely with no injuries to anyone involved. The Director concluded by saying this was the first significant and protracted event where the test to 911 application was utilized and it functioned flawlessly.

Supervisor Yuhas gave an update on the Pringle Nature Center. Educational programs continue to be well attended. During January, 130 participants attended such events as Home School Science programs, a nature hike, and a popular "Leave No Child Inside: Snow Day." Upcoming events are a Nature Hike "Paws on the Path" on Saturday, March 7th, 10-11 AM (FREE). You can bring your dog on a leash for a hike on the path... also "Maple Syrup Hikes" @ Petrifying Springs on Sat. March 14th and 21st at 10AM and 11:45 AM (FREE)... and "Leave No Child Inside: Egg Drop, Dye & Roll" on Sat. April 11th 10AM-1PM (Public \$8/Friends of Pringle \$6) requires no pre-registration. At the Public Works/Facilities meeting on March 2, Supervisor Dennis Elverman was presented with a certificate of appreciation and a lifetime family membership to the Pringle Nature Center, to thank him for his 25 years of service to Kenosha County and the entire County Park system.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

32. Michelle Miloslavich To Serve on the Kenosha County Library System Board. Chairman Esposito referred County Executive Appointment #32 to the Finance & Administration Committee.

33. Mark Modory To Serve on the Kenosha Joint Services Board. Chairman Esposito referred County Executive Appointment #33 to the Judiciary & Law Committee.

34. Rita Ventura To Serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health. Chairman Esposito referred County Executive Appointment #34 to the Human Services Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – One Reading

77. A Resolution Calling On The State Legislature To Pass 2019 AB 491 And 2019 SB 442 To Prohibit Vaping Where Smoking Is Prohibited.

It was moved by Supervisor Berg to adopt Resolution #77. Seconded by Supervisor Gaschke. Motion carried.

78. A Resolution To Conduct A Countywide Advisory Referendum On The Creation Of A Non-Partisan Procedure For The Preparation Of Legislative A Congressional Redistricting Plans And Maps.

It was moved by Supervisor Berg to adopt Resolution #78. Seconded by Supervisor Franco.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to amend the resolution to change the question to be posed at referendum to read: "Should the Wisconsin legislature create a nonpartisan procedure for the preparation of all district maps at all levels of government, federal, state, county and municipal in the State of Wisconsin?" Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky.

Roll Call Vote.

Aye: Supervisors Celebre, Decker, Esposito, Elverman, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Maurer, Nordigian, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Skalitzky, Wamboldt and Yugas

Nay: Supervisors Berg, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Kubicki, and Rose

Aye: 15 Nay: 6

Motion passed.

Supervisor Elverman moved to called the question as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

2/3 Vote Required. Roll Call Vote.

Aye: Supervisors Berg, Celebre, Esposito, Elverman, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, Maurer, O'Day, and Wamboldt

Nay: Supervisors Decker, Gaschke, Nordigian, Poole, Rodriguez, Skalitzky, Rose, and Yugas

Aye: 13 Nay: 8

Motion failed.

Supervisor Grady moved to Call the Question on Resolution #78 as amended. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

2/3 Vote Required. Roll Call Vote.

Aye: Supervisors Berg, Celebre, Esposito, Elverman, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, Maurer, Nordigian, O'Day, Poole, Rose, Skalitzky, and Wamboldt

Nay: Supervisors Decker, Rodriguez, and Yuhas

Aye: 18 Nay: 3

Motion passed.

Roll Call Vote on Resolution #78 as amended.

Aye: Supervisors Berg, Celebre, Decker, Esposito, Elverman, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, Maurer, Nordigian, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Skalitzky, Wamboldt and Yuhas

Nay: Supervisor Nordigian

Aye: 20 Nay: 1

Motion passed.

COMMUNICATIONS

41. Communication From the Finance U administration Committee A Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$3,840,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Chairman Esposito referred Communication #41 to Finance & Administration Committee.

42. Communication From The Finance & Administration Committee A Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not to Exceed \$12,125,000 General Obligation Refunding Bonds. Chairman Esposito referred Communication #42 to Finance & Administration Committee.

43. Communication From The Legislative Committee A Resolution To Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum On Making the State Of Wisconsin A 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State. Chairman Esposito referred Communication #43 to Legislative Committee.

44. Communication From The Legislative Committee A Resolution Declaring Kenosha County A 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County. Chairman Esposito referred Communication #44 to Legislative Committee.

CLAIMS

20. John Carlson – Property Damage

Chairman Esposito referred Claim #20 to Corporation Counsel.

Approval Of The February 19, 2020 County Board Meeting Minutes By Supervisor Poole.

It was moved by Supervisor Poole to adopt the February 19, 2020 County Board Minutes. Second by Supervisor Rodriguez.

Adjourn

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

Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:39 p.m.

Prepared by: Sherri Stocker, Chief Deputy Clerk
Submitted by: Regi Bachochin, County Clerk