

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
KENOSHA COUNTY JOB CENTER – HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING  
November 12, 2020**

The **Kenosha County Board Meeting** was called to order by Chairman O'Day at 7:30 p.m., at the Kenosha County Job Center Commons, 8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Gulley, Kubicki, O'Day, Pomaville, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas

Excused: Supervisors Maurer and Nordigian

Unexcused: Supervisors Decker, Nudo, and Rodriguez

Present: 18    Excused: 2    Unexcused: 3

Supervisor Gentz made a motion to move Citizen Comments on the agenda after Resolution #51. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Rose.

Motion Passed.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Motion to Reconsider a motion voted on by the County Board at its last meeting on Thursday, November 5, 2020 to adopt Resolution No. 50, a Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$15,240,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes For Budgeted Capital Projects Including Road And Highway Improvements Initial Resolution.

Supervisor Wienke made a motion to reconsider the vote on Resolution 50. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Rose. Motion passed.

50. From the Finance & Administration Committee A Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$15,240,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes For Budgeted Capital Projects Including Road And Highway Improvements Initial Resolution

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution #50. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Ron Frederick  
It was moved by Supervisor Gentz to Call the Question. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Yuhas.

Roll call requested on Resolution #50. Motion passed unanimously.

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Gulley, Kubicki, O'Day, Pomaville, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas

Aye: 18    Nay: 0    Excused: 2    Unexcused: 3

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Resolution - one reading**

51. From the Finance & Administration Committee A Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of Not to Exceed \$7,945,000 General Obligation Bonds and/or Notes for Highway Projects including the Highway S Project (between Highway 31 and I-94)

It was moved by Supervisor Gentz to adopt Resolution #51. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Yuhas.  
It was moved by Supervisor Gentz to Call the Question. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Belsky.

Roll call requested on Resolution #51. Motion passed unanimously

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Gulley, Kubicki, O'Day, Pomaville, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas

Aye: 18    Nay: 0    Excused: 2    Unexcused: 3

Motion carried.

## **Supervisor Wienke and Belsky were excused from the remainder of the meeting.**

### **Citizen Comments**

Ollie Nelson, 7225 150<sup>th</sup> Ave, spoke as a veteran and concerned citizen. He thanked the Board for voting to support Veterans Memorial Park. With an average of 22 veterans lost each day to suicide, this park will be therapeutic and an opportunity for veterans can reconnect with life.

Porche Bennett Bay, District 7, expressed concern on the initial voting on the bodycams. She did not understand why the resolution did not pass. She also pointed out p. 42 in the proposal for 2021 which gives the goals and objectives for the Sheriff's Dept.; she does not feel like they provide safety and protection for all.

Kyle Flood, 6208 – 32<sup>nd</sup> Ave, described moving citizen comments to after the vote on two items on the agenda as bad government.

Varnell Patterson, 7<sup>th</sup> District, thanked the veterans who have served our community. He spoke in support of bodycams and used a Waukegan officer involved shooting as an example. He stated bodycams allowed for transparency and a resolution within 24-36 hours.

James, a resident and law enforcement officer in IL, spoke in support of bodycams, which can help provide unity in the community and prevent rioting and looting. He stated they keep people in check and allows transparency.

Maggie Kent Flesh, 87<sup>th</sup> St., thanked the Board for passing the resolution but said it should have passed at the last meeting.

Elizabeth Webb, District 7, was offended that the resolution which funded the bodycams did not pass last meeting. She stated it showed disrespect for the members of the community, and disregard for their safety.

Diamond Hartwell, 3<sup>rd</sup> District, was also offended and irritated at the moving of citizen comments. She pointed out that veterans came because something affected them, but citizen comments were moved to after that vote, which silenced them.

Isaac Waller, lives out of Kenosha County, stated the public has a right to express their opinions before the vote happens. He said it was appalling to not listen and said it was divisive. He encouraged the Board to truly listen during the citizen comments.

Jason Lopez, Kenosha resident, gave a list of demands that represented what he felt necessary for justice for the community.

A Kenosha resident who did not want to give his name told of stories he has heard from children in the community who feel like they are bullied by the police. He also spoke of personal experience of unfair treatment by KPD. If bodycams were already in use, these things would not happen. The community is resorting to recording law enforcement contacts with their cell phones.

Billy Violet (Whitney), 9<sup>th</sup> District, stated that moving citizen comments was a cop out and only increases tensions. She further stated it as disrespectful to veterans, and that they will remember when it is time to vote. She challenged them not try to silence the community in an attempt to get home sooner.

Emily Fair, 7<sup>th</sup> District, hopes the Board is doing research to see what the true needs are for the community. She challenged them to hold people accountable for the current mask order. She reminded them the people will know you are listening by further policies that address racism.

Joe Clark, 4862 105<sup>th</sup> Place, sought to clear up the misconception about why citizen comments was moved, and that it was due to a family illness of one of the supervisors. He reminded the public that the 17 supervisors in attendance have supported the bodycams in the police budget.

Madison Taft, Northside of Kenosha, reminded the Board that when the rules are not fair for everyone, it reveals the character of the Board. She stated that while it was good that the body cams passed, it should not have taken this long. Moving citizen comments makes things worse, and it makes people angry.

Devon Johnson asked for a moment of silence for those of those injured and killed in protests this summer.

Kate Trudell asked for transparency when announcing Citizen Comments was moved. The reason given different than the actual reason, which made it sound like you were trying to silence the citizens. Be transparent and tell the public what is happening instead of what you think they want to hear.

**NEW BUSINESS (Continued)**

**Resolution - one reading**

52. A Resolution Temporarily Permitting Remote Attendance and Participation in Meetings

It was moved by Supervisor Berg to adopt Resolution #52. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Vice Chair Yuhas.

It was moved by Supervisor Franco to not limit Resolution #52 to end on January 6<sup>th</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Gulley.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adjourn. There was no 2<sup>nd</sup> to the motion.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to refer Resolution #52 back to committee. 2<sup>nd</sup> by Supervisor Gentz.

Roll call requested.

Aye: Supervisors Gentz, Grady, and Rose

Nay: Supervisors Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Kubicki, O'Day, Pomaville, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Aye: 3            Nay: 13            Excused: 4            Unexcused: 3

Motion failed.

A friendly amendment was offered by Supervisor Pomaville to extend from January 6 until April 30, 2021.

The amendment would read as follows:

*Be it further resolved that this adjustment shall remain in place until lifted either by declaration of the County Board Chair, a majority vote of the County Board, or by April 30, 2021.*

*Be it further resolved that should the situation warrant an extension of these steps beyond April 30, 2021 that the County Board is authorized to consider such an extension at or before the April 20, 2021 meeting without further action or consideration by committee.*

Roll call requested on the amendment on Resolution #52

Aye: Supervisors Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Grady, Gulley, Kubicki, O'Day, Pomaville, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Nay: Supervisors Gentz, and Rose

Aye: 14            Nay: 2            Excused: 4            Unexcused: 3

Motion Passed.

Roll call requested on Resolution #52 as amended.

Aye: Supervisors Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Grady, Gulley, Kubicki, O'Day, Pomaville, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Nay: Supervisors Gentz, and Rose

Aye: 14            Nay: 2            Excused: 4            Unexcused: 3

Motion Passed.

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Kubicki. Seconded by Supervisor Ron Frederick.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:42 p.m.

Prepared by: Sherri Stocker, Chief Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Regi Bachochin, County Clerk