

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
May 3, 2022**

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

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Bashaw, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Excused: Belsky

Present: 22      Excused: 1

**Citizen Comments**

Marietta Huff spoke about the need for more affordable and attainable housing for the homeless.

**Announcements Of The Chairman**

Chairman Nudo welcomed new Youth in Governance, Austin Dawson. A reminder was given for all Supervisors who are interested in attending the WCA conference; County Clerk, Regi Bachochin, needs to book hotel room reservations. All Supervisors are welcome to attend the Supervisor Orientation on May 23, 2022, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. – it will likely be in the County Board Chambers at the Kenosha County Administration building. The Youth in Governance bus tour will be on June 29; all Supervisors are welcome and encouraged to attend. There is a card for all Board members to sign for the injured Sergeant, Ken Kratz, from the Kenosha County Sheriff's department.

**Supervisor Reports**

Supervisor Nordigian

The Public Works & Facilities Committee will now meet on the fourth Monday of the month – this was approved by Ray Arbet, Public Works Director. The next meeting will be Monday, May 23, 2022. Golf reported that courses have not been busy, likely due to the weather. Golf sold out on the two outings they had with 144 players each. League play began the last week of April; there will be over six hundred players weekly at both courses. There will be several club manufacturer demonstration events – they will be able to size clubs like any nearby pro shops. Employee hiring is going well – staff is still needed at Brightondale for maintenance. Golf is investigating the feasibility of replacing the original 1972 Red Pines 9-hole course irrigation system, as well as the replacement of the Petrifying Springs Park cart path. All irrigation looks good. Cleanup and tree removal at Petrifying Springs Park is nearly done. Parks reported the Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park is in phase three of development; this includes a year-round restroom and a new Army memorial shelter; there will be a memorial shelter for each of the six different divisions at the park. There was a very large anonymous donation made to the Army Memorial shelter. Parks is working with the design team and engineers to reduce cost – the cost was brought down by \$72,000.00 to get the project within the budget at \$990,000.00. Both buildings should be completed by the end of the year. Seven bids were received for the Old Settlers Park band shelter. Absolute construction will be in the amount of \$171,000.00; non-profit organizations donated with Oktoberfest donating \$90,000.00 towards that. The County has resources in various areas to pay for the remaining amount. Petrifying Springs Carlisle Family Dog Park improvements have finished; there are new walkways and reseeding of the large dog exercise area – this will remain closed until new seeding is completed and this should help it to last much longer. Pavilion #3 brick repairs within the pavilion have been completed. Playground #4 project will be completed in 2022 and bids are due Thursday. The Pike River is in phase three – design will take place throughout 2022. Pringle Nature Center AmeriCorps will be assigned to work at Bristol Woods Park from May to June and will focus on the construction of nature playground features, trail rehabilitation, and invasive species removal. Parks are still in need of ten

seasonal lifeguards to be fully staffed at Silver Lake Park. They currently have five lifeguards – this shortage is common, and they are continuing to recruit. Thelen Sand & Gravel and Kenosha County are working on a conceptual layout of a four-mile multi-use trail that extends into Lake and McHenry Counties. The committee will be looking into the Kenosha County comprehensive bicycle plan and will consider re-establishing some new criteria. No date is set for this at this time. There are many activities planned for parks and the Pringle Nature Center. There are security modifications at the Kenosha County Administration building and Molinaro building; started in March and should be completed by August. The Civic Center Campus design and construction of the new parking lot is substantially complete. Kemper Center is doing water infiltration repairs in 2022. Construction phase bidding documents were released on February 16; Bergen construction was awarded the bid on April 8 and construction is expected to start in mid-May and be completed by August. The Kenosha County Detention Center has HVAC replacements in phase one – this started on January 25 and is to be completed by July. Phase two design specification engineering process is moving forward. The lobby security enhancements meeting was held last July, and the updated cost estimates are higher than projected; currently considering options to reduce cost and to identify funds to transfer to the budget of this project. The Kenosha County Center renovation project and design engineering specification process is moving forward and targeted for the end of August for bid-level documents. There are several highway projects; there are a limited number of right-of-way acquisitions and legal issues that remain in process. There was a public involvement meeting for Highway K on May 3; major construction will begin the week of May 9 and Highway K will be closed to all traffic between the UPRR and Highway H and thru traffic will be open between Highway H and 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue. A comprehensive detour plan has been developed and the information should be available online. If the roads are not closed to traffic, the six-month project could increase up to two years; this is the most efficient way to complete this project as prices could increase. Five of the six parcels in Village of Somers needed for the Highway Y and Highway A roundabout have been acquired and work continues to acquire the single one. The utility relocation and installation for the Village of Somers water main are in progress; bidding is scheduled for the Fall and construction is scheduled for next Spring. The Highway WG bridge in the Village of Bristol completed demolition of an existing bridge; construction of the east abutment is almost complete, and driving is ongoing in the west abutment – project completion is targeted for August. Following completion of this project, they will begin working on the bridge adjacent to it. There will be improvements made at the Highway U and Highway Q intersection starting next week. After completion of this intersection, the Highway U and Highway C intersection project will begin. Both projects are overseen by Kenosha County and are being paid for by the developer – no Kenosha County money is involved. Preparation reconstruction of the Highway JB bridge deck is in process and the project is aimed to be completed by the end of June. There will be a pre-construction meeting in mid-May in the Town of Paris for the Highway MB bridge replacement; the contractor is projected to start on June 15 and end by the end of September. There will be a new roundabout at Highway EZ and Russell Road – it will be paid for by the State of Illinois. Kenosha County will need to obtain the parcels on either side of that road in order to have enough real estate to ensure the roundabout project is viable. The Foxconn related projects - Highway KR enhancement projects from Highway H to Highway 31 have major ongoing construction under bridges and over the railroad and substantial project completion remains at year-end. The Highway 50 reconstruction project has major construction activities and the project remains on schedule to be completed by year-end. Highway 50 resurfacing project in the western part of the county is in phase one. State Highway 142 resurfacing project phase one should be completed by Memorial Day while the entire project is set to be completed in fall of 2022. KCAB heat pump replacement project bid received was \$497,000.00 and was projected at \$230,000 for the fourth and final phase of the project. After some negotiations, the contractor unbundled the project to meet the projected budget, but it will take 12 -14 weeks to get all the equipment in place. The projected start date is September 5. The Molinaro fire system device replacement budget was \$80,000.00. The bid received was for \$72,200.00 but supply chain issues have affected the start of this project. Ray Arbet is retiring July 1.

Supervisor Grady asked Supervisor Nordigian if County K will be closed from Union Pacific Railroad to 104<sup>th</sup> Avenue in order for the project to be completed in a timely manner. Supervisor Nordigian confirmed and indicated that for travel east, it is best to take Highway 158 and for travel west, take Highway 50.

Supervisor Franco clarified that the current closure on County K ends at 94<sup>th</sup> Court but that eventually it will go all the way to 128<sup>th</sup> Avenue, a little west of the highway, and the project will consist of three phases.

Supervisor Gentz asked for clarification on the roundabout and why the county would need to purchase parcels on either side of the roundabout.

Supervisor Berg announced that the Veteran's Family Fair will be held on May 15<sup>th</sup> at the Moose Lodge from 11am – 3pm. It's a free event for families and kids.

Supervisor Rodriguez asked why the project completion for KR has been pushed past this summer. Supervisor Nordigian noted that he will follow up after he gathers the information. Supervisor Rodriguez reminded the Public Works Committee that he and others had previously requested maps of construction projects in the county so they could be available for the citizens. Supervisor Nordigian indicated he would follow up on that as well.

Supervisor Yuhas indicated the round-a-bout on 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Russel Road is going in due to the frequency and severity of accidents. Lake County did a traffic study a couple of years ago which supports this. She indicated that she lives nearby and it's a welcome addition to the area.

#### **COUNTY BOARD CHAIRMAN APPOINTMENT**

1. Supervisor Laura Belsky To Serve On The Kemper Center Board Of Directors

Chairman Nudo referred County Board Chairman Appointment 1 to Public Works Committee.

2. Supervisor Mark Nordigian To Serve On The Joint Services Board

Chairman Nudo referred County Board Chairman Appointment 2 to Judiciary and Law Committee.

3. Supervisor Brian Thomas To Serve On The Racial And Ethnic Equity Commission Of Kenosha County

Chairman Nudo referred County Board Chairman Appointment 3 to Executive Committee.

#### **CLAIMS**

Chairman Nudo referred Claims 1 – 4 to Corporation Counsel.

1. Julie Moore - Personal Injury

2. Katherine Mills - Vehicle Damage

3. Samantha Kraimer - Personal Property Loss

4. Nathaniel Harford - Vehicle Damage

#### **Approval of the County Board Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Supervisor Wamboldt, seconded by Supervisor Yuhas to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2022 Annual and Organizational Meetings and the April 21, 2022 Regular Meeting. On a voice vote, motion carried.

#### **Adjourn**

It was moved by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Grady to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Prepared by: Michelle Nelson, Chief Deputy County Clerk  
Submitted by: Regi Bachochin, County Clerk