

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
July 19, 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, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Excused: None

Late: Berg

Present: 23 Excused: 0

Citizen Comments

The following citizens spoke against Policy Resolution 2 - A Resolution To Repeal 1996 Policy Resolution 12 And Adopt A Policy Regarding Kenosha County Department And Division Heads: Marieta Huff (7939 34th Avenue, Kenosha), Russ Hahn (6600 3rd Avenue, Kenosha), Richard Christiansen (3406 23rd Avenue, Kenosha), Jodi Muerhoff (7220 1st Avenue, Kenosha), Ellen Ferwerda (7824 5th Avenue, Kenosha), and Laverne Jaros (324 116th Street, Pleasant Prairie).

The following citizens spoke against Policy Resolution 2 and spoke in favor of Communications 19 - A Resolution To Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum On Permitting Concealed Weapons In County Buildings: George Arf (7801 88th Avenue, Pleasant Prairie) and Lydia Spottswood (6903 2nd Avenue, Kenosha), and Amanda Becker (1807 81st Street, Kenosha).

Gayle Clark-Taylor (7624 18th Avenue, Kenosha) spoke against Policy Resolution 2. They were in favor for the new citizen comments guidelines and requested that all citizens wishing to speak are given the opportunity.

Jodi Muerhoff (7220 1st Avenue, Kenosha) spoke against Policy Resolution 2 and Policy Resolution 3 - A Resolution Prohibiting The Acceptance Of Grants Or Donations From Non-Governmental Entities For Purposes Of Funding The Administration Of Elections.

Announcements Of The Chairperson

Regi Waligora, County Clerk, passed out copies to all Supervisors present of the revised minutes for the County Board regular meeting held on July 5, 2022.

The Executive Committee meeting date was changed from July 28 to July 27; it will be held at the same time – 6 p.m.

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Rodriguez

The Judiciary and Law Enforcement committee met on July 6. The committee has two items on this County Board agenda. They will meet again on August 3. In August, the committee is touring the downtown detention center; if any other Supervisors are interested in joining they should contact Supervisor Rodriguez or Cpt. Staples. There were a few Supervisors that joined the last tour at the Kenosha County Detention Center.

Supervisor Karow

The Planning, Development & Extension Education committee met on July 13. The first part of the meeting was the education meeting. There were a few committee members present to discuss with UW-Extension members. The horticulturist informed the committee of an infestation of spongy moths, commonly known as gypsy moths, in the county areas. The horticulturist is working with the DNR and the County is creating a plan for next steps. The committee looked at the gardens on location and sampled some berries. The committee has a few items on this County Board agenda.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

9. Shelly Billingsley To Serve As Director Of Public Works & Development Services

Chairman Nudo referred to Public Works & Facilities Committee

10. John Jansen To Serve As Director Of Human Services

Chairman Nudo referred to Human Services Committee

11. Daniel Moorehouse To Serve On The Traffic Safety Commission

Chairman Nudo referred to Public Works & Facilities Committee

At this time, Supervisor Berg arrived at 8:22 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Resolution - Second Reading, Two Required

2. From Supervisors Decker And Rose And The Finance/Administration Committee – A Resolution To Repeal 1996 Policy Resolution 12 And Adopt A Policy Regarding Kenosha County Department And Division Heads

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Decker to adopt Policy Resolution 2.

It was then moved by Supervisor Belsky, seconded by Supervisor Gaschke, to amend Policy Resolution 2 by adding “subject to approval by the County Board of Supervisors” at the end of the last sentence of the last paragraph.

Supervisor Decker asked Corporation Counsel if WI state statutes allowed for County Boards to have approval of the firing and hiring of department or division heads. Supervisor Decker stated that it was her understanding of the statute that the department heads serve at the pleasure of the County Executive and that the County Board cannot infringe on that. Corporation Counsel stated that the statute does indicate that department heads appointed by a County Executive are to be removed at the pleasure of the County Executive. Chairman Nudo ruled the motion out of order. The motion was dropped.

It was then moved by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Gentz, to amend Policy Resolution 2 by changing the last sentence of the last paragraph to read “Any department head or division head appointed by the County Executive may be removed at the pleasure of the County Executive except division head removal shall be approved or disapproved by the County Board of Supervisors”. Supervisor Grady suggested a friendly amendment to the maker of the motion to include the amendment to read “The County Board approval would be simple majority of the County Board”. Supervisor Gentz questioned what the vote would be without the suggested friendly amendment. Corporation Counsel stated that it would be simple majority without any further specification. It was decided not to include this suggestion into the amendment due to the fact of it already being a simply majority decision.

After some discussion, it was moved by Supervisor O’Day, seconded by Supervisor Franco to Call the Question. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion passes (19-4).

AYE: Grady, Rose, Belsky, Thomas, Gaschke, Rodriguez, O'Day, Stock, Nudo, Franco, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Yuhas, Bashaw, Poole, Nordigian, Decker and Karow.

NAY: Gentz, Kubicki, Berg, and Wamboldt.

Immediately following, the vote was initiated for the motion to amend Policy Resolution 2 by Supervisor Berg. On roll call vote, motion failed (8-15).

AYE: Grady, Gentz, Kubicki, Gaschke, O'Day, Berg, Franco and Yuhas.

NAY: Rose, Belsky, Thomas, Rodriguez, Stock, Nudo, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Wamboldt, Bashaw, Poole, Nordigian, Decker, and Karow.

After some further discussion, the vote was initiated for the original motion by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Decker to adopt Policy Resolution 2. On roll call vote, motion passes (13-10).

AYE: Rose, Thomas, Rodriguez, Stock, Nudo, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Bashaw, Poole, Nordigian, Decker, and Karow.

NAY: Grady, Gentz, Belsky, Kubicki, Gaschke, O'Day, Berg, Franco, Wamboldt, and Yuhas.

3. From Supervisor Thomas And The Finance/Administration Committee – A Resolution Prohibiting The Acceptance Of Grants Or Donations From Non-Governmental Entities For Purposes Of Funding The Administration Of Elections

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Poole to adopt Policy Resolution 3. Supervisor Rose deferred the beginning of discussion to Supervisor Thomas. Supervisor Kubicki asked for commentary from County Clerk, Regi Waligora, the chief election official of Kenosha County.

On roll call vote, motion passes (15-8).

AYE: Grady, Rose, Thomas, Rodriguez, Stock, Nudo, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Wamboldt, Bashaw, Poole, Nordigian, Decker and Karow.

NAY: Gentz, Belsky, Kubicki, Gaschke, O'Day, Berg, Franco, and Yuhas.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - One Reading

11. From The Executive Committee – A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Supervisor Thomas To Racial & Ethnic Equity Commission

It was moved by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Nordigian to adopt Resolution 11. On a voice vote, motion passes.

12. From The Judiciary And Law Enforcement Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Brooks Litz To Serve As A Member Of The Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group #4 - Community Group)

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Bashaw to adopt Resolution 12. On a voice vote, motion passes.

13. From The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - A Resolution Regarding Shirley F. Kasperek Family Trust And Keith LaMeer Family Trust And Deborah A. LaMeer Family Trust (Owner), Deborah LaMeer (Agent) Requesting An Amendment To The Adopted Land Use Plan Map For Kenosha County: 2035 (Map 65 Of The Comprehensive Plan) From "Farmland

Protection”, “SEC” & “Non-Farmed Wetland” To “Farmland Protection”, “General Agricultural & Open Land”, “SEC” & “Non-Farmed Wetland”, Town Of Brighton

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolution 13. On a voice vote, motion passes.

14. From The Finance & Administration Committee - A Resolution – Advisory Levy

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 14.

After some discussion, Barna Bencs, Kenosha County Financial Consultant, was called forward for questioning and clarifications.

On roll call vote, motion fails (11-11-1), with Supervisor Stock abstaining.

AYE: Grady, Rose, Thomas, Nudo, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Yuhas, Bashaw, Poole, and Decker.

NAY: Gentz, Belsky, Kubicki, Gaschke, Rodriguez, O’Day, Berg, Franco, Wamboldt, Nordigian and Karow.

15. From The Finance & Administration Committee - A Resolution Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$13,735,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes; Providing For The Notification And Sale Of Said Notes; And Other Related Details

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Grady, to adopt Resolution 15. On roll call vote, motion passes (22-1).

AYE: Grady, Rose, Belsky, Thomas, Kubicki, Gaschke, Rodriguez, O’Day, Berg, Stock, Nudo, Franco, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Wamboldt, Yuhas, Bashaw, Poole, Nordigian, Decker and Karow.

NAY: Gentz

16. From The Finance & Administration Committee A Resolution Authorizing And Providing For The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$6,490,000 General Obligation Highway Improvement Bonds; Providing For The Notification And Sale Of Said Bonds, And Other Related Detail

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Bashaw, to adopt Resolution 16. On roll call vote, motion passes (22-1).

AYE: Grady, Rose, Belsky, Thomas, Kubicki, Gaschke, Rodriguez, O’Day, Berg, Stock, Nudo, Franco, Stocker, Geertsen, Nedweski, Wamboldt, Yuhas, Bashaw, Poole, Nordigian, Decker and Karow.

NAY: Gentz

17. From The Finance & Administration Committee A Resolution Request To Approve The Appointment Of Tim Stocker To The Kenosha County Library System Board

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Decker, to adopt Resolution 17. On a voice vote, motion passes.

18. From The Judiciary & Law Enforcement And Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution To Accept The 2022 Walmart Foundation Grant Discharge Planner Program

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Rose, to adopt Resolution 18. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion carried unanimously.

19. From The Public Works & Facilities And Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) Between Lake County, Illinois And Kenosha County, Wisconsin For Traffic Safety And Capacity Improvements To The Intersection Of County Trunk Highway (CTH) EZ & Russell Road And Memorialization Of Maintenance Jurisdiction For Russell Road And CTH WG

It was moved by Supervisor Nordigian, seconded by Supervisor Rose, to adopt Resolution 19. On a voice vote, motion passes.

Ordinance - One Reading

3. From The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - An Ordinance Regarding County Of Kenosha (Owner), Ray Arbet (Agent) Requesting A Rezoning From A-2 General Agricultural Dist. To PR-1 Park-Recreational Dist. & B-5 Wholesale Trade & Warehousing Dist., Town Of Randall

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Bashaw, to adopt Ordinance 3. On a voice vote, motion passes.

4. From The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - An Ordinance Regarding Shirley F. Kasperek Family Trust And Keith LaMeer Family Trust And Deborah A. LaMeer Family Trust (Owner), Deborah A. LaMeer (Agent) Requesting A Rezoning From A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist. To A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., A-2 General Agricultural Dist., C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist., Town Of Brighton

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Gaschke, to adopt Ordinance 4. On a voice vote, motion passes.

5. From The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - An Ordinance Regarding Shirley F. Kasperek Family Trust And Keith LaMeer Family Trust And Deborah A. LaMeer Family Trust (Owner), Deborah LaMeer (Agent) Requesting An Amendment To The Adopted Land Use Plan Map For Kenosha County: 2035 (Map 65 Of The Comprehensive Plan) From "Farmland Protection", "SEC" & "Non-Farmed Wetland" To "Farmland Protection", "General Agricultural & Open Land", "SEC" & "Non-Farmed Wetland", Town Of Brighton

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki, to adopt Ordinance 5. On a voice vote, motion passes.

COMMUNICATIONS

17. Communications From Andy M. Buehler Regarding Future Items Scheduled Before The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee

Chairman Nudo received and filed Communication 17.

18. Communications From Cpt. Tony Gonzalez Regarding The FY2022 Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 18 to the Judiciary & Law Enforcement and Finance/Administration Committees.

19. Communication From Supervisor Gentz - A Resolution To Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum On Permitting Concealed Weapons In County Buildings

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 19 to the Legislative Committee.

CLAIMS

8. Carson Lavin - Vehicle Damage

Chairman Nudo referred Claim 8 to Corporation Counsel.

9. Mitchell Monroe - Vehicle Damage

Chairman Nudo referred Claim 9 to Corporation Counsel.

Approval Of The July 5, 2022, Minutes By Supervisor Decker

It was moved by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 5, 2022. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Adjourn

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Wamboldt to adjourn at 10:28 p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Prepared by: Alyssa Padjen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk