

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
August 2, 2022**

The **Regular County Board Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Nudo at 7:33 p.m., in the County Board Chambers located in the Administration Building.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Yuhas.

Excused: Berg, O'Day, and Wamboldt.

Present: 20      Excused: 3

**Citizen Comments**

The following citizens spoke against Resolution 22 - A Resolution To Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum On Making The State Of Wisconsin A 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State: Amanda Becker (1807 81<sup>st</sup> Street, Kenosha), Jodi Muerhoff (7220 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Kenosha), Carol Rannow (5621 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Somers), Lydia Spottswood (6903 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Kenosha), and Iris Rivera (4040 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Kenosha).

**Announcements Of The Chairperson**

Chairman Nudo noted Youth in Governance members Eric La Mere (Human Services Committee), Alexa Didinsky (Judiciary And Law Enforcement Committee), Erika Bando (Human Services Committee), and Sona Hawkins (Legislative Committee) were present. Chairman Nudo and Vice-Chair Decker attended the WCA Chairman forum. The event covered issues such as public records law, ethics and conflicts of interest, and Wisconsin open meetings laws. They attended the rating presentation in Chicago, Illinois on August 1-2. The goal to maintain the AAA was accomplished and a report is expected within ten days – the results will be reported to the Board.

**Supervisor Reports**

Supervisor Rodriguez

Reported the Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee will meet on Wednesday, August 3 at 5:30 p.m. in the lobby of the Public Safety Building prior to their meeting at 6:30 p.m. There will be a tour of the pre-trial facility and emergency operations center.

Supervisor Nedweski

Reported the Human Services Committee received a brief education led by Shalonda Black and Lindsay Sawyer on child support services employment programs and on the HUD lead paint program. The meeting on August 2 was held at the Boys and Girls Club Of Kenosha in conjunction with National Night Out. Unidine, the food service provider for Brookside and Willowbrook, presented their products and offerings. The committee will continue to review existing committee contracts.

Supervisor Stock

Reported he was chair of the previous Public Works & Facilities Committee meeting in Supervisor Nordigian's absence. Brighton Dale Link held the second annual Brewfest on July 16; it was a sold-out event with 144 golfers. Golf reported they are continuing recruitment efforts and are still in need of golf shops and Brighton Dale maintenance employees. Public Works & Facilities reported current projects are moving accordingly with no major changes. The Molinaro fire system device replacements were just completed. Highways reported Highway K is still under constructing with little or no delays; it is scheduled to be complete by end of October. The Highway U and Highway Q intersection project has had some delays due to inclement weather and utility relocations; this is scheduled to be complete by late Summer. This has delayed the start of the Highway U and Highway C intersection project. The County Highway MB bridge deck replacement just started with substantial completion to be completed by end of September.

The County Board approved the intergovernmental agreement at the Board meeting on July 19 between Lake County and Kenosha County for the roundabout at Russell Road and Highway EZ; both counties are targeting to complete the execution of the intergovernmental agreement by the end of August. Under Foxconn, the KR enhancement construction of the bridges over Union Pacific and Canadian Pacific and construction of the road base is complete; the concrete paving is ongoing, and the project completion remains at year end. The bridge construction of Highway 50 is nearly complete. Reconstruction continues at the intersection of Highway 31 and Highway 50 with a target completion of major construction by year end. The resurfacing project between County Highway O and State Highway 12 has completed the paving of the upper surface on the outside lanes and paving of the inner lanes is scheduled to started end of July with a substantial completion by late Fall. Pringle Nature Center reported 2021 attendance records: 86,672 total annual park visitors, 21,880 total Boundless Adventures visitors, and 3,013 total Pringle Nature Center visitors. Projects at Petrifying Springs are continuing as scheduled. Twilight Jazz will be at the Anderson Arts Center on August 9 and August 23. Picnic In The Park will be on August 20 at Petrifying Springs Park. The Kenosha Symphony at Petrifying Springs Park was a well-attended event.

#### Supervisor Yuhas

Reported the Communications department of Kenosha Joint Services answers all emergency and non-emergency calls in the County and dispatches an appropriate response in an efficient manner. The department has 32 telecommunicators, 6 supervisors, and 1 assistant manager. There are currently 8 telecommunicator vacancies – a 25% vacancy rate. Current employees have worked additional shifts, including on holidays to cover extra radio channels and a significant increase in calls. In June, 4,744 9-1-1 calls were received; 95% of these calls were answered in under 10 seconds and 98% in under 15 seconds. There were 17,510 non-emergency calls and 20 text messages received in June. The department operates on a 24-hour basis. The records department has 17 clerks, 3 supervisors, and 1 manager. There is 1 records clerk and 1 manager vacancy. Josh Nielsen, Director of Joint Services, presented an overview of Joint Services operations and current challenges on July 27. Supervisor Yuhas requested an updated on the County compensation study of Joint Services; the Joint Services budget will be voted on in September.

#### Supervisor Bashaw

Reported the Pringle Nature Center Board elected officers to serve a one-year term and three additional Board members were added. Pond dredging is complete – 300 yards of material was removed. The Nature Center playground project, supported by AmeriCorps, is complete. They also cleaned up trails and established a new shortcut trail. An aerial map of the park is in process; this will include available trails in the park. Boundless Adventures has a new axe throwing exhibit. They are struggling with phone and internet services and are working with a County for a solution. Pringle is operating mostly on volunteers and is struggling with personnel; they are searching for trained naturalists. The Park is reengaging with schools and field-trip opportunities. They are also working on enhancing their membership plan. Fun Fest will be held on September 17. Concerts In The Park are held on Thursday nights. Invasive species removal is available every fourth Saturday at 9 a.m. Bashaw encouraged the Board and the County Executive to consider adding a paved trail at Pringle for better accessibility at the park.

#### Supervisor Thomas

Reported the Racial and Ethnic Equity Commission is holding listening sessions on August 10 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenosha County Center and on August 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Kenosha County Job Center. There will be no question and answer period with the Commission at the listening sessions.

#### Supervisor Karow

Shared the “Aquanauts”, a local volunteer non-profit, recently celebrated 50 years and their 2021 and 2022 state championship titles. They host adaptive water-skiing clinics for children.

### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

12. Chuck Walker To Serve On The Camp Lake-Center Lake Public Inland Lake Rehabilitation District Board

Chairman Nudo referred County Executive Appointment 12 to Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution - One Reading**

20. From The Public Works & Facilities Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Daniel Moorehouse To The Kenosha County Traffic Safety Commission

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Belsky to adopt Resolution 20. On a voice vote, motion passes.

21. From The Public Works & Facilities Committee - A Resolution To Approve The Appointment Of Shelly Billingsley To Serve As The Director Of Public Works And Development Services

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Karow to adopt Resolution 21. On roll call vote, motion passes (17-3).

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

NAY: Gentz, Franco, and Yuhas.

22. From The Legislative Committee And Supervisors Decker And Poole - A Resolution To Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum On Making The State Of Wisconsin A 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State

It was moved by Supervisor Thomas, seconded by Supervisor Poole to adopt Resolution 22. On roll call vote, motion passes (13-7).

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

NAY: Rose, Gentz, Belsky, Kubicki, Gaschke, Franco, and Karow.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

20. Communication From Cpt. Horace Staples Regarding The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, And Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Grant Awarded To The Sheriff's Department

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 20 to Judiciary and Law Enforcement and Finance & Administration Committees.

### **Approval Of The July 19, 2022, Minutes By Supervisor Franco**

It was moved by Supervisor Franco, seconded by Supervisor Basahw to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on July 19, 2022. On a voice vote, motion carried.

## **Adjourn**

It was moved by Supervisor Geertsen, seconded by Supervisor Stocker to adjourn at 8:41p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

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