



KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution No. _____

Subject: A Resolution Addressing the Recent Civil Unrest and Charting a Path Forward	
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Date Submitted: 9/15/2020	Date Resubmitted:
Submitted by: Supervisor Rose, Chairman O'Day, and the Executive Committee	
Fiscal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/>	Legal Note Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Agreement
Prepared by: Supervisor Terry Rose	Signature:

WHEREAS, in late August the City of Kenosha experienced significant civil unrest; and

WHEREAS, as a result of this, the Downtown and Uptown areas, suffered substantial damage where as many as a hundred businesses, along with homes, private, and public property were partially or completely destroyed; and

WHEREAS, many people have been injured, both physically and emotionally as a result of the riots along with deaths of two people; and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors is resolved to never let this happen again; and

WHEREAS, while the extent of the damage is still being assessed, early estimates conservatively set the costs in the fifty million dollar range; and

WHEREAS, these excessive costs may make it untenable without insurance or for individuals and certain entities to rebuild without significant government or private financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative for the current and future health, strength and wellbeing of the community that these areas are guaranteed the financial resources necessary to conduct such rebuilding without the risk that individuals and businesses will most likely decide to relocate elsewhere; and

WHEREAS, one of the structures destroyed was the State of Wisconsin's Department of Corrections Probation and Parole office; and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors previously approved the placement of body cameras in the upcoming 2021 Kenosha County Proposed Budget; and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors believes that having appointed boards, commissions and committees more reflective of the Kenosha County community by including representatives of populations which have been historically un or underrepresented sends a powerful message and is ultimately to the benefit of the whole community; and

WHEREAS, local law enforcement, firefighters, National Guard, law enforcement from outside the community, State Patrol, and federal agents risked their lives to deal with the situation.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors restates and reaffirms its belief that systemic racism constitutes a crisis that negatively impacts all of the Kenosha Community; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors states its unequivocal support for the City of Kenosha and its people and resolves to bolster the Uptown and Downtown communities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that to that end the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors asks that State and Federal Government funds be made immediately available for the rehabilitation of the damaged / destroyed properties following the civil unrest sufficient to accomplish the goals set forth in this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors calls on the State of Wisconsin to guarantee that it will site a new Probation and Parole office and request that it be placed in the old location in Downtown Kenosha; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors requests that Kenosha County Emergency Management conduct a full debriefing and make recommendations as to what, if any, steps can and should be taken to prepare for any future similar events; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors intends to seek any available State, Federal or any other funding method of funds to facilitate the acquisition of body cameras; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors pledges to work with the State to assist in the rebuilding of the Uptown and Downtown areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages all business owners impacted by the civil unrest to rebuild and remain in the Uptown and Downtown areas; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors calls on the State and Federal Governments to ensure that the costs to repair damage to County property not covered by insurance be covered by State and Federal funds; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors encourages efforts to include voices which have been historically un or underrepresented on Kenosha County appointed boards, commissions and committees and advises the County Executive of its support for appointing such voices as vacancies on those bodies need to be filled; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chairman, County Executive and other representatives of Kenosha County meet with Governor Evers, Representative Steil, Senator Baldwin, and Senator Johnson to request State and Federal funding to resolve the financial issues faced by the City and County of Kenosha; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors extends its heartfelt thanks, on behalf of the people of the City and County of Kenosha, to members of the National Guard, members of the State Patrol, members of the U.S. Marshalls and the ATF, other federal agents, protective services, first responders and firefighters, local law enforcement, and law enforcement from around the state and nation who responded to Kenosha as well as to the countless individuals who volunteered their time, talents, and resources, including the donation of food and supplies, to the cleaning and beautification of the Downtown and Uptown areas in the wake of the civil unrest.

Supervisor Terry Rose

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Aye Nay Abstain Excused

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