

Human Services Committee
Minutes of Meeting
February 1, 2022 – 5:30 pm Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Rose, Lewis, Beth and Decker

Committee Members Excused: Supervisor Gulley

YIG Present: Kayla Mitchell

Others Present: John Jansen, Dr. Jen Freiheit, Rebecca Dutter, Supervisor Gabe Nudo, Supervisor John O’Day, Robert Pitts, and M.A Olatoye Baiyewu.

1. **Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Supervisor Belsky. Roll call was taken.

2. **Citizen’s Comments-** None

Chairman’s / Committee members / Supervisors / YIG Comments- Chairman Belsky said that Brookside review will be presented at the March meeting. If you have any questions or comments before the meeting could you please get that to Director Bogdala beforehand.

Supervisor Belsky made the committee aware that Public Works Committee was meeting on Monday, February 7, 2022 where a resolution was being presented for the Human Services Building campus. Kathy will send out an email reminder. Chairman Belsky feels it is important for the committee to attend.

Supervisor Lewis stated that he had spoken with Lynda Bogdala from Brookside and there is an old nursing home in Twin Lakes. He believes there is 36 rooms. He has talked to County Executive Kreuser and Lynda about an assisted living facility west of the Interstate. They are in the preliminary stages of looking into it.

3. **Approval of Minutes - Joint Human Services Committee / Public Works/Facilities Committee Meeting - September 7, 2021** - Motion to approve the minutes of the Joint Budget meeting on September 7, 2021 was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Beth. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

4. **Approval of Minutes-October 5, 2021** – Motion to approve the minutes from October 5, 2021 Human Services Committee meeting was made by Supervisor Lewis, seconded by Supervisor Rose. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Approval of Joint Budget Minutes-October 20, 2021** – Motion to approve the minutes from the October 20, 2021 Joint Budget Meeting was made by Supervisor Decker, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution for the appointment of Eula Payne-Williams to Serve on The Kenosha County Commission on Aging & Disability Services** – John Jansen introduced the resolution. She was not able to attend the meeting as she had a conflict and was not sure she could make it.

Supervisor Rose asked if the Racial Ethnic and Equity Commission (REEC) have had the opportunity to review policies/appointments to boards and commissions. John Jansen stated that they have only met a few times and really starting to get their feet on the ground. Right now, they are doing some data review and have broken up into 3 sub-committees and are not set up to do so at this time. Supervisor Belsky stated that Supervisor Rose has a valid point since so many reappointments are coming up this time of the year. Do we need to approach the Executive Committee? Supervisor Belsky will reach out to Chairman O’Day. Supervisor Rose would like their input.

Supervisor Rose made a motion to refer these appointment and reappointments to the REEC just for an opinion. Supervisor Decker seconded.

Supervisor Decker said we had this discussion in January or February of 2021, and she has not been shown that any of this has happened from the County Executive. Why are all these appointments coming forward when we will have a new County Executive in a few months. These terms don't expire on a certain date, they expire when someone new is appointed so why are they coming to us now because boards and commissions will not be empty.

Supervisor Berg stated he brought this up over a year ago on the makeup of the boards and commissions. He doesn't feel that the REEC has to even look at it, that we can do it ourselves. Supervisor Belsky stated that the motion on the floor was to refer them to the REEC for input. He is not going to support the motion

Much discussion was had. Supervisor Nudo believes we should take a stand and allow the appointments to wait. We will have at least 6 new County Board Supervisors and a new County Executive.

Motion on the floor was to refer resolutions 7-14 on the agenda to the REEC. Roll call vote was taken. Supervisors Berg, Beth, Lewis and Belsky nay. Supervisors Decker and Rose yay. **Motion failed.**

Supervisor Belsky said that there are several reappointments that have been waiting since November and we can work to get some of them through tonight.

Supervisor Beth said it is very difficult to get people to serve on these board and commissions. These people are volunteering their time.

Supervisor Decker asked what we are doing to get new volunteers? Is it posted online or in the newspaper? What is the process? Why are we having such a hard time doing this? John Jansen stated that he is not sure the whole process. They have a list of people that have called asking to join a board/committee/commission. Supervisor Decker feels that administration needs to do a better job.

Supervisor Decker made a motion to refer resolutions 7-14 back to Administration. Supervisor Rose seconded. Roll call vote was taken. Supervisors Berg, Beth and Lewis nay. Supervisors Decker, Rose and Belsky yay. **Motion failed** with the tie.

Chairman O'Day let the committee know that when his term was going to be up he got a call from the County Executives office to see if he wanted to run again. Brookside Board of Trustees meets on a Monday afternoon at 3 pm and to find people to serve on that board is very difficult.

Supervisor Decker stated that a year ago we brought this up and have been ignored on the diversity of the committees and she is going to vote no to all of them.

Supervisor Rose noticed the terminology on all of the appointments has an expiration date and reads or until a successor is appointed by the County Executive and approved by the County Board of Supervisors. There is no end date then and this could go on for a lifetime.

Supervisor Rose moved to have the language struck from the appointments so there is an expiration date. Supervisor Decker seconded.

Supervisor Berg asked about the makeup of the Commission on Aging. Rebecca Dutter stated that currently there are six and there are certain demographics that must be met, and we could have up to 16. Supervisor Berg stated that if we are not compliant it could end up hurting us and will not support the above motion.

A roll call vote was taken on the motion to strike the language-Supervisors Berg, Beth, Decker, Lewis and Belsky voted nay. Supervisor Rose yay.

Motion to approve the appointment of Eula Payne-Williams to serve on the Kenosha County Commission of Aging & Disability Services was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Lewis and Rose Aye. Supervisor Decker Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Supervisor Rose stated that there is just not enough work being done on getting new appointments.

- 7. Resolution for the appointment of M.A. Olatoye Baiyewu to Serve on The Kenosha County Board of Health –** Dr. Jen Freiheit spoke of the makeup for the Board of Health. The Board must be nine members who need to be representative of the community we serve. Sharmain Harris resigned and a long-standing member of the board has resigned also. She is working on changing the makeup of the board and introduced Ola and why is he a great representative.

Ola introduced himself to the committee.

Supervisor Decker thanked Dr. Freiheit for searching out candidates with diverse backgrounds and would support this resolution.

Motion to approve the appointment of M.A Olatoye Baiyewu to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health was made by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Berg. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

- 8. Resolution for the reappointment of Mr. Robert Pitts to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees-Lynda Bogdala** introduced Mr. Robert Pitts.

Mr. Pitts introduced himself to the committee and gave his extensive background to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Robert Pitts to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Lewis and Rose Aye. Supervisor Decker Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 9. Resolution for the reappointment of Chairman John O'Day to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees-** Supervisor Rose asked how long Chairman O'Day has served on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Motion to approve the appointment of John O'Day to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Beth. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth and Lewis Aye. Supervisors Decker and Rose Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 10. Resolution for the reappointment of Mr. William Erickson to serve on the Veterans Service Commission -John Jansen** introduced the resolution. Discussion was had on terms and what the commission does.

More discussion was had on how we find new people for these boards/committees. Supervisor Belsky said that as a committee we could present a resolution to bring before the board to put some structure in place and stop gaps.

Supervisor Berg stated that each supervisor needs to do better in getting their constituents involved and let them know.

Motion to approve the reappointment of Mr. William Erickson to serve on the Veterans Service Commission was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Rose. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Lewis and Rose Aye. Supervisor Decker Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

- 11. Resolution for the reappointment of Ms. June Sinkfield to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services –** John Jansen introduced the resolution stating that she fits criteria for this commission. Each member of the commission can serve two 3-year terms and she has served one.

Rebecca Dutter explained the needs of the makeup of the commission.

Motion to approve the appointment of Ms. June Sinkfield to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Lewis and Rose Aye. Supervisor Decker Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

12. **Resolution for the reappointment of Supervisor Boyd Frederick to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services** – John Jansen introduced the resolution. Supervisor Frederick fills a need for the makeup of the Board.

Motion to approve the appointment of Supervisor Boyd Frederick to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Rose. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Lewis and Rose Aye. Supervisor Decker Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

13. **Resolution for the reappointment of Mr. Richard Willoughby to serve on the Human Services Board** – John Jansen introduced the resolution and stated that Mr. Willoughby fills a need for the makeup of this Board.

Motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Richard Willoughby to serve on the Human Services Board was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth and Lewis Aye. Supervisors Decker and Rose Nay. **MOTION CARRIED.**

14. **Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services 2022 Budget using American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) - Treatment Court** – John Jansen introduced Rebecca Dutter for this resolution.

Rebecca Dutter explained the treatment court resolution. Much discussion was had.

Motion to approve the Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services 2022 Budget using American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) - Treatment Court was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Decker. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

15. **Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services 2022 Budget using American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) - Resource Center** – Rebecca Dutter gave the grant info and what we need. Discussion was had.

Motion to approve the **Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services 2022 Budget using American Rescue Plan Act Funds (ARPA) - Resource Center** was made by Supervisor Berg, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

16. **Covid updates** – Dr. Freiheit said cases are down. Deaths are not down yet. There was a large mask distribution, over 400,000. Vaccinations are up. They are still doing mobile missions throughout the community. They are no longer required to do contact tracing on all cases.

17. **Any other business as authorized by law** – Supervisor Rose asked if we could put term limits on the next meeting. Supervisor Decker stated that we may have to be careful with that as it may be separation of power and we should talk with corporation counsel.

18. **Adjournment**-Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Lewis. **MOTION CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Duberstine, Senior Administrative Assistant
Office of the Director

(A recording of the meeting minutes is available online)