

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
June 20, 2023**

The **Regular County Board Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Nudo at 7:31 p.m., in the County Board Chambers located in the Administration Building.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Excused: Supervisors Belsky, Decker, and O'Day

Present: 20      Excused: 3

Chairman Nudo welcomed Youth In Governance members JJ Castro (Joint Services Committee), Aqsa Saad Qadri (Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee), and Olivia Parrish (Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee).

**Citizen Comments**

Heidi Helgeson (6507 40<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha) spoke about the Racial Ethnic & Equity Commission and removing Solis and Gonzales.

Russ Hahn (6600 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave, Kenosha) spoke about suicide statistics within the LGBTQ+ community.

**Announcements of The Chairman**

Chairman Nudo states there will be no County Board meeting on July 5<sup>th</sup>. The next County Board meeting will be on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Supervisor Reports**

Supervisor Rodriguez introduced Robert Ayer from Troop 385 in Bristol. He will be interviewing members of the County Board after the meeting.

Supervisor Nedweski stated Governor Tony Evers signed Assembly Bill 245 into law making it 2023 Wisconsin Act 12. This will allow Wisconsin municipalities a minimum of 20 percent increase in shared revenue with many exceeding that number by far. Kenosha will receive an increase of approximately 1.3 million dollars in new municipal aid over last year.

Supervisor Nordigian reminded everyone the next Public Works meeting is Monday June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pringle Nature Center starting at 6:30pm. There will also be an open house from 5:30-6:30pm where we will be testing out the new all-terrain wheelchair. The Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast held at the Daniel's farm in Kansasville was very well attended cannot wait to see everyone there next year.

Supervisor Karow states the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee met two weeks ago in June and had Mary Metton and Stephanie from the Sharing Center present a financial coaching program they are working on. They have had over 80 people referred from the Sharing Center in the last year and it has been a very positive outcome. The Sharing Center helped 120 people with housing in 2022 and have already made it to that level for this year. They are looking to quadruple the number in 2023 from 2022. It has been a challenging few years with the higher cost of living, the ending of the support from COVID relief, and just the higher inflation of expenses. The 2022 UW extension update from Pam is on everyone's desks. Our Youth In Governance Educator, Erica Ness is taking a position in Columbia so we will be looking for a new Positive Youth In Governance Educator in the next couple of months.

Supervisor Thomas discussed the parking issues on the weekends at Petrified Springs Park due to the beer garden. Some parking tickets have been issued but it is something the County Board needs to look at and consider the safety of the people using the park. For the first time since last August there was a

chairperson to start the Racial & Ethnic Equity Commission meeting. The meeting had to be held in the County Board Chambers due to the influx in citizen comments. There was a misunderstanding due to an item placed on the agenda regarding racism being a public health issue. It was put on the agenda due to having six new members on the committee and the need for it to be discussed to have documentation and more guidance for the future.

Supervisor Berg discussed the Juneteenth event in Civic Center Park. The State, County, and City all had proclamations. In addition to Supervisor Thomas's comment, another agenda item was the Jennie Tunkieicz Award for Racial & Ethnic Equity Commission. Typically, the award is given in April but because of all the changes it has been delayed. Prior to the Legislative meeting, Habitat for Humanity dedicated its 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> house in District 10 and have two more currently being worked on.

Supervisor Yuhas reported Joint Services April activities. An HR Coordinator, Julie Bach, has been hired. In April, 4,855 911 calls were received by the communications department with 95 percent of those answered in under 10 seconds and 98 percent in under 15 seconds. There were 15,329 non-emergency calls handled and 30 911 text messages received. The records clerks entered 323 warrants into the Time System. They recalled 80 Circuit Court and Municipal warrants. They cancelled 173 warrants that were served by law enforcement. Records clerks processed 31 orders of protection. 1,772 cases and supplemental reports were reviewed. While serving citizens at the front counter, records staff took 27 complaints and written reports. They also booked 6 juveniles as well. Regarding Fleet Maintenance, 337 maintenance and repairs were performed. Vehicle manufacture recalls continue to be scheduled as parts are made available for the repairs. Regarding evidence and ID, staff continually receive, process, disseminate and fulfill the data digital media requests the fulfillment of one request may include multiple instances of research, dissemination and follow-up until the request is fulfilled throughout the course of a day. ID technicians can spend anywhere from one to five hours simply receiving, reviewing, disseminating, and following up on duplicating media for and completing requests. In 2018 the average number of requests completed per month was a hundred and four. In 2022 the average number of requests completed per month are 243. Through April of 2023 the average number of requests completed has risen to 260. From 2018 through April of 2023 that's an increase of 148 percent for the average number of requests completed per month so you can see that our requests are increasing. Also, department staff took in 41 boxes of prescription drugs to be turned into the property room for drug take-back day on Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. These items were among a total of 129 boxes weighing 1499 pounds released to and disposed of by The Drug Enforcement Administration of April 24<sup>th</sup>. In the month of April, the ID technicians took in 1810 items, disposed of 732 items. Handled an additional 382 items tracked as evidence that were released to other entities and returned to the property room. Staff transported 27 items to the crime lab and processed 28 pieces of found property. They also made 53 DNA collection appointments, completed 33 ink fingerprint cards, completed 58 bookings, review, and submitted charges for 606 total bookings to the Wisconsin Department of Justice and completed 247 digital media requests.

Supervisor Bashaw wanted to thank everyone who attended the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast at the Daniel's farm. The Broadband Committee still continues to meet once a month however still do not have a quorum. There will be a meeting Thursday. The Paddock Lake bandshell dedication was a beautiful event and hope everyone gets the opportunity to enjoy it this summer. Judiciary and Law met on June 7<sup>th</sup> and will meet again on July 5<sup>th</sup>. One modification is that the meeting time has changed to 6pm. Michael Babu and Angelina Lagunas were introduced from Youth in Governance and the committee is looking forward to their insight. Last year County Thunder had a limit of 50,000 people to attend and this year it has been reduced to 30,000 due to concerns.

Supervisor Gaschke commended to Kenosha County Parks and Planning staff on their work with the trails, paths, bike routes and events. Last week was Bike to Work Week and last weekend Kenosha County sponsored and organized a Dairy Air Bike Ride which was a 10-mile ride from Silver Lake Beach to the Kenosha County Dairy Breakfast at the Daniel's farm. There was about 50 participants and safety was provided by the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department.

#### **COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

14. Andy Buehler to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

Chairman Nudo referred County Executive Appointment 14 to the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee.

15. Shawn Smith to serve on the Kenosha County Land Information Council.

Chairman Nudo referred County Executive Appointment 15 to the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee.

16. Zach Rodriguez to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health.

Chairman Nudo referred County Executive Appointment 16 to the Human Services Committee.

17. Kari Foss to serve as Director, Division of Aging, Disability and Behavioral Health Services.

Chairman Nudo referred County Executive Appointment 17 to the Human Services Committee.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Resolution – One Reading**

21. From the Human Services Committee - A Resolution for the appointment of Veronica King to serve on the Commission on Aging and Disability Services.

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Geersten to adopt Resolution 21. On a voice vote, motion passed.

22. From the Human Services Committee – A Resolution for the appointment of Dustin Feeney to the position of Director of Workforce Development

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Gentz to adopt Resolution 22. On a voice vote, motion passed.

23. From the Human Services and Finance Administration Committees - A Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability & Behavioral Health Services 2023 budget for a grant: The Independent Living Supports Pilot

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 23. On a roll call vote, motion passed.

24. From the Human Services and Finance Administration Committees – A Resolution to modify the Division of Aging, Disability & Behavioral Health Services 2023 budget for a new position: Community Prevention and Education Specialist

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 24. On a roll call vote, motion passed.

25. From the Judiciary and Law Committee - A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Chief Colin Hennessey to the Kenosha Joint Services Board

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez to adopt Resolution 25. On a voice vote, motion passed.

26. From the Judiciary and Law Committee - A Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Andrew Miner to serve as a member of the Kenosha County Local Emergency Planning Committee (Group #5 – EPCRA Facilities)

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Nordigian to adopt Resolution 26. On a voice vote, motion passed.

27. From the Judiciary and Law Committee - A Resolution Approving Country Thunder Activity Control License 2023

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Wamboldt to adopt Resolution 27. On a voice vote, motion passed.

28. Resolution from the Public Works/Facilities and Finance Administration Committees - A Resolution Authorizing the Highway Commissioner to Collect \$3,074,138 from Majestic Midwest Innovation Center for Highway Improvements

It was moved by Supervisor Stock, seconded by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 28. On a roll call vote, motion passed.

29. Resolution From Judiciary And Law Enforcement and Finance Administration Committees - A Resolution in Support of a Memorandum of Understanding between the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department, Village of Pleasant Prairie Police Department, City of Kenosha Police Department, and the Village of Twin Lakes Police Department

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 29. On a voice vote, motion passed.

30. Resolution From the Finance Administration Committee - A Resolution Authorizing Transfer Of A Parcel Taken By Tax Deed To The City Of Kenosha And Forgiveness Of Taxes And Assessments

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 30. On a voice vote, motion passed.

### **Ordinance - One Reading**

3. From the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - An Ordinance Regarding Lorin Myers Sr. & Marvin Myers (Owner), Janet Gumm (Agent) Requesting a Rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist. & C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. to A-1 Agricultural Preservation Dist., R-1 Rural Residential Dist., C-2 Upland Resource Conservancy Dist. & C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy Dist., Town of Paris

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

4. From the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - An Ordinance Regarding William & Rachel Taft (Owner), Requesting a Rezoning from A-2 General Agricultural Dist. to A-2 General Agricultural Dist. & R-1 Rural Residential Dist., Town of Brighton

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

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

21. Communication from Public Works/Facilities - A Resolution Authorizing the Director of Highways to Accept \$50,000 from Silver Lake Solar WI for Road Repairs Vacant Lot Owned by Kenosha County.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 21 to the Public Works & Facilities and Finance & Administration Committees.

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

Chairman Nudo received and filed Communication 22.

23. Communication from Public Works/Facilities - A Resolution to accept the Community Development Block Grant to support the 2023 Kemper Center Building Exterior Restoration project.

Chairman Nudo referred Communication 23 to the Public Works & Facilities and Finance & Administration Committees.

**Approval of the June 6, 2023, County Board Minutes By Supervisor Bashaw**

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Gentz to approve the minutes from the meeting held on June 6, 2023. On a voice vote, motion passed.

**Adjourn**

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Berg to adjourn at 9:33p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

**Prepared by: Amanda Sorensen, Chief Deputy County Clerk**

**Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk**