

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
September 20, 2022**

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, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Excused: Supervisors Belsky and Berg.

Present: 21 Excused: 2

Citizen Comments

Donald Biehn (9043 136th Avenue, Kenosha) expressed concerns on the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors and with events that occurred in 2020.

David Corey (307 56th Street, Kenosha) with events that occurred in 2020. Requested the Board to create a resolution denouncing white supremacy and to put in effect an assault weapons band.

Announcements Of The Chairperson

Chairman Nudo welcomed Youth In Governance members Eric La Mere (Human Services Committee), Enze Price (Executive Committee), Evan Vazquez (Finance/Administration Committee), Tyler Magnan (Public Works & Facilities Committee), Alexa Didinsky (Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee), and Rebecca Ceisel (Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee).

Chairman Nudo reminded all Supervisors that had attended the WCA Conference to submit mileage and per diem forms to the County Clerk, Regi Waligora. Waligora informed all Supervisors that the Chamber's chairs are currently undergoing reupholstering and they will be moving them around in the coming weeks as this process takes time and needs to be completed in phases. She also informed Supervisors that their group photos (2018 – 2020 and 2020 – 2022 terms) will be available for purchase at the next Board meeting; Supervisors interesting in purchasing should contact Regi and payment of \$5 per photo will be due – checks should be made payable to "Kenosha County".

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Rodriguez

Judiciary and Law Enforcement Committee last met on September 7, 2022. Rodriguez shared his interaction at WCA with Open Meeting, the company that provides the licensing to the Chamber's electronic voting system, shared updated programs that are available with various Supervisors present. Rodriguez plans to forward this information to Administration. An updated program would allow voting to be done with Supervisor's iPads, Supervisors could type amendments, and more. Rodriguez attended the the Hispanic Heritage Festival with County Executive Kerkman. Rodriguez presented Executive Proclamation in recognition of Hispanic Heritage Month.

Supervisor Nedweski

Human Services Committee last met on September 6, 2022; the committee votes to accept a grant and a small sum of settlement funds. Director Nina Taylor presented an overview of the Division of Workforce Development. Nedweski also met with Directors Jansen and Taylor to discuss various grants and contracts related to child support. Nedweski met with Dr. Jen Freiheit of Kenosha County Public Health to discuss grants and contracts related to focus groups conducted with the recently incarcerated. Nedweski presented the Executive Proclamation in recognition of September as Suicide Prevention Month.

Supervisor Stocker

Library System Board met on August 2, 2022, and discussed the budget and expect to finalize it on October 10, 2022. The Library received a grant to encourage teenage/adult reading; the librarian and staff chose Homegoing as the book recommendation. Stocker has encouraged a change in book choice and is sharing concerns with the County Board.

Supervisor Nordigian

Public Works & Facilities Committee last met in August; this was the first meeting with new Director, Shelly Billingsley. The Kenosha Administration Building received a replacement heat pump; half of the third-floor heat pumps will be replaced when equipment arrives. Shipping date is expected to be September 14, 2022; this pushes construction back to September 21, 2022. Remaining heat pumps will be budgeted for replacement next year. The Kemper Center shoreline project will be pushed back since the County did not receive the 2021 brick grant from FEMA. The summer youth employment program has finished successfully. Construction on Highway D is postponed due to other road construction projects and the increase in trucks on this highway. Funds were moved to complete improvements on County Highway W from the County fairgrounds to North Highway F; this will hold the road together for an additional 4-5 years as the issue is the under-road. County Highway K is scheduled to be complete by end of October. Nordigian plans to change how reports are given starting at the next Board meeting; all reports will be sent to the Board to review prior to the meeting and Supervisor Nordigian's Board report will be time for updates or questions.

Supervisor Yuhas

Joint Services Board met on September 12, 2022 and adopted their 2023 budget. The 2023 operating budget is \$11,019,376; total expenditure increases in excess of revenue is \$477,430— a 4.92 percent increase in comparison to the 2022 budget. The City/County levy is an impact of \$9,515,889. This year, the County's portion of the tax levy is a decrease of \$4,279— a 0.08 percent decrease in comparison to the 2021 budget. This does not include the County's CIP funds of \$30,444 for the replacement of communication department's computer aided dispatch workstations. Regarding wages, the Board implemented the draft compensation study. Telecommunicators are currently hired at \$22.25 and would increase to \$24.46. All Joint Services employees would receive a three percent raise, effective January 1, 2023. Martin Luther King Jr. Day and Juneteenth would be included as holidays — matching Kenosha County. A removing holiday was removed. The current health insurance level would be maintained; insurance premiums increased by seven percent; this is a \$113,735 increase over the 2022 budget. A 12.5 percent increase is expected in the health care market. In contractual services there will be an increased budget of \$82,000 — that increased is for the 9-1-1 system. It will be the first year of service under a maintenance agreement with Baycom (Frontier in previous years) and will start in 2021. Joint Services Board will give a more detailed budget presentation to the Executive Committee on Thursday, September 22, 2022. The City and County worked together to create a budget that addressed the needs of Joint Services.

Supervisor Karow

Planning, Development and Extension Education Committee on September 14, 2022. Director Terry Ward of UW-Extension has stepped down and Christine Wen is serving as Interim Director through at least December 2022; Wen currently serves as Area Director for Walworth, Rock and Jefferson Counties and is familiar with the budget process. Amy Greil, Community Development Educator, gave a presentation on highlights and will be stepping down in October to start as Executive Director of the Kenosha Community Foundation. Greil was a founding member of the Kenosha County energy team — this team has saved more than sixty thousand dollars, since its start in 2016, with many notable successes. Greil was also instrumental in the creation of the Kenosha County Food Bank; the aim is to find a location in Kenosha for the food bank. Hiring is in progress for UW-Extension; there are three vacancies. The priority will be to fill the position of Area Director; the goal is to hire by year-end. Jeddy's Bar was issued a conditional use permit to allow a volleyball court addition.

Supervisor Franco

Recognized National Voter Registration Day and those involved in the election processes.

Supervisor Rodriguez

Asked Supervisor Yuhas, chairman of Joint Services Board, if there was a vote taken at the last meeting to increase fees for reports, public records, etc. Requested an update at the next Board meeting. (See below for Supervisor Yuhas' response)

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

14. Jeffrey Swanson To Serve On The Civil Service Commission

Chairman referred County Executive Appointment 14 to the Judiciary & Law Enforcement and Finance/Administration Committees.

15. Gregg Sinnen To Serve On The Kenosha County Commission On Aging & Disability Services

Chairman referred County Executive Appointment 15 Human Services Committee

16. Carol Abraham To Serve On The Kenosha County Commission On Aging And Disability Services

Chairman referred County Executive Appointment 16 Human Services Committee

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - One Reading

33. From The Human Services Committee - A Resolution For Brookside Care Center To Accept Class Action Settlement Funds

It was moved by Supervisor Nedweski, seconded by Supervisor Stocker to approve Resolution 33. On voice vote, motion passed.

34. From The Public Works & Facilities And Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution To Accept A Grant From The Neighborhood Investment Fund Program For Relocation Of The Kenosha County Human Services Building

It was moved by Supervisor Nordigian, seconded by Supervisor Rose to approve Resolution 34. After some discussion and questioning with Chief Financial Officer, Jim Kupfer, on voice vote, motion passed.

35. From The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee - A Resolution Request To Approve The Appointment Of Sgt. Christopher Hannah To Serve On The Kenosha County Land Information Council

It was moved by Supervisor Karow, seconded by Supervisor Gaschke to approve Resolution 35. Supervisor Gaschke stated Sgt. Hannah was present at Committee and was unable to attend the Board meeting due to a professional training event. On voice vote, motion passed.

36. From The Judiciary & Law Enforcement And Finance/Administration Committees - A Resolution To Approve The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, And Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) Grant Awarded To The Sheriff's Department By The Wisconsin Department Of Justice

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Stocker to approve Resolution 33. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion passed unanimously (21-0).

37. From The Public Works And Finance & Administration Committees - A Resolution To Accept A Grant To Support The Restoration Of Kenosha County Courthouse Murals

It was moved by Supervisor Nordigian, seconded by Supervisor Rose to approve Resolution 37. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion passed unanimously (21-0).

38. From The Human Services And Finance/Administration Committees - A Resolution To Accept The Nursing Home And Long-Term Care Facility Infection Prevention And Infrastructure Matching Funds Grant

It was moved by Supervisor Nedweski, seconded by Supervisor Rose to approve Resolution 38. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion passed unanimously (21-0).

COMMUNICATIONS

24. Communication From Supervisor Rodriguez - Ordinance: Amendment Of MCKC Chapter 3.01 (1) (G) – Filling Of Vacancies Occurring Within A Term

Chairman referred Communication 24 to Legislative Committee.

25. Communication From The Public Works/Facilities Committee - A Resolution Authorizing A Development Agreement Between Kenosha County And Village Of Paddock Lake For Construction Of A Band Shelter In Old Settlers Park

Chairman referred Communication 25 to Public Works & Facilities Committee.

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

Chairman referred Communication 26 to Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee.

CLAIMS

10. Rebecca Rodriguez – Defamation

11. Kenneth Krenz – Personal Injury

12. Ryan Milbeck – Personal Loss

13. Manoj Babu – Vehicle Damage

Chairman referred Claims 10-14 to Corporation Counsel

At this time, Supervisor Rodriguez requested that the record reflect that he has no relation or knowledge of the claimant, Rebecca Rodriguez.

Supervisor Yuhas requested to speak to correct the record regarding Supervisor Rodriguez question regarding fees for Joint Services. On July 26th there was a fee schedule adopted that showed an increase in CDs, DVDs, flash drives and it was passed unanimously by the Joint Services Board.

Approval Of The August 16, 2022, Minutes By Supervisor Geertsen

It was approved by Supervisor Geertsen, seconded by Supervisor Poole to approve the minutes from the regular meeting held on September 20, 2022. On voice vote, motion carried.

Adjourn

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Karow to adjourn at 8:24 p.m. On a voice vote, motion carried.

Prepared by: Alyssa Padjen, Chief Deputy County Clerk

Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk