1. **Call to Order / Roll Call** - The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by Chairman Nedweski. Roll call was taken.

2. **Citizen’s Comments** – None.

3. **Chairman’s/Committee members/Supervisors/YIG comments** – Chairman Nedweski thanked everyone for being there and taking the time to present this evening. It really helps us stay up to speed understanding what you do.

4. **Approval of Minutes** — Motion to approve the minutes from the September 6, 2022 Human Services Committee was made by Supervisor Kubicki, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen. All in Favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

5. **Resolution for the appointment of Mr. Gregg Sinnen to the Commission on Aging and Disability Services** – Rebecca Dutter introduced the resolution. Although Mr. Gregg Sinnen was not able to attend the meeting this evening due to another obligation he would be an excellent addition to this commission. He does have a son with downs syndrome so he would represent the developmentally disabled population that they need representation for on the commission.

Motion to approve the Mr. Gregg Sinnen resolution was made by Supervisor Kubicki, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

6. **Resolution for appointment of Ms. Carol Abraham to the Commission on Aging and Disability Services** – Rebecca Dutter introduced the resolution. Ms. Abraham was not able to attend the meeting this evening. She will represent the physical disability portion of the population. She is a former Miss Wheelchair of WI. She is a huge community advocate and would be a welcome addition to the commission.

Motion to approve the Ms. Carol Abraham resolution was made by Supervisor Geertsen, seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

7. **Racine/Kenosha Vocational Ministry Presentation - James Schatzman, Executive Director** – Nina Taylor introduced the presenter. Handouts were given to the committee. What is Kenosha Vocational Ministry (KVM). They work with the Department of Corrections with the highest risk offenders. KVM helps them learn the right way to live. Participants are given cognitive services. An assessment is done on each individual and the program is tailored for them. They are changing the way they think and help them function in their world. Then they work toward job readiness after about 3 months. They have very skilled staff. KVM also uses their participants as mentors to others in the program. Impacts include lower recidivism. Only two of 208 people they have worked with went back to prison. Why 208 participants? That is what they have the funding for and they will not lower the time per week that they spend with each client. How many are refused services due to funding. Mr. Schatzman stated he would love another ten spots to be available.

The presentation was well received. **(Audio of the entire meeting is available online.)**
8. **Veteran Services Presentation – Ali Nelson.** Ali had a power point presentation that had been sent to the committee prior to the meeting.

- Ali and his staff are advocates for veterans in Kenosha County.
- There are 13,500 Veterans in Kenosha County.
- Ali stated that since the Pact Act has been signed that they are very busy and will continue to be.
- Veteran Service in Twin Lakes reopened in July 2022 as it had been closed during the pandemic.
- Phase I of Kenosha County Veterans Memorial Park has been completed.
- 3 benches have been dedicated at the park.
- Staff must attend conference to keep their accreditation.
- Ali will become the president of the CVSO Association of WI in October

*Audio of the entire meeting is available online.*

9. **Any other Business as Authorized by Law** – John reminded the committee that the joint budget meeting will be on Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 5:30 pm at the Human Services/Job Center building. Rebecca Dutter stated that they have a signed agreement with Lake Behavioral Hospital.

10. **Adjournment** - Motion to adjourn was made by Supervisor Yuhas, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen. All in favor. **MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.** Meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,
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