

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
November 2, 2022**

The **Regular County Board Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Nudo at 7:32 p.m., in the County Board Chambers located in the Administration Building.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Excused: None

Present: 23 Excused: 0

Chairman Nudo welcomed Youth In Governance members Eric La Mere (Human Services Committee), Abigail Nosalik (Legislative Committee), Rebecca Ceisel (Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee), Alexa Didinsky (Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee), and Enze Price (Executive Committee).

Citizen Comments

Marieta Huff (7939 34th Avenue, Kenosha) shared concern with the elimination of some positions in the Kenosha County 2023 budget.

Jacob Castillo (152 113th Street, Pleasant Prairie), a detective with the Kenosha County Sheriff's department, shared concern with the lack of growth and staffing in the Sherriff's department and asked for the Board's support in funding additional positions.

Jodi Muerhoff (7220 1st Avenue, Kenosha) spoke on a previous statement on local group's effort to defund the Sheriff's Department and shared their research on State-level Democratic efforts to increase funding and safety in law enforcement.

Kevin Mathewson (5605 Sheridan Road PO Box 225, Kenosha) shared concern with local group, Forward Kenosha, and their efforts to advocate for cash-less bail and defunding of law enforcement.

Announcements Of The Chairman

There were no announcements of the Chairman.

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Yuhas

The Joint Services Board met on October 21, 2022, and received staffing updates. The Communications department has seven telecommunicator vacancies. There were 116 applicants, four candidates started on September 29, and six additional candidates are in the hiring phase. The 9-1-1 telecommunicator hiring process is ongoing and the application period will remain open continuously; there are currently 56 applicants in the critical testing phase. The Records department has two record clerk vacancies and one supervisor vacancy. Maureen Anderson was hired as Records Manager. All positions in the Flight Maintenance department and Evidence/Identification department are filled. In September, 4,747 9-1-1 calls were received by the Communications department; 95% of the calls were answered in less than ten seconds and 98% of the calls were answered in less than fifteen seconds. There were 17,359 non-emergency calls handled and 23 text messages received. The Records department reviewed 2,028 incoming case reports and supplements in September; case review is an integral part of submitting complete statistical information to the WI Department of Justice for Uniform Crime reporting. In September, the Evidence/Identification department's technicians took 1,591 items, released, destroyed,

and returned 2,298 items, transported 97 items to the crime lab, processed 59 pieces of found property, collected 49 DNA samples, and completed 70 bookings.

Supervisor Kubicki

As Executive Director of Kemper Center Inc., Supervisor Kubicki will not engage in any budget discussion relating to the Kemper Center and a vote in favor of the budget will abstain on portions involving Kemper Center.

Supervisor Rodriguez

As a candidate in the General Election for the office of Clerk of Courts, Supervisor Rodriguez will not debate, discuss or vote on the Circuit Court's budget, and a vote in favor of the budget will abstain on portions involving Circuit Court.

Supervisor Nedweski

The Human Services Committee meeting on November 1, 2022, was cancelled due to unforeseen circumstances of the invited speaker, Dr. Jennifer Freiheit of the Health Department. The scheduled meeting in December will include discussion of the 2022 Health Equity report.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Resolution - Second Reading, Two Required

4. From The Finance & Administration Committee - A Policy Resolution - 2023 Kenosha County Budget

Supervisor Kubicki requested the following be read into the record: "I'm the Executive Director of Kemper Center, Inc. Since taking that position, I have taken great care to remove myself from any County Board actions or discussions regarding not only Kemper Center Inc., but the Kemper property itself. I feel that this is appropriate to ensure that there is not even a perception of a conflict of interest. Accordingly, I am advising that I will not engage in any debate related to Kemper and that when I cast my vote in favor of the budget this evening, it includes an abstention on those portions involving appropriations for Kemper, and I ask that the record so reflect".

Supervisor Rodriguez requested the following be read into the record: "I'm a candidate this Fall for the office of Clerk Of Courts, and if elected would be responsible for overseeing and managing the budget approved by the County Board, tonight. While this creates no legal conflict, I'm aware of that it has the potential for creating an appearance of a conflict. This potential is extremely challenging to resolve as I firmly believe that the consideration of the annual budget is possibly the most important work we do at the County Board each year, and I am fully committed to my responsibilities as a member of this body. It is because I take those responsibilities so seriously that I do not want even the potential appearance of a conflict to become a distraction from the work we are doing tonight. For that reason, I am under no obligation to do so, however, I will not debate, discuss, or vote on the Circuit Court's budget. When voting for the budget as a whole later this evening, I will abstain from voting on that portion of the budget concerning Circuit Court".

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Policy Resolution 4.

It was then moved by Supervisor Geertsen, seconded by Supervisor Nordigian to amend Policy Resolution 4 to add the new position of Project Manager at a cost of \$141,000 to be funded by highway aids.

It was then moved by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Grady to substitute the first amendment to restore the positions of Community Development Educator (\$44,900), Municipal And Public Customer Service Superintendent (\$129,517) and Project Engineer (\$141,651).

Chairman Nudo started a recess at 9:22 p.m. and called the meeting back to order at 9:39 p.m.

It was then moved by Supervisor Franco, seconded by Supervisor Berg to Call the Question. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion passed (21-2).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.
NAY: Supervisors Karow and Yuhas

Immediately following, the vote was initiated for the motion to substitute the first amendment by Supervisor Gentz, seconded by Supervisor Grady and on roll call vote, motion failed (10-13).

AYE: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Franco, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, O'Day, Rose, and Yuhas.
NAY: Supervisors Bashaw, Decker, Geertsen, Karow, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, Poole, Rodriguez, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.

It was then moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Rose to Call the Question. On roll call vote (2/3 required), motion passed (21-2).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Berg, Decker, Franco, Gaschke, Geertsen, Grady, Karow, Kubicki, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.
NAY: Supervisors Gentz and Yuhas

Immediately following, the vote was initiated for the amendment by Supervisor Geertsen, seconded by Supervisor Nordigian and on roll call vote, motion passed (14-9).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Decker, Geertsen, Karow, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, Poole, Rodriguez, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.
NAY: Supervisors Berg, Franco, Gaschke, Gentz, Grady, Kubicki, O'Day, Rose, and Yuhas.

It was then moved by Supervisor Rodriguez, seconded by Supervisor Nedweski to amend Policy Resolution 4 to strike "Not To Exceed 200% Of The Current Year's Budget" From The Paragraph That Reads "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That Any Available Surplus Funds Within The Corporation Counsel Budget For Legal Services Be Carried Forward To The Next Year's Budget, Not To Exceed 200% Of The Current Year's Budget".

On roll call vote, motion passed (12-11).

AYE: Supervisors Belsky, Decker, Gaschke, Gentz, Karow, Nedweski, Nordigian, O'Day, Rodriguez, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.
NAY: Supervisors Bashaw, Berg, Franco, Geertsen, Grady, Kubicki, Nudo, Poole, Rose, Stock, and Yuhas.

Immediately following, the vote was initiated for the original motion by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Policy Resolution 4, as amended. On roll call vote, motion passed (17-6).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Decker, Franco, Geertsen, Grady, Karow, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.
NAY: Supervisors Berg, Gaschke, Gentz, Kubicki, O'Day, and Yuhas.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - One Reading

48. From The Finance & Administration Committee - An Initial Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$16,155,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes For Budgeted Capital Projects Including Road And Highway Improvements

It was moved by Supervisor Rose, seconded by Supervisor Geertsen to adopt Resolution 48. On roll call vote (3/4 Of Full Membership Required), motion failed (17-6).

AYE: Supervisors Bashaw, Belsky, Decker, Franco, Geertsen, Grady, Karow, Nedweski, Nordigian, Nudo, Poole, Rodriguez, Rose, Stock, Stocker, Thomas, and Wamboldt.
NAY: Supervisors Berg, Gaschke, Gentz, Kubicki, O'Day, and Yuhas.

49. From The Finance & Administration Committee - An Initial Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$19,500,000 General Obligation Bonds And/Or Notes For Highway And Bridge Projects

50. From The Finance & Administration Committee - An Initial Resolution Authorizing The Issuance Of Not To Exceed \$2,050,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes For Grants To The Kenosha Area Business Alliance

Resolutions 49-50 were not read.

Adjourn

It was moved by Supervisor Bashaw, seconded by Supervisor Decker to adjourn at 10:32 p.m. On a voice vote, motion passed. Supervisor Rose voted nay.

Prepared by: Alyssa Padjen, Chief Deputy County Clerk
Submitted by: Regi Waligora, County Clerk