

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

January 2, 2007

The **Regular Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Rose at 7:30 p.m., in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Booth, Arrington, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Marrelli, Carbone, Singer, Haas.

Present: 24. Excused: 4.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Barb Wisnefski, 2617 136th Ave., thanked the committees that already passed the resolution supporting the governor's 5% increase in medical assistance, community aides and other long term care funding. For years the state government has under funded the needs for the long term care. Approximately 98% of nursing homes in this state lose money every year on medical assistance patients. We have a crisis coming, but we can alleviate a lot of it by getting the state's support to increase the funding for long term care, community aids, home health, home care and for nursing homes. She asked for the boards support.

Earl Hawley, 39422 Bloomfield Rd., spoke regarding long term care. It's not just nursing home care, or nursing care, it's the basic hands on care that many of our elderly receive. The workers are terribly under funded with no benefit packages, because of this there are no applicants for these jobs. They are struggling to maintain their current employees. It is imperative to find some relief from this in the near future. He asked for support of the resolution tonight and to pass it on to the Counties Association.

Connie Matter, 1005 Prairie Ridge Blvd., Director of Hospice Alliance in Pleasant Prairie. She is a member of the Long Term Care Work Force Alliance and is representing the home health and the hospice community. They are requesting the board's support for the proposed 5% increase in community aids to stabilize their long term care workforce. The quality and integrity of the workforce is their concern. Our most vulnerable elderly, disabled and dying patients are entitled to quality and trained workers. With the current wage of the personal care workers, they cannot attract the workforce which they desire. The work is not easy and the demands are great.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Rose asked the Legislative Committee to look at the financing of a proposed rail system between here and Milwaukee. Sales tax, TIF District or the combination of both as well as other things will be reviewed and a recommendation will be made to the County Board by the Legislative Committee. He encouraged the board to attend the Legislative Committee meeting when that issue is on their agenda.

Chairman Rose announced that next Tuesday at 7:30 there will be a Committee of the Whole meeting. The Corporation Counsel will present their opinion on the issue of the size of the County Board.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Elverman stated the Administration Committee will be looking into the staffing and employee complaints in the City/County Joint Services on the 8th of January. He also asked that Resolution 75 on tonight's agenda be removed and placed on the January 16th agenda.

Supervisor Faraone spoke regarding the video taping of the County Board meetings and asked that Kenn Yance give an update on the progress.

Kenn Yance stated he has been looking into this with Carthage College and met with Dr. Campbell and the head of the Fine Arts Department Leonard Schultz. Everything is pretty much set up, they're trying to get it so the students that will be doing this will get credits. It still has to go through one of their board meetings in approximately two weeks. They should know by the end of the month if they will or will not be able to get something going.

Supervisor Rossow stated that the Human Services, at the request of Chairman Rose, has studied the request of the Unite Here Group. A visit was made to Superior Health Linens plant by staff and committee members of Brookside and Human Services Board. The Human Services Committee recommends that the process of the contract procedure be allowed to proceed as usual. She also stated that the Shalom Center gave a report to the Human Services Committee. In response to their consultants recommendation they are downsizing their proposal from four million to between two and one half to three million, from thirty-eight thousand square feet to approximately twenty-two thousand square feet. They still anticipate using the KAC site with these modifications. They will start their campaign this spring with a twelve month time frame and the construction to take another twelve months. They will give more detailed report at the February meeting.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

20. Ronald Johnson to serve on the Kenosha County Human Services Board.
21. John O'Day to serve on the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Faraone to immediately approve County Executive Appointments 20 and 21. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski.

Motion carried.

22. Richard Willoughby to serve on the Kenosha County Human Services Board.
23. Denis Wikel to serve on the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

Chairman Rose referred County Executive Appointments 22 & 23 to the Human Services Committee.

24. D. Noel Sheer to serve on the County Library Committee.

Chairman Rose referred County Executive Appointment to the Finance Committee.

25. Paul Falduto, Jr. to serve on the Kenosha County Traffic Safety Commission.

Chairman Rose referred County Executive Appointment to the Judiciary and Law Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances - first reading, two required.

33. From the Highway and Parks Committee to Create an Ordinance on Speed Limits for CTH "JS" from CTH "V" to USH 45.

34. From Highway and Parks Committee an Ordinance to Amend Section 10.07(2) of the Municipal Code Regarding Prohibited Actions in County Parks.

Ordinances - one reading

35. From Land Use Committee Jayne's Estates Subdivision LLC requesting rezoning from A-2 General Agricultural District and R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential District to R-3 Urban Single-Family Residential District and C-1 Lowland Resource conservancy District in the Town of Somers.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 35. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Motion carried.

36. From Land Use Committee Billy C. and Linda L. Esposito (Owners) requesting rezoning from A-2 General Agricultural District to B-3 Highway Business District in the Town of Paris.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 36. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried

37. From Land Use Committee Robert and Kay Drissel (Owners), Mark A. Szczerba II (Buyer/Agent) requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to R-1 Rural Residential District in the Town of Brighton.

It was moved by moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 37. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Motion carried.

38. From Land Use Committee Mark J. and Jeana D. Lesnik requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential District in the Town of Somers.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 38. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Booth, Arrington, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisor Jackson.

Ayes: 23. Nays: 1

Motion carried.

Resolutions - one reading

75. From Administration Committee a Resolution to Adopt Revised Safety Policies & Procedures.

Resolution 75 was removed from agenda and placed on the January 16, 2007 agenda.

76. From Human Services, Legislative and Finance Committees a Resolution in support of Governor's Budget to give Longterm Care Workers a Living Wage by 5% increase in MA (Medical Assistance)

It was moved by Supervisor Rossow to adopt Resolution 76. Seconded by Supervisor Huff.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

15. From George E. Melcher Director of Department of Planning and Development regarding future rezonings.

16. From Michael K. Higgins, City Clerk/Treasurer, Attachment and Temporary Zoning District Classification of Land in the Town of Somers.

Chairman Rose referred Communications 15 & 16 to Land Use.

CLAIMS

22. James Eugene Butt - Fence damaged.

23. Jonny Volpendesta - Mail box damage.

24. Arcangelo Romano - Injured by a county owned truck.

25. Verizon - Damaged cable.

Chairman Rose referred Claims 22 - 25 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Nudo to approve the December 5, 2006 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy

Submitted by: Edna R. Highland
County Clerk