

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

October 18, 2005

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

Present: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Marrelli, Booth, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, L. Johnson, Moore, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Excused: None.

Present: 28. Excused: 0.

Announcements of the Chairman.

Chairman Elverman asked the Chairmen of the Standing Committees to meet with him in his office before the next meeting on November 8th at 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Elverman congratulated Supervisor Carbone for his appointment to serve as chair of the Judicial and Public Safety Steering Committee, Supervisor Clark was appointed to serve on the County's Taxation and Finance Steering Committee and Edna Highland, County Clerk to serve on the Counties Association Organizational and Personnel Steering Committee.

Chairman Elverman announced that flu shots will be available on the 8th of November.

Chairman Elverman stated that all departments and committees will be working on their budgets now and this will be a good time to attend some of these meetings before it all comes to the Finance Committee.

Supervisor Reports, Announcements and Referrals.

Supervisor Modory stated that tonight on everybody's desk is a copy of a letter that states that Kenosha County Board will support a study regarding the Menominee Casino Hotel Project. The public hearing is next Tuesday at 7:00 P.M. at the Radison Hotel. The letter will be sent in lieu of attendance at the Public Hearing. He thanked everybody who signed the letter.

Supervisor Carey-Mielke announced that she too received a letter from the WCA asking her to serve on the Health & Human Services Workforce Development Committee. Also, the Kenosha County 4-H Awards night and it was very positive. All the kids that serve in 4-H graduated from 4-H but what was more interesting was the parents participation. Some have served for 40 years.

Chairman Elverman stated that he was a member of the Randall Rustlers 4-H Club.

Supervisor O'Day invited everyone to go to the History Center on October 29th for 127th Anniversary. There will be jazz, hors d'oeuvres, available drinks from 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. He has tickets or call the History Center.

Supervisor Carbone stated that next Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday the Finance Committee will have the Budget Hearings. He invites all to attend.

Supervisor Huff stated that Judiciary & Law Enforcement will be having budget hearings Thursday, October 20th at 6:00 P.M.

Supervisor Molinaro had a project up-date from Building & Grounds Committee. The parking structure plans will be available on October 19th and we have to go back to the Planning Commission to request another extension to the project because we have been waiting for state approval. Bids will open in mid November. Hopefully we can start in spring of 2006. Bids for Park Expansion have been open since September 2005. The ball diamonds at Brighton Dale are expected to start this fall. Soccer fields in Silver Lake will start in spring 2006. Bike path extension which is extended from Carthage College to Parkside is included in the 2006 budget. Kemper roof replacement will also be in the 2006 budget. The Medical Examiner may be included in the project at HWY 45 & 50. 911 wireless grant is also included in the 2006 budget and for equipment that will permit installation of 911 equipment that will identify location of cell phone calls.

Supervisor Rose asked the Chairman to request the Corporation Counsel to advise the board as to the legal review by the attorneys in Washington to review the Environmental Impact Study that Supervisor Modory was referring to.

Frank Volpintesta stated that he has not heard anything back yet. He is not familiar with the letter Supervisor Modory was referring to. They might want to hold off on any endorsement until they receive the review.

Supervisor Faraone stated that the parking structure will be going before City Planning at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 20th.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Resolution - second reading, two required.

POLICY RESOLUTION 1

1. From Legislative and Finance Committees regarding Amending Section ET-1.07-1(3) of the Ethics Policy Pertaining to Use of County Vehicles.

Chairman Elverman referred Policy Resolution 1 back to committees for signatures. This has been discussed all summer.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance - first reading, two required.

ORDINANCE 22

22. From Administration and Judiciary & Law Committee regarding amending 4.01(3)(f)7 of the Civil Service Ordinance.

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 46

46. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Daimler-Chrysler Corporation Fund Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 46. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 47

47. From Judiciary & Law Committee regarding Cabaret License - Tarbender's Bar and Grill.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 47. Seconded by Supervisor Moore.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 48

48. From Judiciary & Law Committee regarding Cabaret License - 75th Street Inn.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 48. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 49

49. From Land Use Committee regarding Approval of the Re-appointment of William Glembocki to the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Resolution 49. Seconded by Supervisor Molinaro.

Motion carried.

From Corporation Counsel a request for a motion to amend previously adopted Resolution 41 pertaining to the granting of a permanent utility easement to Wisconsin Electric Power Co. so as to eliminate that portion of the easement pertaining to re-location costs.

It was moved by Supervisor Faraone to amend Resolution 41. Seconded by Supervisor Gorklinski.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

6. From Michael K. Higgins City Clerk-Treasurer regarding Temporary Zoning District Classification of Land in the Town of Somers.

7. From George E. Melcher, Director of Planning & Development, regarding future rezonings.

Chairman Elverman referred Communications 6 & 7 to Land Use Committee.

Supervisor Comments.

1. Supervisor Joe Clark stated that recently the Supervisors completed a long debate and since then he has had an opportunity to speak with elected officials and their comment was that they were department heads and wanted to be treated that way and contrary to the beliefs of some the supervisors put more time in then 200 hours and he has spent some time doing some research. The Sheriff manages 308 people, Clerk of Circuit Court manages 38 people, District Attorney manages 15 people, the Treasurer manages 3.5, the County Clerk has 2 people. Supervisor Rose has in the past spoke about the level of management we need to question and he now also questions it. The county board has to have the vision to see things as they ought to be and not as they are and to act on the vision. He thinks this County Board should take a look at combining the offices of the Clerk and Treasurer. 150 years ago when the Constitution was drafted we had a complete difference in technology. The clerk was responsible for the checks, purchasing and a lot of other financial duties according to the State Statutes. That is now handled by the Finance Department and the Purchasing Department. The internal control is that we have audits. Our elected officials are limited by the collective bargaining units. The objection that he hears over and over is that these offices are constitutional or statutory offices that would require a change in the constitution or state statutes. Just look at the City of Kenosha, they have an Assessor/Clerk/Treasurer. We need to have the vision to see things as they ought to be and have the courage to act on them. How many people does it take to change a light bulb? How many clerks does it take to be at a county board meeting? This is waste. At one time there was a debate about being able to

afford a camera operator. The one we have volunteers. He is asking Chairman Elverman to have Legislative Committee look into this. We need to immediately take a look at how many clerks we need at these meeting and act on it.

Chairman Elverman stated that if Supervisor Clark brought a resolution to the County Board floor he would refer the resolution.

It was moved by Supervisor Kessler to adopt the corrected October 4, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Prepared by: Pam Young
 Chief Deputy
Submitted by: Edna R. Highland
 County Clerk