

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**December 4<sup>th</sup>, 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, Marrelli, Booth, Carbone, Arrington, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Present: 28.

**THERE WERE NO CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Mary Beier, Director of Kenosha County Juvenile Intake reported on Juvenile Detention for Kenosha County Youth. Juvenile Detention is a secure environment that is a short-term court ordered placement for youth that are between the ages of 10 and 17. It is used as the last alternative. Kenosha County does not own or operate a juvenile detention facility. There are three facilities located in southeast Wisconsin. For the past ten years, Kenosha County entered into multi-year contracts with Racine County for use of their bed space. The current contract runs through December 2009, which include 18 beds that are guaranteed daily. The daily rate is \$127.00 per bed per day. The rate will increase gradually in the next two years. Without the contract the normal rate would be \$53.00 more per day. Through the first eleven months of this year, Kenosha County Juvenile Court has admitted an average of thirty-two youth per month to detention, which is a decrease of seven youth per month from the year before. The youth that were admitted this year have each stayed on average 10.3 days or almost one day longer than last year. There is no conclusive way to predict when increases or decreases will occur.

John Jansen, Director of Kenosha County Division of Family Services spoke regarding delinquency programs in Kenosha County. Many of the programs have been in place for over twenty years and they continue to monitor their effectiveness. Kenosha County has been recognized throughout the state as a county that has been very progressive in providing services to families, and helping kids stay in their home whenever possible.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Rose reminded the board the Holiday Party will be on December 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at the County Center.

Chairman Rose announced that Supervisor Robert Carbone would not seek re-election. Supervisor Carbone has served some twenty years on the board of supervisors. He has served as the Chairman of this Board, and Chairman of the Finance and Judiciary and Law Committees. His leadership will be missed.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor West stated there is an open invitation to the Brookside Care Center's Christmas party on December 19<sup>th</sup>, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Supervisor Marrelli stated the Extension Education had their 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They put together a pamphlet, which is on the supervisor's desks.

Supervisor Wisnefski reported he had the opportunity to meet with our bond rating people in Chicago. They just got the news that Kenosha County has been raised up from Aa3 to Aa2 rating.

Supervisor Noble reported a letter would be submitted expressing preliminary support of the I-94 reconstruction project at the public hearing on December 6<sup>th</sup>. The improvements include interchange reconstruction, and adding an additional lane in both directions. A resolution supporting the project will be drafted and brought before the County Board. He also reported the Technical Advisory Committee of the KRM recommended they not submit an application without a funding source in place. The committee will likely vote to suspend the application for a year which will delay the project. The Commissioner of Railroads has dismissed the petition from Union Pacific Railroad for a closure of the railroad crossings at CTH A and L in the Town of Somers. The Commissioner has ordered the crossings be upgraded by December 31, 2008. Bids for the bike trail in Somers that connects the two universities has been received. The bids are being reviewed and will be awarded for spring construction. Traffic signals are up and working at the intersection of CTH S & H. The ball diamonds at Brighton Dale and the soccer fields at Silver Lake are completed and will be ready for play this spring and a grand opening will be announced.

Supervisor Molinaro stated it is unfortunate the Extension Education didn't do more to celebrate their successes. His experience on the Extension Committee has been nothing short of fantastic. They do an incredible amount of work on an incredibly small budget. The staff doesn't get nearly enough credit for all the work they do.

Supervisor Grady caused to have placed on the supervisor's desks a two-page enclosure entitled "What deaths fall within the Medical Examiner." During the deliberations of the County Budget, it was brought up what appears to be the increased amount of autopsies and medical exams in Kenosha County. The enclosure is a concrete document on how the autopsies are done and he thinks this is being more tightly adhered to under our current medical examiner's jurisdiction than in the past years.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance - first reading, two required.

46. From Legislative Committee regarding Amending Subsection (2) of Section 2.08 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County Entitled Exercise of Power and Presentation.

Policy Resolution - first reading, two required.

2. 2007 Affirmative Action Plan.

Resolutions - one reading

#### **RESOLUTION 86**

86. From Terry Rose regarding Authorizing a Review of 812-56<sup>th</sup> Street, Kenosha, WI as a Possible Site for Relocating 911 Dispatch.

Chairman Rose referred Resolution 86 to the Building & Grounds and Finance Committees.

#### **RESOLUTION 87**

87. From Human Services Committee regarding Approving the Appointment of LaVerne Jaros to serve as Director of the Division of Aging & Disability Services. (Approved in the 2008 County Budget)

#### **RESOLUTION 88**

88. From Human Services & Finance Committees regarding the Medical Examiner's 2008 Budget to reflect the addition of a full-time Deputy Medical Examiner position.

It was moved by Supervisor Rossow to adopt Resolution 88. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Rossow, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Marrelli, Booth, Carbone, Arrington, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Molinaro, Jackson, Clark, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Rose, Faraone, Moore, Wisnefski, Noble.

Ayes: 23. Nays: 5

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 89**

89. From Legislative Committee regarding Maintaining the size of the County Board at 28 Members and to Review the Question of the Size of the Board at the Next Decennial Census in 2010.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 89. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Marrelli, Booth, Carbone, Arrington, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Jackson, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Faraone, Moore, Clark, Noble.

Ayes: 23. Nays: 5

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 90**

90. From Finance Committee the Sale of Approximately \$4,050,000, General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2007A; Providing the Form of the Notes; and Levying a Tax in Connection Therewith.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 90. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

18. From Michael K. Higgins, City Clerk-Treasurer, regarding temporary Zoning District Classification of Land in the Town of Somers.

Chairman Rose referred Communication 18 to Land Use.

**CLAIMS**

21. Monique E. McWhorter - bad experience while being booked.

Chairman Rose referred Claim 21 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to approve the November 20, 2007 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 P.M.

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County Clerk