

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
July 15, 2008**

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Modory, Faraone, Michel, O'Day, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson Clark, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Kessler, Gentz, Ronald Johnson, Singer, Noble.
Present: 23 Absent: 5

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Kimberly Roper 12428 250th Ave, Trevor, spoke regarding the DNR's No Tolerance Mute Swan Policy which means they want to eliminate the entire species in the State. She would like the board's help in getting a referendum ballot to stop the DNR from shooting the swans in Kenosha County. She presented information for the board to review.

Ronald Paul Larson, 7300 Sheridan Rd., stated he is a member of the board of the theater restoration project. He is in support of Supervisor Hallmon's proposal for a Sustainable Living Committee. Governor Doyle has a \$450 million public/private investment strategy to develop renewable energy. It's in his broad effort to make Wisconsin a leader in energy independence and to create 17,000 jobs in bio and renewal energy in Wisconsin. In long term, costs are reduced for individuals, businesses and municipalities when they incorporate sustainable and renewable technologies and practices.

Ellen Fewerda, 7824 5th Ave., spoke in support of Supervisor Hallmon's Sustainable Living Committee. Sustainability not only refers to the natural environment such as trees, but also includes the social environment, and economical environment.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Clark stated everyone should have received the executive order issued by the County Executive regarding the applicability of the county ethics to the county staff and the county executive's office. He also stated at the last meeting there was discussion on getting some statistics and actual costs for the jail. The Sheriff's Department will report back with the info the first week of September.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Elverman stated the turn island on Hwy 31 should be completed by November 25th. The bike path project along Hwy E from 21st Ave. to JR is underway. The next Highway & Parks Committee meeting will be held at Randall Town Hall. They will be showing some of the preliminary plans for the HWY KD & F county parkland.

Supervisor Ekornaas reported he was at the NACo conference in Kansas City. It was a very informative and heavily attended conference. HUD was there discussing their efforts in dealing with the mortgage problems the country is facing. The corn growers were there to argue against the grocers and the live stock growers. It was a lively debate, but they remain friends. There was a session that dealt with human trafficking and slavery throughout the world with a lot of it happening in this country. There was an excellent presentation on the Great Warming. What we have to deal with is how we're going to cope with the warming.

Supervisor Huff stated the code of ethics is on the Legislative Agenda next Tuesday, so they will begin discussions on it.

Supervisor Moore encouraged Supervisors if they haven't already received a copy of the Retiree Medical Liability and Expense Estimates from Milliman, to request one from the Finance Office. March, April and May totals of the Non-Rep evaluations are as follows: 38 employees reached their anniversary date, 6 of those were sworn, so there was no step increase, 7 were at the top of their range, 23 received step increases, and 2 are pending. The health insurance financial mid-year status is doing well, and they are anticipating being under budget.

Vice-Chair Faraone reported the tentative dates for the budget hearings are October 28, 29, 30 and November 3rd if necessary. The committee continued an ongoing review of the possible issuance of \$2.6 million of notes for the purpose of replenishing funds to the General Fund. This resolution would replace cash funds of \$2.6 million used to finance certain capital projects with borrowing, allowing the cash to be lapsed back to the general fund. With the additional \$2.6 million, the general fund is expected to increase by about \$1 million. Without the \$2.6 million, the general fund will drop by about \$1.6 million. Significant deficits resulting from a decline in sales tax, workers compensation, the golf deficit, and increase in tax delinquencies combined with many other factors contribute to an anticipated deficit at year end. Finance Committee received a report regarding amending the borrowing for 2008. This may include additional borrowing for the golf course, and borrowing to restore the planned and approved deficit in the capital project to install 120 new cells at the Detention Center. They also received a report from the Director of Information Services which stated that I.S. has deployed 250 new PC's over the past 12 months, has implemented phase 2 of the KRONOS time and attendance payroll program, and has implemented the 911 wireless system. The Finance Committee will require for all future appointments, a personal appearance of the appointee, regardless of whether it is a reappointment. The committee will meet jointly with the Legislative Committee and Building & Grounds Committee later this month or in August to review the new contracting policy. Vice-Chair Faraone also complimented the County Executive on how nice the grounds around the courthouse looks.

Supervisor Breunig stated if the Youth In Governance members choose to attend a conference and or other meeting relating to their role on a county board committee they will do so at their own expense and will be required to adhere to UW Extension Youth Development Guidelines, which takes the responsibility off of the county and puts in on the youth and their parents.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 27

27. From Supervisor Modory a Resolution to purchase a memorial tree to honor Richard Lindgren.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Faraone to adopt Resolution 27. Seconded by Supervisor Modory.

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to amend Resolution 27 by changing the last part of the paragraph to read: "...we the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors authorize the **Donation** of a memorial tree **by Elverman Landscaping** and marker to be placed on county property to be determined by the **Building and Grounds Committee.**" Seconded by Vice-Chair Faraone.

Motion carried on the amendment and Resolution 27 as amended.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 30

30. From the Finance Committee regarding Appointment of Mark A. Starzyk to serve on the Kenosha County Housing Authority.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Faraone to adopt Resolution 30. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 31

31. From the Finance and Highway & Parks Committees a Resolution for Economic Development by Support of a New Distribution Center for Gordon Food Service, Inc., In Cooperation with City of Kenosha and the State of Wisconsin.

It was moved by Vice Chair Faraone to adopt Resolution 31. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Huff, Kubicki, Marks, Modory, Faraone, Michel, O'Day, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson Clark, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays:

Abstain: Supervisor Hallmon.

Ayes: 22. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 32

32. From Brookside Trustees, Human Services and Finance Committees a Resolution to modify 2008 Capital Improvement Plan for Countywide Wireless Project.

It was moved by Vice-Chair Faraone to adopt Resolution 32. Seconded by Supervisor Kubicki.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 33

33. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Supervisor Mark Modory to the Kenosha County Board of Health.

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolutions 33 - 37. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 34

34. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Supervisor Jennifer Jackson to the Human Services Board.

RESOLUTION 35

35. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Supervisor Shavonda Marks to the Human Services Board.

RESOLUTION 36

36. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Sandra Riese to the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.

RESOLUTION 37

37. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of John Calamari to the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.

RESOLUTION 38

38. From the Judiciary & Law Committee and Finance Committee regarding FY08 Law Enforcement Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 38. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 39

39. From the Land Use Committee regarding Request to approve the appointment of Kenneth Kasuboski to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Adjustments.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Resolution 39. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

5. From George E. Melcher, Director of Planning and Development regarding future rezonings.

Chairman Clark referred Communication 5 to Land Use.

CLAIMS

16. Larry G. Fitzgerald - tree damage

Chairman Clark referred Claim 16 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to approve the July 1, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Hallmon spoke regarding Sustainable Living Committee. He stated he has struggled the last 100 days to get some concept of what he can do as a human being and as a citizen to make this world better. He believes in working with other citizens, groups, agencies, and just about anyone who is willing, and that is why it has become a joint city/county idea. Sustainable Living can be defined as meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. He hopes the board will have open hearts and open minds with the resolution that will be coming forth in the coming weeks to design this committee. He would welcome any advice, support or feedback anyone has to offer.

It was moved by Supervisor Marks to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Michel.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk
Submitted by: Edna R. Highland
County Clerk