

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

June 2, 2009

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, Kessler, Huff, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Noble, West, Clark, Roger Johnson, Breunig Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Present: 28. Excused: 0.

At this time, Representatives for Senators Herb Kohl, Russ Feingold and Representative Paul Ryan addressed the County Board regarding the Chrysler Plant Closing.

Chairman Clark summed up the Board Members comments and ideas; That we get a coordinated strategy if there isn't one or enhance it if there is one. If our jobs are going to be moved to Mexico then we should get our tax money back. That we introduce legislation to stop jobs from leaving this country, especially those companies that are receiving federal assistance. Legislation should be introduced to assure that our pensions are funded and that health care is being addressed. We work with Fiat to access those funds that are already available. We receive responses to the letters the Representatives wrote and be updated to what is going on. That we call on the President to act in the best interest of U.S. jobs.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Glen Stark, 7308 4 Mile Rd., Franksville, stated he is the President of Local 72. He thanked the representatives that came here to speak. Last Friday, Chrysler was on a closing list. On Monday they had an amendment for an opportunity to repurchase Kenosha Engine Plant to the new Chrysler. He asked that no one be discouraged by what you see; he thinks the ray of light is there. Kenosha Engine Plant, just like Janesville has the opportunity to be back on their feet again. He believes the meetings they've had with the Mayor, County Executive and the Representatives have not failed. They took them from a closing list and put them on a chance to survive list. He asked that we not bash the people who are here tonight as representatives, they're here because Sens. Feingold & Kohl and Rep. Ryan are in Washington doing the things we need them to do. Everyone is working towards a common goal; for Kenosha Engine Plant to survive.

Curt Wilson, 7525 28th Ave. stated he is the Chairman of Local 72 Retirees. He is worried about the 10,000 retirees from American Motors and Chrysler. Through concessionary agreements they have given up 4 or 5 times what Fiat is buying the company for. Their health care is at risk come January. He agrees with Supervisor Rose, he doesn't believe our congressional delegation has done enough. Throughout this whole thing, neither Mexico nor Canada has lost any jobs. Kenosha Engine stands to loose a lot.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Clark stated the County Executive keeps him updated as to what is going on. He has reason to believe from that discussion there is a coordinated effort with the County Executive, Mayor, Local 72, Governor and our Legislative Representatives. The cards are not being played out in public as they are trying to negotiate. The United Way report said Chrysler is very important in the multiplier that it has on our economy.

Chairman Clark received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources to inform us the State is going to be purchasing point 2.9 acres of land for the Chiwaukee Prairie in Carol Beach area.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Elverman reported Highway Department received correspondence from the Department of Transportation regarding the priorities on county work on state roads. The new guidelines slow down the maintenance process they've been doing in the previous years. One of the largest concerns is the reduced mowing efforts on state highways. Mowing is now reduced to one shoulder cut once per season with one mower pass and no esthetic cleanup. There is an exception for spot locations where vision is of a safety issue. Along with the safety issues, Kenosha County, as the Gateway to Wisconsin shouldn't look poor. They are working on putting a letter together for our state representatives.

Supervisor Elverman stated the Golf Division had a very good month, they're up on rounds, up on revenue and down on expenses. There will be an outdoor theater in the Silver Lake Park on June 26. It will run from dusk to 4:00 a.m. There will be camping allowed, the concession stand will be opened until 2:00 a.m. There will no alcohol allowed. They are hoping to do more of these throughout the summer.

Supervisor Breunig stated she dropped of a 2009 Farm Fresh Atlas on everyone's desk. She hopes everyone will be able to get out this summer and attend some of the Farmer's Markets that are going on in our county.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

1. Martin Lacock to serve as the Director of the Kenosha County Division of Information Services.

Chairman Clark referred County Executive Appointment 1 to the Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances - second reading, two required.

ORDINANCE 1

1. From Highway and Parks Committee to Create Ordinance's on speed limits for CTH "E" from 0.25 miles west of the West Frontage Road to 0.31 miles east of the East Frontage Road.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 1. Seconded by Supervisor West.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 2

2. From Highway and Parks Committee to repeal and recreate an Ordinance on speed limits for CTH "K" from CTH "H" to 0.18 miles west of 128th Avenue.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 1. Seconded by Supervisor West.

Motion carried.

CLAIM

5. The Hartford Ins. Co. - vehicle damage (David Gregorski)

Chairman Clark referred Claim 5 to Corporation Counsel

It was moved by Ronald Johnson to approve the May 19, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Roger Johnson.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Jackson to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Morton.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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County Clerk