

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

**June 1, 2010**

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

Present: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, Grulich, J. Gentz, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, Kohlmeier, Molinaro, G. Gentz, Esposito, Clark, Noble, Underhill, Decker, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Present: 28.           Excused 0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Louis Rugani, 4526 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated the property he mentioned at the last county board meeting is not county owned but owned by a company. He apologized for stating the county wasn't taking care of it. He also spoke regarding the KRM. There is a resolution for a non binding referendum which a supervisor would like placed on the November election. He feels the wording is slanted. He works for a radio station which conducted a poll regarding the KRM. 90% of the 400 people who responded were in favor of the KRM line. To have a sales tax in Kenosha or anywhere in Wisconsin there has to be a binding referendum. Right now the sales tax is to remove transit from the property tax rolls. The way he sees the proposed referendum worded is useless, a) it's an opinion piece and b) its misleading.

Louie Arecco, Pleasant Prairie, stated he owns Anytime Fitness in downtown Kenosha and is a supporter of the KRM. Many of his members use the current Metra Rail to go to downtown Chicago. His busiest time at his health club is 4:00 a.m. when most of his patrons are there before they get on the Metra and then again late at night when they come back on the Metra. He feels it is important for the train to continue north as he sees how it affects his business. He stated the referendum should be binding so this can move forward in order to keep business growing in Kenosha.

Dick Ginkowski, 912 56<sup>th</sup> St., stated there was a public hearing in the senate on remedial legislation and the District Attorney's Office issue did not come up for a vote and the matter died. There is a proposal floating about to have a legislative study committee and he will report back to the board. He and his colleagues appreciated the boards support. They received and the board accepted a small grant to provide some training and assistance in the area of sexual assault prosecution. It was a very successful training conference. They also acquired a projector and computer so they can use power point in some of the court rooms.

Len Brandrup, 8816 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave., stated he was the former Director of Transportation for the City of Kenosha and served on the board for the RTA, as well as many other things and feels the timing on the resolution for the KRM referendum is premature. There is an RTA board which was created only for KRM. They have before them the ability to use a rental vehicle surcharge, which hasn't been implemented for the funding for the KRM. There is a series of questions that the county needs to be at the table for as it relates to creation of a regional transit system to get both the services that the city and county provides in the public transit arena an opportunity to get off the property tax and funding of an integrated network. He suggests that the proper time for this referendum should wait until the legislation that will come. Then the question can be posed in Kenosha County on how we want to move forward with the funding of the KRM. He is available for any questions.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Molinaro stated the Chairmen of the County Board Committees and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Board met. Some of the things discussed include that the County Executive has sent out a budget memo to all the department division heads preparing them for the 2011 budget. There are some concerns with the 2010 budget including where we are headed from a deficit standpoint. Delinquencies continue to be up and sales tax revenue continues to be down. County Executive's memo indicated he is not going to wait to deal with the current year deficit, if there is one. We need to be proactive about any shortfalls we see. All divisions were asked to look at their budgets and be prepared to make up to a point and three quarter cut to their current 2010 budget. They also talked about the need to generate an organizational chart for each division that has a committee over site within Kenosha County. Dave Geertsen in conjunction with the I.T. Department will put together a model for which all department heads can use for the organizational chart. He asked that the committee chair people coordinate with Dave Geertsen and get this on their agenda for discussion.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Grady stated Building & Grounds requested a flow chart from Administration detailing the organizational network of Department of Public Works. As part of the Building & Grounds Committee plan, they met at Kemper Center. They will alternate between KCAB and one of the Building & Grounds properties. Next off site meeting will be held in August. The first and third floor framing of the Public Safety Building is 90% complete and the first floor has almost half if it's drywall in place. This project is projected to be completed by the end of this year and currently on budget.

Supervisor Clark reminded all the supervisors that at the next Finance Meeting they will be taking up the levy cap resolution and encourages them to attend the meeting. If unable to attend and have an opinion as to where the levy cap needs to come he would appreciate something in writing.

Supervisor Decker informed the board that the disc golf park is now opened at Fox River Park. The ribbon cutting was May 21<sup>st</sup> and there a tournament with 25 competitors on May 22<sup>nd</sup>. She commended the workers who worked tirelessly to get the park done on time.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT**

- 9. Kimberly Breunig to serve on the Kenosha County Housing Authority Board.

Chairman Molinaro referred County Executive Appointments 9 to Finance Committee.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Resolutions - one reading.

- 7. From the Land Use Committee regarding adopting a Public Participation Plan for Amending the Multi-Jurisdictional Comprehensive Plan for Kenosha County: 2035.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Resolution 7. Seconded by Supervisor Esposito.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolutions - one reading.

8. From Supervisor Decker a Resolution authorizing the placement on the November 2010 Ballot of an Advisory Referendum Question regarding a possible additional tax for mass transit purposes.

Chairman Molinaro referred Resolution 8 to the Legislative Committee.

It was moved by Supervisor Grulich to approve the May 18, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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