

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
July 1, 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, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor O'Day.

Present: 27 Absent: 1

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Brenda Whicher, Christopher Kugel, Ann Martin and Anthony Kennedy all spoke in support of Resolution 17 regarding Safe Climate Act.

There were no announcements of the Chairman

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Huff stated several months ago there was a discussion regarding annexation issues where the city is taking county land and it's representation. It is the opinion of Corporation Counsel and others to wait until 2010 when the district maps are re-done to do anything because 90% of the land is vacant. At the request of Supervisor Noble, the Legislative Committee looked into the issue of putting Old Business on the committee agendas. It's not necessary to have a policy or resolution, it's up to each individual committee chair to add it to their agenda. He also reported he received a letter from Corporation Counsel which suggested the contracting policy be sent to Building & Grounds and Finance Committees for their review and hopefully be brought to the county board floor within the next couple of months. The Local Emergency Planning Committee will be critiquing the EOC regarding the January tornadoes, what worked, what didn't work, etc. When the report comes due, the board will get a copy.

Supervisor Breunig stated Dr. Matthew Calvert, Assistant Professor for the Department of Youth Development and Jessica Collura, a Graduate Student of Human Development and Family Studies, met with the Youth In Governance and Mentors from the pilot program. Mentor relationships, welcoming chairs and timely access to packets and agendas were among the best practices listed. Sited downfalls were infrequent committee meetings, abstract issues and challenging content, lack of communication with other youth participants and difficulty establishing rapport with mentors. Overall, Kenosha's Youth In Governance program clearly impacted both youth and adults. The future expansion will allow more youth to become involved in county government and develop leadership skills. Equally important, elected officials will continue to be challenged and exposed to the ideas and opinions of a valuable demographic.

Supervisor Breunig received the Extension Education's June report: Tedi Winnett, Director of Extension Education makes updates to Madison regarding Youth In Governance, Leadership Kenosha and the Racine/Kenosha Nutrition Education Program. She is the Quad Counties Team Leader and the Co-Chair of the 2009 National Urban Extension Conference. John de Montmollin is the Youth & Family Educator. He administers the Kenosha County 4-H program, Youth As Resources, Youth In Governance and Youth Quest. The Youth Quest program provides resources to high school students in order to help them plan for a successful future. Annie Jones is the Community Development Educator. She is involved in each area of Extension Education as a facilitator and moderator to programs, meetings, think tanks and advisory committees.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

9. Martha Sanchez to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.

10. Mark Starzyk to serve on the Kenosha county Housing Authority.

Chairman Clark referred County Executive Appointments 9 to the Human Services Committee and County Executive Appointment 10 to the Finance Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 17

17. From the Legislative Committee a Resolution in support of the Safe Climate Act.

WHEREAS, the Federal Environmental Protection Agency has designated South East Wisconsin as an Air Quality Attainment Area because of higher than normal ozone action days, CO2 levels and mercury levels that are emitted in and surrounding Kenosha County.

WHEREAS, recognition that air purity is an important factor to our quality of life, our economy, human health, and that the number of Ozone action days are directly affected by the concentration of CO2 in our atmosphere. Elevation in CO2 raises temperature and traps gasses in our atmosphere creating a 'green house effect'

WHEREAS, reducing in put of CO2 and Mercury into our air would benefit millions of people that rely on Lake Michigan for sustenance thereby reducing the carcinogenic effects of mercury and other particulate matter that falls into the Lake on wildlife and humans.

WHEREAS, the Safe Climate Act requires the Department of Natural Resources to promulgate rules requiring the monitoring and reporting of green house gas emissions by significant sources of those emissions, in an effort to achieve greenhouse gas emission reductions statewide.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approve and adopt this resolution in support of the Safe Climate Act.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a copy of the resolution be forwarded to the Governor, State Assembly, State Senate and Wisconsin Counties Association and County Executive.

SUBMITTED BY:

Legislative Committee
James Huff
Mark Modory
William Michel
Bob Haas
Dayvin Hallmon

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 17. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 27

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

Chairman Clark referred Resolution 27 to the Finance Committee.

RESOLUTION 28

28. From Administration & Legislative Committee regarding Tuition Reimbursement Program.

WHEREAS, the County Board has previously authorized and directed the Division of Personnel Services to develop a Tuition Reimbursement Program for Kenosha County, and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Tuition Reimbursement Program requires periodic updating, and

WHEREAS, the attached Tuition Reimbursement Program requires an amendment to P-13.11-1, item 3 to address accreditation issues.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the attached revisions to the Tuition Reimbursement Program be and hereby are adopted by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors and further, that said revisions of the program be incorporated into the Kenosha County Policies & Rules Manual in conformity with manual format.

SUBMITTED BY:

Administration Committee	Legislative Committee
James Moore	James Huff
David Singer	Mark Modory
Mark Modory	William Michel II
Fred Ekornaas	Bob Haas
	Dayvin Hallmon

It was moved by Supervisor Moore to adopt Resolution 28. Seconded by Supervisor Huff. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 29

29. From the Legislative Committee a Resolution requesting the State of Wisconsin to Increase Reimbursement Payments for Housing State Inmates.

WHEREAS, county jails are required to accept placement of persons who are in the custody of the Wisconsin Department of Corrections (DOC) pending disposition of parole, extended supervision or probation revocation proceedings, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes section 302.33(2)(a) requires the DOC to pay the county for the placement of such persons, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin Statutes section 302.33(2)(a)3. requires the DOC to pay the county at a rate of \$40.00 per person per day, unless insufficient funds are appropriated by the State in any year, in which case the DOC shall prorate the payments to the county, and

WHEREAS, the rate of \$40.00 per person per day has not increased since 1993 and does not cover the cost to Kenosha County, and

WHEREAS, the State has continually and knowingly underfunded the DOC, forcing the taxpayers of Kenosha County to subsidize the State for housing its inmates, and

WHEREAS, the 2007 State reimbursement to Kenosha County was \$32.00 per day, resulting in a payment to the County of \$70,800 less than the statutory reimbursement amount would have been and \$469,050 less than the actual cost to the County.

WHEREAS, the State has imposed a levy cap of 2% on county budgets for 2009, and

WHEREAS, the state reimbursement formula has remained constant for at least the last 10 years to the detriment of Kenosha County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors requests the State of Wisconsin Department of Corrections increase the current daily rate payments for State prisoners held in county jails commensurate with the costs incurred by the county for maintaining such prisoners, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Clerk shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Secretary of the Department of Corrections, the Chairpersons of the Joint Committee on Finance, the Kenosha County Legislative Representatives, the Wisconsin Counties Association and to all Wisconsin Counties.

SUBMITTED BY:

Legislative Committee:

James Huff

Mark Modory

Bob Haas

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 29. Seconded by Supervisor Modory.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to amend the 4th paragraph in Resolution 29 to strike the language: "of approximately \$70.00 per person per day". Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Morton, Jackson Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisor Molinaro.

Ayes: 26. Nays: 1.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to amend the amended Resolution 29 to add another paragraph which states: **WHEREAS**, the State has imposed a levy cap of 2% on county budgets for 2009 and **WHEREAS** the state reimbursement formula has remained constant for at least the last 10 years to the detriment of Kenosha County. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Motion carried on the amendment.

Motion carried to adopt Resolution 29 as amended.

CLAIMS

14. Donna Fabiano - fell in Courthouse

15. Verizon - damaged cable

Chairman Clark referred Claims 14 & 15 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to approve the June 17, 2008 minutes.
Seconded by Supervisor Haas.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Edna R. Highland
County Clerk