

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
January 20, 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, Rose, Huff, Hallmon, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Absent: Supervisors Kubicki, Marks, Nudo.

Present: 25. Absent: 3.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Nick Paczkowski, 8200 75th Street, is a Vietnam veteran and a veteran in the United States Coast Guard. He stated the CVSO needs to reach and inform veterans of all eras and ages. The duties can be as simple as making and filing copies of separation and discharge papers to requesting replacement awards and military records. It can also be as complex and deciphering the difference between service connected and non-service connected disability. A few of things a CVSO must have a working knowledge of are; DIC benefits, VA Health Care System, the claims of judication process, the appeals system, correct preparation and requirements for filing a claim, correcting military records, loans, grants, application to a Veterans Home, etc. After reading the article in the Kenosha News, about Mr. Greene, it is apparent he has had a good military career; however there was no mention of veteran's organizations, interest in veteran's issues or specialized knowledge of veteran's services and benefits. Mr. Greene is a retired Lt. Colonel, intelligent, well educated and purposeful in his thinking, which are attributes to a military officer. However, for those who work in the veteran's community will attest, the military and the VA are as different as apples and oranges when it comes to both compiling and sharing information. He thinks Mr. Kreuser believed that a military career and working with the veteran's community would be synonymous. He feels the job should be filled by the personal they have at their disposal right now.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Clark stated the study in the I.T. Department is ongoing. There is going to be a work group and a steering committee put together. Supervisor Singer has been asked to serve on the work group as a county board representative.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Elverman reported there are interviews set up for the Director of Golf Operations, in which 72 applications were received.

Supervisor Breunig stated today was the last day for high school students to turn in their nominations for the Youth in Governance. She also stated she challenged the department to go paperless for the Extension Education Committee meetings and they have done it. She would like to challenge the chairmen of the other committees to that with their departments also.

Vice-chair Faraone stated the Finance Committee received a report from Finance Director Dave Geersten on the status of the County's general Fund. The preliminary General Fund Analysis projects that the General Fund will increase \$900,000 from \$8.2 million in 2007 to \$9.1 million at year end 2008. The major items which had a positive impact on the general fund where \$2.6 million of reserve replenishment, \$488,000 higher than expected Brookside Intergovernmental Transfer Revenue, \$872,000 unplanned Human Services WIMCR Revenue and \$1,000,000 of anticipated health insurance surplus. The major items which are having a negative impact are \$550,000 of reserves used in the 2009 budget, \$300,000 projected shortfall in Workers Compensation, \$370,000 increase in outstanding tax delinquencies and a \$600,000 shortfall in meeting our vacancy adjustment. The Finance Committee is also working on a comprehensive Debt Management Policy. The dept policy will set forth the parameters for issuing debt and managing outstanding debt, and will provide guidance on the timing and purposes for which debt will be issued, types and amounts of

permissible debt, methods of sales that may be used and structural features that may be incorporated.

Supervisor Moore stated the Administration Committee approved the reorganization of the Golf Operation the night before. He also gave an update on the non-represented employee evaluations for 2008. There were 160 employees who reached their anniversary date, 22 were sworn so there was no step increase, 28 were at the top of their pay range, 104 received step increases, 2 did not receive a step increase due to low evaluations and 4 are in process. He reported that Kenosha County is no different than our peers in terms of risks we are exposed to. Our Risk Manager, Jim Olson is active in WMMIC, Wisconsin Municipal Mutual Insurance Company and they are developing some control plans and best practices to use in regard to risk management. He also stated they are in negotiations with 4 represented groups. The Administration Committee has heard the County Boards concerns in light of a poor economy and has asked our administrative negotiating team to be transparent in terms of the boards concerns in this area.

Supervisor Jackson reported she attended the Emergency Services Network, Emergency Food and Shelter Program board meeting. Since Kenosha County's unemployment rate is higher than the state average, we are now eligible to apply for the Mass Food and Shelter Grant. It looks like a request of \$190,000 will go in towards that grant and they will find out in February or March if it will be received. A grant was received for 1000 short term jobs for the Census Bureau late February or March. Later there will be some data entry positions that will happen in June and July.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinances - first reading - two required

27. From Judiciary & Law, Legislative, and Finance Committees an Ordinance to Repeal and Recreate Section 4.40 (1) (a) of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County Entitled 'Jail Maintenance Costs.'

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 103

103. From the Highway & Parks and Finance Committees a Resolution to grant a permit for a pedestrian/bike path connection to the South Bike Trail to the Village of Pleasant Prairie.

WHEREAS, A request has been made by the Village of Pleasant Prairie for a pedestrian/bicycle path connection to the Kenosha County Bike Trail from The Orchard Subdivision,

WHEREAS, The Village of Pleasant prairie has agreed to pay for the cost of construction and ongoing maintenance of such pedestrian/bicycle path; and further, that the Wisconsin DNR requires a nonpermanent "land use" permission instead of an "easement" to abide by federal requirements attached to a grant used to improve the South Bike Trail; and that the Kenosha County Park Administration has no objection to providing such access and maintenance permit under the terms set forth; and

WHEREAS, The Village of Pleasant Prairie and County of Kenosha try to provide mutual benefit to each other in the best interest of the citizens in this community whenever possible, and have cooperated with each other on numerous public projects.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the County Board of Supervisors approves the grant of a limited land use access permit to the Village of Pleasant Prairie for installation and maintenance of a pedestrian/bicycle access path over part of the South Bike Trail, under the terms of the Land Use Permit attached and as described more particularly in the legal description attached thereto as Exhibit A, for \$1.00 and other valuable consideration, and the County Clerk and County Executive are authorized to sign all necessary and related documents.

SUBMITTED BY:

Finance Committee
Anita M. Faraone
John O'Day
Terry Rose
Mark Molinaro, Jr.
David Singer

Highway & Parks Committee
Dennis Elverman
John O'Day
William Grady
Douglas Noble
Gordon West

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 103. Seconded by Vice-chair Faraone.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 104

104. From Highway & Parks and Finance Committees regarding Emergency Purchase of Snow Plow Blades for 2008-2009 Winter Season.

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Highway Division maintained an inventory level of snow plow blades estimated to be adequate to get through the budget year 2008, and;

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Public Works Department - Highway Division does not have sufficient inventory of snow plow blades for the 2008-2009 winter season, and;

WHEREAS, Kenosha County experienced snowfall significantly above historic averages for the month of December 2008, and;

WHEREAS, the dollar amount for the purchase of snow plow blades would under normal circumstances require a competitive bidding process, and;

WHEREAS, due to the lack of inventory available from vendors, the leadtime for obtaining the blades could extend beyond the need to plow highways, and;

WHEREAS, the County Executive has declared an emergency exists which justifies exercise of emergency powers under this authority as County Executive under Sec. 5.03, Kenosha County Ordinances, and Ch. 166, Wis. Statutes, due to the insufficient inventory of snow blades, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Department of Public Works - Highway Division, together with the cooperation and assistance of other sections of Kenosha County government, shall immediately arrange for, and provide payment for, the purchase of the snow plow blades for the 2008-2009 winter season without utilizing a bid process.

SUBMITTED BY:

Finance Committee	Highway & Parks Committee
Anita M. Faraone	Dennis Elverman
John O'Day	John O'Day
Terry Rose	William Grady
Mark Molinaro, Jr.	Douglas Noble
David Singer	Gordon West

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt Resolution 104. Seconded by Vice-chair Faraone.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 105

105. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Derrell Greene as Director of the Division of Veterans Services.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2008/09-29, the County Executive has appointed Derrell Greene to the position of Director of the Division of Veterans Services, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee has reviewed the County Executive's request for review and approval of his appointment of the above-named to serve in this position and is recommending to the County Board the approval of this appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approves the appointment of Derrell Greene to the position of Director of the Division of Veterans Services, effective immediately upon passage of this resolution. Mr. Greene shall be placed in pay grade E of the Non-Represented Employee Pay Plan at an annual salary of \$59,000. Mr. Greene will be succeeding Tom Lois who has retired from County service.

SUBMITTED BY:

Human Services Committee
Terry Rose
Richard A. Kessler
Jennifer Jackson
Jeffrey Gentz

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 105. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 106

106. From Judiciary & Law Committee regarding Probationary Cabaret License for Sit 'n' Bull.

WHEREAS, the application of Mary Griggs for a probationary cabaret license for the "Sit 'N' Bull" Tavern, 39600 Bloomfield Road, Powers Lake, Wisconsin, in the Town of Wheatland, was made during the month of October, was turned over to this office on October 20th, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha Sheriff's Department has conducted an inspection of the premises, and

WHEREAS, the premises were found to be in conformity with the Cabaret Ordinance Number 8.02

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that because this is the initial application by the license holder, a probationary license be granted to Mary Griggs for the "Sit 'N' Bull" Tavern.

SUBMITTED BY:

Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
William P. Michel, II
James Huff
Bob Haas
Roger Johnson
Ronald Johnson

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 106. Seconded by Supervisor Huff.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 107

107. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Temporary FTE Increase in the Classification of Sergeant.

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has been authorized by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors to maintain 12 FTE's of the position of Sergeant, and

WHEREAS, in March 2009 (exact date cannot be released) , Sgt. Frank Iovine will begin a 15 month active military deployment to Afganistan, and

WHEREAS, his departure will leave a 15 month opening in the Sergeants' classification creating a critical supervisory shortage in the Sheriff's/Police Drug Unit K-DOG.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors approve a temporary increase of FTEs in the classification of Sergeant from 12 to 13 to accommodate the 15 month absence of Sgt. Frank Iovine.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FTE's in the classification of Sergeant be reduced back to 12 upon Sgt. Frank Iovines return from active military duty in Afganistan in 2010.

SUBMITTED BY:

Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
William P. Michel, II
James Huff
Bob Haas
Roger Johnson
Ronald Johnson

Finance Committee
Anita M. Faraone
John O'Day
Terry Rose
Mark Molinaro, Jr.
David Singer

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 107. Seconded by Vice-Chair Faraone.
Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Kessler, Rose, Hallmon, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Ronald Johnson.

Ayes: 23. Nays: 2

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 108

108. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Request for waiver of competitive bid process for Hazardous Device Unit Wireless Robotic Upgrade.

WHEREAS, by previous Resolution #48 in the 2008 Budget Year, \$59,883 was approved for the purchase and installation of a Robotic Wireless Upgrade for the Hazardous Device Unit, and

WHEREAS, the Robotic Wireless Upgrade is a custom piece of hardware that is specifically designed by Remotec to be installed on the Andros Robot that the Hazardous Device Unit employs, and

WHEREAS, the Robotic Wireless Upgrade hardware will provide needed improvement in range and field of use for the Andros Robot, and

WHEREAS, the Remotec Wireless Upgrade is the only product that will work with the Hazardous Device Unit's Andros Robot and is the required upgrade as specified by the OJA Grant parameters.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors authorize the competitive bidding process to be bypassed in this purchase only and allow Purchasing to obtain the Robotic Wireless Upgrade from Remotec.

SUBMITTED BY:

Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee

William P. Michel, II

James Huff

Bob Haas

Roger Johnson

Ronald Johnson

Finance Committee

Anita M. Faraone

John O'Day

Terry Rose

Mark Molinaro, Jr.

David Singer

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 108. Seconded by Vice-chair Faraone.
Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 109

109. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding AAA of Wisconsin Safety Vest Grant.

WHEREAS, The Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has been awarded \$3,219.00 from the AAA of Wisconsin, to purchase 122 Traffic Safety Vests for the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Patrol Division, and

WHEREAS, the equipment being purchased will be used by the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department Patrol Division to increase their safety on the roadways, and

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department will purchase this equipment utilizing the Kenosha County Purchasing Department and vendor as arranged by AAA of Wisconsin, and

WHEREAS, the AAA of Wisconsin does not require a match for this award, therefore no additional tax levy dollars are requested to implement this grant award.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors accept this grant and approve the revenue and expenditure line items be modified, as per the attached budget modification form, which is incorporated herein by reference.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any unobligated funds remaining available at the end of the year be hereby authorized for carryover to subsequent year until the grant funds are expended in accord with the grant requirements and the administration shall be authorized to modify the grant fund appropriation among various budget and appropriation expenditure units with the Sheriff's Department in accordance with all Federal and State regulations of funding in compliance with the generally accepted accounting principles.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors express its thanks and gratitude to the AAA of Wisconsin for this Equipment Grant.

Note: This resolution requires NO funds from the general fund. It increases revenues by \$3,219.00 and increases expenditures by \$3,219.00.

SUBMITTED BY:

Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
William P. Michel, II
James Huff
Bob Haas
Roger Johnson
Ronald Johnson

Finance Committee
Anita M. Faraone
John O'Day
Terry Rose
Mark Molinaro, Jr.
David Singer

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 109. Seconded by Vice-Chair Faraone.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION 110

110. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding BOTS - Traffic Enforcement Grants.

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Sheriff's Department has been awarded \$52,000 from the WI Bureau of Transportation Safety to establish mobilized enforcement efforts between January 1st, 2009 and Sept. 30, 2009 to enforce high-risk driver behaviors, and

WHEREAS, the grant funds offered must be used to reimburse personnel costs for increased patrol presence to control alcohol/drug impaired drivers, speeders, and enforce underage drinking laws in targeted areas and to purchase law enforcement equipment to use during these patrol efforts, and

WHEREAS, the 25% local match required is met with soft dollars within the current budget and will not require any additional tax levy dollars.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors accept the grant and approve that the revenue and expenditure line items be modified, as per the attached budget modification form, which is incorporated herein by reference.

Note: This resolution requires NO funds from the general fund. It increases revenues by \$52,000 and increases expenditures by \$52,000.

SUBMITTED BY:

Judiciary & Law Enforcement Committee
William P. Michel, II
James Huff
Bob Haas
Roger Johnson
Ronald Johnson

Finance Committee
Anita M. Faraone
John O'Day
Terry Rose
Mark Molinaro, Jr.
David Singer

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 110. Seconded by Vice-Chair Faraone.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Chairman Clark referred Communication 15 to Land Use Committee.

CLAIMS

39. Marsha Cheney - mailbox damage.

Chairman Clark referred Claim 39 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to approve the January 6, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Huff.

Motion carried.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Chairman Clark stated he feels there is not one supervisor in this room that doesn't care about Kenosha County. There were things that were said and some follow up things that were written in the paper and he takes criticism of the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors personally. When he was a new supervisor, he received a lot of advice from the members of the county board and community leaders

and he learned that you have to earn respect, it's not a right. His goals, values and objectives never changed, but his approach did. He is very proud of the accomplishments they were able to do as a team. It was said that some supervisors come to the meeting unprepared. He feels that everyone comes to the meeting prepared in different ways. Every supervisor brings to the meeting a different point of view, and he would challenge anybody to point out a time or an instance when this county board, committee or this county has passed a resolution without doing the proper due diligence. As a team, they get it right. He doesn't think anybody in the public should construe that this County Board is not prepared, that they don't do their homework. Another thing that stung a little bit is we have a newspaper that has an editor who has an opinion; this editor's opinion is that maybe this County Board doesn't do enough. At a previous meeting, Chairman Clark spoke about going on a bonding trip, and told how proud he was on what Kenosha County has done in this past year. That editor should consider that Kenosha County improved their bond rating. That didn't happen overnight, that happened by executing reserve policies, managing our debt, having budgets that come in, and showing responsibility along the way. Gordon Foods is an example of intergovernmental cooperation. We have a tentative agreement with the City for the Safety Building expansion and figured out a way to fund this to get the ball rolling. The relocation of the Medical Examiner is a situation that saves the taxpayers a lot of money. West End Park planning and initial development is moving forward, that didn't happen by sitting and doing nothing. The Legislative Committee is continuously looking at our policies and procedures and has revised the Ethic Ordinance. Waste Management, Golf Course reorganization, I.T. study, Hwy C's safety measures, \$400,000 grant for the bike path, bonding to stabilize our reserves and Budget Adoption are a few more things the board has been working on. Since 2004, on average Kenosha County's levy has been less than 3%. He would put that record up against anybody. During the meeting with Moody's, the analyst there stated that Kenosha County is a model for other counties to follow. This county has not been sitting still, and it's unfortunate we have an irresponsible editor that made a comment to the contrary. To the citizens, are you going to believe an analyst that analyzes governments everyday of their life, or are you going to take an opinion of an editor.

It was moved by Supervisor Kessler to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Haas.
Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Mary T. Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk