

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
December 22, 2009**

The **Special 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, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: West.

Present: 27. Absent: 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eric Olson 7705 49th Ave., stated he is the Project Director for Kenosha Casino Project and they appreciate the county's time and effort and they want to continue to work with the county and the city as they have the past 5 years. This is an \$880,000,000 to one billion dollar project which will employ about 1200-1400 skilled union laborers and they will hire local contractors. The 185 people being laid off at the track will have first rights for jobs and they will hire locally. The tribes that are involved have worked strenuously with their local governments at their facilities to make sure things happen. He urges the board to give them a chance to continue with this process, and if at the end of the 14 months it doesn't happen he's pretty sure it won't happen at all. He feels they haven't been given a negative from the federal government and they're being told that something should happen quickly.

Tom Reiherzer, 11107 79th St., stated he works part time for Building Alliance which represents about 3000 men and women that are currently at about 30% unemployment. He also represents Tri County Contractors Association and for them it's about jobs. This project is under a project labor agreement so it will be done all union with good wages and benefits from the footings to the roof to the landscaping. He asks the board to extend the IGA 15 months as the city did.

Morey Smith, 10519 69th St., stated 5 years ago he stood in front of the county board and asked for help in protecting the neighborhood he lives in. He lives in the community right next door to the project that the board is considering extending the IGA for. Less than a mile from this project is Nash School and neighborhood parks. There is a lot of talk of jobs; he believes the land could be used for other businesses to provide good paying jobs. He doesn't think this community of families should be experimental guinea pigs to see if they can co-exist with a casino next door. No other large casino in this state is next to a neighborhood full of families. He asked the board to not extend the agreement.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Ave., stated the casino is all about jobs and there is about 2-3 thousand jobs waiting to happen. He is concerned that with two major businesses closing in Kenosha his property taxes will skyrocket, but if the one billion dollar project gets built, that will keep his taxes somewhat in line. He asks that the board pass the resolution tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 82

82. From the Legislative Committee a Resolution in support of Extension of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Menomonee Indian Nation.

WHEREAS, the Menomonee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights and powers thereto pertaining and which acts through its duly constituted governing body, the Tribal Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the Tribe acting through its legally constituted government, the Menomonee Tribal Legislature, is vested with all executive and legislative powers under the Menomonee Constitution and by-laws, and

WHEREAS, the Tribe, the Menomonee Kenosha Gaming Authority and the City and County of Kenosha have entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement effective as of March 28, 2005 and which Agreement is set to expire on December 31, 2009 unless all approvals necessary to implement the Tribe's and the Authority's proposal to develop and operate a gaming facility in Kenosha have been obtained prior to that date, and

WHEREAS, the above referenced necessary approvals have not been obtained to this date and the Tribe has sought an extension of the Intergovernmental Agreement from the City and County of Kenosha to March 31, 2011 in order to obtain the necessary approvals, and

WHEREAS, such extension will reference the understanding between the parties that the Intergovernmental Agreement is still in effect and did not expire on or about January 7, 2009 [the date the Bureau of Indian Affairs denied the Tribe's application to place lands in trust for the Casino]; and whereas such extension will also apply to the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Tribe, the Authority and the County of Kenosha pertaining to sales taxes revenues; and whereas such extension is recommended based upon the representations made by the Tribe to the Legislative Committee of the Kenosha County Board on December 9, 2009;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby approve of an extension of the above-referenced Intergovernmental Agreement to March 31, 2011 and does hereby authorized the County Executive of Kenosha County to execute all necessary documents related to such extension.

SUBMITTED BY:

Legislative Committee
James Huff
Bob Haas
Dayvin Hallmon
William Michel, II
Terry Rose

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 82. Seconded by Supervisor Michel.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: Supervisor Moore.

Ayes: 26. Nays: 1.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Mary Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk