

MINUTES
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 12, 2013

Members Present: Supervisors Gentz, Kubicki, Esposito, Hallmon, Rose and Elverman
Member Excused: Supervisor Breunig
YIG Present: Roe and Viroglio

- 6:30 pm
1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Gentz in the second floor committee conference room at the Administration Building. Chairman Gentz said Supervisor Breunig would not be attending tonight.

- 6:30 pm
2. Citizen Comments: None

- 6:30 pm
3. Chair, Supervisor and YIG comments: None

- 6:30 pm
4. Communications: None

- 6:31 pm
5. Approval of minutes of December 11, 2012 meeting:
Supervisor Elverman made a motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Kubicki. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.

6:32 pm

Supervisor Rose arrived.

6. Report on status of corporation counsel budget:
Bernie Vash reviewed the report he provided to the committee. He reported that wage-related line items have not been updated by Finance but figures should be coming probably by March.

- 6:33 pm
7. Update from Todd Battle on Economic Development
Battle provided the committee with a "Kenosha County Economic Development Overview - Updated December 14, 2012" and highlighted information on several of the companies listed. He also provided the committee with a copy of the Quarterly Newsletter, Winter 2013.

Supervisor Rose asked about the old Jewel property area north of the old Target. Battle said he has not heard anything about that property. Rose asked what the most recent unemployment rates are for the City and County. Battle said in December, 2012, the county-wide unemployment rate was 7.8%. He did not have a breakdown for the City.

Supervisor Elverman said we have an IGA extension on our agenda tonight for the casino. The Governor recently said he needs an agreement of all the Indian nations if it gets to his desk. What can KABA do to assist. Battle said the casino project has not been a focus of KABA. It is a totally political process. Our time is better spent with the manufacturing community, making loans, etc.

Chairman Gentz asked if any of the high impact money was used. Battle said to date, we closed one deal, Bradshaw Medical. They will add 50 to 80 employees with the most recent expansion. That is the only closed project. We have two pending commitments that are not reflected in this report. Gentz asked where we are at with the downtown issue. Battle said the health and image of the downtown was not positive in terms of recruiting people and bringing business into the community. We formed a steering committee and got a game plan for downtown's development. We have been working with

the Lakota Group, we had a plan in October of last year, and now we are trying to make progress with that plan. They recommended we form a Main Street Community. The application is due in two weeks. You have to have a full-time executive director and they have to feel you have adequate resources to make it go. The Lakota Group said we should expand the Street Car system. Another recommendation was to expand the market and whether there is potential for a year round or indoor market. They also said we should pursue redevelopment of the old KYF. We are making progress.

7:02 pm

8. Report from John Jansen on status of IM program:

Jansen introduced Adelene Greene. She said we entered into a consortium with Racine County in 2012. There was some level of problems in terms of our performance and the State said we were not doing well in several areas. We were given directives on how we should design our operation, the call center in particular. Our consortium was the worse in the State. Because of our low performance, we asked for additional staff in the Fall. We were granted additional staff in the 2013 budget. Since October, our stats in the call center have turned around. In 2012, the wait time was 21 minutes. In January, 2013 it was 9 minutes. The percentage of answered calls went from 57% in 2012 to 82% in January.

7:10 pm

9. Resolution to Extend IGA with Menominee Nation regarding the casino:

Corporation Counsel Bernard Vash said a couple of weeks ago, we received a letter from Craig Corn, Tribal Chairman for the Menominee Tribe requesting we extend our agreement which is set to expire on March 28, 2013. The environmental impact study was presented. Kenosha County offered comments regarding the continued application and the EIS.

Craig Corn asked for the committee's support for the IGA extension. He is requesting a two year extension. Within the next month, we should have federal approval and we are trying to coincide that with the time the Governor would have to give his approval for the application. Gentz said you said you met with the Governor and he kind of backed off his earlier statement? Corn said we had a quarterly meeting with the 11 tribes of Wisconsin. I made a point to talk about our relationship with the Potawatomi. They don't want to talk to us. He made it clear he would talk about it and maybe get a meeting between the two of us. He thought there would be some kind of agreement to be reached between the two parties. We made it clear that all the tribes will not get along. We have a history between the tribes. He reassured me after the meeting that we will work something out.

Supervisor Rose said for ten years we have heard that approval is imminent. Why is this more credible than what we've heard for the past ten years? Corn said we have a new administration in the White House. We had our EIS published in the Federal Register. There were many comments, it was finalized, and we got a positive recommendation from the Midwest Regional Office. We have never gotten this far. Rose asked if you are looking for closure in 30 days, why extend it for two years? John Wilhelmi, attorney for the Tribe, said after all approvals are received, the Governor has up to a year to make a decision. He could also ask for an extension. If we did it for six months and got approval tomorrow, we still would not have all the approvals necessary and the IGA would lapse. Vash said from our point of view so that we don't have to do this every year, two years is the recommendation I would make. Our Washington DC attorneys said this goes on for a long time. Ten to twenty years is not unusual.

Supervisor Elverman made a motion to pass the resolution for a two year term and send it on to the county board. Seconded by Supervisor Esposito.

Gentz asked at what point will the tribe bring in a developer. Corn said we have been in discussions with one from Madison and one from Chicago. Once federal approval comes, so will the developers. No one wants to invest time, money or resources until we get approval. Gentz said he thinks the community is behind this and he wants the developer to be able to deliver and make sure the scope of the project is the same or better than it was before. Supervisor Kubicki asked if these developers have done work of this magnitude before. Corn said both have done casino projects.

Vash asked how long is the option to buy the real estate open for the Tribe? Corn said until March 31, 2015.

On the motion, all aye. Motion carried.

7:35 pm

10. Committee Chairs update on committee activities:

Supervisor Esposito said Sheriff Beth's mobile command unit will be discussed tomorrow night. He wants to swap 13 squads for the mobile command unit. Gentz said he does not want to hear that they need anything for those vehicles in 2013 and he should make that clear. Supervisor Rose said he thinks Country Thunder should make a substantial contribution. \$10,000-\$30,000 is very modest. This is a big security event for the sheriff. They are getting officers with the right to arrest. They cannot get security like this anywhere else. Supervisor Elverman said it wouldn't hurt to ask them, they are a profitable group. They do contribute heavily to us and to Randall. They were bullied into the best protection. They had their own and we insisted on ours. Rose said we did that because it was chaos out there.

Supervisor Kubicki asked about courthouse security. Is it adequate or do we need to make improvements? He said we should also look over the work rules we recently created. After a few months, we should find out how things are working between managers and the workers.

Elverman said public work's concerns are to get through next month. We are in the icing months now. Another big project facilities is doing is the parking garage. Within the next month, the bank situation should be resolved. Gentz asked about setting rates for golf before we know how we did this year. Elverman said the audit is not done until March and we have to sell passes before then. Kubicki asked if we will be selling hard liquor. Elverman said we are doing an RFP. The administration is cautious. Rose said we are either in business or we are not in business. We have to provide food, liquor and beer. We can't have our hands tied because some other business in the community is opposed to it.

Supervisor Hallmon said Human Services has not had a lot of issues and have mostly been dealing with executive appointments. We have talked to DCFS regarding mental health and discovered we do not have a child psychiatrist. Gentz asked him to stay on top of the mental health issue. He does not want another unfunded mandate.

8:00 pm

11. Any other business: None

8:00 pm

12. **Supervisor Rose made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman. All aye. YIG voted aye. Motion carried.**

Respectfully submitted,

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