

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
October 9, 2006
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Judy Rossow, Ruth Booth, Bill Grady, David Arrington

Committee Members Absent: Ed Kubicki (excused)

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, LaVerne Jaros, Mark Felsing, Allan Kehl, Kenn Yance

Others Present: Co. Bd Suprs Jennifer Jackson & Anita Faraone, Jerry Willkomm, Stephanie Phillips

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Judy Rossow, Chairperson.

1. Comments by the Chair

Judy Rossow stated that we will be going into Citizen Comments next. Please limit your comments to only 2 minutes.

2. Citizen's Comments

Supervisor Jennifer Jackson stated that she had two questions to ask. Ms. Rossow stated that she can only comment, she cannot ask questions.

Allan Kehl introduced Jerry Willkomm, saying that he has known Mr. Willkomm since they were kids. They went to school together. He knows Mr. Willkomm's family; Mr. Willkomm is an upstanding person in the community. Mr. Kehl further stated that when he makes these appointments, there are certain criteria to fill. Mr. Willkomm will also sit on a Tri-County WDB that oversees all of the SE Wisconsin area. If Mr. Willkomm's appointment is not approved, according to criteria set by the State, we could lose funding. Mr. Willkomm is filling a slot of local businessman. Mr. Kehl asked that the Committee please approve Mr. Willkomm's appointment.

3. Resolutions to Approve County Executive Appointments as follows:

Jerry Willkomm and Stephanie Phillips to the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board

Judy Rossow asked Dennis Schultz to please explain why we needed to hold this emergency meeting for these appointments. Mr. Schultz said that we received a communication from the State that we had not met the 51% of businessmen on the Board. Mr. Kehl did an excellent job in bringing these appointments forward. Mr. Schultz supports these appointments.

It was agreed by the committee members to take each appointment separately.

MOTION to approve Jerry Willkomm's appointment by Bill Grady, seconded by David Arrington.

Discussion:

Ruth Booth requested that we please let this committee know in the future why people are being appointed.

Dennis Schultz stated that he has served as DHS Director for 6 years or so. We have numerous committees to get appropriate candidates to take the time to attend the committee meetings. We should thank these people and welcome them into our DHS family.

Mr. Kehl added that we do a great deal of due diligence in selecting these people. Jerry Willkomm has 2 grandsons playing football tonight but came here instead.

Bill Grady directed questions to Mr. Willkomm; the first question being: "How much have you made in the last 9 months?" Mr. Willkomm explained he was unprepared to answer that question. Further questions followed pertaining to his bidding with the County, which is done on a daily basis, for his gas station business. Mr. Kehl commented that Mr. Willkomm does not get all of the bids. He related an instance when the low bidder - not Mr. Willkomm - did not make his delivery. Jerry Willkomm was right there helping us out with his delivery, allowing the County to continue business and keep squad cars on the road.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MOTION to approve Stephanie Phillip's appointment by Ruth Booth, seconded by Bill Grady.

Discussion:

Stephanie Phillips explained that she is with the Chamber of Commerce. She has been working with the new Women's Business Center that will be located in Racine. She has also been working closely with Gateway Technical College. She just came from UW-Parkside, where they received a \$4.5 million grant for the Communications building.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Judy Rossow expressed her appreciation to both Mr. Willkomm and Ms. Phillips for all that they will be doing.

4. Aging: Resolution to Fund County Executive Emergency Order No. 2006/07-02 RE: Aid to Elderly Fire Victims

LaVerne Jaros said that we provided aid to temporarily house St. Catherine's Commons elderly fire victims. They were relocated until their apartments were ready for them to move back in. We guaranteed payment through the end of September. However, the air quality was not up to par, so the building's owner paid the stay for those extra days. Everybody that we were paying the shelter for have moved back into their apartments.

Supervisor Anita Faraone commented that she thought some of the people were in subsidized units. Mr. Schultz replied that there are 10-12 subsidized units of the 92. Mr. Kehl said that if we are able to recoup some of those dollars, we will look into that.

Ms. Jaros said that we took over when the Red Cross could no longer pay. The \$20,000 will come from the General Fund.

Mr. Schultz complimented LaVerne Jaros, her staff, and the contracted agencies on the excellent job they did. People who went through this ordeal are better off for having our help.

MOTION to approve \$20,000 increase in County Levy to fund this aid by David Arrington, seconded by Ruth Booth. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law

Sharon Davis reminded the committee members that the meeting in November will be held on Nov. 14th, not the 7th, as that is Election Day.

6. Committee Members Comments - None

7. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Ruth Booth, seconded by David Arrington. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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