

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE  
Minutes of Meeting  
February 12, 2008, 6:00 p.m.  
Kenosha County Administration Building  
Conference Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

Committee Members Present: Judy Rossow, Ed Kubicki, Bill Grady, David Arrington

Committee Members Absent: Ruth Booth, Ariana Gillmore, Virginia Jones (all excused)

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Laurie Staves, Jeff Wilson, Michelle Eisenhauer, John Jansen, Ron Rogers, LaVerne Jaros, Kenn Yance

Others Present: Rob Zervan

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 p.m. by Judy Rossow. Judy noted for the record that the Youth in Government representatives were not in attendance due to weather.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes – Jt. 12/4/07, 01/08/08

MOTION to approve minutes by Bill Grady, seconded by Ed Kubicki,. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolutions to Approve County Executive Appointments as follows: Sandra Bisciglia to the Human Services Board, Seymour Adler and Julie Friedman to the Commission on Aging, Nancy Principe to the Brookside Board of Trustees, Linda Weiss and Dr. Steven Schwimmer to the Kenosha County Board of Health

MOTION to approve appointments in total by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Bill Grady.

Mr. Grady asked if any of the potential appointees were present. There were none present. LaVerne spoke about the qualifications of Julie Friedman for the Commission on Aging.

MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Division of Children & Family Services: Resolution to Modify the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2007 Budget

John Jansen presented the resolution requesting an increase of \$575,000 expenditures (2007 out-of-home placements), to be covered by \$225,000 WIMCR revenues and \$350,000 general fund reserves. He noted that the expenditures is the result of court-ordered Foster Care, Treatment Foster Care, Group Home, Residential Treatment and Corrections placements. John highlighted the fact that the placements are down significantly since 2000.

Mr. Grady asked if any additional revisions for 2007 will be requested. John responded that this is the final request for 2007. Mr. Grady asked about 2008 numbers thus far. John noted that placements are down from 220 in January of 2007 to 178 at the end of December 2007.

Mr. Schultz requested that John share information with the Committee on Termination of Parental Rights (TPR) cases in 2007. John shared that there were 62 TPRs in 2007 and 24 guardianships granted, equating approximately \$230,000 in savings.

MOTION to approve by Bill Grady, seconded by David Arrington. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Resolution Allowing County Residents to Participate in the National Association of Counties Prescription Drug Plan

Judy Rossow shared information she received from Kenn Yance regarding the NACO Prescription Drug Plan. Supervisor Rossow stated she believes this is a great perk for citizens and Racine reports a positive experience with the plan.

Dennis Schultz stated the cards will be located at various sites in the community including the Human Services Building, the Kenosha County Center, other county facilities, hospitals etc. Dennis also noted that the plan covers pets.

Mr. Grady asked about participating pharmacies. Dennis responded that he believes Walgreens is a provider. Ms. Rossow stated that other pharmacies will receive paper works to participate when the plan is implemented.

MOTION to approve by Ed Kubicki, seconded by Bill Grady. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law – None

8. Committee Members Comments –

Bill Grady asked for an update on the Shalom Center project. Mr. Schultz stated an update will occur at the next committee meeting.

9. Adjournment –

Ed Kubicki moved to adjourn, seconded by David Arrington. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Eisenhauer  
Kenosha County Department of Human Services

JOINT BUILDING & GROUNDS, HUMAN SERVICES, FINANCE COMMITTEES

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Committee Members Present: Judy Rossow, Ed Kubicki, Bill Grady, David Arrington, Robert Carbone, Mark Wisnefski, Anita Faraone, John O'Day, David Singer, Mark Molinaro, Gabe Nudo, Youth in Governance members Oliver Debee and Taylor MacKinnon

Committee Members Absent: Ruth Booth (excused), Roger Johnson (excused), Joseph Clark (excused)

Staff Present: Dennis Schultz, Laurie Staves, Jeff Wilson, Michelle Eisenhauer, Kenn Yance, Fred Patrie

Others Present: County Board Supervisors Fred Ekornaas, Bob Haas, Jennifer Jackson, and Dick Kessler, Rob Zerban

1. Call to Order

Chairman David Singer (Building and Grounds) called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The respective chairpersons of each committee conducted roll call.

3. Chairman and Supervisors Comments

Supervisor Singer noted this meeting was originally scheduled for February 5 but rescheduled due to snow. He also noted that Supervisor Michel removed Judiciary and Law Committee from the Joint Meeting.

Mr. Singer stated that this meeting is about releasing funds to continue gathering information on the Kenosha County Emergency Center and the relocation of the Medical Examiner's Office.

4. Citizen's Comments -

Rob Zerban – 5406-2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue Kenosha, WI

Mr. Zerban requested that the committees look at buildings/properties in the downtown area for the Kenosha County Emergency Center. He stated that there are many vacant buildings and properties in the downtown area that could meet the needs of the Emergency Center and the Medical Examiner's office. He requested that if the funds are released for the research that the downtown area should be an area considered for these facilities.

5. Consideration of Resolution or Resolutions releasing funding and allowing for architect of record to provide additional information to Kenosha County regarding the Kenosha County Emergency Center.

Supervisor Nudo requested a breakdown of how the proposed funds will be used. Fred Patrie stated that \$10,500 of the \$15,500 will be used to provide information on stand alone facilities for each tenant involved and \$5,000 will be used to research locating the Medical Examiner's Office at the Job Center site. The information provided will include site construction, electrical, HVAC and plumbing costs.

Supervisor Kubicki brought up the joint study currently in process with the city and county on Joint Services. He stated he believes the funds should not be released until the study is complete and the results available for review. Mr. Kubicki proposed an amendment to the resolution that would hold the release of the funds until the results of the joint study are released and can be reviewed by the committees. Mr. Molinaro expressed concern about protocol because there was no motion on the resolution.

Supervisor Carbone stated that he does not believe the study information will help with siting the facility. The study explores how Joint Services is used and how much each entity should pay. The site of Joint Services is not being researched in the study.

Mr. Kubicki asked for clarification if, after the study is complete, the city can choose to go out on their own with dispatch services. Mr. Ekornaas stated that the county owns the building and the city pays rent at the safety building. Joint Services sells dispatch services to the city. What is at issue and what is being studied is how much the city has to pay.

Supervisor Singer stated he believes the County needs to move forward despite the survey so participating entities will know costs.

Supervisor Grady asked what kind of schedule the city pays on i.e. month to month. The response was yes.

Supervisor Molinaro stated he did not believe that the question about whether the city can pull out had been answered. He stated yes the city can pull out. He recommends that the resolution move forward despite the study. He also stated he agreed to look at the ME office going to the Job Center because he wants the resolution to move forward.

Supervisor Faraone presented a memo that she received from Mr. Patrie. It is a memo containing an opinion from the Corporation Counsel regarding Joint Services. She believes the memo supports waiting for the study results before moving forward.

Fred Patrie reported that he and Sue Marcinkus from Joint Services appeared before the Joint Services Board to report on the process for the Emergency Services Center. They promised the Board they will return to report when the process is solidified.

Supervisor O'Day expressed his support of moving forward with the resolution. He requested a timeline of the process if the resolution is approved. Fred Patrie stated that a "scoping" meeting with Building and Grounds will occur to determine the needs for the stand-alone tenants and this

will be given to the architect. Then a response from the architect to B & G committee members will be drafted. A draft report from the architect will be available in May and a final report will be presented to the Joint Committees in June.

Supervisor Carbone asked for a clarification of what is covered with the funds. Fred Patrie reiterated the funds cover estimates for each tenant as stand alone and looking at options for the Medical Examiner's Office, including the Job Center site.

Supervisor Jackson asked for a clarification on the resolution language related to "new facility" language. Mr. Molinaro explained the last paragraph states that the funds will be used to provide the Joint Committees updated costs for each of the four major tenants individually so the committees can discuss a phased approach for this project and provide updated costs for construction of the Medical Examiner's Office at the Kenosha County Job Center. Supervisor Jackson asked for clarification that this does not lock them in to one facility. Mr. Molinaro responded yes this does not lock the county in to one facility.

Supervisor Arrington asked if this is the last time the county will ask for funds for this purpose. Supervisor Singer responded that if, after this phase, more information is requested more funds will be needed to gather this information. Fred Patrie concurred that this may be a request in the future. Supervisor Arrington expressed his support of moving the process forward and approving this small amount of money to get the information needed.

MOTION to approve the resolution by Gabe Nudo, seconded by Mark Molinaro.

Supervisor Grady stated he believes this information provides flexibility for planning for the needs of the tenants and the County.

Supervisor Molinaro expressed his support for this resolution, as it will provide the information needed to share with the County Board, Joint Services, and the City of Kenosha.

Supervisor Kubicki expressed his opinion that it is important to get feedback from the City's law enforcement personnel and fire personnel as well as the Department Heads and the City of Kenosha. Mr. Molinaro responded that if that information is solicited, it may not be what the County wants to hear because each interested entity will want the Emergency Center in their own back yard. Mr. Arrington responded that ultimately it will rest on the shoulders of the County Board Supervisors when the decisions are made and constituents expect to see improvement in services. Fred Patrie responded that he and Sue Marcinkus met with the Fire Chief's command staff and will continue to work with all applicable departments during this process. Additional discussion about the importance of including other law enforcement and fire departments in the communication process ensued.

Supervisor Ekornaas shared information about communication equipment already located at the KCC site, which could potentially lower costs. He expressed his support of the resolution and encouraged all to move on in the process.

Building and Grounds Committee – MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Human Services Committee – MOTION to approve by Ed Kubicki, seconded by David Arrington.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Finance Committee – MOTION to approve by John O’Day, seconded by Mark Wisnefski.  
MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Other matters as may be appropriately brought before the Committees – None
6. Adjournment

Meeting Adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Eisenhauer  
Kenosha County Department of Human Services