

HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting
June 3, 2008
Kenosha County Administration Building

Committee Members Present: Ed Kubicki, Terry Rose, Dick Kessler, Jennifer Jackson, Jeff Gentz, Andrea Vagnoni, Jaron Arbet

Staff Present: John Jansen

Others Present: Co. Bd. Supr. Anita Faraone

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by Ed Kubicki, Chairperson.

2. Citizen's Comments - None

3. Approval of Minutes - 5/6/08

MOTION to approve minutes by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Terry Rose. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Resolution to Approve the County Executive Appointment of Supervisor Anita Faraone to the Brookside Board of Trustees

MOTION to approve by Jeff Gentz, seconded by Terry Rose.

Discussion: Jennifer Jackson said that Anita Faraone would be a great asset to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Dick Kessler stated that he is opposed to this appointment because the procedure was not followed correctly. Supervisor Rose, who was the former Chairman, made his announcement at the last regular meeting that there is going to be an opening on the Brookside Board of Trustees, as Supervisor Carbone was not seeking re-election. April 15th was the night of the new County Board, and the new Chairman, Joe Clark, took over. This appointment was made by the Interim County Executive, Mark Wisnefski, who served on the County Board. In his inaugural speech at the Kemper Center on April 12th, he said that his motto was going to be the same as Wisconsin - "Forward". Joe Clark was to have input on the filling of positions, and he wanted to speak with Mark Wisnefski about this open position. Mr. Kessler had expressed his interest in this position for many years. In his interview for County Board Supervisor 27+ years ago, he said we have to continue with Brookside Care Center because Kenosha County is responsible for all of their citizenry. He had his mind set on this - that eventually he would get on this Board. He expressed interest to Terry Rose and Supervisor Rose said he would put forward the paperwork. Mr. Kessler wrote a letter to Interim County Executive Mark Wisnefski, and when he received no response, he called Mr. Wisnefski on April 18th. Mr. Wisnefski said he already filled the position on the 14th, that someone told him they wanted the position. Mr. Kessler said that he has nothing against this person, but because of the turmoil that Kenosha County is in because of the past county executive, this isn't a seamless transition from one board to the next. Right then, a red flag went up. The new Board was still in charge then. Therefore, the County Executive shouldn't have made the appointment.

Mr. Kessler said that he has served some 27+ years on the County Board. He feels he should be appointed to this position. This is why he is opposed to this resolution.

Ed Kubicki said that he is leaving this resolution on the docket as it stands tonight. As long as the County Executive made the appointment, he will leave it.

Jennifer Jackson said that usually the County Board Chair makes the announcement of openings and that supervisors who are interested can apply for them. She asked when that happened. Mr. Kessler replied that was on April 8th - the night their pictures were taken.

Terry Rose stated that he passed the information on to the new Chair. The Chair only recommends; the County Executive makes the appointment.

Ms. Jackson asked for clarification that if the County Executive had two letters of interest from two supervisors, he would choose who he would appoint, and it would not be our call.

Mr. Kessler said that Joe Clark told him that he wanted him to fill the position on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Mr. Kubicki said he spoke to the County Executive's Assistant; this resolution is being left on the agenda.

Committee Chair Kubicki requested a roll call vote. Jaron Arbet - No, Andrea Vagnoni - Yes, Jennifer Jackson - Yes, Jeff Gentz - Yes, Terry Rose - Yes, Dick Kessler - No, Ed Kubicki - Yes. Motion passed.

6. Such Other Business as Authorized by Law - None
7. Committee Members Comments - None
8. Adjournment

It was moved to adjourn by Dick Kessler, seconded by Jeff Gentz. Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sharon Davis
KCDHS Secretary

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