

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KENOSHA COUNTY HUMAN SERVICES BUILDING
August 4, 2020**

The **Regular County Board Meeting** was called to order by Chairman O'Day at 7:30 p.m., at the Kenosha County Job Center located at 8600 Sheridan Road.

Roll Call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Franco, Boyd Frederick, Ron Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Pomaville, Rodriguez, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas
Excused: Supervisors Grady, Gentz, Kubicki and Mauer
Present: 19 Excused: 4

Citizen Comments

Veronica King, 5518 – 34th Ave, spoke asking the Board to adopt Resolution #21 tonight to help to address the racial disparities. Ms. King brought charts that showed the adverse disparities experienced by African Americans, which include: employment, wealth, education, home ownership, health care, and incarceration. She noted these disparities exist locally, as well as at the state and national level.

Carolyn Feldt, 3807 Van Buren Rd, works for the Aging & Disability Center and attended along with her colleague Andrea Taylor on behalf of the Cultural Respect Builders Committee. She spoke endorsing Resolution #21, which supports their staff efforts toward optimal health for all Kenosha Co. residents.

Leah Blough, 8355 57th Ave, commended the committee for passing Resolution #21 for it to come to the Board floor, but was troubled that not all supervisors concur that systemic racism exists. She asked the Board to support this resolution as a first step toward meaningful changes toward racial equity.

Stephanie Knezz, 5944 – 3rd Ave. stated the question should be “How” and not “If” systemic racism is prevalent in American institutions and therefore in our community.

Joel Trudell, 7850 – 34th Ave, urged the Board to pass Resolution #21. He suggested the ideas we have about what people look like are unconscious biases that must be overcome. The first step is to acknowledge they exist. Voting to pass Resolution #21 is a step on the path to overcoming it.

Whitney Cabal, Kenosha, relayed stories she heard as she went door-to-door in some ‘rougher neighborhoods.’ These residents are without close access to pharmacy or food stores, and often without transportation. Systematic oppression is present when every resident does not have access to the same services, and it is especially heartbreaking when they have an emergency in the middle of the night.

Rick Gallo, 8036 – 18th Ave, (via email) wrote supporting Resolution #21. He disagreed with the dissenting Supervisors at Committee level and urged the other Board members to support it. Regarding Resolution #22, he felt there was no need to place a referendum on the ballot in November designating WI as a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State, and that it would be a waste of time and County resources.

Jodi Muerhoff, 7220 – 1st Ave, (via email) stated a ‘Yes’ vote on Resolution #21 would show that County government is committing itself to make meaningful changes to prove that Black Lives Matter in Kenosha County. She urged them to vote ‘No’ on Resolution #22 as the right to keep and bear arms is already enshrined in the Constitution, and a non-binding ballot resolution will do nothing to bolster that.

Casimir Rodriguez, Pleasant Prairie, (via email) noted that he does not support Resolution #22 because it is too broad and does not define exactly what it purports to do. This constitutional right is not under immediate attack and does not require protection; further the referendum would have no authority.

Debbie Wrobel, Kenosha, does not support Resolution #22 for the referendum on the November ballot. In such turbulent, anxiety ridden, and chaotic times, it would not be appropriate to encourage even larger gun volume and citizen use.

Kenosha Co. Democratic Party (via email) wrote in support of Resolution #21, which acknowledges there is work to be done in order to achieve racial equity. The time is right to move toward a better Kenosha County for our Black community members.

Adelene Greene, 6730 – 111th Ave, retired Director of Workforce Development, (via email) urged the full Co. Board to endorse Resolution #21 as a starting place to acknowledge the problem of systemic racism, and to develop action steps that begin to address the worsening disparities for people of color in Kenosha.

Atifa Robinson, LIHF Community Strategist and long-time Kenosha resident (via email) expressed concern about the recent discussions regarding Resolution #21 and hope that the Kenosha County Board would consider her request to work together with community partners and the LIHF to develop a three-year plan that will promote health equity for all races within Kenosha County.

Announcements Of The Chairman

There were two meetings today with the bonding rating agencies, and the results will be provided on August 12 or 13th.

Supervisor Reports

Supervisor Gaschke gave an update on his District #7. Last week UW Extension had a food drive which served 400 in the uptown neighborhood and families from surrounding areas. Many thanks to UW Extension and other community partners and volunteers for making this an overwhelming success.

A second matter that is concerning is the upcoming 2020 Census participation. Sadly, the neighborhoods who would likely benefit the most from being counted are the least likely to participate. Based upon the latest info, track #11 in the heart of his district has about a 40% participation rate. This is tragic because being counted now helps set the stage for the next 10 years. Hundreds of billions of dollars in Federal and State funds that are allocated to different communities and neighborhood including: 911 emergency system, health providers & hospital care systems, highways and roads, school lunch program, etc. are all based on being counted. He urged not only the residents in his district but in all of Kenosha County to participate in the census in order to set the stage for success in the next 10 years.

Supervisor Nudo reported that the Public Works meeting on 7/20 had an item on the agenda was a letter to Finance to redirect an overflow funds of about \$70,000 which came from the purchase of a truck that came in approximately 20% lower than projected. In just the last month in the Public Works department, It was estimated there was about a 15-20% overall savings as projected and passed in their 2020 budget. He hopes the Finance Department will ask questions, since the savings of money could be used for other needs such as bodycams.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance - second reading, two required

11. From The Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee An Ordinance - Amendment Of The Kenosha County General Zoning And Shoreland/Floodplain Zoning Ordinance Amending Section 12.22-6 Adult Establishments

It was moved by Supervisor Gaschke to adopt Ordinance #11 . Seconded by Supervisor Beth.

Roll call vote required.

Aye: Supervisor Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, O'Day, Pomaville, Rose, Wamboldt, and Yuhas

Nay: Supervisors Nordigian, Nudo, Rodriguez, Wienke

Aye: 15 Nay: 4

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - One Reading

18. From Supervisor Rose and Supervisor Nudo A Resolution Regarding County Board Meeting Location

Chairman O'Day referred Resolution #18 to the Executive Committee.

19. From The Human Services Committee-A Resolution To appoint Mr. David Celebre To The Brookside Board of Trustees

It was moved by Supervisor Belsky to adopt Resolution #19. Seconded by Supervisor Berg.

Roll call vote requested.

Aye: Supervisor Belsky, Berg, Beth, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, O'Day, Pomaville, Rose, and Yuhas

Nay: Supervisors Decker, Nordigian, Nudo, Rodriguez, Wamboldt, Wienke

Abstain: Supervisor Celebre

Aye: 12 Nay: 6 Abstain: 1

Motion carried.

20. From The Human Services Committee-A Resolution To Reappoint Dr. Rita Ventura To The Kenosha County Board Of Health

It was moved by Supervisor Belsky to adopt Resolution #20. Seconded by Supervisor Beth.

Roll call vote requested.

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Nordigian, O'Day, Pomaville, Rodriguez, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas.

Nay: Supervisor Nudo

Aye: 18 Nay: 1

Motion carried.

21. From The Human Services Committee- A Resolution Expressing Kenosha County's Commitment to Achieving Racial Equity and Transforming Systems and Institutions Impacting the Health of Our Community

It was moved by Supervisor Belsky to adopt Resolution #21. Seconded by Supervisor Gulley..

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to amend Resolution #21 at the end on Page 3, "Be it further resolved that the Chair of the Human Services Committee annually report to the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors at the first meeting of August each year on the progress for the implementation of this resolution. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Roll Call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Pomaville, Rodriguez, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas.

Aye: 19 Nay: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez to amend the term in Resolution #21 from Latinx to Latino. Seconded by Supervisor Decker.

Roll Call vote requested.

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Decker, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Pomaville, Rodriguez, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas.

Aye: 19 Nay: 0

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to amend Resolution #21 by adding: "**Whereas**, access to a quality education leads to success; and **Whereas**, charter schools and school vouchers have lead to increased educational success in students; and **Whereas**, minorities tend to get degrees in lower paying careers than Caucasian graduates; and **Whereas**, careers in the trades are seeing a shortage of workers and an increase in salaries; and"

Add to 2nd Be it Resolved bullet point: "Advocate for increased options in education including, but not limited to, charter schools and school vouchers, and encourage people of color to pursue careers in the trades and higher paying degrees."

Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Roll Call vote requested.

Aye: Supervisors Decker, Nordigian, Nudo, Rodriguez, Rose, Wamboldt, and Wienke.

Nay: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, O'Day, Pomaville, and Yuhas.

Aye: 7 Nay: 12

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to amend Resolution #21 by adding: “**Whereas**, in 1960 only 22% of African American children were raised in single parent families, while in 2020 about 75% of African American children were raised in single parent families; and **Whereas**, roughly 30% of African Americans are poor, but only 8% of African American married families live in poverty; and **Whereas**, the policies of the War on Poverty penalized low-income couples who did marry by reducing benefits thus decimating intact families; and **Whereas**, children from fatherless homes are more likely to live in poverty-stricken households, drop out of high school, have behavioral disorders, join gangs, commit crimes and end up in prison; and...”

Add to 2nd Be it Resolved bullet point: “Educate men and women the correlation between poverty and single parenthood, and implement policies and programs that advocate for intact families.” Seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez.

Roll Call vote requested.

Aye: Supervisors Decker, Nordigian, Nudo, O’Day, Rodriguez, Wamboldt, and Wienke.

Nay: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Pomaville, Rose and Yuhas.

Aye: 7 Nay: 12

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to amend Resolution #21 by adding: “**Whereas**, African American Women only make up 13% of the female population in the United States but account for 36% of all reported abortions; and **Whereas**, the leading killer of African Americans in the United States is abortion where over 259,000 African American babies are killed by abortion every year; and **Whereas**, in 2016, as in previous years, more African American babies were aborted than born alive in New York City; and **Whereas**, African Americans are the only minority that is declining in population, and if the trend continues, by 2038 the African American vote will be insignificant; and **Whereas**, Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was a devout racist that worked with the KKK and created the Negro Project designed to sterilize unknowing black women and others she deemed undesirables of society, and she once stated, ‘We don’t want the word to go out that we want to exterminate the Negro population,’; and...”

Add to 2nd Be it Resolved bullet point: “Incorporate education of alternatives to and risks of abortion in policies and programs.” Seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez.

Supervisor Rose raised a point of order. Chairman O’Day ruled this amendment out of order.

Supervisor Ron Frederick called the question. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Nordigian, O’Day, Pomaville, Rose, and Yuhas.

Nay: Supervisors Decker, Nudo, Rodriguez, Wamboldt, and Wienke

Aye: 14 Nay: 5

Motion carried.

Roll Call requested on Resolution #21 as amended.

Aye: Supervisors Belsky, Berg, Beth, Celebre, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, Nordigian, Nudo, O'Day, Pomaville, Rodriguez, Rose, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas.

Nay: Supervisor Decker

Aye: 18 Nay: 1

Motion carried.

22. From the Legislative Committee A Resolution to Conduct Countywide Advisory Referendum on making the State of Wisconsin a 2nd Amendment Sanctuary State

It was moved by Supervisor Nordigian to adopt Ordinance #22 . Seconded by Supervisor Wienke.

Aye: Supervisors Beth, Decker, Nordigian, Nudo, Pomaville, Rodriguez, Wamboldt, Wienke and Yuhas.

Nay: Supervisor Belsky, Berg, Celebre, Franco, B Frederick, R Frederick, Gaschke, Gulley, O'Day, Rose

Aye: 9 Nay: 10

Motion failed.

CLAIMS

11. Daniel Edward Sendiak - Vehicle Damage

Chairman O'Day referred Claim #11 to Corporation Counsel.

12. Jeremiah Islas - Vehicle Damage

Chairman O'Day referred Claim #12 to Corporation Counsel

13. Kim Lishamer - Vehicle Damage

Chairman O'Day referred Claim #13 to Corporation Counsel

Approval of 7/21/2020 Minutes by Supervisor Beth

It was moved by Supervisor Beth to adopt the July 21, 2020 County Board Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Rodriguez to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Celebre

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at: 9:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Sherri Stocker, Chief Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Regi Bachochin, County Clerk