

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
October 6, 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 Commons, 8600 Sheridan Road, Kenosha.

Roll Call was taken.

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

Excused: Supervisor Franco

Present:           22       Excused:           1

At this time County Executive Kreuser gave the Presentation of The 2020 Kenosha County Budget.

**Citizen Comments**

Pamela Mundling 7327- 11<sup>th</sup> Ave, Kenosha, reminded those attending that the Board cannot fire any Elected Official, but they may only be recalled by the electorate; nor can they discipline police officers that are under the authority of the City of Kenosha. She expressed hope that all sides will work together for change in an orderly fashion.

Billy Violet (Whitney), lives on the south side, expressed a commitment to productive communication at Board Meetings. She stated concern over aspects of the County Executive's proposed budget, namely the food deserts that exist which are not being addressed until 2022. Ms. Cabal was thankful that the voices of the community seem as though they are being heard. She reminded them that the citizens are relying on each of them to make our community better.

Diamond Hartwell, 3<sup>rd</sup> Dist., wanted to clarify a recent Kenosha News article that stated the silence of the County Board that is unacceptable. She pointed out that this is not while they are listening during Citizen Comments, but rather when something blatantly wrong happens in the community or on the Board and they don't do anything about it. It is their actions and how they deal with these things that is a problem.

Emily Fair, 7<sup>th</sup> Dist., stated that much of the County Executive's proposed budget was foundational. She noted the lack of actual social changes and new programs for people affected by racism. Further, that while rebuilding Uptown is important, she warned against raising the prices which would result in driving the residents from the area. She asked for this budget to focus on what really matters i.e. mental health, health care, schools, small business, etc. instead of spending money on roads.

Calana Hutchinson, District 12, wanted to clarify the Governor's existing mask mandate. Individuals with medical mandates that prevent them from wearing masks do not have to provide documentation as proof. Also, approaching people not wearing masks is not recommended, nor is harassing them.

Joe Clark, 4862 105<sup>th</sup> Place, Pleasant Prairie, encouraged the Board to listen and show respect when the citizens are speaking. He also pointed out the citizens need to show respect for the forum of the Board meetings. He stated the Chairman should address Supervisors that are called out of order yet continue to speak and not acknowledge the chair. He reminded the Board they are policy makers. With the budget and with the focus on the Uptown area, they need to bring more jobs to the uptown area which represent the diversity of our community.

Joy Aselson, (via email) expressed concern that an email directed to the City Council ended up being sent to a County Board Supervisor, who responded to her email. She was upset and intimidated by the response and wants to know how this happened. She also asked that the Supervisor be held accountable for his reply.

Dionisse (via email), a long term 11<sup>th</sup> District resident, asked for the budget to prioritize adding funds for addressing the homeless in our community.

## **Announcements of the Chair**

Chairman O'Day spoke to both the Board members and the public, reminding them that respect for other Supervisors and respect for the public is a hallmark of public service. While these have been challenging times, we must commit to courtesy to one another.

## **Supervisor Reports**

Supervisor Grady gave an update on the Highway Dept. Two miles of asphalt paving from Cty Hwy B to the State line CTH C, and then from CTH D to State Hwy 50 and CTH K, was completed. CTH S (Hwy 142) Phase 1 is still scheduled for completion this fall. Phase 2 started the first week of September and is scheduled to go through the entire winter. CTH F is still being realigned and is moving along on schedule. It will tie in with the Kenosha County Veterans Park as a western entrance. The Wayfinding Sign Project has been shelved due to some of the higher speed traffic areas are not appropriate for safe bicycle riding. It has been referred back to the Committee. CTH Y and CTH A had a four way stopped that was removed after the construction on Hwy 32 was completed. Surprisingly, as a result of a change in traffic patterns, accidents have increased due also to people expecting there to be a stop sign there. The Village of Somers has requested another look and perhaps the four way stop to return, until next year in 2021 when a roundabout will be constructed. CTH KR has some lane closures due to the construction of viaducts. Construction on State Hwy 50 is scheduled to begin in February 2021, and to wrap up in fall of 2022. For facilities, KCAB has heat pump replacements are about 1/3 completed. While working on the Public Safety Building exterior sealant project, it was discovered that some glass block panels there have been leaking. They are now addressing that issue with an expected cost of \$50,000. The DA's office and Juvenile Intake renovation will be starting soon, with some more security added to the D.A.'s office to make it more secure. Job Center windows were assessed for water infiltration and it was discovered that the damage that occurred was not as serious as was thought. Parks Dept., Veteran's Memorial Park's restroom facility is nearly complete. The Pike Trails in Petrifying Springs have been substantially upgraded and the community has responded favorably. Silver Lake Beach Park was selected by Bryce Sekey for his Eagle Scout project. He constructed a new shelter located at the top of the beach hillside. Golf had a very productive season, and generated the revenue required for their projects next season, and should not need bonding or levy money. During the winter, they will offer the golf simulator which they have acquired. Public Works Director, Ray Arbet concluded the meeting by stating that there is a search underway in the Uptown area to move the Human Services Building closer to the population that needs its services.

Supervisor Celebre directed the other Supervisors to a handout he provided on the Newsweek ranking of nursing homes. As a member of the Brookside Board of Trustees, he pointed out that Brookside was ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in Wisconsin for the year 2021. This represents a move up from 2020. He recognized the administration and the entire staff for their high standards, and who have contributed to keeping it efficient and organized.

## **Approval of the September 15, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting Minutes**

It was moved by Supervisor Boyd Frederick to approve the September 15, 2020 Regular County Board Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Gentz.

Motion carried.

## **Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Berg. Seconded by Supervisor Rodriguez.

Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Sherri Stocker, Chief Deputy Clerk  
Submitted by: Regi Bachochin, County Clerk