

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**February 1, 2005**

The **Regular Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Elverman at 7:30 p.m., in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Marrelli, Booth, Carbone, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, L. Johnson, Deschler, Molinaro, Wisnefski, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Modory, Carey-Mielke, Clark.

Present. 25 Excused. 3

Supervisor Clark arrived after roll call.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Tiffany Garrison, 6923 111<sup>th</sup> Ct., thanked Supervisor Deschler for her efforts on making the voice of her constituents heard. She hopes that through their continued efforts and those of our elected officials they can reduce the negative impact of the casino and produce a development that will benefit the city and county and be successful of the tribe.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Elverman announced that due to the upcoming election, the next meeting will be held on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. On the desks, Supervisor Gorlinski set out requests from the Hoy Audubon Society, he will talk about those during Supervisor Reports.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Gorlinski stated that over the years the Pringle Nature Center has been reduced in income by the amount of money that is budgeted by the County. He has been asked to pass out two requests, one is for an Attorney, the other is for a Certified Accountant. If anyone knows of someone who fills the qualifications, please forward these requests.

Supervisor Gorlinski commended Supervisor Deschler for her involvement with her community. It's important for all who are in politics to have an open ear to the citizenry.

Supervisor Gorlinski stated that because of a tower that collapsed in the Town of Somers, he suggested to Planning and Development that when a Conditional Use Permit is issued, some additional items should be put on it. A certified engineer, at the cost of the owner of the antenna, do a structural integrity test on the antenna on an annual basis. This would also list the amount of people that are on the antenna so that after so many years you don't end up with more load on the antenna that it is qualified to carry.

Supervisor Deschler stated that she has provided all of the supervisors a copy of the letter she sent to the Menominee Indian Tribe. It is a compilation of requests and issues raised by her constituents. They have come before this board on several occasions with some of these issues and received no relief. Officials did take the time to publicly meet with them but no guarantees were made. Some of their concerns were written down to be taken under advisement and or possibly considered at a later date. Nothing has been done to address their concerns of a 223 acre development essentially located in their back yard which

will operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year. The IGA is devoid of any direct benefit to the negative impact this development will have on those neighbors. Supervisor Deschler invited the negotiating teams as representatives of the county including County Executive Kehl and the Mayor to negotiate these issues in support of her constituents. Her constituents have legitimate concerns and requests that must be addressed.

Supervisor Noble reported that he attended his first Highway Conference meeting on January 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> along with Supervisor L. Johnson. Three counties led by Marathon County formally notified the State that they can no longer plow the state highways in 2006 at the current reimbursement rates. This issue will be reviewed by the Machinery Management Committee. David Thiel who is the Kenosha County Manager of Fiscal Services for the Public Works Department is a member of that committee, so we will be kept informed on this issue. The keynote speaker at the conference was David Veith, Wisconsin DOT of Highway Operations, who spoke of proposed organizational changes and consolidation of administrative tasks, which are subject to the Governor's budget address on February 8<sup>th</sup>. Gregg Thompson, from WCA also spoke at the conference about the State's structural deficit of 1.6 billion dollars. In his opinion, if the property tax freeze goes through legislation, no area will be hit harder than the local transportation and highway and parks budgets. Also, the State Court System and Human Services should not be funded by local property tax. Those two items are on the April ballot as referenda questions.

Supervisor Smitz stated that the microphone used for citizen comments has not worked properly for a long time and it is difficult to hear the citizens when they speak. He also agreed with Supervisor Gorlinski's comments about the towers. In the Town of Wheatland there has to be engineering on the original tower and on any additional units added to it. It's a good safety precaution.

Supervisor Molinaro stated that the issue of the microphone used for citizen comments has been brought up at the Building and Grounds Committee meeting so hopefully something will be done soon.

Supervisor Molinaro stated that he has received calls regarding the tower in Somers that collapsed. The residents have legitimate concerns. The Land Use Committee, whether you like their approach or not, does take safety and the interest of Kenosha County as a whole into account with all of the decisions they make. He states that the tower's company owes Kenosha County some answers.

He also reported about the joint meeting with Building & Grounds and Judiciary & Law. In the 2005 budget there was 1.5 million dollars earmarked for improvements to the current 911 space in the Public Safety Building. Since expansion of the Safety Building does not appear to be feasible, there are a number of options to look into inclusive of the Kenosha County Center on Hwy 45 & 50. There is support amongst the Chief, Sheriff and Joint Services to look at that facility. This is a serious problem and we need to be prepared to spend money in the short term, in the long term and we need to be prepared to do this correctly and do it quickly.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance - second reading two required

**ORDINANCE 50**

50. From the Highway and Parks Committee to repeal and recreate an Ordinance on Speed Limits for CTH "C" from the Canadian National Railroad Crossing, westerly for a distance of 0.70 of a mile.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Ordinance 50. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 51**

51. From the Highway and Parks Committee to repeal and recreate Ordinance's on speed limits for CTH "H" from Wisconsin/Illinois State Line to a point 0.5 miles north of County Trunk Highway "E".

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to adopt Ordinance 51. Seconded by Supervisor Grady.

Motion carried.

Resolution - one reading

**RESOLUTION 62**

62. From Supervisor Terry Rose and Legislative Committee regarding a Resolution to Petition the State Legislature to Amend Section 19.84(2) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 62. Seconded by Supervisor R. Johnson.

Roll call vote passed unanimously. Supervisor Clark not present to vote.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - one reading.

**RESOLUTION 89**

89. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Mary K. Mainland, M.D. to serve as the Kenosha County Medical Examiner and Public Health Lab Director.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to adopt Resolution 89. Seconded by Supervisor Grady.

Roll call vote unanimously. Supervisor Clark not present vote.

**RESOLUTION 90**

90. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Phyllis Rozinski to the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.

**RESOLUTION 91**

91. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Nancy Principe to the Brookside Board of Trustees.

**RESOLUTION 92**

92. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Supervisor Mark Wisnefski to the Kenosha County Board of Health.

Supervisor Wisnefski abstained from voting on Resolution 92.

**RESOLUTION 93**

93. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Sandra Bisciglia to the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

**RESOLUTION 94**

94. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Appointment of Supervisor Mark Modory to the Kenosha County Human Services Board.

**RESOLUTION 95**

95. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of John Richards to the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council.

**RESOLUTION 96**

96. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Earl Hawley to the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council.

**RESOLUTION 97**

97. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Shawn Zwirgzdas to the Kenosha County Long Term Care Council.

**RESOLUTION 98**

98. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Carol Schaufel to the Kenosha County Specialized Transportation Commission.

**RESOLUTION 99**

99. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Theresa Gilliland to the Kenosha County Specialized Transportation Commission.

**RESOLUTION 100**

100. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Karen Lockwood to the Kenosha County Specialized Transportation Commission.

**RESOLUTION 101**

101. From the Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to Approve the Re-Appointment of Edo Maccari to the Kenosha County Veterans Commission.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to adopt Resolutions 90 thru 101. Seconded by Supervisor Booth.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 102**

102. From the Legislative Committee regarding Resolution Opposing ICF-MR Downsizing.

It was moved by Supervisor R. Johnson to adopt Resolution 102. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 103**

103. From the Legislative and Finance Committees regarding Resolution to Establish Policy on the Disposition of County Real Estate.

Chairman Elverman referred Resolution 103 to the Building & Grounds and Highway & Parks Committees.

**CLAIMS**

22. Deborah Dunlap Ruffolo - Hit head on Framed Directory in Court House Lobby.

23. James B. White - Lost property while in jail.

Chairman Elverman referred Claims 22 & 23 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to Approve the January 18<sup>th</sup> minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Gorlinski.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Smitz.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 P.M.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe  
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Edna R. Highland  
County Clerk

