

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

January 20, 2004

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Rose, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Singer, Montemurro, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, Smitz, Ekornaas, Pitts, Molinaro, Gorlinski, Huff, Elverman, O'Day, Wisnefski, Kerkman, Ruffolo.

Excused: Supervisors Boyer, Marrelli, West, Larsen.

Present. 24. Excused. 4.

It was moved by Supervisor Kerkman to limit citizen's comments to three minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Rose, Huff, Bergo, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, Singer, Wisnefski, Clark, Noble, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Molinaro, Carbone, O'Day, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Carey-Mielke.

Ayes. 18. Nays. 6.

Motion carried.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Marty Hogan, 1421-43rd Avenue, Kenosha. He has lived in Kenosha his whole life. He sees no reason to have a referendum. This is why we have a county board to make these kind of decisions. Waiting could bring on a lost opportunity that Kenosha may never have again. The expansion and benefits would be so great for our community.

Edward R. Gray, 9222-48th Avenue, Kenosha. He is the business manager for the electricians of Kenosha County. Also, the secretary for the building and construction trades representing 18 local unions. A referendum would be a needless delay. They need the jobs.

Lou DeMarco, 2018-23rd Street, Kenosha. Retired people love entertainment. Bus loads leave everyday. We could have it all here. We do not need a referendum to get this going.

Gary Andreucci, 7107-104th Avenue, Kenosha. He has worked at Dairyland Greyhound Park for twelve years as a food and beverage director. There is no need for a referendum and there would be nothing better for Kenosha than a Casino.

Joyce March, 2516-73rd Street, Kenosha. She is a retired concerned citizen. She believes that there are many social as well as business problems the Kenosha Community will have to face if the Casino becomes a reality. Nothing needs to be pushed. We need to investigate further. Lets think about giving land away and the ramifications of proposing such a process. November would be the time to vote.

Jeff Cassity, 4921-20th Avenue, Kenosha. There is no need for a referendum but if one does come about have it in November. All details need to be made public. Also, add the rail-link to Milwaukee on the ballot.

Bob Lee, 1504-47th Avenue, Kenosha. He is in favor of the proposed Casino. It will provide many jobs in our area. A big boost to the construction industry in our area. Many jobs have left our area by moving south or overseas. Why can't Kenosha have a 1st class venue with the shows, restaurants, shopping and etc. like the Dells.

Ken Bastian, 2805-22nd Avenue, Kenosha. Business manager for the plumbers and pipe fitters union. He represents 500 people. They are all in support of the Casino and not a referendum.

David Janza, 6716-27th Avenue, Kenosha. Works at the Greyhound Park and is against the referendum. This should be put on the fast track.

Renee Aull, 5232- Greenbay Road, Kenosha. She has worked at the dog track since it opened. The citizens of the city already voted in favor of a Casino and we do not need another referendum.

Joe Nero, 6017-12th Avenue, Kenosha. He has been working at the dog track for ten years and he believes the Casino would enhance Kenosha by bringing much needed jobs.

David Marifern, 9650-84th Place, Pleasant Prairie. Union President for Kenosha Firefighters Local 404 is opposed to this referendum and in favor of having a casino. We all know about the state revenue cuts. This have impacted the Sheriff's Department, Police Department and the Fire Department. Programs have been cut. This is an opportunity for the City and County.

Catherine Tenuta, 2522-29th Avenue, Kenosha. She supports the referendum because the last one was for only city voters. The county voters should express their opinion. The date should be set for November. An April referendum does not give enough time to become familiar with all the issues. All talks have been done in private. Plus, November is the Presidential Election.

Steve Engstrom, 7310-12th Avenue, Kenosha. He recently moved from Illinois to Kenosha because he heard it was a great place to raise a family. Gambling has a complex effect on local communities in many dimensions. Becoming fixated on the dollar signs we'll miss an opportunity to think clearly about this issue. Wait until November.

Lou Rugani, 4529-29th Avenue, Kenosha. Does Kenosha ever do anything in a timely fashion? The Bonnie Hame Housing Development, was temporary and supposedly for a year or two but it lasted twenty years until it collapsed! Metro to Milwaukee has been discussed for 23 years and everything is there! Now, the casino needs to be done immediately? There are too many impacts and we do not know what they are. All the more reason to study it. We are a bedroom community.

Bob Danbeck, 7626-27th Avenue, Kenosha. The same old stories over and over. What is really happening in this community? Taxes keep going up, we are losing jobs, the state is costing us more and more. His brother-in-law retired from Kenosha and moved up north. He has a part-time job at a casino

and makes \$14.00 an hour. Our community needs to grow. Madison County is going to get nine million dollars a year from the expansion of the casino in Madison. Can we afford not to have the casino? We want the casino. We can't even come up with enough money to televise the County Board Meetings live.

Duane Anderson, 6403-72nd Street, Kenosha. Spokesman and board member against legalized gambling. The clergy in Kenosha is against the casino.

Dan Colter, 2721-73rd Street, Kenosha. He works at Dairyland Greyhound Park. We have already been through the referendum before and the people voted for it. The county people want it too. It boils down to business and jobs. Get the ball rolling.

Virginia Tenuta, 2522-29th Avenue, Kenosha. Since when is democracy a waste of time? She supports having a referendum. A county board supervisor was quoted in the Kenosha News stating that a referendum was not necessary because the County Board could make the decision for the people. Wisconsin was the birth place of The Progressive Government Movement. The people of Kenosha should be heard.

Brian Pulera, 7527-19th Avenue, Kenosha. He is for a casino and no need for another referendum.

James Davidison, 19123-101st Street, Kenosha County. He is in favor of the casino. We could actually have tourist dollars coming here. People in the county are in favor of the casino.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Kessler stated that he received a thank-you card from Supervisor West's wife thanking the board for the beautiful plant and the surgery was successful.

Chairman Kessler stated that due to the insufficient number of people that would have been attending the 7-County Meeting has been cancelled. Hopefully they can meet the second week in March and make it a day meeting instead of a night meeting.

Chairman Kessler stated that he had attended Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. sixth annual unity breakfast at Mahone Middle School. It was fabulous.

Chairman Kessler stated that he also attended the tenth annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. celebration at Gateway Technical College.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor Rose stated that at the last meeting there was some discussion about scheduling a meeting with the City, County and Pleasant Prairie to talk about consolidation of services. He wondered if Chairman Kessler had given it some thought and followed up on it.

Chairman Kessler stated he had given it a considerable amount of thought and all the players have an agreement that there will not be anything coming forward until everyone has signed off on it. He does not want to circumvent any progress that has been made. When the report is finalized we will hear it.

Supervisor Rose stated the other issue has to do with golf. The Corporation Counsel should seek a legal opinion from bond counsel. When we sold and issued bonds for the golf course there was a commitment in that bond that we would operate a public course.

Supervisor Wisniewski stated that the appointed committee met with the Kemper Center Board had their first meeting last week. A long range plan

outlook and how it would be conducted was discussed. They took a tour of the existing facilities. Another meeting has been set up but the date not finalized. When it happens he will report back to the County Board.

Supervisor Bergo stated that at the last meeting of the Board of Health they passed a resolution that The Kenosha County Board Of Health Applauds & Commends the Joint Efforts of the Sheriff's Department, Kenosha Visiting Nurse Association and Division of Health Employees on the Creation and Implementation of the Tuberculosis Infection Control Plan for Kenosha County Detention Center.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

APPOINTMENT 19

19. Jane A. Prince to serve on the Kenosha County Library Committee.

Chairman Kessler referred Appointment 19 to Finance Committee.

APPOINTMENT 20

20. Robert Carbone to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Chairman Kessler referred Appointment 20 to Human Services Committee.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinances - second reading two required.
From Land Use Committee regarding:

ORDINANCE 42

42. Amendment to the Kenosha County Subdivision Ordinance Requiring Preliminary and Final Subdivision Plats to be Submitted in a Digital Format in Addition to Paper Copies currently being submitted for review and approval.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Ordinance 42. Seconded by Supervisor Gorlinski.

Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 43

43. Proposed Amendment to the Kenosha County General Zoning and Shoreland/ Floodplain Zoning Ordinance Prohibiting Tower Signs Currently Permitted along I-94 Frontage Roads.

It was moved by Supervisor Smitz to adopt Ordinance 43. Seconded by Supervisor Molinaro.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - One reading.

RESOLUTION 96

96. From Administration and Finance Committees regarding Approval of the Successor Labor Agreement Between Kenosha County and SEIU Local 168 Maintenance and Custodial Workers.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to approve Resolution 96. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 97

97. From Buildings & Grounds, Highway & Parks and Finance Committees regarding Authorizing Demolition of Kemper Building known as "The Carriage House".

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adopt Resolution 97. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Ruffolo to take Resolution 109 out of order.
Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

Motion lost.

RESOLUTION 98

98. From Extension Education and Finance Committees regarding UW-Extension 2004 Budget Modification - Project Grants.

It was moved by Supervisor Modory to adopt. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 99

99. From Finance Committee regarding Initial resolution Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Refunding Bonds in an Amount not to Exceed \$10,720,000 and Providing for the Sale of the Bonds.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 99. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 100

100. From Finance Committee regarding the Appointment of Shirley M. Boening to the Kenosha County Library Committee.

RESOLUTION 101

101. From Finance Committee regarding the Appointment of D. Noel Sheer to the Kenosha County Library Committee.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 100 and 101.
Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 102

102. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Homeland Security Regional Emergency Response Team Funding.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 102. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 103

103. From Judiciary & Law, Administration and Finance Committees regarding Authorized Position Reduction of Lieutenant/Authorized Position Increase of Deputy.

It was moved by supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 103. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 104

104. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Budget Modification to transfer funds within 2003 District Attorney Line Item Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 104. Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Rose, Huff, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Montemurro, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clerk, Noble, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Molinaro.

Ayes. 21. Nays. 2.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 105

105. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding OJP (Office of Justice Programs) FY03 Exercise Grant.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 105. Seconded by Supervisor Carbone.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 106

106. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Jail Literacy Project Funding.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 106. Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

2/3 vote required.

Motion carried unanimously.

RESOLUTION 107

107. From Judiciary & Law and Finance Committees regarding Double Bunking Staffing Agreement - Pre-Trial Facility.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 107. Seconded by Supervisor Carey-Mielke.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 108

108. From Highway & Parks Committee Commending Years of Service of the Honorable Robert W. Pitts.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to adopt resolution 108. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 109

109. From Supervisors Terry Rose and Tom Gorlinski regarding an Advisory referendum Placed on the Ballot Regarding Casino Gambling in Kenosha.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 109. Seconded by Supervisor Gorlinski.

It was moved by Supervisor Kerkman to close debate on Resolution 109. Seconded by Supervisor Pitts.

Roll call vote

Ayes: Supervisors Boyer, Bergo, Carbone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Wisnefski, Clark, Kerkman.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Huff, Molinaro, Modory, Faraone, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 9. Nays. 15

Motion lost.

Discussion continued.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to close debate. Seconded by Supervisor Kerkman.

Roll Call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, Singer, Ruffolo, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Montemurro, Singer.

Ayes. 20. Nays. 4.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Resolution 109.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Singer, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Gorlinski.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Clark, Noble, Kerkman, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Motion lost.

COMMUNICATION

30. From George E. Melcher, Director of Planning and Development regarding future rezonings.

31. From Jean A. Morgan, City Clerk-Treasurer regarding Annexation of .408 acres of land, more or less in the Town of Somers.

Chairman Kessler referred Communications 30 & 31 to Land Use Committee.

CLAIMS

59. Robert L. Busche - mailbox damage.

Chairman Kessler referred Claim 59 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to approval the January 6th minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Prepared by: Pam Young
Chief Deputy
Submitted by: Edna R, Highland
County Clerk