

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS**

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**November 13, 2003**

The **Regular Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Kessler at 7:00 p.m., in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

Roll call was taken.

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

Excused: Supervisors Wisnefski, Marrelli.

Present. 26. Excused. 2.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS.**

Claudia Volpentesta, asked the board to reconsider the budget for Social Services and the layoff of Economic Support Workers. Not a single supervisor has ever asked her how the lay-offs would impact her job.

Keith Gumbinger, 1510-47th, Somers, stated that he has been on the History Center Board for about eight years and he has been involved with the move to the new facility. Since being in the new facility there have been a lot more people coming through the History Center.

Diane Gruber, Economic Support Worker for Kenosha County. Directors can come and go but the Economic Support Workers are still there. Her duties in 1995 involved training to be certified before given a case load. At that time 185 case loads were considered manageable. As of tonight she has 382 cases. They really cannot afford to lose positions.

Barbara Fanderlak, 740, Marioner Drive, Racine. She is the fund development director at Kemper Center. Times have changed in Kenosha. Many companies in Kenosha are still struggling to stay in business. Many have closed or left Kenosha. The Kemper Board has had to come to the County for help to get through this difficult time.

Gary Groenke, 526-74th Street, Chairman of Kemper Center Board stated that as the new chairman there will be a better dialogue with the county and he wants to meet with and every supervisor to explain what is happening at Kemper Center.

Sue Fanning, stated she is a Department of Workforce Development System Support Person. The client load has increased. There is more training, programs, policies and more manuals. The state changes and up-dates policies and programs almost daily.

Terry Hannes, spoke regarding the proposed layoffs in the 2004 budget. It is shameful that county positions are targeted at the same time contracted services within Social Services exceeds 30 million dollars with a cost to a levy of 1.7 million dollars. Who will do the work? Do you even care?

CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Kessler stated that in regards to tonight's meeting every supervisor will have the opportunity to speak on the budget before he will recognize any motion to stop debate. Also, he thanked the Finance Committee, Mr. Geersten and Mr. Swartz. The County Executive and staff and all the supervisors work and input on the 2004 budget.

SUPERVISORS REPORTS

Supervisor Ruffolo thanked Chairman Kessler for allowing everyone to speak on the budget.

Supervisor Carey-Mielke stated she had put a copy of a letter she received on everyone's desk regarding the positions being eliminated.

Supervisor Pitts stated that he was asked to look into eliminating a park manager that oversees the two golf courses. The Highway & Parks Committee has decided to cut \$300,000.00 from the golf budget. \$150,000.00 in revenue and \$150,000.00 in expenses. A study will be done on the golf issue.

OLD BUSINESS

Policy Resolution - second reading, two required.

**POLICY RESOLUTION**

1. From Finance Committee regarding the 2004 Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt the 2004 Budget. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark moved to Divide the Question regarding Bill Paying Procedure. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Faraone, O'Day, Singer, Montemurro, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, Gorlinski.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Carbone, Modory, Johnson, Pitts, Ruffolo, West, Kerkman, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 12. Nays. 14.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to substitute the Finance Committee Budget for the County Executive's Budget. Seconded by Supervisor Elverman.

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

2/3 vote required.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Bergo, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, O'Day, Singer, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Carbone, Pitts, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Elverman.

Ayes. 19. Nays. 7.

Motion carried.

Roll call to substitute the County Executive Budget for the Finance Committee Budget.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Boyer, Huff, Molinaro, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, Singer, Clark, Noble, Kerkman, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Bergo, O'Day, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, West, Gorlinski.

Ayes. 16. Nays. 10.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Pitts moved to reinstate in the County Executive's Budget a \$150,000.00 reduction in revenue and expense. \$150,000.00 reduction was included in the Salaries Appropriation Unit. The Financial Services Director shall have the authority to transfer the appropriation reduction within the Golf division appropriation units, if necessary to accomplish such reduction. Seconded by Supervisor Rose. \$150,000.00 salary account 511100. \$150,000.00 green fees concessions account 446490.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Molinaro, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, West, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Bergo, Montemurro, Noble, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman.

Ayes. 18. Nays. 8.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Gorlinski moved to modify the Medical Line Item, page 20, County Board Medical Insurance, 515400 from the amount of \$325,896.00 to \$162, 948.00. And, require that County Board Supervisors that chose Medical Insurance contribute 50% to the premium cost of their selected premium level. Seconded by Supervisor Ruffolo.

It was moved by Supervisor Pitts to close debate. Seconded by Supervisor Carey-Mielke.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, Singer, Ruffolo, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Carbone, O'Day, Montemurro, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski.

Ayes. 18. Nays. 8.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to postpone indefinitely. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, O'Day, Singer, Larsen, Noble, West, Kerkman, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Pitts, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Gorlinski.

Ayes. 19. Nays. 7.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to delete \$31,000.00 from the line item entitled postage in the Information Systems Budget. Specifically the Mail Scan System Contracts. Seconded by Supervisor Grady.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to close debate. Seconded. by Supervisor Montemurro.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Boyer, Rose, Molinaro, Bergo, Modory, Faraone, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Kerkman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Huff, Carbone, Johnson, Pitts, Noble, West, Smitz, Elverman.

Ayes. 16. Nays. 9.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Pitts to deny the re-class for the Facility Forman to increase his pay \$3,400.00. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to close debate. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Montemurro, West.  
Ayes. 22. Nays. 4.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on re-class.

Ayes: Supervisors Boyer, Faraone, Pitts, O'Day, Carey-Mielke, Noble.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Rose, Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Johnson, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Clark, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Motion lost.

It was moved by Supervisor Montemurro to reinstate one full time and one part time Economic Support Specialists eliminated positions at Human Services. At a cost of \$67,000 Seconded by Supervisor Huff.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to close debate. Seconded by Supervisor Modory.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, O'Day, Ruffolo, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Pitts, Singer, Montemurro.  
Ayes. 21. Nays. 5.

Motion carried.

Roll call on reinstating positions.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Huff, Johnson, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Carey-Mielke.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Boyer, Rose, Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Pitts, Larsen, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Motion lost.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to change the classification of the Risk Manager from H to G. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote requested.

Motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to restore \$35,000.00 to the History Center Budget Line. Seconded by Supervisor Larsen.

It was moved by Supervisor Pitts to amend the amendment by taking the \$31,000.00 eliminated from the Mail Scanner and move it to the History Center. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to close debate. Seconded by Supervisor Carey-Mielke.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Bergo, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Ruffolo, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Singer, Montemurro, Gorlinski.

Ayes. 21. Nays. 5.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Supervisor Pitts amendment to the amendment. (Prior to closing debate)

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Boyer, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Elverman.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 14. Nays. 12.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to close debate. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Bergo, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Molinaro, Huff, Carbone, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Gorlinski.

Ayes. 19. Nays. 7.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Supervisor Pitts amendment to the amendment. (After closing debate)

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Singer, Montemurro, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Elverman.

Nays: Supervisors Molinaro, Bergo, Carbone, Ruffolo, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 19. Nays 7.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to add \$100,000.00 to the Parks Budget for Kemper Center. Seconded by Supervisor West.

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

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Bergo, Faraone, Johnson, O'Day, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Noble, West, Kerkman, Smitz, Ekornaas, Pitts.

Nays: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Carbone, Modory, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Clark, Gorlinski, Elverman.

Ayes. 16. Nays. 10.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to amend Supervisor Rose's motion for the \$100,000.00 for Kemper Center to come from Reserves and no check issued until July 1st and only if a long term plan for the County's commitment to Kemper Center is in place. Seconded by Supervisor Gorlinski.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to stop debate on all issues. Seconded by Supervisor Grady.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Kessler, Grady, Boyer, Rose, Bergo, Modory, Faraone, Johnson, O'Day, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nay: Supervisors Huff, Molinaro, Carbone, Pitts, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, West.

Ayes. 18. Nays. 8.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Supervisor Molinaro's Amendment.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Modory, O'Day, Singer, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Carbone, Faraone, Johnson, Pitts, Clark, Noble, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 16. Nays. 10.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Supervisor Rose's amendment as amended.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Modory, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Ruffolo, Montemurro, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Carbone, Faraone, Singer, Clark, Noble, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 17. Nays. 9.

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on the Substitute Budget as amended.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Boyer, Rose, Huff, Molinaro, Bergo, Modory, Johnson, Pitts, O'Day, Ruffolo, Larsen, Carey-Mielke, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Carbone, Faraone, singer, Clark, Noble, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, Montemurro, Elverman.

Ayes. 23. Nays. 3.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution - one reading.

**RESOLUTION 78**

78. From Finance Committee regarding Authorizing the Issuance of General Obligation Promissory Notes in an amount Not to Exceed \$3,100,000.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 78. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Roll call vote.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

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

