

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**November 17, 2009**

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: 0.

Present: 28. Absent: 0.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Ron Frederick, 6038 34<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated there is a fund raiser that Bridges Community Center is hosting on Wednesday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Bridges Community Center is a drop in center for persons recovering from mental illness. He hopes the board can drop by and meet the new community center director and maybe make a small contribution. He also asked the board to override the County Executive's veto and replace his 15% buy in with a 0% buy in eliminating the subsidy for county board supervisors for health insurance. He said the county board supervisor is a part time public service position, not a part time self serving position. Six other counties that are comparable to Kenosha County do not have any subsidy. Those are the board's comparables, not the elected officials that are elected full time.

Carol Gonzales, 6207 7<sup>th</sup> Ave., thanked the supervisors who voted against the insurance enhancement for county board supervisors. For those supervisors that supported it; shame on you. In these economic times, when the county is trying to make cuts and all bargaining unit's employees are asked to take wage freezes and health care concessions, it is appalling and reprehensible that the board choose to vote themselves an enhancement in health insurance. The part time employees for the county pay 50% of their premiums, and she feels the county board should do the same.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated he doesn't think the supervisors should receive health insurance. He doesn't think the supervisors are being responsible to the tax payers and guesses there will be a lot of people running against the supervisors in the spring. His supervisor does not take the health insurance, that's being responsible because it is a part time position.

Mary Jonker, 6914 53<sup>rd</sup> St., stated during last weeks discussion of an Admission Coordinator at Brookside it was brought up by several supervisors that this may have been a represented vs. non-represented employee issue. She is an elected board member of AFSCME 990, and represents AFSCME 990 members, just as the board represents their constituents in their districts. When you ask your employees to take a wage freeze it is not the time to add positions. During the discussion on the supervisors health care benefit it was brought up several times that is was compensation for the amount of work being done as county supervisors. If the board truly believes they are entitled to the insurance then they should support the same benefit at the same premium as the other part time employees who pay 50%.

Louis Rugani, 4526 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., thanked the County Board for taking the allocated \$250,000 for the homeless shelter off of the 2010 budget. The City of Kenosha also pulled their quarter million dollars from that proposal.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Clark stated this last week has been a difficult week for the County Board; but he is still very proud to be the Chairman of this County Board and proud of the accomplishments of what this County Board has accomplished. He feels there is not an issue on this board that he felt they got wrong. The board set a budget goal of 3% and that meant there will be a five million dollar hole to fill. That hole required everybody sharing in that sacrifice. The county employees agreed to defer their raises and that saved the county 1.1 million. This county has been responsible fiscally and he challenges anybody but for that one decision to say otherwise. This county is working, we have held the line, and we have a proven record. With this budget, Chairman Clark stated he didn't think it was appropriate during these tough economic times for the county board benefit package to remain the same as it was. He felt the county board needed to step up as well. After talking to several supervisors, he settled on the 15% subsidy for insurance. He didn't on his own decide to take this to the Finance Committee; he talked to the Chairman of the Administration Committee and asked about the process. He is guilty of trying to be efficient. The county board may be part time, but they do not make part time decisions, although sometimes they are criticized for their decisions. We all guilty of making a poor decision from time to time but it is how we react and go forward. Tonight the board has the opportunity to correct a lapse in judgment and restore the trust that our citizens have in Kenosha County.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Noble reported all the valuables have been taken out of the old Brookside, and by the end of the month it is planned that the city fire department will come and formally give permission to disconnect the utilities and then we will not need to heat the building which will save us a lot. The Safety Building is moving forward as expected.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Communication received from the County Executive regarding his veto of a portion of the 2010 County Budget as adopted on November 10, 2009.

Motion to override the veto of the County Executive to the 2010 annual County budget as adopted by the County Board on November 10, 2009 (2/3 vote of the entire Board is required).

(the motion is stated as above (and not in terms of "sustaining the veto") because the state stats (59.17(6)) states that "If after such reconsideration, 2/3 of the members - elect of the board agree to adopt the resolution...or the part objected to...it shall become effective...")

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro override the veto of the County Executive. Seconded by Supervisor West.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisor Marks.

Ayes: 27. Nays: 1

Motion failed.

Ordinance - one reading

22. From the Land Use Committee regarding Maryann E. Horan and John F. Spears (Owners), Jack Goldberg (Agent) requesting rezoning from A-1 Agricultural Preservation District to R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential District in the Town of Salem.

It was move by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 22. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig.

Motin carried

**CLAIMS**

19. Sandra Weber - car damaged by fresh paint on road

Chairman Clark referred Claim 19 to the Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Jackson to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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