

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

**November 10, 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, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Morton.

Present: 27. Absent: 1.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Kathy Million, 6230 85<sup>th</sup> St., stated she works and Brookside Care Center and is vice-president of Local 1392 and is speaking on behalf of her fellow union brothers and sisters. There has been a lot of discussion on the proposed Marketing Admissions Coordinator at Brookside. They oppose this new position because earlier this year, the County Executive stated there is a freeze on all new county position. Also, all the unions except one have agreed to defer their pay increases until December 2010. She asks that all aspects of this position are taken into consideration before voting this evening.

Donna Dickenson, 7522 12<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated she is here once again to ask the board to closely review and scrutinize the Brookside budget including the drastic increase in the directors travel reimbursement. She is outraged that the represented members have agreed to concessions and many of the departments and divisions have hiring freezes and are keeping their budget request to a minimum. However it appears the Brookside Director has taken another approach and has requested more money for an unwarranted position. When the union contracts came before the board, many of the county board members were outraged at a 1% pay increase. Some members asked how they can tell their constituents they voted for pay increases when some of them were losing their jobs and homes. Ms. Dickenson wants to know where the outrage is now when there is a new position being added to a budget that's under very strict financial constraints. If the board can justify in good faith a vote for a new position at Brookside then she asks the budget be amended to make that position a represented position.

Ron Frederick, 6038 34<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated he is a non-subsidized Kenosha County retiree and the Kenosha County Board Members should also be non-subsidized. He corrected a statement he made the night before when he said that Waukesha County subsidizes their county board members health insurance at 50%; Waukesha County does not subsidize the county board members insurance. Brown County requires 25% buy in from county board supervisors; Racine is at a 15% buy in. Outagamie, Winnebago and Rock Counties which are very comparable in population to Kenosha County give no subsidy to their county board members. The trend is pointing towards a non subsidy relationship between county board supervisors and county health insurance. He would like to see the county board adopt a similar policy.

Amy Fockler, 9913 191<sup>st</sup> Ave., stated she is county employee and a member of Local 990 Pro Unit. She stated she was part of the negotiating team which just negotiated a contract for the next three years. Every time they met they were lectured about the poor economy and how they needed to make concessions, which

they did make. Before the contract was in effect, they were asked by the County Executive to make more concessions and they agreed to do so. She was surprised to read in the paper of the creation of the new position at Brookside when in fact there is supposed to be a hiring freeze. There is a frozen Social Worker position in DCFS; a position they badly need. Yet somehow Brookside has money for a new position in which the work is already being done. This feels like a slap in the face to the Pros. She doesn't understand why the County has money for non-represented positions when represented positions remain frozen. She is asking for fiscal responsibility in the county.

Kathy Fonk, 1185 248<sup>th</sup> Ave., spoke regarding the FDR recordings in the Initial Appearances. She is concerned about the noise factor and how the recordings will be recorded with speaker identification and inaudibles. She thinks this is a bad move; a machine can not take the place of court reporter.

Louis Rugani, 4526 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., thanked the supervisors for their service to the county. He stated the quarter million dollars slated for the homeless shelter can be put into an endowment to help those who are victims of emergency or put the money back into the general fund until there is proof of real need.

Ron Frederick, 4718 60<sup>th</sup> St., stated he has listened to the same speech from the previous speaker about a month ago that there is no homeless here, they all come from someplace else. He disagrees; he thinks there is a homeless problem in Kenosha County. There are homegrown people in Kenosha that have lost their houses; some people are living in garages. The homeless problem is real and it's not coming in from other places and he would like to see the \$250,000 left where it is.

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

Chairman Clark stated there is a United Way contribution form on the desks. Anyone interested can return the form to the County Clerk. He also stated the Intergovernmental Agreement will be mailed out this week. This Saturday is the Council of Governments at Brighton Dale starting at 8:30.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Breunig stated Extension Education met last Wednesday and there are currently 179 active members of the Master Gardeners. They each have to put in 24 hours of volunteer work and 10 hours of continuing education. That totals up to 1315 volunteer hours which gives us a value of \$229,000 for Kenosha and Racine through the Master Gardener Program. Government grants are still being worked on, one is with Public Works on an HVAC grant for \$225,000, the District Attorney's Office for misdemeanor cases for \$211,000, the broadband for 6.4 million dollars and an offender re-entry program grant for \$400,000. The Smart Growth Program is being finished up with Land Use. John de Montmollin reported there are no YAR projects that have been presented to date so any group in Kenosha County can apply. Bethany Kitzrow brought in one of her Clover Buds through the 4-H Program which are the older youth that take on some of the younger children and make them feel welcome at the 4-H Programs. They had 150 families at the open house this year.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Policy Resolution - second reading, two required.

#### **POLICY RESOLUTION 2**

2. From the Finance Committee regarding the 2010 Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to adopt Policy Resolution 2. Seconded by Supervisor Molinaro.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to amend Policy Resolution 2 by removing the Brookside Marketing Position. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Marks, Faraone, Singer, Moore, Jackson, Noble, Elverman.

Nays: Supervisors Clark, Zerban, Hallmon, Gentz, Modory, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Nudo, Molinaro, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Ekornaas.

Ayes: 12. Nays: 15 tomorrow

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to amend Policy Resolution 2 to eliminate Health Care Benefits for County Board Supervisors. Seconded by Supervisor Zerban with a friendly amendment to instead increase the County Board's contribution to the Health Care Plan from 15% to 50%. Supervisor Hallmon agreed with the friendly amendment.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Zerban, Hallmon, Jackson, Roger Johnson, Haas.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Clark, Noble, West, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Ayes: 5. Nays: 22.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to amend Policy Resolution 2, pg. 8, seventh full paragraph to add "subject to the County Boards approval". Seconded by Supervisor Moore.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Supervisor Gentz.

Ayes: 26. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Elverman to amend Policy Resolution 2, pg. 3, fifth paragraph to read "a basic agreement is being negotiated with Joint Services for an Intergovernmental Agreement..." in place of "a basic agreement has been reached on a Joint Services Intergovernmental Agreement...". Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: Supervisor Hallmon.

Ayes: 26. Nays: 1.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to amend Policy Resolution 2 to add two paragraphs to read as follows:

WHEREAS, the County negotiates union contracts with in-house staff;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the County shall retain outside counsel, subject to the confirmation of the Administration Committee, to negotiate union contracts with the assistance of in-house staff, and the Administration will be authorized to find such funding within the 2010 budget. Seconded by Supervisor Moore.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Clark, Faraone, Singer, Moore, Noble, Elverman.

Nays: Supervisors Zerban, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Nudo, Molinaro, Jackson, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Ekornaas.

Ayes: 7. Nays: 20.

Motion failed.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig that the board take a 10 minute break. Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to amend Policy Resolution to change the County Board contribution to the Health Care Plan from 15% to 0%. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Kessler, Huff, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Jackson, West, Breunig, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Nays: Supervisors Clark, Zerban, Rose, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Michel, O'Day, Noble, Roger Johnson, Haas.

Ayes: 14. Nays: 13.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to amend Policy Resolution 2 to reflect the Elected Officials will receive a 0% pay increase in 2010, 2% per year for the remaining 3 years. Seconded by Supervisor Moore.

Supervisors Singer and Moore withdrew the amendment.

Roll call vote on Policy Resolution 2 as amended.

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

Nays: Supervisors Zerban, Noble, Haas.

Ayes: 24. Nays: 3.

Motion carried.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**CLAIMS**

16. ISM and Sally Lavacque - fell in courthouse.

17. Margaret Beinecke - car damaged by rocks thrown by county mower.

Chairman Clark referred Claims 16 & 17 to Corporation Counsel

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Michel.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe  
Deputy Clerk  
Submitted by: Mary Schuch-Krebs  
County Clerk