

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

November 8, 2005

The **Public Hearing** was called to order by Chairman Elverman at 7:00 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, Modory, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, L. Johnson, Moore, Molinaro, Wisniewski, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Carey-Mielke.

Present: 27. Excused: 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Pastor Jerry Christiansen, 6326 Pershing Blvd., said he was there to thank everyone who has helped with helping people out of jails and prisons. Last year their ministry kept out 104. He asked for support from the county as the ministry has been given a grant from the city and possibly on the list for getting help from the state because of the problem of keeping people out of prison. We pay \$25,000 to keep someone in a \$150,000 prison cell a year. The city has helped with food and shelter.

Bob Danbeck, 7626-27th Avenue, stated that they could save the taxpayers a lot of money. There is no reason for 28 part-time employees costing the taxpayers over \$400,000 for health insurance. There is no reason for this. Also, we don't need 28 supervisors. Cut the county board to 14. We do not need any more than that.

Barbara Fonderlac from Racine and she is the Director of Kemper Center. She wanted to thank County Executive, Allan Kehl and administration for helping with assistance for Kemper Center and also the County Board for their past support. The Durke Mansion is one of the finest examples of restored antebellum interiors in the mid-west. The Anderson Art Center has about 3500 visitors yearly. Both are free to the public. 3 jazz concerts during the summer. They have student tours. The buildings have been re-tuck pointed and they are just beautiful.

David Deberg, 1367 Sheridan Road, Somers. He concurs with Pastor Christianson. The homeless program needs to be improved. Come and eat breakfast and meet some of the homeless. It could happen to anyone. Lease a building.

Supervisor Carbone on behalf of the Finance Committee presented the 2006 Budget.

It was moved by Supervisor Modory to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone. Motion carried.

The **Organizational Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Elverman immediately following the Public Hearing in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Elverman stated that there were papers for candidacy placed on everyone's desk.

Chairman Elverman stated also a red folder regarding health insurance was placed on everyone's desk and please fill out and return to the Personnel Department.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Gorlinski stated that he has filed a Notification of Non-candidacy for the county board. He did file Declaration of Candidacy for County Executive.

Supervisor O'Day stated that a packet from the Human Services Department was put on all desks. Line item 6 on the first page refers to 361 contracted employees that work under the auspices of the Human Services Department. There are a lot of behind the scenes employees that work for the county and a lot of people are not aware of this.

Supervisor Molinaro said that Thursday, November 17th at 6:30 at the Somers Town Hall Supervisor Wisnefski and himself will be having a meeting with the people in Somers. Also, there was another sex offender released in Somers again. He has talked to everyone about this. Why Somers? He will keep everyone updated about this.

Supervisor Marrelli spoke about the homeless problem. It's early and three weeks in a row there were babies under 3 months old. The homeless have to go from one place to the next. Check out the sites and go there and see. You will learn a lot.

Supervisor Clark spoke regarding the press release from Rep. Dan Vrakas regarding reductions in the size of county boards. It was approved by both the State Senate and Assembly and is now on the Governor's desk.

OLD BUSINESS

Ordinance - second reading, two required.

ORDINANCE 22

22. From Administration and Judiciary & Law Committees regarding Amending 4.01(3)(f)7 of the Civil Service Ordinance.

The Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby obtain that section 4.01 (3) (f) 7 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

Except for unit members assigned a vehicle that may be brought home and for whom residency in Kenosha County is required, the established residency boundary for all other unit members will include all of Kenosha and Racine Counties, and the portion of Walworth County bordered on the west by Highway 12 and the north by a line extended from the Racine/Kenosha County line extended west to Highway 12. Any individual who violates the above shall be deemed to have resigned.

Submitted by:

ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

JUDICIARY & LAW COMMITTEE

David Singer

James Huff

Joseph Clark

Brenda Carey-Mielke

Janice Marrelli

James Moore

Anita Faraone

Terry Rose

Thomas Kerkman

William Michel, II

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to adopt Ordinance 22. Seconded by Supervisor Huff.

Motion carried.

Policy Resolution - second reading, two required.

POLICY RESOLUTION 1

1. From Legislative Committee regarding Amending Section ET-1.07-1(3) of the Ethics Policy Pertaining to Use of County Vehicles.

The Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby resolve to amend Section ET-1.07-1(3) of the Ethics Code pertaining to use of county vehicles to read as follows:

(3) Use of Certain Vehicles. Notwithstanding any provision of this code, it is recognized that it is in the public interest to make immediate transportation available to certain public officials for use in emergencies. For this purpose, specially equipped motor vehicles may be provided to those employees assigned a vehicle through the annual budget process or by Executive Order in the case of an emergency.

Employees assigned a county vehicle shall use that vehicle only in compliance with administrative use and reporting directives issued by the Finance Division.

Personal use of a vehicle is restricted to commuting as defined in the attached Kenosha County Fiscal Procedure unless otherwise directed by the County board.

Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Ronald Johnson

Richard Kessler

Joseph Clark
Christine Wipper
Mark Modory

It was moved by Supervisor R. Johnson to adopt Policy Resolution 1.
Seconded by Supervisor Modory.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 50

50. From Highway & Parks Committee regarding Appointment of Karl Ostby as the Kenosha County representative to the Regional Transportation Authority.

WHEREAS, the Kenosha County Executive has submitted the name of Karl Ostby for the Kenosha County representative to the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA), and

WHEREAS, Kenosha County Board Chairman has referred the appointment to the Kenosha County Highway and Parks Committee, and;

WHEREAS; Mr. Ostby appeared personally before said Committee on October 3, 2005, and;

WHEREAS, the Committee voted unanimously to recommend Mr. Ostby to the referenced appointment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Highway and Parks Committee does hereby recommend that Mr. Karl Ostby be considered to serve as the Kenosha County representative to the RTA and serve in that capacity in accordance with the enabling legislation.

Submitted by:

HIGHWAY & PARKS COMMITTEE

Douglas Noble
Richard Kessler
Fred Ekornaas
Leonard Johnson
William Grady

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 51

51. From Judiciary & Law Committee Allowing Joint Services Chairman to Extend Term.

WHEREAS, the Joint Services Board governs mutual operations at the Kenosha City/County Joint Services Building and is composed of seven members, all as more particularly set forth in Resolution No. 56 passed by the County Board of Supervisors on March 3, 1981 and passed by the City of Kenosha Common Council in 1981 as Resolution 56-81; and

WHEREAS, the Board has 3 members appointed by the City and 3 members appointed by the County, and a 7th member mutually appointed by the Mayor and the County Executive who is approved by the Common Council and the County Board; and the term of said 7th member is limited by the above resolutions to not more than 2 three-year terms; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gray has served as the 7th member of the Joint Services Board since his appointment in 1999; further, he has served with distinction and honor becoming familiar with all operations and policies of Joint Services since his appointment; further Mr. Gray is the Chairman of the Joint Services Board and provides valuable leadership in this capacity; and

WHEREAS, unless the above referenced resolutions are amended, Mr. Gray will have to end his tenure on the Joint Services Board because he is at the end of his second term: Since he is such an able member of the Board, both the City and the County would miss his contributions and leadership; and

WHEREAS, the City of Kenosha Common Council has unanimously passed Resolution 54-05 on April 18, 2005 that allows Mr. Gray to continue his tenure on the Joint Services Board for up to two additional terms, if so mutually appointed by the Mayor and County Executive and approved by the Common Council and the County Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors that Mr. Ed Gray will be allowed to remain on the Joint Services Board for up to an additional two terms, if so mutually appointed and re-appointed by the Mayor and the County Executive and approved by the Common Council and Board of Supervisors.

Submitted by:

JUDICIARY & LAW COMMITTEE

Jim Huff

Brenda Carey-Mielke

Terry Rose

James Moore

William Michel II

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 51. Seconded by Supervisor Moore.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Elverman, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Wipper, Booth, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, Michel, L. Johnson, Moore, Molinaro, Clark, Noble, West, Gorlinski, Smitz.

Nays: Supervisors Grady, Marrelli, R. Johnson, O'Day, Singer, Wisnefski, Kerkman, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 19. Nays. 8.

Motion carried.

Supervisor Comments.

1. From Supervisor Mark Molinaro regarding Legislation to Allow Reduction in Size of County Board.

Regarding Senate Bill 4 and hopefully Governor Doyle will sign it. This is an issue that Kenosha County should look at independent of WCA. Four years ago we went in the wrong direction by increasing instead of reducing. He asked that Chairman Elverman have the Legislative Committee look into Bill 4 and come back with a Resolution reducing the County Board to 21. This will not affect the next term. He will really push this. We are, in his opinion, four years too late.

Chairman Elverman asked Supervisor Molinaro to bring in a resolution so he could refer it. Supervisor Molinaro concurred.

2. From Supervisor Jim Moore regarding BIA Hearing and DEIS.

Supervisor Moore spoke about the Bureau of Indian Affairs Hearing held two weeks ago on the draft and environmental impact study. He is sending a letter to the BIA and he put a copy on everyone's desk. This is out of local government hands. Dairyland Suit is questioning the legality of Class 3 Gaming in Wisconsin is before the Supreme Court. The uniqueness of the Kenosha Proposal is gaining national attention.

It was moved by Supervisor Marrelli to approve the October 18, 2005 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Smitz.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adjourn sine die. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

The **Annual Meeting** was called to order by Chairman Elverman immediately following the Organizational Meeting, in the County Board Room located in the Administration Building.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

James H. Kramers, 5410-2nd Avenue, Kenosha. This is his first meeting and he has moved from Florida. There are many things that citizens don't understand. Tax incremental funds is something he is just learning about because he lives in a tax incremental district. He pays funds into it and somebody else will be picking up a portion of his tax money. He does not think this is right. It is not logical for his taxes to pay for the Civil War Museum. We are very close to a citizen uprising.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 - 27th Avenue, Kenosha, said that if he understands Supervisor Carbone that the \$250,000 that was put in last years budget regarding the money for the homeless shelter that was in last years budget. If they have to vote for it again this year he hopes that they would eliminate it. He will be on the golf course tomorrow at 8:00 a.m. because that is when they open.

CHAIRMAN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Elverman stated that the Christmas Party will be December 20th.
NEW BUSINESS

POLICY RESOLUTION - first reading, two required.

POLICY RESOLUTION 2

2. From Finance Committee regarding 2006 Kenosha County Budget.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

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