

KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS

COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

April 8, 2003

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 Grady, Boyer, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Molinaro, Marrelli, Bergo, Carbone, Faraone, Johnson, Singer, Montemurro, Larsen, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, Gorlinski, Smitz, Elverman, Ekornaas, West, O'Day.

Excused: Supervisor Modory, Ruffolo, Kerkman.

Absent: Supervisor Pitts.

Present. 24. Excused. 3. Absent. 1.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Kessler asked for a moment of silence in memory of former County Board Supervisor Charles Huck.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Wisnefski stated that Buildings & Grounds received four proposals for the County Security System.

Supervisor Elverman stated that they are close to closing on the new Parkland. Also, four engineering firms will be interviewed for the new parking structure.

Supervisor Carey-Mielke put an envelope on everyone's desk containing information about the 20th Annual Kenosha Rotary Club Golf Outing & Raffle. All proceeds benefit local charities. Also, anyone interested in mentoring can contact Faye Bryant at the University Extension Office. Youth Quest is for grades 8 thru 12.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 142

142. From Finance Committee regarding Bills over \$5,000.00.

WHEREAS, the Wisconsin State Statutes provides that the County Board may Act on all bills over \$10,000.00 and

WHEREAS, the County resolution requires that the Finance Committee must act on all bills over \$5,000.00, and

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the following bills be approved for payment:

KENOSHA COUNTY PAYMENT GROUPS BILLS OVER \$5,000.00

APPROVAL BY FINANCE COMMITTEE AND COUNTY BOARD ARE REQUIRED:

<u>DIVISIONS</u>	<u>PAYMENT GROUPS</u>
Finance Grouping #1	\$887,956.45
Finance Grouping #2	8,574.00
Personnel Grouping #1	12,362.45
Disability Grouping #1	39,840.78
Payment groups Grand Total	\$948,733.68

Submitted by:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Robert Carbone

Terry Rose

Robert Pitts

John O'Day

Gordon West

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 142. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 143

143. From Highway & Parks Committee regarding Kenosha County Public Snowmobile Trail.

Resolution 143 was removed by Supervisor Elverman because Highway & Parks Committee did not meet due to the snow storm.

RESOLUTION 144

144. From Legislative Committee regarding Supporting the Mandate Relief Act.

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin expects local units of government to provide

certain services or to administer certain programs, and

WHEREAS, the State of Wisconsin has imposed certain mandates on county government throughout the entire state for which the county receives no compensation, and

WHEREAS, local units of government have had these additional costs imposed on

them and at the same time had restrictions placed on their ability to tax, and

WHEREAS, legislation has been introduced for mandate relief under the terms of

which a new standing joint legislative committee would be created for the purpose of reviewing proposed and existing programs and services that the state demands of local government, and

WHEREAS, under the terms of the proposed Mandate Relief Act, each existing

mandate would sunset over a three year period, after which time the committee could decide whether to provide the funding for the program or service or in the alternative drop the mandate;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors that

it support the proposed Mandate Relief Act and further that this endorsement by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors be communicated to the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, to Kenosha County's state legislative delegation and to the State Legislature.

Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Tom Kerkman

Fred Ekornaas

Ava Marrelli

Anita Faraone

It was moved by Supervisor Johnson to adopt Resolution 144. Seconded by Supervisor Larsen.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 145

145. From Legislative Committee regarding Authorizing an Appeal for an Exemption from State Mandates Pursuant to section 66.0143, Wisconsin Statutes.

WHEREAS, the Legislature recently enacted a provision in 2001 Wisconsin Act 109 authorizing a County to request a waiver with the State Department of Revenue from State mandates that are not related to public health and safety, and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has over the years enacted the following State mandates upon counties requiring the expenditure of funds for purposes other than health and safety under the following statutes; Sections 59.14(2), 59.56(1)(b), 59.60(7), 59.60(9)(b), 59.66(2)(a)2., 198.06(1), 198.22(3), which statutes presently require each County in the State to expend funds for those purposes set forth therein as publishing notices and actions, and

WHEREAS, Kenosha County has established a website for public internet access to enhance information relative to County government meetings and actions requiring public notice available to residents of Kenosha County and the costs of publication of the same information is duplicative of the costs incurred by the County in providing this public information to the residents of Kenosha County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors that it hereby requests exemption from the Wisconsin Department of Revenue for a waiver from the State mandates as set forth in the statutory provisions referred to herein, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate County officials be authorized to submit the necessary documentation for this request for exemption from State mandates.

Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Kerkman

Ava Marrelli

Anita Faraone

Fred Ekornaas

It was moved by Supervisor Johnson to adopt Resolution 145. Seconded by Supervisor Ekornaas.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 146

146. From Legislative Committee regarding Support of Federal Legislation Proposed by Senator Russ Feingold and Senator Grassley of Iowa to Change Medicare Payment Inequities Between States.

WHEREAS, as health insurance premium rise, it is important to recognize how federal government Medicare program shortfalls contribute to these increases. Medicare underpayments have become a "hidden tax" that inflates the cost of health care paid by consumers and by Wisconsin businesses, local government and school districts. Medicare payment policy also shortchanges senior citizens who do not have access to additional Medicare benefits that are available in other states, and

WHEREAS, Medicare reimbursement per beneficiary in Wisconsin ranks well below the national average, despite the fact that Wisconsin citizens pay the exact same tax rates that other states pay, and

WHEREAS, benefits available to seniors are not the same, and

WHEREAS, overall, Wisconsin is losing \$1 Billion annually, and

WHEREAS, because Wisconsin users are more conservative and wiser in using medical services, they are penalized, and

WHEREAS, Wisconsin receives \$375 per beneficiary, while other states receive \$750 to \$900 per beneficiary, and

WHEREAS, this results in a shifting of the cost to consumers, businesses and local government, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does support the federal legislation proposed by Senator Russ Feingold and Senator Grassley to change the Medicare payment formulas to stop inequities in payments among states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be sent to all members of the Wisconsin Federal legislative delegation, all Wisconsin counties, and the Wisconsin Counties Association, asking their support of this legislation.

Submitted by:

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE

Thomas Kerkman

Ava Marrelli

Anita Faraone

Fred Ekornaas

It was moved by Supervisor Johnson to adopt Resolution 146. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

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

Chairman Kessler referred Communication 25 to the Land Use Committee.

CLAIMS

44. Charles Repinski - mailbox damage.

45. Scott Dahl - car hit by snow plow.
46. Marietta Mengo - mailbox damage.
47. Jaremy Giardi - car accident.
48. Kami Giardi - car accident.
49. Karen Frank - car damage.

Chairman Kessler referred Claims 44 thru 49 to the Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to approve the March 18, 2003 minutes.

Seconded by Supervisor Grady.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Carey-Mielke.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Prepared by: Pam Young
Chief Deputy

Submitted by: Edna R. Highland
County Clerk