

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**March 4, 2008**

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Carbone, Arrington, Faraone, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Jackson, Clark, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Ronald Johnson, Michel, Marrelli, Booth, Wisnefski, Noble.

Present: 22.           Excused: 6.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Leah Blough, 8355 57<sup>th</sup> Ave., asked the board to vote yes on the resolution supporting Senate Bill 523, the Great Lakes Compact Bill. The Great Lakes is our most important water resource. The Great Lakes Compact holds all parties accountable in protecting, managing, restoring and improving this renewable resource. Without the compact, the unregulated depletion of the Great Lakes waters would create fragile ecosystems that puts our water at risk.

Adrian Roach 315 Rainbow Ridge Dr., Oak Creek, asked that the board move quickly as possible on the Great Lakes Compact Resolution. It is moving very quickly in the State Legislature. It's imperative that Kenosha makes an impact to show they really care about this issue.

Rob Zerban, 5406 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave., spoke in favor of the county board supporting Senate Bill 523 by passing the Resolution. It's important that as a lake side community, we protect this resource for future generations.

Ed St. Peter, 4219 51<sup>st</sup> Ave., General Manager of Kenosha Water Utility spoke regarding Senate Bill 523. This is the most important piece of legislation that has become before the senate that will have impact and effect on the entire Kenosha County. The Great Lakes contains 95% of the fresh surface water in North America and 21% of the entire fresh water surface in the world. The majority of the 79% that remains are in the Polar Ice Caps which humans have no access to for potable water. The language in the compact has a definition of diversion, any water that goes across the sub-continental divide is considered a diversion. In the compact, there are no diversions allowed except for a couple of specific situations, which directly impacts Kenosha. The Great Lakes Compact is critical, and asks the board to support this resolution and get it to the state as soon as possible because they're working really hard on it.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Rose wanted to recognize the life and death of former County Board Supervisor Eunice Boyer who died at the age of 89. He offered the boards condolences to her husband Dr. Boyer, her children and the other members of her family. Eunice was a great humanitarian. She was the Chair of the Human Services Committee for many years. She served on the County Board for 24 years retiring from the board in 2004, and was highly respected by her constituents who elected her in the 2<sup>nd</sup> District. She was a strong advocate for the Human Services Programs and for the people those programs served. In her own quiet way she was able to be a strong voice for people in the community who didn't

have a strong voice. Chairman Rose asked for a moment of silence to recognize her contributions to this community.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Grady stated this has been the largest winter of salt usage in recent history for Kenosha County. Average usage is around 7,300 tons per winter season, this year we've already used almost 13,000 tons of salt. We have enough salt to last the rest of the season due to good planning by the department. Overtime for plow operators, diesel fuel, have also made the cost of this winter way above the norm. Because of the increased costs, there will be budget modifications in the future to replenish the supplies of salt, and to pay for the diesel, overtime and repairs on the plow blades.

Supervisor Breunig stated the UW Extension Committee has completed the interviews for the Youth in Governance for the upcoming year. There were 23 students interviewed for the 18 spots on the committees. They will be inducted in May.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Resolution - one reading.

114. From Supervisors Jackson and Grady a Resolution in support of Senate Bill 523 The Great Lakes St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resource Compact.

Chairman Rose referred Resolution 114 to the Legislative Committee.

**CLAIMS**

- 30. Kathy K. Menarek - vehicle damage
- 31. Debra Haney - vehicle damage
- 32. Leonard Marshall - lost property while incarcerated

Chairman Rose referred Claims 30, 31 and 32 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Faraone to approve the February 26, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Kessler to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

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