

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

**January 6, 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, Kessler, Rose, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Absent: Supervisor Jackson.

Present: 27. Absent: 1.

**There were no citizen comments.**

At this time County Executive Jim Kreuser honored the Tremper Girls Volleyball Team and their Coaches for winning the State Championship.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Clark congratulated the volleyball team and their families. It takes a lot of commitment and hard work to achieve this kind of success.

Chairman Clark announced that he received a report from the Regional Transportation Authority of the recommendations to the Governor and the Legislature. The report will be in the County Clerk's office if anyone would like a copy of it. He also received a resolution from Dodge County which relates to the use of vehicle registration fees and fuel tax and asked the Legislative Committee to review this.

Chairman Clark welcomed the new County Clerk. He stated the County Clerk is integral part of a smooth working County Board and wished many years of success to the new clerk.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Michel stated he had the opportunity to meet with Judge Wagner, who is the chief judge for Kenosha County and discussed the 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court Branch. The 8<sup>th</sup> Branch will not be a criminal branch so there should not be additional costs for the District Attorney Office nor the Sheriff's Department.

Supervisor Elverman reported there has been advisory speed limits posted on areas of Hwy C, flashing lights have been installed to warn of oncoming hills, rumble strips were installed, and there has been saturation of the sheriff's department. They are awaiting a study of some of the lineage such as double yellow lines and warning lines. He also reported some of the plans for the west end park have been completed. Some of the walking trails have been designated; they have some figures in for some entry way and beach work. There is an ongoing reorganization of the Highway & Parks Departments. They are advertising for a Director of Golf Operation. Hopefully there will be someone new in place to kick the season off.

Supervisor Molinaro stated he attended a summit at Snap-on called Wind Technician Training Summit. The main purpose was to have a dialogue and discussion with Gateway Technical College, Snap-on, and members of the Francis Tuttle Technology Center out of Oklahoma City as well as representatives from the Texas Technical College system. It was moderated by a representative of the Mid-west Renewable Energy Association. The main impetus was to begin talks

about partnerships between the technical colleges and Gateway's initiative to renewable energies. Also Snap-on's commitment and dedication to wind energy and their partnership with those in the industry and the tools that Snap-on provides to facilitate the construction and maintenance of wind turbines etc. He will bring more information in the future when it's available.

**COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS**

- 21. Louise Principe to serve on the Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency.
- 22. Mark S. Modory to serve on the Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency.
- 23. Jennifer Jackson to serve on the Racine/Kenosha Community Action Agency.
- 24. Loran Hein to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.
- 25. Norma L. Carter to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.
- 26. Sandra K. Beth to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.
- 27. Ross Boone to serve on the Kenosha County Commission on Aging.
- 28. Dr. James C. Foster to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health.
- 29. Derrell Greene to serve as Director of the Kenosha County Division of Veterans Services

Chairman Clark referred County Executive Appointments 21 - 29 to Human Services.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinances - one reading

**ORDINANCE 24**

24. From the Land Use Committee regarding MIR Group LLC requesting rezoning from A-2 General Agricultural District to B-4 Planned Business District, A-2 General Agricultural District and C-1 Lowland Resource Conservancy District with the application of a PUD Planned Unit Development Overlay District in the Town of Somers.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 24. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried.

**ORDINANCE 25**

25. From the Land Use Committee regarding Regency Hills/Pike Creek Crossing LLC (Owners), Town of Somers (Buyer) requesting rezoning from R-4 Urban Single-Family Residential District to I-1 Institutional District in the Town of Somers.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 25. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried

**ORDINANCE 26**

26. From the Land Use Committee Town of Randall (Sponsor), Scott and Alice Krucek (Owners) requesting rezoning from B-2 Community Business District to R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential District in the Town of Randall.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 25. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Resolutions - one reading

**RESOLUTION 101**

101. From Supervisor Terry Rose a Resolution in support of Federal Funding of Light Rail between Chicago and Milwaukee as part of the proposed Federal Economic Stimulus Program.

Chairman Clark referred Resolution 101 to the Legislative Committee

**RESOLUTION 102**

102. From the Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the Appointment of Frances Petrick to the position of Administrator of Brookside Care Center.

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolution 102. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

12. From Mike K. Higgins, City Clerk, regarding Attachment and Temporary Zoning District Classification of Land in the Town of Somers.

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

Chairman Clark referred Communications 12 - 14 to Land Use Committee.

**CLAIMS**

36. Luz Serrano - death of spouse caused by dangerous intersection.

37. Alfonso J. Johnson - mailbox damage.

38. AT&T - damaged pedestal and buried cable.

Chairman Clark referred Claims 36 - 38 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to approve the December 2, 2008 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Morton.

Motion carried.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

Supervisor Hallmon stated it is inspiring to be sitting in this position and he takes his job very seriously. He appreciates the opportunity to learn from the board and partner with them for a more cohesive policy making process that address the needs of the people they serve. However, he wanted to take a moment to express his disappointment with the poor conduct he has seen displayed around him. He feels only 25% of the board comes to the meeting prepared as he sees many board members opening their packets just before the meeting. To have such minimal informed perspectives is counterproductive to the democratic process and does all the constituents an extreme disservice. He is also disappointed that the women on the board are not treated equally. He has seen and heard sexist words and phrases used when women are speaking on the floor and in committee. He has seen and heard men disregard parliamentary procedure when women are speaking by talking over them. Also, the personal attacks and snide remarks on the floor of fellow supervisors must cease. He stated one of the marks of a strong leader is the ability to speak the truth particularly when it is most difficult. A number of the board has expressed their skepticism concerning working with state and federal governments. He has been very warmly received. Governor Doyle has opened his cabinet up so he can literally call any one of the folks in Doyle's cabinet or on his staff and get

information or get questions answered. He wants everyone to know if it's opened to him then it's opened to them. His other concern is that if Chrysler should close, we must be prepared to meet the needs of the people. As the locally elected we are the infantry, the foot soldiers fighting to preserve the American dream. It is essential that we address the complex and ever changing nature of life. He has proposed that the economic success of Kenosha can be found in the green job sector and by addressing the nation's energy needs we can solve our need for jobs and economic growth. There can be no question that we are embarking on a journey riddled with crises the likes of which the world has never seen. Therefore, we can work together and secure the future of Kenosha. The success of Kenosha County, the holistic prosperity of our citizens, and us as the board depends our ability together to tackle these internal challenges.

Supervisor Hallmon stated he and Supervisor Jackson attended Lt. Governor Barbara Lawton's Climate Change Summit entitled "Communities Take Action" in Stevens Point, WI. The purpose was to confront Wisconsin's economic situation by developing more efficient comprehensive strategies, to mitigate climate change, reduce the carbon footprint and practice sustainability. They were given the task of visioning, designing and implementing a green or sustainable action plan for our local communities in the State of Wisconsin. Lt. Governor Lawton will then compile these requests, and will then take them to the State Legislators, Governor and Congress to be part of the upcoming stimulus package.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 P.M.

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