

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

**September 15, 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, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, Roger Johnson, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisors Marks, West.

Present: 26. Absent: 2.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Dr. Angelina Montemurro, 3717 13<sup>th</sup> St., stated she is a friend of Supervisor Anita Faraone and also her sister Laurie Faraone's physician. Anita's life changed forever when her sister had a stroke. She became her sister's primary caregiver and advocate. As a result of her stroke, Laurie could not express her needs; Anita had to work closely with the staff at Brookside to meet Laurie's needs. No nursing home is perfect, Brookside is no exception. Dr. Montemurro believes the staff that takes care of Laurie does a good job partly because they know someone is holding them accountable for her care. She was excited to hear that Anita would be on the board at the nursing home. She was glad that a patient's family member would be an advocate to help improve the quality of care. Dr. Montemurro was shocked and ashamed at how the board treated Anita. Anita is a strong woman and doesn't let things slide. She believes Anita will be diligent and an honest advocate for all of us when she becomes Chairwoman. She feels Supervisor Faraone is owed an apology; she was not given a chance to defend herself. She hopes there is not hidden agenda here; it's time everyone is held to a higher moral standard. You're elected officials; as such your responsibility is to all your constituents not just special interest groups. Not all nursing homes belong to the taxpayers, Brookside does. It's the board's responsibility to make sure Brookside Nursing Home caters to the patients and their families. She hopes there will be a peaceful, respectful resolution to any disagreements discussed.

Margaret Heller, 217 69<sup>th</sup> St., spoke regarding Resolution 56 which is on tonight's agenda. She along with many others is upset that WTTW was dropped from Time Warner. She returned her equipment to Time Warner and cancelled her subscription. She would like to see that programming reinstated.

Mary Pat Andrea, 508 68<sup>th</sup> St., stated WTTW is a very sophisticated, wide ranging, programming facility that has given us a lot to think about and be inspired by. She's not sure how Time Warner came about dropping it, but it seems they are making decisions for a community that ironically is probably populated by 30% of the people being from the Chicago area. Kenosha is a wonderful place to be and we have this wonderful access to two interesting cities, but the only one you can get to by train is Chicago and WTTW's programming gives us a lot of inspiration to follow.

Mary Brabender-Hughes 2527 Lincoln Rd., stated Time Warner Cable recently made the decision to remove channel 11 from the cable channels that are offered in Kenosha. She would like help with her efforts to return WTTW to the line up of stations offered in our viewing area.

Geri Kappelhoff, 902 70<sup>th</sup> St., states she is a former director of nursing at Brookside. She was very upset with the newspaper article in the paper regarding Anita Faraone. She had thought when she retired in January everything was going well and wondered how things got so bad. Anita has always been very close with her sister and has been an advocate for her sister and the other residents as well.

Jeannette Marchetti-Hamm, 6313 95<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated she has known Anita Faraone for a number of years both on a personal and business level. She feels the article in the Kenosha News was heart sickening. She has been at Brookside when errors were made and has been at Anita's side when she was frustrated. She has never heard Anita use any profanity or racial slurs. She feels Anita is a total professional in all aspects of her life. She believes there is a personality clash between Brookside and Anita because she is an advocate not only for her sister, but for other Brookside residents. Anita has served on the board for 7½ years and has served the community for over 30 years.

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

Chairman Clark announced on September 21<sup>st</sup> at 1:30 there will be a ground breaking ceremony for the Kenosha Public Safety Building. He also stated there was communications sent to different supervisors regarding retiree health benefits. Chairman Clark asked Mr. Reidl to put a table together of the various different coverages. One of the changes is to substitute the retiree health benefit from the county plan to a private plan. He was assured that the cost of the plan would be the same, if not lower while maintaining the same level of health benefits. Anyone interested in receiving this information can contact Mr. Reidl.

Chairman Clark received a letter from the Wisconsin Wetlands Association. On Saturday September 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. there will be a field trip of the wetland gems. He also announced that flu shots will be given to the supervisors on October 6<sup>th</sup> before the County Board Meeting.

#### **SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor O'Day stated the County Treasurer reported the number of delinquent properties in the county continued to rise in 2008. The tax certificates were issued for 3,653 parcels representing \$8,000,000 in unpaid property tax. This compares to 3,210 in 2007 tax year totaling \$7,000,000. Of the 3,210, 1200 remain unpaid totaling \$2.45 million. The treasurer feels the number of delinquencies is starting to level off. Human Services is estimating a potential shortfall of approximately \$500,070. The committee will continue to monitor the status of that deficit. Dave Geersten continues to keep the committee updated on the status of the general fund. General Obligation Bonds have become competitive because of the Build America Bond. There will be a special meeting on October 1<sup>st</sup> to review the county financing plan and get an update on Information Technologies.

Supervisor Kubicki stated there will be Medicine Collection Day on October 17<sup>th</sup> which is open to all Kenosha County residents so they can properly dispose of any prescription or over the counter medication they are no longer using.

Supervisor Breunig stated poverty and hunger prevention is a major concern in Kenosha County. Tedi Winnett has been meeting with Parkside and United Way to discuss potential partnerships to find ways to alleviate some of the problems in Kenosha County. Supervisor Breunig placed an invitation on everyone's desks for the 4-H open house being held on Tuesday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the County Center. Youth In Governance members met this past month and talked about what was good and bad about the program. That report will be forthcoming. They were also given the opportunity to attend the Youth as Partners in Civic Leadership Conference.

Supervisor Huff stated the Legislative meeting scheduled for September 25<sup>th</sup> will be moved to the 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. The reason being the State Representatives will be present to give updates on State Legislative issues.

Supervisor Moore stated there is a packet on the supervisor's desks regarding the Humana Plan that was mentioned during announcements of the Chairman. This was mentioned at the last meeting that this would be forthcoming. The retirees are being invited to information sessions next week to introduce an alternative to the significantly increasing county premium plan. The Humana plan offers comparable rates and benefits to what our retirees are currently receiving. This is optional, the retirees can choose which plan they want. This will result in significant savings for the county and he feels this will also be very good for the retirees. If any of the supervisors are contacted regarding this, they are asked to refer all questions to the Personnel Office.

Supervisor Michel thanked Chairman Clark for allowing the Judiciary and Law Committee to change their meeting date to tonight due to their small agenda.

Vice-chair Faraone stated she did not receive her county board packet and hoped the clerk could look into why they're not getting them in a timely manner.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance - first reading - two required.

**ORDINANCE 16**

16. From Judiciary & Law regarding an Ordinance to amend Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County entitled Public Peace and Good Order.

Ordinances - one reading.

**ORDINANCE 17**

17. From the Land Use Committee regarding Town of Randall (Sponsor), Randall Consolidated School (Owner) requesting rezoning from R-2 Suburban Single-Family Residential District to I-1 Institutional District in the Town of Randall.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 17. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig.

Motion carried

**ORDINANCE 18**

18. From the Land Use Committee regarding Amendment to Planned Unit Development Overlay (PUD) approved by the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors on March 20, 2007, for Hollister Hollow Subdivision, Mills Enterprises LLC and Berwick Properties, Inc. (Owners) in the Town of Bristol.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Ordinance 18. Seconded by Supervisor Morton.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Supervisor Clark.

Ayes: 25. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion carried.

Resolution - one reading.

**RESOLUTION 43**

43. From Extension Education Committee regarding UW Extension 2009 budget modification - SWERPC Support for Smart Growth.

It was moved by Supervisor Breunig to adopt Resolution 43. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Roll call vote passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION 44**

44. From the Finance Committee regarding Appointment of Nancy Kemp to the Kenosha County Library System Board.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to adopt Resolution 44. Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 45**

45. From Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to approve the Appointment of Seymour Adler to the Kenosha County Board of Administrative Appeals.

**RESOLUTION 46**

46. From Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to approve the Appointment of Anne Bergo to the Kenosha County Board of Administrative Appeals.

**RESOLUTION 47**

47. From Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to approve the Appointment of Sandra Bisciglia to the Kenosha County Board of Administrative Appeals.

**RESOLUTION 48**

48. From Human Services Committee regarding Resolution to approve the Appointment of Connie Matter to the Kenosha County Aging and Disability Resource Center Board (ADRCB)

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolutions 45 through 48. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 49**

49. From Judiciary & Law Committee regarding Probationary Cabaret License for the Sly Fox Inn.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adopt Resolution 49. Seconded by Supervisor Ronald Johnson.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 50**

50. From the Land Use Committee regarding Final Plat of Hidden Meadow Estates Subdivision, Kenneth A. Koch Living Trust, Kenneth A. Koch, Trustee (Developer) in the Town of Wheatland.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Resolution 50. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 51**

51. From the Land Use Committee regarding Final Plat of Hollister Hollow Subdivision, Mills Enterprises LLC (Developer in the Town of Bristol).

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Resolution 51. Seconded by Supervisor Roger Johnson.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Supervisor Clark.

Ayes: 25. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 52**

52. From the Land Use Committee regarding Final Condominium Plat of Hollister Hollow, Mills Enterprises LLC (Developer) including both Hollister Hollow North and Hollister Hollow in the Town of Bristol.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Resolution 52. Seconded by Supervisor Morton.

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Supervisor Clark.

Ayes: 25. Nays: 0. Abstain: 1.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 53**

53. From the Land Use Committee regarding Request to Approve the Re-Appointment of Robert M. Stoll to the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

**RESOLUTION 54**

54. From the Land Use Committee regarding Request to Approve the Re-appointment of Barbara K. Ford to the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

**RESOLUTION 55**

55. From the Land Use Committee regarding Request to Approve the Re-Appointment of Richard Gossling to the Kenosha County Housing Authority Board.

It was moved by Supervisor Ekornaas to adopt Resolutions 53 - 55. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig.

Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 56**

56. From Supervisors Terry Rose and James Huff regarding Time Warner Cable and WTTW, Channel 11, Chicago Public Television.

Chairman Clark referred Resolution 56 to the Legislative Committee.

**COMMUNICATION**

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

Chairman Clark referred Communication 8 to the Land Use Committee.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENT**

Vice-chair Faraone stated she tendered her resignation as a member of the Brookside Board of Trustees. Her sister means more to her than anything in the world. She refuse to put her sister through the pain and torment which would have no doubt resulted from the continued efforts to remove her from the board of trustees. Therefore, in her sister's best interest and not to give any credence or credibility to the contrived efforts of Mr. Pitts and others she resigned from that board effective this morning. Recently all members of the county board received correspondence from Mr. Pitts. Mr. Pitts talks about his agenda being only the welfare of Brookside Care Center. What he doesn't say is Supervisor Faraone's agenda has always been the welfare of the patients that reside at Brookside even before her sister became a resident of Brookside. She feels that Mr. Pitts does not want her on his board of trustees. Vice-chair Faraone denies the allegations that were made at the citizen's comments portion of the Brookside Board meeting. She had no recollection of this citizen or who she may be. She states this was an ambush orchestrated by the chairman, Mr. Pitts, and it was done in such a way she was unable to respond. She is aware that Mr. Pitts and others intend to continue this untruthful and vindictive assault for reasons for which she is unaware. Her sister has been paying over \$7,600 per month for her care which totals \$76,000 for the past 10 months. She has indeed acted on many occasions as an advocate for her sister which had nothing to do with her position on the County Board or on the Brookside Board of Trustees. Mr. Kessler, Supervisor of the 4<sup>th</sup> District has shown a great desire to be on the Brookside Board of Trustees. She recommends that the County Executive, the Board Chairman and the County Board assign someone else other than him to that position. Approximately one month ago, the Chairman of the County Board decided to remove Vice-chair Faraone from the Finance Committee. He gave as his reason the fact that she changed her vote. She believes one needs to be able vote his or her conscience, which she did. The result was that she was removed from the Finance Committee, but she accepted her other committee assignment with no fuss. She feels the Chairman's actions were grossly unfair. The amount of energy and the time spent on this issue takes away from the mission of the business at hand for this County Board of Supervisors. It is embarrassing to the board and to other members. She has too much respect for her position as a Supervisor, Vice-chair of the County Board and as a fellow colleague to see money wasted in this way. We have more important matters to deal with such as a very serious deficit in our budget. She wants everyone to know that she intends to run for her County Board seat and she also intends to run for the Chairmanship of the Board of Supervisors. She works for the people and her concern for them will never stop. So with sadness but no regrets she tendered her resignation so this nonsense is stopped.

It was moved by Supervisor Morton to approve the September 1, 2009 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Jackson.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Gentz to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Haas.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

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