

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

December 22, 2009

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

Excused: West.

Present: 27. Absent: 1.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Eric Olson 7705 49th Ave., stated he is the Project Director for Kenosha Casino Project and they appreciate the county's time and effort and they want to continue to work with the county and the city as they have the past 5 years. This is an \$880,000,000 to one billion dollar project which will employ about 1200-1400 skilled union laborers and they will hire local contractors. The 185 people being laid off at the track will have first rights for jobs and they will hire locally. The tribes that are involved have worked strenuously with their local governments at their facilities to make sure things happen. He urges the board to give them a chance to continue with this process, and if at the end of the 14 months it doesn't happen he's pretty sure it won't happen at all. He feels they haven't been given a negative from the federal government and they're being told that something should happen quickly.

Tom Reiherzer, 11107 79th St., stated he works part time for Building Alliance which represents about 3000 men and women that are currently at about 30% unemployment. He also represents Tri County Contractors Association and for them it's about jobs. This project is under a project labor agreement so it will be done all union with good wages and benefits from the footings to the roof to the landscaping. He asks the board to extend the IGA 15 months as the city did.

Morey Smith, 10519 69th St., stated 5 years ago he stood in front of the county board and asked for help in protecting the neighborhood he lives in. He lives in the community right next door to the project that the board is considering extending the IGA for. Less than a mile from this project is Nash School and neighborhood parks. There is a lot of talk of jobs; he believes the land could be used for other businesses to provide good paying jobs. He doesn't think this community of families should be experimental guinea pigs to see if they can co-exist with a casino next door. No other large casino in this state is next to a neighborhood full of families. He asked the board to not extend the agreement.

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Ave., stated the casino is all about jobs and there is about 2-3 thousand jobs waiting to happen. He is concerned that with two major businesses closing in Kenosha his property taxes will skyrocket, but if the one billion dollar project gets built, that will keep his taxes somewhat in line. He asks that the board pass the resolution tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions - one reading.

RESOLUTION 82

82. From the Legislative Committee a Resolution in support of Extension of Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement with Menomonee Indian Nation.

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 82. Seconded by Supervisor Michel.

Roll call vote.

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

Nays: Supervisor Moore.

Ayes: 26. Nays: 1.

Motion carried.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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