

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

October 5, 2010

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Zerban, Rose, Goebel, Celebre, Kubicki, Hallmon, Grulich, J. Gentz, Arrington, R. Frederick, Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, B. Frederick, Kohlmeier, G. Gentz, Molinaro, Esposito, Clark, Noble, Underhill, Decker, Breunig, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Present: 28.

At this time County Executive Jim Kreuser presented the 2011 Budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mark Montague, 7835 36th Ave., stated he is part of Local 70 Kenosha County Highway Department. He felt the "face wash" the union was given by Jim Kreuser during his budget presentation was very nice thing to get in the middle of negotiations. Talk about jobs, the County has given most of theirs away including center lining and additional maintenance jobs which have been bid out while there are 14 guys laid off. They talk about work that needs to be done at the golf course right now. Instead of having the laid off employees do the work, the county is bidding it all out. He wondered how many Highway Department bosses were at the meeting. He notices none and states it's just like at work; no one really cares. He reminds everyone it's October and soon we'll be getting hit with snowballs. They talk about economical development, people coming in and out of the county. Because of the lay-offs it will be a lot different this winter with employees in the wrong places, using different trucks and a whole new scheme in which they have no idea what is going on. But they should be the last ones to know because they will be the ones out there doing the work.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Molinaro thanked Sheriff Beth who arranged for the Air One Team to be here tonight and see them in action. He had the opportunity along with several others here tonight to go up on a flight which was incredible.

Tonight we heard the County Executive's presentation of his budget as presented by the Administration. There is talk of reorganization; capital progress on two of the buildings in the downtown campus, sales tax revenue and revenues in general continues to be down while tax delinquencies continue to rise. So there is a great deal of challenge ahead of the board. He asks all members of the county board to be diligent about the budget deliberations at the committees and send a recommendation that comes with a great deal of thought. He strongly stressed that the committee chair-people give their committees ample time to review and approve the budget.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Grady stated there was a closing on the approximately 8 foot wide grassy strip of property between where the Corporation Counsel is housed and the adjoining property owner. The Emergency Services was completed on time and on budget and all the transfer of material and offices were completed by county personnel.

Supervisor Clark stated the county board passed an advisory levy objective of 2.75%. This levy increase which was presented tonight is 4.94%. It's a 3.5 million increase on the operating budget. The dept budget went down by roughly

\$800,000. In the past 7 or 8 years since the policy to set an advisory levy has been adopted, this would be the first time the levy came in over the advisory number. Certainly these are challenging times and he thanked the Administration and the Executive for bringing a budget forward. This budget is no longer the County Executive's budget; this budget according to State Statutes is the County Executive's recommendation. The budget is the biggest policy the County Board makes every year. We need a strong committee process to have an effective operating County Board. He encourages the committees to spend the time and ask the questions.

Supervisor Elverman stated he urged his committee to do the exact things Supervisor Clark mentioned regarding the budget. On October 16th there will be the first vision at the proposed KD park for people who are interested. The entrance and hiking trails are in, there will be updated maps and fishing will be allowed with non-motorized boats. There will be two possibly three weekends planned. He also reported that golf revenues are down so far this year.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 61

61. From the Finance Committee a Resolution Awarding the Sale of \$7,325,000 Taxable General Obligation Refunding Bonds.

It was moved by Supervisor Clark to adopt Resolution 61. Seconded by Supervisor O'Day.

Roll call vote Passed unanimously.

COMMUNICATION

10. From Michael K. Higgins regarding Temporary Zoning District Classification of Land in the Town of Somers.

Chairman Molinaro referred Communication 10 to Land Use.

CLAIMS

18. Aislinn J. Vega - damaged windshield.

19. Jill Kathryn Cunningham - damaged windshield

20. Sommers USA, LLC - loss of compensation for property

Chairman Molinaro refereed Claims 18-20 to Corporation Counsel.

SUPERVISOR COMMENTS

Supervisor Hallmon updated the board that there were two town hall meetings held for people facing foreclosure; one for renters the other for homeowners. The attendances for both of them were low. One of the things that came up is upon receiving the notice of foreclosure particularly in the case of renters is that we have homeowners who decide to become landlords. There is little regulation of landlords. Many homeowners that are struggling to get help simply stop paying their mortgages and walk away. These types of things is what puts us in the position where we have to rely on the court system to really effectively deal with this so people can keep their homes and in some cases we might even be able to rescue our budget in terms of our tax levy. He is trying to plan a foreclosure mediation session which will basically have the U.S. Housing and Urban Development and U.S. Treasury get together and get borrowers and lenders together at the table with a HUD Certified Housing Counselor representative and basically try to renegotiate the terms on the spot. Another goal is to figure out where, how, when, at what cost and to whom can we have a long term foreclosure mediation program for folks in our County. Anyone with questions can contact Supervisor Hallmon.

It was moved by Supervisor O'Day to approve the September 21, 2010 minutes.
Seconded by Supervisor Singer.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

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