

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

**January 4, 2011**

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.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Louis Rugani, 4526 29<sup>th</sup> Ave., stated he is a transit advocate, a former commissioner on the City Transit Commission and a former bus driver for the City of Kenosha. He supports the concept of continuing transit service to the Village of Pleasant Prairie with a cooperative arrangement between the City of Kenosha the Village of Pleasant Prairie. In the past the City of Kenosha has been paying for transit into the western municipalities. His idea is to discontinue that service since 6 of the western municipalities made it clear with the referendum last fall they were against certain public transit. The City and County pay about \$34,000 per year to run the western Kenosha County transit system, which is a good idea but not if the residents out there don't want to pay for it. The money saved could be used to continue the bus service to Pleasant Prairie.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Molinaro reminded the Committee Chairs to make sure their committee minutes are posted on the web in a timely manner. Vice-chair Ekornaas was appointed to the Wisconsin Counties Association Conference Program Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee is to plan the 2011 WCA State Conference. Chairman Molinaro thanked the Highway Department Workers who spent their Christmas Eve and Christmas Day plowing snow and keeping the roads clear. Chairman Molinaro is evaluating an opportunity to establish a subcommittee for the issues with the voting & sound system in the County Board Chambers. Anyone interested can let the chairman know.

Chairman Molinaro stated he is required by State Statutes to appoint a redistricting committee made of county board members. Appointed are Supervisors Ekornaas as chairman, Decker, Clark, O'Day and Michel. The county needs to have a tentative redistricting plan no later than July 1<sup>st</sup>.

**SUPERVISOR REPORTS**

Supervisor Grady stated the Building & Grounds Committee is looking into Pringle Center building roof repair which is in the process of being done. There was a repair on the Anderson roof. The bids were opened for the restoration of the Courthouse and Molinaro Building the low bid came in at 4.8 million dollars. 90% of the labor will be done by Wisconsin Unions. They did secure a 5 year labor and material warranty on this project. The Victim/Witness remodeling in the lower level of the courthouse is done.

Supervisor Rose requested the issue of parking around the courthouse be referred to the Building and Grounds Committee. He has received numerous complaints from people who do business at the courthouse that there is not adequate parking on a longer term than one hour. The parking ramp and adjacent lot is filled sometimes before 8 O'clock. Most of the people who come into the courthouse spend more than one hour in the building. The parking issue will

become more aggravated when the renovation to the Courthouse and Molinaro Building begins.

Supervisor Clark stated the Economic Development resolution will be on the next Finance Committee Agenda. There have been some discussions and complaints regarding the "look back" on employee retirements. Some retirees are receiving letters saying their benefits are being adjusted. The committee has asked for representatives to be available to discuss exactly what is happening and what are the legal requirements that are relevant to this issue. The Finance Committee has had discussions regarding the ongoing Health Department balance due from the City of Kenosha. A lawsuit by the County to the City was filed last week.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Ordinance - first reading, two required

17. From Highway and Parks to create an Ordinance on Traffic Controls at the Intersection of County Trunk Highway "Z" (E. Main Street) and County trunk Highway "O" (Lance Drive) and County Trunk Highway "O"/"Z" (W. Main Street) and Pawley Avenue in the Village of Twin Lakes.

Resolutions - one reading

92. From Supervisor Joseph D. Clark a Resolution Recommending that the Number of County Board Supervisory Districts be Reduced to 21.

Chairman Molinaro referred Resolution 92 to the Legislative and Finance Committees.

**COMMUNICATION**

12. Communication from George E. Melcher regarding future rezoning.

Chairman Molinaro referred Communication 12 to the Land Use Committee

**CLAIMS**

22. Keith Dumesic - vehicle damage.

23. Charles Evans - injury to child.

Chairman Molinaro referred Claims 22 & 23 to Corporation Counsel.

**SUPERVISOR COMMENTS**

Supervisor Clark stated there have been questions asked by citizens as to why their property taxes went up when their assessments went down. He explained Kenosha County has a tax that crosses multiple jurisdictions. The county has to collect taxes from all the Towns, Villages and the City. The ways the taxes are determined or collected are based on the amount of equalized value. If anyone wishes to discuss this further they can contact Supervisor Clark.

It was moved by Supervisor Arrington to approve the December 7, 2010 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Celebre.

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

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

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County Clerk