

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
October 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, Rose, Kessler, Huff, Kubicki, Hallmon, Marks, Gentz, Modory, Faraone, Ronald Johnson, Michel, O'Day, Singer, Nudo, Moore, Molinaro, Morton, Jackson, Clark, Noble, West, Roger Johnson, Haas, Elverman, Ekornaas.

Excused: Supervisor Breunig.

Present: 27. Absent: 1.

At this time County Executive Jim Kreuser presented the 2010 County Budget.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Bob Danbeck, 7626 27th Ave., stated he was told the rates are down at the golf courses, but he said they're not down for seniors who have been paying regular rates at these golf courses for many years. He asked for the boards help with this matter.

Janice Bulanda, 8543 19th Ave., stated she is a non-represented county employee and said that the non-reps were never contacted by the county regarding holding back on any wage increases. Years ago the county implemented a matrix plan which consistently has not been used. The unions get their regular increases every year. That's not a raise, that's compensation for doing a good job which the non-reps do not get. They understand it's a tight year, but every year the non-reps take a beating. She understands if they have to do something to help the county, but she hopes in the future the county will go back and implement the matrix to what it should be so that the people they supervise aren't making more money than them.

Ryan Mukka, homeless, stated he is speaking on the behalf of the homeless in Kenosha. There are over 125 homeless people in Kenosha. There is a day shelter which can only hold up to 30 people per day. He invited everyone to visit First Step Services at 1017 63rd St. It's the only homeless shelter in Kenosha.

Dan Soles, 3450 N Lakeshore Dr., Chicago, stated he is here representing WTTW in Chicago. On August 26, 2009 Time Warner Cable dropped WTTW from their channel lineup. The supportive response they received from the citizens of Kenosha County and the Kenosha County Board is overwhelming. They have been working very hard over the past 6 weeks to bring WTTW back to this community. They are having daily conversations with Time Warner and everything this community has done has helped. WTTW has tens of thousands of viewers and thousands of members in Kenosha County and they have not lost of that. By passing the resolution that is on tonight's agenda will greatly help in their effort to bring WTTW back to Kenosha.

Kristen Meyer, homeless, stated that some of the old schools could be used as day or night shelters for the homeless and asked that more food be donated to Shalom Center, First Step and the INNS Program.

Louis Rugani, 4526 29th Ave., stated he believes the number of homeless people in Kenosha has been invented. University of Wisconsin Parkside came up with a "study" of 5000 homeless. They never said where that figure came from. Louis Rugani stated the City of Kenosha Police Department has their own evidence of five homeless people in the City Kenosha. There was a study in Chicago in which the entire Loop area has 24 homeless. The Chicago Loop is about the same size as Kenosha. He would like to see the quarter million dollar grant promised to the advocates of the homeless shelter rescinded as the city has already done. There is no proof or evidence of what the homeless problem is in Kenosha if there even is a problem. If there is a problem, lets help those in need, not the ones who live on public dole for year after year and go from house to house because they haven't paid rent and been evicted because they've done illegal things, then look for help and then continue doing the same things. He doesn't think those people deserve help. The people who are definitely in need should get help with grant money to help them get back on their feet.

Jeremy Mitchell, 2409 66th St., stated he is the executive director of a non profit organization where they house the mentally disabled, brain damaged and developmentally delayed. His question is how do we define and how do we survey how

many homeless people are in our city. The homeless have many struggles; one of their struggles is that they are very transient. They have to be transient while they're finding the next safest or warmer place. He finds evidence of homelessness every day. He has been involved with the Congregations United to Serve Humanity, Grace Lutheran, INNS Program, and the Shalom Center. Every place is staffed with volunteers who state there is not enough staff, money or time to help the homeless. We need to focus on the people who are here now and need help.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE CHAIRMAN.

Chairman Clark stated the Kenosha County Kruisers participated in the Alzheimer's Association of Racine and Kenosha Memory Walk on Saturday at UW Parkside. Kenosha County challenged the City of Kenosha to a fund raising goal. Kenosha County raised more than \$1,700 for the cause, taking 5th overall and outdid the City of Kenosha this time.

Chairman Clark stated there is a memo on the desks from Mr. Riedl regarding the Humana Plan. In the binder there are the dates for the budget hearings along with a budget inquiry form. He encourages the board to fill out the inquiry forms and to attend the committee meetings. A copy of the per diem policy was placed in the supervisors' packet for review so the policy can be followed correctly.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Elverman stated there is a picture on the supervisor's desks of the last After Dark in the Park function that was held at Silver Lake Park. It was the largest turnout and people were very pleased.

Supervisor Elverman reported they had another Green Ribbon Committee meeting. They are looking into many funding and educational ideas. As for the golf courses, they've had the best September in five years. They're \$25,000 behind in revenue from last year, but guard on expenses has been very tight. We're approximately \$79,000 less on expenses from the previous year. The fish fry's they began this summer started out a little weak, but have increased from 20 to 82 and only 9 of them were golfers. They've received the plans for the disc golf in Fox River Park. This will be done with budget money with very little cost to us. It was designed by a national company with the only request is they get to hold a function there once a year. The I-94 project is ongoing; most of the major interchange work at Hwy 50 won't be done until about 2014.

Supervisor O'Day reported the Finance Committee was given an update on the Information Technology Division from Gina Turner of Maximus and I.T. Director Martin Lacock. A report is on the supervisors desks. Any questions can be directed to Mr. Lacock. The Finance Committee is scheduled to get a comprehensive report on the County Financing Plan at the October 15th meeting and would like all interested supervisors to attend. A report from Ehlers is on the desks. The Finance Committee will be holding budget hearings on October 27, 28 & 29 and November 2nd if necessary and encourages supervisors with questions or concerns to attend. The over site committees should have their meetings completed prior to the finance committee review of their respective departments. Over site committees should send a copy of their draft minutes and recommended budget amendments to the finance department so they can be forwarded to the finance committee. The finance budget adoption has been moved from November 17th & 18th to Monday and Tuesday November 9th & 10th.

Supervisor Huff reported that Representatives Barca, Steinbrink, Lothian & Senator Wirch were present at the last Legislative Committee meeting. It was a quite interesting round table discussion. When our State Representatives ask us to support a resolution or bill the timing is not conducive to our meetings because what we are presented at the time may not be the exact bill that they're going to be voting on. We don't have a solution for the problem but he feels we should have the WCA do more of our bidding for us. If we have an issue or our state representatives want us to address something, the WCA is the way to go. They are our representatives in Madison, they are our lobbyists and they have up to date, minute to minute changes. This will not prevent the Legislative Committee from doing bills that are broad and vague. The committee will continue meeting with the state representatives every six months.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT

11. Richard A. Kessler to complete the remainder of Supervisor Anita Faraone's Term on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Chairman Clark referred County Executive Appointment 11 to Human Services.

OLD BUSINESS

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.

The Kenosha County Board of Supervisors does hereby ordain that section 9.287.81 of Chapter 9 of the Municipal Code of Kenosha County, be, and hereby is, created to read as follows:

9.287.81 LITTERING

The provisions of Wisconsin Statute section 287.81 and any subsequent amendments are adopted, except that the penalty upon conviction is a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$500

SUBMITTED BY:

Judiciary & Law Committee

William Michel II

James Huff

Bob Haas

Roger Johnson

Ronald Johnson

It was moved by Supervisor Michael to adopt Ordinance 16. Seconded by Supervisor Huff.

Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION 56

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

WHEREAS, Kenosha County occupies a unique position due to its geographical proximity to two major cities, Milwaukee and Chicago; and

WHEREAS, as a part of this unique position, Kenosha County enjoys a healthy, spirited, and good-natured debate on with which of these two great cities it is more naturally identified; and

WHEREAS, Time Warner Cable, recognizing the special relationship that Kenosha County has with its neighbors to the north and south, has populated its airwaves with channels from both markets; and

WHEREAS, one of those channels is WTTW, Channel 11, Chicago Public Television, which is home not only to national PBS programming but also to locally produced programs such as "Chicago Tonight," "Check Please," "Wild Chicago," and "Chicago Stories;" and

WHEREAS, Time Warner Cable has recently, and without warning or public input, ceased the broadcasting of WTTW, Channel 11, Chicago Public Television, to its Southeastern Wisconsin customers, including those in Kenosha County; and

WHEREAS, this action is depriving Kenosha County residents of programming with which they have grown accustomed to and fond of; and

WHEREAS, the residents of Kenosha County have expressed, and continue to express their displeasure with this action by means including letters published in the "Voice of the People" column in the Kenosha News;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that it is the opinion of the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors that Time Warner has acted arbitrarily and in haste by dropping WTTW, Channel 11, Chicago Public Television from its Southeastern Wisconsin lineup; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors urges Time Warner and Charter to reconsider its decision and reinstate WTTW, Channel 11, Chicago Public Television, to its Southeastern Wisconsin lineup for the enjoyment and education of Kenosha County residents.

SUBMITTED BY:

Supervisor Terry Rose

Supervisor James Huff

It was moved by Supervisor Huff to adopt Resolution 56 with the following amendment; in the "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED" paragraph, change "Comcast" to "Charter". Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion on amending Resolution 56 passed.

Roll call vote on Resolution 56 as amended passed unanimously.

CLAIMS

11. Deann Zeitler - injured in auto accident with sheriff deputy.
12. Steve and Debra Sendelbach - injured in auto accident with sheriff deputy.
13. Jamie Renee Tabbert - car damaged by fresh paint on road.
14. Kimmeandria T. Williams - car damaged by fresh paint of road.
15. Donna Schroff - injured on road while jogging.

Chairman Clark referred Claims 11 - 15 to Corporation Counsel

It was moved by Supervisor Noble to approve the September 15, 2009 minutes.

Seconded by Supervisor Modory.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Singer to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Ron Johnson.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Mary Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk