

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
March 1, 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, 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.

Excused: Supervisor Zerban.

Present: 27. Excused: 1.

At this time County Executive Jim Kreuser gave the State of the County Address.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Jack Rose, 4315 68th St., stated he is a Mental Health Advocate. Right now there are proposed changes to Medicaid going through Madison. This affects nearly 34,000 residents in Kenosha County. Because of the changes, being able to help people is going to be a more difficult effort.

Carmen Binotto, 2500 21st St. Racine, stated she is the Executive Director of Bridges Community Center which is a drop-in center for adults living with a mental illness. She is scared at what can potentially happen if the Budget Repair Bill passes. The bill is being fast tracked and that is freighting to her because that is taking our voices away.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Molinaro stated the Green Ribbon Park Planning Committee met and he is very pleased with the progress the sub-committees have made. They are committed to finding a way to open the new park as quickly as they can. The bigger picture is to develop a park geared around sustainability. There should be a conceptual plan before the board sometime in September at the latest.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Clark reported there was a joint meeting between Finance and Legislative Committees regarding the size of the county board. There will be another meeting on March 22nd. It is the hope at that meeting that they will address this issue and make a recommendation to the re-districting committee. Any questions or concerns relative to the size of the county board can be directed to Joseph Cardamone of the Corporation Counsel's Office or Al Brokmeier from Land Information. They will also discuss the ordinance which was referred to the committees regarding the re-structuring of the county board.

Supervisor Hallmon reported the I.T. Sub-committee met on February 16th. They are currently engaged in information gathering on audio, visual and voting equipment for the county board chambers. They will bring the information forward at a later date.

NEW BUSINESS

Ordinance - first reading, two required

19. From Legislative Committee an Ordinance to create Section 2.06(4) of the Municipal code of Kenosha County Regarding Consent Agendas.

Resolutions - one reading

RESOLUTION 121

121. From the Legislative Committee regarding Legislation regulating "Synthetic Marijuana".

WHEREAS, Governments, at both the State and Local level, have a responsibility to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of their constituents; and

WHEREAS, There is a growing concern about the availability of so-called "synthetic marijuana," substances which are intoxicating and/or hallucinogenic to humans and are used as alternatives to marijuana, and that their long-term health effects are as yet unknown creating a potentially significant risk to the health, safety, and welfare of Kenosha County residents; and

WHEREAS, There is reason to believe that these substances are being sold within Kenosha County under various names and at various locales, reportedly as incense but actually for human consumption; and

WHEREAS, These substances are not, as of yet, categorized as controlled substances under state law; and

WHEREAS, The County does not have the authority, under the powers specifically designated to it, to enact a local ordinance to deal with this problem; and

WHEREAS, This is an issue of state-wide concern which requires an urgent state-wide solution;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature to make passage of a state statute regulating the possession of "synthetic marijuana" a priority; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors urges the State Legislature to ensure that any such statute specifically authorizes county boards to enact parallel county ordinances; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenosha County's representatives in the State Assembly and State Senate, the Office of the Governor, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY:

Legislative Committee

Edward Kubicki

Dayvin Hallmon

Boyd Frederick

It was moved by Supervisor Kubicki to adopt Resolution 121 Seconded by Supervisor Hallmon.

Motion carried.

CLAIMS

30. Shannon Kosinski - fell in courthouse parking lot.

31. Brian Morton - mailbox damage.

Chairman Molinaro referred Claims 30 & 31 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to approve the February 22, 2011 minutes as corrected. Seconded by Supervisor Noble.

It was moved by Supervisor Michel to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Mary Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk