

**MINUTES OF JOINT MEETING OF JUDICIARY & LAW ENFORCEMENT
AND LAND USE COMMITTEES**

April 6, 2005

KENOSHA COUNTY CENTER MEETING ROOM A

Members Present: Jim Huff, Brenda Carey-Mielke, Terry Rose, William Michel II, Don Smitz, Tom Gorlinski, Fred Ekornaas, Mark Molinaro Jr., Janice Marelli

Others Present: Ben Schliesman, Tina Chitwood

Meeting Called to Order: 7:00 p.m. by Chairman Jim Huff

Citizen Comments: None

Supervisor Comments: None

Chairman Comments: None

Resolution from the Division of Emergency Management:
Kenosha County Hazard Mitigation Plan

Motion by: Carey-Mielke ***Seconded by:*** Rose ***Approved:*** unanimously

Motion by: Ekornaas ***Seconded by:*** Molinaro ***Approved:*** unanimously

Ben Schliesman began by explaining that SEWRPC was contracted to put together the plan. This will be a valuable guide for all municipalities to reduce the impact of natural and technical hazards in Kenosha County. County Board Supervisors, representatives from other municipalities, the County Executive, Fred Patrie, George Melchor, and others were included/consulted in the preparation. Public meetings were held for public input. The Plan was sent to the State and FEMA and alterations were made to meet their requirements. Without a plan in place, Kenosha County will be denied future relief funds. If any of the individual municipalities decide not to adopt this plan, they will be denied disaster aid.

Tina Chitwood from SEWRPC overviewed the chapters of the plan. Chapter One is "Introduction and Background" including composition of the Task Force, public input, community resources, the process used, and the scope and purpose of the Plan. Chapter Two is "Basic Study Area Inventory and Analysis" including demographic characteristics, land use, surface water and Lake Michigan shoreline characteristics, transportation and utility systems, critical community facilities and existing hazard management programs. Chapter Three is "Analysis of Hazard Conditions" including identification of natural and man-made hazards and evaluation of the frequency, probability, and vulnerability to each hazard. Chapters Four and Five are "Hazard Mitigation Goals and Strategies" including activities to reduce or avoid long-term vulnerability to hazards, strategies, current programs, evaluation of alternatives, identification of mitigation activities, multi-jurisdictional considerations, and priority mitigation measures. Chapter Six is "Plan Adoption, Implementation, Maintenance, and Revision" including identification of the method, schedule, and process used to adopt and update the Plan. The Plan will be updated every five years by the Local Emergency Planning Committee and submitted to the County Board for approval.

Supr. Carey-Mielke asked about the involvement of the municipalities and whether the Fox River Area was addressed in the Plan. Schliesman responded that all of the municipalities were involved at one time or another and that the Fox River area is included in the Plan. Supr. Huff asked if this information could be used for Homeland Security grants. Schliesman said that there are different pots for different occurrences. Kenosha Co. is number six on the list of potential targets in the State and Kenosha has the largest coal-fired plant in the State. Kenosha Airport is rated the second busiest airport in WI because this rating is based on landings and takeoffs that occur frequently due to the flight school. Supr. Molinaro asked if Kenosha Co., through Emergency Management, takes the lead in disaster situations. Schliesman replied yes, we coordinate the efforts, pull responders together and plan resources. Molinaro asked who decides how funds are disbursed and if the City of Kenosha was involved in the Plan development. Schliesman responded that various agencies decide including the State and Planning & Development. Representatives from the City of Kenosha included the mayor, Police Department, Fire Department, the Operations Coordinator for Public Works, and the City Planner. Carey-Mielke asked Schliesman if he foresees any municipality not wanting to participate or designate Schliesman as the coordinator. Ben replied no.

Any Other Business Allowed by Law: None

Meeting Adjourned: 7:25 p.m. on motion by Rose, seconded by Michel.

Respectfully Submitted,

Donna L. DeBree.