

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**August 3, 2004**

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

Present: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Wipper, Booth, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, Singer, Deschler, Wisnefski, Clark, West, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli, Gorkinski, Modory, Noble, O'Day, Molinaro.

Excused: Supervisor Huff.

Present. 27. Excused. 1.

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to move Resolution 40 to the first item of business. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 40**

40. From Finance Committee awarding the Sale of \$3,100,000 General Obligation Promissory Notes, Series 2004B; Providing the Form of the Notes; and Levying a Tax in Connection Therewith. On file in the County Clerk's Office.

It was moved by Supervisor Carbone to adopt Resolution 40. Seconded by Supervisor Rose. Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Kessler, Wipper, Booth, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, Singer, Wisnefski, Clark, West, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli, Gorkinski, Modory, Noble, O'Day, Molinaro.

Nays: None.

Abstain: Supervisor Deschler.

Ayes. 26. Nays. 0. Abstain. 1.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Molinaro to move County Executive Appointment 22 to the second item of business. Seconded by Supervisor Faraone. Motion carried.

**APPOINTMENT 22**

22. Robert Riedl to serve as Director of the Kenosha County Division of Personnel Services.

Chairman Elverman referred Appointment 22 to the Administration Committee.

Presentation by The Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin. Menominee Tribe Overview. They are indigenous to Wisconsin, located in Keshena on 234,000 acres with ancestral ties to Kenosha. The reservation was established in 1854 and is governed by a nine-member Legislature with 8,100 tribal members. Their plan is to have a Casino with slot machines and table games, 5,000-seat entertainment venue, casual and fine dining, luxury hotel and spa, conference facilities, retail shops, covered parking, possible indoor waterpark and Dairyland Greyhound Park operations remain. Thousands of added jobs-direct and indirect. Millions of dollars in Compensation to the City and County. Increased Tourism and top-name entertainment. Operations to begin Spring 2006. This would be a premier entertainment venue in Kenosha. They are looking at building a long-term partnership with the City and County of Kenosha. The Mohegan Tribe received federal recognition in 1994 with 1,600 members located in southeastern Connecticut. Indian gaming contributes more to the general fund for the State of Connecticut than all other corporations in the state combined and employs over 10,000 people. The Mohegan Tribe has spent millions of dollars on highway upgrades and infrastructure, including a region-wide water management plan. Millions purchased in products and services from Connecticut companies. Contributions and donations to local agencies including hospitals, senior

center and local civic activities. The Menominee Tribe approached the Mohegan Tribe about an investment opportunity, providing development services to the Menominee Tribe and lending its "expertise" to the development including assisting with land into trust application, conceptual design and financing arrangements. Dennis M. Troha, the developer, born in Kenosha with 30 years of employment in Kenosha, controlling shareholder in JHT Holdings, Inc., Transportation industry. Kenosha Auto Transport. The current "Three-Legged Stool" involves the Menominee Tribe, the project owner and primary beneficiary and pays \$40.5 million for Dairyland Greyhound Park. The Mohegan Tribe will lend expertise and financial support and possible 7-year mentor/manager and the Developer will be providing local insight. The highest and best use of this site today is gaming.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS**

Numerous citizens spoke regarding the Proposed Entertainment Center and Casino. Those supporting a proposal by the Menominee Tribe and those opposing the proposal. Over 2,350 signatures supporting a November 2, 2004 advisory referendum on the proposed casino in Kenosha County was given to Chairman Elverman.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN**

Chairman Elverman stated that there are two vacancies on the Gateway Technical College Board. There will be ads in the Kenosha Paper explaining the vacancies and the application process on August 9, 2004. The deadline is August 25, 2004.

Chairman Elverman stated that there was a letter placed on everyone's desk from Bob Danbeck.

**SUPERVISORS REPORTS**

Supervisor Clark updated the board on the progress of the Intergovernmental Agreement and some of the things that are happening. The governments involved are engaging a outside CPA firm to do some due diligence on the figures. They are not just accepting numbers and this is really important. The Mohegan Tribe made a presentation last week. He was very impressed by the management team and their track record since 1996.

Supervisor Carey-Mielke spoke regarding University of Wisconsin Extension. Barb Larsen is the new Horticulture Agent and the 4-H Youth Development position is vacant. The job will be posted until August 18th.

Supervisor Noble stated that on Thursday the stop signs and warning signs were put up at Highway 158.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 41**

41. From Supervisor Rose regarding an Advisory Referendum Placed on the Ballot Regarding Casino Gambling in Kenosha.

**WHEREAS**, the Menominee Tribe of Wisconsin has expressed an interest in operating a gambling casino at Dairyland Park and on surrounding property, and

**WHEREAS**, the Menominee Indian Tribe has sought County Board support for such a casino, and

**WHEREAS**, a referendum would give voters the opportunity to express their opinion on this important issue.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that an advisory referendum be placed on the November 2, 2004 ballot to advise the County Board as to community support or disapproval for such a gambling casino.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that said advisory referendum read as follows: Should the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors support a proposal to allow casino gambling within Kenosha County?

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Corporation Counsel's Office fulfill its statutory obligations with respect to drafting an explanation of the above referendum question and that the Clerk be directed to place said question and explanation on the November 2, 2004 ballot.

Submitted by:

Supervisors Rose, Rossow, Delace-Booth, West, O'Day, Deschler, Wipper, Carey-Mielke, Wisnefski, Marrelli.

It was moved by Supervisor Rose to adopt Resolution 41. Seconded by Supervisor Wisnefski.

It was moved by Supervisor Modory to amend Resolution 41 by having the Advisory Referendum read as follows: Should the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors be advised to support a proposal by the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to operate an Indian Gaming Casino and Entertainment Center at Dairyland Greyhound Park in the City of Kenosha. A **YES** vote means that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors is advised to support the proposal of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to operate an Indian Gaming Casino and Entertainment Center at Dairyland Greyhound Park in the City of Kenosha. A **NO** vote means that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors is advised not to support the proposal of the Menominee Indian Tribe of Wisconsin to operate an Indian Gaming Casino and Entertainment Center at Dairyland Greyhound Park in the City of Kenosha. Seconded by Supervisor Clark.

Roll call vote.

Ayes: Supervisors Elverman, Grady, Rossow, Rose, Wipper, Booth, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, Singer, Deschler, Wisnefski, Clark, Kerkman, Carbone, Carey-Mielke, Smitz, Ekornaas, L. Johnson, Marrelli, Gorlinski, Modory, Noble, O'Day, Molinaro.

Nays: Supervisors Kessler, West.

Ayes. 25. Nays. 2

Motion carried.

Roll call vote on Resolution 41 as amended.

Ayes: Supervisors Grady, Rossow, Rose, Wipper, Marrelli, Booth, O'Day, Deschler, Wisnefski, Carey-Mielke, Clark, Noble, West, Kerkman, Gorlinski.

Nays: Supervisors Elverman, Kessler, Carbone, Modory, Faraone, R. Johnson, Michel, Singer, L. Johnson, Molinaro, Smitz, Ekornaas.

Ayes. 15. Nays. 12.

Motion carried.

#### **CLAIMS**

11. Regarding Mark Hansen - car damage.

Chairman Elverman referred Claim 11 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Gorlinski to approve the amended July 27, 2004 minutes. Seconded by Supervisor Rose.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Wisnefski to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Kessler.

Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 11:30 P.M.

Prepared by: Pam Young  
Chief Deputy  
Submitted by: Edna R. Highland  
County Clerk