

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING
MAY 7, 2013**

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

Roll call was taken.

Present: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Gentz, Montemurro, Dodge, Kubicki, Hallmon, R. Johnson, O'Day, Arrington, R. Frederick, Nudo, Kohlmeier, B. Frederick, Esposito, Noble, A. Johnson, Skalitzky, Underhill, Breunig, Decker.

Excused: Supervisors Molinaro, Elverman.

Present: 21. Excused: 2.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Florence Hammelev, 30186th St., Barb Deberge Henken, 6805 22nd Ave., Veronica King, 5518 34th Ave., Jane Davis, 1630 56th St., and Lois Day, 6724 27th Ave. all spoke in favor of Resolution 2; a Resolution in support of Alternative Treatment Courts to save State and Local Taxes.

Rell Barret, 1424 Sheridan Road stated Kenosha County should not get in involved with the Milwaukee Streetcar Project. They should take care of their own and we should take care of our own.

ANNOUNCEMENTS OF THE CHAIRMAN

Chairman Gentz stated that while back, information was sent to the board regarding an animal shelter in western Kenosha County. He wanted to let everyone know that the Sheriff's Department and District Attorney along with the state spearheaded an investigation. Violations were found and progress is being made.

SUPERVISOR REPORTS

Supervisor Breunig stated there will be a reception for the Youth In Governance at 7:00 pm on May 21st. At the County Board meeting on that same day Chairman Gentz will appoint the new youth and recognize the youth that will be leaving.

Supervisor Hallmon stated on the desks there is the Brookside Finance Statement ending 3/31/13. Judge Milisuskas will be having a Drug Court Open House on May 29th from 1:30 – 5:00 in his courtroom. Human Service monthly update has come out; any questions can be referred to John Jansen.

Supervisor R. Frederick stated there is the Kemper Center Annual Report on the supervisor's desks.

COUNTY EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENTS

5. Dustin R. Harpe to serve on the Kenosha County Housing Authority Board.

Chairman Gentz referred County Executive Appointment 5 to Finance/Administration Committee

6. Barbara K. Ford to serve on the Kenosha County Zoning Board of Adjustments.

Chairman Gentz referred County Executive Appointment 6 to Planning Development, Extension Education Committee.

7. Dr. Diane Gerlach to serve on the Kenosha County Board of Health.

Chairman Gentz referred County Executive Appointment 7 to Human Services.

8. Supervisor John O'Day to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Chairman Gentz referred County Executive Appointment 8 to Human Services.

9. Robert W. Pitts to serve on the Brookside Board of Trustees.

Chairman Gentz referred County Executive Appointment 9 to Human Services.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolutions – one reading

1. From Supervisor Decker a Resolution regarding utility ratepayers paying for the costs associated with relocating underground utilities for streetcar projects.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to suspend the rules and take action on Resolution 1 immediately. Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Montemurro, Arrington, Nudo, Kohlmeier, A. Johnson, Skalitzky, Breunig, Decker.

Nay: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Gentz, Dodge, Kubicki, Hallmon, R. Johnson, O'Day, R. Frederick, B. Frederick, Esposito, Noble, Underhill.

Aye: 8. Nay: 13.

Motion failed.

Chairman Gentz referred Resolution 1 to the Executive Committee

RESOLUTION 2

2. From Human Services Committee a Resolution in support of Alternative Treatment Courts to save State and Local Taxes.

WHEREAS, Kenosha County and a small number of other Wisconsin counties have created alternative treatment courts for nonviolent criminal offenses with the financial help of grants from the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance, and such courts have been a success in terms of giving defendants opportunities to solve underlying problems to avoid lengthy incarceration. The District Attorney, Judges, Public Defender, Sheriff and other Law Enforcement agencies, State Probation and Parole, and local providers have joined together to make these courts viable solutions for reducing crime and redirecting lives. The Kenosha County treatment courts, including the Drug Court, the Veterans' Court, and the Behavioral Health Treatment Court all have a direct effect of saving tax dollars by providing a practical option to prison terms for nonviolent crimes; and

WHEREAS, It would benefit both the counties and the State of Wisconsin to continue such alternative treatment courts once the initial grants expire; and

WHEREAS, It has been demonstrated that providing treatment to suitable nonviolent individuals in lieu of incarceration saves substantial tax resources. Both the existing Juvenile Court operations and the existing alternative treatment courts save taxpayers money; Studies have shown that expenses of keeping a person in Wisconsin prisons cost the taxpayers approximately \$32,000 per year per inmate; Without treatment, nonviolent offenders with drug-alcohol addiction or mental health issues tend to become repeatedly incarcerated; and

WHEREAS, the cost of Corrections in Wisconsin has risen from under \$200 million per year in 1990 to more than \$1.3 billion in 2011, which is a staggering tax burden; and

WHEREAS, Establishing a State fund to allow counties to apply for assistance to run treatment courts would be a prudent and cost savings measure, as a joint study by the Wis. Dept. of Corrections, Wis. Dept. of Health Services and the Wisconsin Office of Justice Assistance has shown that \$1.00 spent on treatment alternative programs saves approximately \$2.00 in criminal justice costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that we call on our elected state officials and Governor to make changes that will result in a substantial reduction in the number of mentally ill, chemically dependent, and low-risk people in our jails and prisons, and that these changes should include significant financial incentives for counties to send fewer nonviolent people to state prisons and a redeployment of \$75 million or more in dedicated funding from the state to counties to enable continuation of, and significant growth of, cost effective, innovative, and proven local alternatives for non-violent and low risk offenders.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this resolution be forwarded by the County Clerk to Governor Scott Walker and both houses of the State Legislature.

SUBMITTED BY:

Human Services Committee

Dayvin Hallmon

Boyd Frederick

Anita Johnson

David Arrington

Angelina Montemurro

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to adopt Resolution 2. Seconded by Supervisor A. Johnson.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Gentz, Montemurro, Dodge, Kubicki, Hallmon, R. Johnson, O'Day, Arrington, R. Frederick, Kohlmeier, B. Frederick, Esposito, Noble, A. Johnson, Underhill, Breunig.

Nay: Supervisor Nudo, Skalitzky, Decker.

Aye: 18. Nay: 3.

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 3

3. From Human Services Committee a Resolution to approve the appointment of Brooke Infusino to the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board.

WHEREAS, pursuant to County Executive Appointment 2013/14-1, the County Executive has appointed Brooke Infusino to serve on the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board, and

WHEREAS, the Human Services Committee has reviewed the request of the County Executive for confirmation of his appointment of the above named to serve on the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board and is recommending to the County Board the approval of this appointment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors confirms the appointment of Brooke Infusino to the Kenosha County Workforce Development Board. Ms. Infusino's appointment shall be effective immediately and continuing until the 30th day of April, 2016, or until a successor is appointed by the County Executive and confirmed by the County Board of Supervisors. Ms. Infusino will serve without pay and will be succeeding Todd Battle.

SUBMITTED BY:

Human Services Committee

Dayvin Hallmon

Boyd Frederick

Anita Johnson

Erin Decker

David Arrington

Gabe Nudo

Angelina Montemurro

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to adopt Resolution 3. Seconded by Supervisor Nudo.

Motion carried.

COMMUNICATION

1. Communication from Andy M. Buehler regarding future items scheduled before the Planning, Development & Extension Education Committee.

Chairman Gentz received and filed Communication 1.

CLAIM

1. Sharon Beth – vehicle damage

Chairman Gentz referred Claim 1 to Corporation Counsel.

It was moved by Supervisor Hallmon to approve the minutes from the April 3, 2013 County Board meeting.

Seconded by Vice-chair Kubicki.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Underhill to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Breunig.

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Prepared by: Edie LaMothe
Deputy Clerk

Submitted by: Mary Schuch-Krebs
County Clerk