

KENOSHA JOINT SERVICES BOARD

August 23, 2022

The Kenosha Joint Services Board meeting was **Called to Order** at 4:30 p.m. by Chairperson Monica Yuhas in the Joint Services Training Room located in the Kenosha County Public Safety Building.

The **Members in Attendance** were Chairperson Monica Yuhas, Vice-Chairperson John Morrissey, County Executive Samantha Kerkman, Police Chief Eric Larsen, County Board Supervisor Mark Nordigan and Youth in Governance Leo Ruffolo.

The **Members not in Attendance**, Alderperson Curt Wilson and Youth in Governance Michael Babu were excused and the Member at Large position is still open.

Under, **Citizen Comments**, there were none.

Under, **Approval of Minutes of Open Session Held on July 26, 2022**, Ms. Kerkman made a motion to approve. Mr. Morrissey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under, **Director's Report**, Director Nielsen presented the Director's Report and reported on the 911 outage that occurred in July. Motorola is researching and believes to be an internal server issue and looking at their system. Director Nielsen also gave a letter of commendation to Communications Supervisor Patrick Wadin, and 911 Telecommunicators Jeanette Hessefort and Britney Smith.

Under, **Proposed County Board Resolution for Public Safety 911 Telecommunicators**, Director Nielsen presented a resolution for Public Safety 911 Telecommunicators to classify 911 Telecommunicators as first responders and not as clerical. Discussion followed.

Ms. Kerkman made a motion to table the agenda item. Mr. Morrissey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under, **ERP Replacement Project**, Director Nielsen reported that the GFOA is currently reviewing the contracts and are waiting on Tyler Technologies to complete next steps.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, **Budget Amendments**, Director Nielsen presented budget amendments for review.

Mr. Morrissey made a motion to approve the presented budget amendments. Chief Larsen seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under, **Wage Study**, Director Nielsen reported that on August 16, 2022, they met with the consultant from Carlson Dettmann Consulting and received preliminary recommendations. Discussion followed.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, **Health Insurance Renewal**, Tim Bever of Johnson Financial Group reported that the current health insurance carrier is estimating a 9.5% increase in premiums and stated he should have more solid numbers in the upcoming week.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, ***Vacation Schedule***, Director Nielsen proposed a draft of the proposed revised vacation schedule that would restructure the allowed vacation time and also allow earned vacation time in an employee's first year of employment.

Chairperson Yuhas requested that this agenda item be brought back for the September Board meeting.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, ***Holiday Schedule***, Director Nielsen presented a revised holiday schedule for 2023. Director Nielsen requested to add Martin Luther King Jr Day and Juneteenth Day as two new holidays to the 2023 holiday schedule to mirror what County of Kenosha employees receive and still maintain the floating holiday that the employees on a 5/2 schedule receive. Discussion followed.

Mr. Morrissey made a motion to add the two new holidays to the schedule and remove floating holiday from the employees on the 5/2 schedule. Ms. Kerkman seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under, ***2023 Proposed Budget***, Director Nielsen presented the 2023 proposed budget. A lengthy discussion followed.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, ***Member At Large***, Mr. Morrissey noted that this is a discussion for the Mayor and County Executive to discuss.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, ***Schedule Final Budget Meeting Prior to September 15***, Mr. Morrissey suggested September 12, 2022, for the final budget meeting to discuss and approve the 2023 budget. The meeting will be held at 4:30 pm.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under, ***Board Comments***,

Mr. Morrissey stated that they had received a complaint about the new phone system tree and suggested that they look at it and possibly make Telecommunicators or Dispatch higher on the phone tree listing. Director Nielsen stated that they had a few complaints and are currently working with Motorola to change the wording. The new phone tree has freed up the Dispatch center from receiving non-emergency calls by approximately 30%. Communications Manager, Nicole Beranis, stated the wording has been changed. Chairperson Yuhas suggested possibly creating a small video to educate the public.

Ms. Kerkman stated that she spoke to several Fire Chiefs in the County about the radios and looked at the radio towers.

At 6:02 p.m., Mr. Morrissey made a motion to ***Adjourn the Meeting***. Ms. Kerkman seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.