

KENOSHA JOINT SERVICES BOARD

August 25, 2020

The Kenosha Joint Services Board meeting was **Called to Order** at 4:30 p.m. by Chairman Jeffrey Gentz in room S-10 at the Kenosha County Job Center and via video conferencing.

The **Members in Attendance** were Chairman Jeffrey Gentz, County Chief of Staff Jennie Tunkieicz, City Administrator John Morrissey, County Supervisor Monica Yuhas and Youth in Governance members Tristan Jantz and Sara Tyszkowska.

The **Members not in Attendance**, were Chief of Police Daniel Miskinis and City Alderman Rocco LaMacchia Sr.

Under **Citizen Comments**, there were three citizen comments emailed into the Board. One from Records Clerk Melissa Somers, one from Records Clerk Kimberly Wright and one from Records Supervisor Tiffany Hardy regarding an employee's length of service when moving from one department to another department within the agency.

Under **Approval of Minutes of Open Session Held on July 28, 2020**, Ms. Yuhas made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Morrissey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Under **Director's Report**, Director Genthner reported that the staff is doing an outstanding job considering the circumstances.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under **Evidence Room Remodel**, Director Genthner reported that most of the construction work is completed for the Evidence Room remodel. There are a few punch list item that they are working on and evidence items are being moved back into the department from the temporary storage.

The Board accepted the information as presented.

Under **2021 Operating Budget**, Director Genthner presented the Board with the 2021 operating budget; it currently stands around \$10,053,000. This is approximately \$105,000, or 1%, below the 2020 budget, but an increase to the overall tax levy of 1.26%.

Alex Beaudry, The Horton Group, presented a summary of the estimated cost of the 2021 health insurance. He mentioned that every year they fight to get the renewal in a timely fashion and that estimates provided were the Horton Group's best guess. He discussed market trends and different strategies to control the budget for health insurance.

Mr. Beaudry explained that normally they have a good idea on how the market is looking, with the exception of this year. He stated that they do not have a good grasp with how the January renewals are going to look like due to the ongoing pandemic and other variables. He indicated that they were prepared to go out to market. A lengthy discussion ensued.

Ms. Tunkieicz made a motion for the health insurance not to exceed \$1,489,000, Mr. Morrissey seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.

Director Genthner reported that they need to purchase a refresh for the phone logger as well as the hardware for the public safety software. Additionally, they were prepared to borrow for both projects. This will commit Joint Services to 3-5 years of debt. Previously, some of this projects were funded through the CIP.

Chairman Gentz suggests that the County and City of Kenosha discuss whether they prefer to bond vs. Kenosha Joint Services borrowing the funds and suggested that the item be placed on next month's agenda. A brief discussion ensued.

Ms. Tunkieicz made a motion to approve the budget as presented with the City and County of Kenosha to address the issue of bonding vs borrowing in the upcoming weeks. Ms. Yuhas seconded the motion.

Aye – Gentz, Tunkieicz, Yuhas

Nay - Morrissey

The motion passed 3 – 1.

Under **Board Member Comments**, Mr. Morrissey speaking for the behalf of the City of Kenosha wanted to express their appreciation for Joint Services.

Tristan Jantz had a question regarding the borrowing.

At 5:32 p.m., Mr. Morrissey made a motion for **Adjournment** and Ms. Yuhas seconded the motion. Motion approved unanimously.