

**KENOSHA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY BOARD CHAMBERS COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING  
August 20, 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, R. Frederick, Nudo, Kohlmeier, B. Frederick, Molinaro, Esposito, Noble, Skalitzky, Underhill, Decker, Elverman.  
Excused: Supervisors, O'Day, Arrington, A. Johnson, Breunig.  
Present: 19. Excused: 4.

**RESOLUTION 33**

33. From Supervisors Dodge and Underhill a Resolution to urge the Amending of the United States Constitution to Diminish the Negative Effects of Corporate Money in Elections.

**WHEREAS**, In 1976 the United States Supreme Court held in *Buckley v. Valeo* that there was a compelling state interest in preventing corruption or the appearance of corruption in the electoral process by imposing some limits on the amount that could be contributed to political candidates; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2010 the United States Supreme Court held in *Citizens United v. Federal Election Commission* that a prohibition on independent expenditures by corporations, unions and associations to advocate for or against candidates, or directly attempt to influence elections, violated the First Amendment's guaranteed freedom of speech; and

**WHEREAS**, The result has been an explosion of money being spent by large corporate, union and association interests in an effort to directly influence elections in a way which would most benefit them; and

**WHEREAS**, While corporations, unions and associations do enjoy certain constitutional rights, the significant financial advantage that corporations, unions and associations enjoy over individuals has the potential to dramatically tilt the scales of advocacy to those enjoying the deepest pockets, similar to a megaphone's ability to drown out the lone person on a soapbox; and

**WHEREAS**, This situation has left many with significant doubts about the fundamental fairness of the electoral system and the significant potential for political entities being solely beholden to the largest contributors; and

**WHEREAS**, It is a vital first step in restoring confidence in the fundamental fairness of the electoral system to "level the playing field" to ensure that individual citizens have the same ability to play a part in the process as moneyed interests; therefore

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors hereby calls for reclaiming democracy from the corrupting effects of undue corporate, union and association influence by amending the United States Constitution to establish that money is not speech, and therefore regulating political contributions and spending is not equivalent to limiting political speech; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Kenosha County Board of Supervisors hereby instructs our state and federal representatives to enact resolutions and legislation to advance this effort; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Clerk is hereby directed to send a copy of this resolution to Kenosha County's representatives in the State Assembly and State Senate, our United States Representative and Senators, the Office of the Governor, and the Wisconsin Counties Association.

SUBMITTED BY:

Executive Committee

Jeffrey Gentz

Edward Kubicki

Terry Rose

Dennis Elverman Dayvin

Hallmon

Daniel Esposito

Kimberly Breunig

It was moved by Supervisor Dodge to adopt Resolution 33. Seconded by Supervisor Underhill.

Roll call vote.

Aye: Supervisors Grady, Rose, Gentz, Montemurro, Dodge, Kubicki, Hallmon, R. Johnson, R. Frederick, Kohlmeier, B. Frederick, Esposito, Noble, Underhill, Elverman.

Nay: Supervisors Nudo, Molinaro, Skalitzky, Decker.

Aye: 15. Nay: 4.

Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Decker to adjourn. Seconded by Supervisor Skalitzky. Motion carried.