

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, April 13, 2000
Administration Building - Room 310

Meeting called to order at 8:34 a.m. by Vice Chair David J. Morren.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Kuhn, Kuipers, Malone, Mast, McGuire, Morren, Postmus, Rekeny, Sak, Talen, Turner, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 17.

Absent: Kooiman, Smoke - 2 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Wahlfield introduced Commissioner Hiddema who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, supported by Commissioner Malone, that the minutes of the March 16, worksession, March 23 & 28, 2000 meetings be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion by Commissioner Kuhn, supported by Commissioner Sak, that the minutes of the Finance Committee (reports of Claims and Allowances) of March 21 and April 4, 2000, be received, concurred in and filed.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Kuhn, Kuipers, Malone, Mast, McGuire, Morren, Postmus, Rekeny, Sak, Talen, Turner, Wahlfield – 16.

Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Joyce Durr, 5257 Belding Road, Rockford - Invited Commissioners to a Town Meeting, sponsored by Healthy Kent 2010 Infant Health Team, to discuss improving infant health and reducing infant mortality among African American infants.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Prudential Spirit Community Award – Perry Williams

Vice Chair Morren introduced Perry Williams, a Senior at East Grand Rapids High School, and one of five students from Michigan to receive the Prudential Spirit Community Award. The award presented by Prudential Life Insurance Company has a program to honor student volunteers across the country recognizing young people for outstanding community service. Vice Chair Morren read a proclamation presented to and honoring Perry Williams from the Kent County Board of Commissioners.

Ms. Williams explained the outreach program she started last year to the elderly in the East Grand Rapids community.

Employee Service Awards

Vice Chair Morren presented service awards to the following employees:

Roy Matthews, Aeronautics -25 years
Fritz Wahlfield, Board of Commission - 25 years
Greg Phillips, Bureau of Equalization - 30 years
Ealry Lyons, Circuit Court - 35 years
Kathy Katt, Circuit Court Services – 25 years
David Waichum, Fiscal Services – 25 years
Linda Raterink, Fiscal Services – 25 years
Lorrie Colligan, Health Department – 25 years
Patricia Dion, Health Department – 25 years
Camilla Fulvi, Health Department – 25 years
Terry Sommerdyke, Health Department – 30 years
James Bryant, Juvenile Court – 25 years
Bonnie Piers, Juvenile Court – 30 years
Michael Robinson, Juvenile Court - 30 years
Joyce Johnson, Prosecutor's Office – 35 years
Thomas Boelema, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Robert Devereaux, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Mark Donker, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Max Harnish, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Mark Hoogerhyde, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
David Jones, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
John Lamarr, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Robert Maier, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Terrance Nawrocki, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Roger Parent, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Bruce Partridge, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Kenneth Ray, Sheriff's Department – 25 years
Chester Bush, Sheriff's Department – 30 years
Larry French, Sheriff's Department – 30 years
Eduard Rusticus, Sheriff's Department – 30 years
Jacquelyn Baker, Treasurer's Office – 25 years

RESOLUTIONS

(Chair Heacock entered the meeting at this time.)

APPOINTMENT

Community Mental Health Services Board

Motion by Commissioner Rekeny, supported by Commissioner Buege, to appoint Commissioner Jack Boelema to the Community Mental Health Services Board.

Motion carried by voice vote.

MISCELLANEOUS

Introduction

Commissioner Wahlfield introduced his wife, Marlene.

National County Government Week

Chair Heacock read a proclamation for National County Government Week.

County Directory

Clerk Land announced that the Kent County Directory is published and available.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:30 a.m., Commissioner Wahlfield moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 27, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. for an official meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Kuhn. Motion carried.

Vice Chair

County Clerk