

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, May 25, 2000
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Steven R. Heacock.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Kooiman, Kuhn, Malone, Mast, McGuire, Morren, Postmus, Rekeny, Sak, Smoke, Talen, Turner, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 18.

Absent: Kuipers – 1 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Mast introduced Reverend John Zevalking, Hillside Community Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Morren, supported by Commissioner Sak, that the minutes of the Finance Committee (reports of Claims and Allowances) of May 16, 2000, be received, concurred in and filed.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of May 11, 2000 Meeting
- b) 5-25-00-58 – ADDITIONAL BOND ISSUE – GRAND RIVER FLOODWALLS AND EMBANKMENT / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, during October 1997, \$8,640,000 in bonds was sold to finance the costs of acquiring and constructing the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments during its initial phase; this was pursuant to action taken by the Drain Commission that established the drain project; and

WHEREAS, the district issued tax-exempt bonds the security for which are special assessments levied by the Drain Commission against the City of Grand Rapids and other benefited public corporations; and

WHEREAS, this second bond issue is to provide the financial resources to complete the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the County Treasurer be authorized to file with the Michigan Department of Treasury a Notice of Intent to Issue an Obligation in connection with the drain bonds to be issued by the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments Drainage District in the principal amount of not to exceed \$6,500,000 to finance part of the cost of acquiring, establishing, and constructing drain improvements in the City of Grand Rapids designated as the Grand River Floodwalls and Embankments.

c) 5-25-00-59 – GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY AND ADOPT GRANT BUDGET / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, Family Independence Agency (FIA) Office of Child Support provides grant funding to the Friend of the Court to conduct medical support enforcement activities to reduce the use of Medicaid by children whose non-custodial parents have access to health insurance for dependents; and

WHEREAS, the grant pays for five FTEs, supplies, and space rental; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2000, to September 30, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Friend of the Court's application to the State Family Independence Agency for an FY2001 Title IV-D Medical Support Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is terminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners and authorizes the Board Chair to sign all grant documents; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY2001 Title IV-D Medical Support Grant Budget.

d) 5-25-00-60 – CIRCLE THEATRE LEASE / JOHN BALL ZOO

WHEREAS, the Circle Theatre has leased the pavilion at John Ball Zoological Garden for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Circle Theatre is planning to move to Aquinas College within the next three years and is desirous of renewing the lease for a period of three years; and

WHEREAS, County Civil Counsel has reviewed provisions of the lease, and it is consistent with the County's lease policy; and

WHEREAS, the Circle Theatre and John Ball Zoo Advisory Board have each approved the lease.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the lease with the Circle Theatre for the pavilion at John Ball Zoological Garden and authorizes Chair Steven Heacock to sign said lease on behalf of Kent County.

e) Appointment – Friend of the Court Citizens Advisory Committee – Stephen Klusovsky

f) Appointment – Grand Valley Metropolitan Council – David Morren

g) Appointment – West Central Michigan Regional Substance Abuse Advisory Council – Wendell Smith & Kenneth Cason

Motion by Commissioner Kooiman, supported by Commissioner Kuhn, to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Motion carried by voice vote.

(Commissioner Smoke entered the meeting at this time.)

RESOLUTIONS

5-25-00-61 – RECOMMENDATION TO PROCEED WITH THE SELECTION OF A LAND RECORDS SYSTEM AND BUDGET TRANSFER / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Administrator/Controller convened a work group of County staff to develop short-term and long-term recommendations to address problems in land records management, and

WHEREAS, a consultant was retained to develop a plan for improving the workflow for processing records through the affected County departments, which include Register of Deeds, Property Description & Mapping, Equalization, and Treasurer's Office, as a long-term solution, and

WHEREAS, the consultant (IMERGE Consultants, Inc.) has submitted a plan and is recommending the purchase of an indexing and imaging system to streamline deeds processing and to eliminate much of the duplication of data entry presently occurring in these departments, and

WHEREAS, the system will increase the efficiency and productivity of the process and provide an enhanced level of service to the public without an increase in staffing levels in the foreseeable future, and

WHEREAS, the vendor has estimated that the system will cost approximately \$800,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the transfer of \$800,000 from the General Fund Undesignated Fund Balance to the Land Records System CIP to provide a working number for vendor selection and contract negotiations with the selected vendor, with disbursement of the funds contingent upon Board of Commissioners approval of the final cost of the system selected and the contract for purchase and installation.

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, supported by Commissioner Sak, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Talen, Turner, Kooiman, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Smoke, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Rekeny, Horton, Malone, Buege, Chair Heacock – 18.

Nays: 0.

5-25-00-62 – 2000 BUDGET INCREASE FOR CARRY FORWARD ADDITIONAL REVENUES / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, Michigan Department of Community Mental Health (DCH) permits CMHs to carry forward unexpended funds. Depending on the source of the funds at the State level, carry forward must be spent within the subsequent year or may be programmed for future years. Reinvestment plans for the funds must be approved by DCH; and

WHEREAS, carry forward amounts from FY98/99 include \$1,554,693 from contract reconciliation and \$459,010 from Medicaid and State general fund savings; and

WHEREAS, CMH has also received notice of additional revenue for FY99/00 year of \$19,573 in Medicaid and \$29,059 for administration of the Children’s Model Waiver Program; and

WHEREAS, additional funds available to CMH total \$2,062,335. CMH is proposing a portion of the funds be reinvested in services and to increase the 2000 budget by \$1,729,090 as detailed below and approved by the CMH Board;

Mentally Ill Adults (649 222 3007)	\$734,866
Children, Family and Adult – Outpatient (649 222 3008)	\$536,463
Developmentally Disabled (649 222 3009)	\$323,606
Cornerstone (649 222 3003)	\$123,261
Children’s Services (649 222 3012)	\$10,894

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an increase of \$1,729,090 to the 2000 CMH Budget to recognize carry forward of unexpended funds from FY98/99, and additional revenue for the Children’s Model Waiver and Medicaid.

Motion by Commissioner Buege, supported by Commissioner Mast, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Talen, Turner, Kooiman, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Smoke, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Rekeny, Horton, Malone, Buege, Chair Heacock – 18.

Nays: 0.

5-25-00-63 – AGREEMENT BETWEEN KENT COUNTY AND THE BYRON CENTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR USE OF VEHICLE / SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, last year, the Sheriff determined it was necessary to develop a skilled School Resource Officer within the department and worked with the Kent Intermediate School District to identify a school to partner with on a pilot program which would provide on-site training for the officer; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 1999, Sheriff Dougan reassigned an existing Deputy from the road patrol to serve as School Resource Officer with Byron Center Public Schools. The reassignment is within the statutory authority of the Sheriff; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department recognized that while the Department was benefiting from the program by receiving the training in a school setting, the school was also

benefiting by having the officer present. The Sheriff's Department and Byron Center Public Schools negotiated an arrangement in which the school agreed to pay \$350 per month toward the

vehicle expense of the officer. The Board of Commissioners is required to act on the agreement, which has an impact on the County budget; and

WHEREAS, this pilot program is considered temporary. The Kent Intermediate School District is performing an evaluation in June 2000 to evaluate the effectiveness of the program, and identify any changes, which should be incorporated and tested. It is expected that the program will be completed by June 2001; and

WHEREAS, if the pilot is determined to be successful and if any school requests such an officer in the future, the Sheriff will make a request to the Board of Commissioners for the resources required to provide the service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Agreement For Use Of Vehicle with Byron Center Public Schools, and amends the budget to account for revenues associated with the document.

Motion by Commissioner Mast, supported by Commissioner Malone, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Talen, Turner, Kooiman, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Smoke, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Rekeny, Horton, Malone, Buege, Chair Heacock – 18.

Nays: 0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Festival

Commissioner Kuhn encouraged individuals to volunteer for Festival. She said many volunteers are needed for set-up and take down, escorting those in need and working in children's areas, and anyone interested should call the Arts Council of Greater Grand Rapids.

Commissioner Kooiman stated that the Miles of Tiles project, which is part of the Secchia Millennium Commission, will be having another painting opportunity for anyone that is interested at Festival on Saturday, June 3rd from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Memorial Day Parade

Commissioner Malone announced that the Memorial Day Parade will be Tuesday, May 30th beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Convention/Arena Authority

Chair Heacock stated that a meeting has been scheduled on Tuesday, May 30th at 7:30 a.m. for the Convention/Arena Authority Liaison Committee. The City has made a decision regarding the Police Department's new location and the Police Department will be out of their current building by September of 2001.

FIA Building

Chair Heacock said that recent discussions he has had with Commissioner Turner has prompted him to recommend keeping client services at the Franklin Street location.

Millennium Park

Chair Heacock stated that the Millennium Park fundraising efforts are off to a good start with already \$1 million dollars raised. A Parks Foundation has been set up for money to flow through and other monies to be received.

Evaluations on Leadership

Chair Heacock stated that the evaluations on leadership have been reviewed and he is appreciative of the remarks received as well as the participation level by Commissioners.

Infant Mortality

Chair Heacock stated that he would like the issue of infant mortality particularly among African Americans to be studied and reviewed. Indications are that Kent County does poorly with this public health issue and he would like to see if the Commission could do anything to improve the numbers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:06 a.m., Commissioner Mast moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, June 8, 2000 at 7:00 p.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sak. Motion carried.

Chair

County Clerk