

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, September 14, 2000
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Steven R. Heacock.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Horton, Kuipers, Mast, McGuire, Morren, Postmus, Rekeny, Sak, Smoke, Talen, Turner, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 15.

Absent: Hiddema, Kooiman, Kuhn, Malone – 4 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Kuipers gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Richard Robertson, 7105 Cherry Valley Avenue, Caledonia Township – As President of the Coalition for Responsible Aviation, Mr. Robertson discussed the noise exposure map updates for the Gerald R. Ford International Airport (copies of the maps along with Mr. Robertson's comments are on file in the office of the County Clerk).

Roger McClary, 541 Lafayette NE, Grand Rapids – Green Party Candidate for the 15th District County Commission seat and Co-Chairman of the Grand Rapids Area Greens. He inquired about an FOIA request he sent to the Board of Commission on his concerns over the Open Meetings Act and asked that once a decision had been made by the Civil Counsel he receive a copy.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of August 24, 2000 Meeting
- b) September 5, 2000 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

9-14-00-124 - STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE PROGRAM GUIDELINES /
ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the original Student Representative guidelines written for the program were approved by Resolution 3-25-93-38; and

WHEREAS, an analysis of the Student Representative Program revealed areas for improvement; and

WHEREAS, the proposed guidelines will provide more flexibility in modifying the program to accommodate program needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of

Commissioners hereby approves the revised Student Representative Program Guidelines, a copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Legislative and Human Resources Committee is responsible for final approval of any future changes in guidelines of the program.

9-14-00-125 – POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS / CENTRAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, Human Resources conducted an audit of all positions in Central Services to update job content for technological and other changes which have occurred in the twenty years since the department was created; and

WHEREAS, the audit report recommends the following position changes:

1. Reclassify one Clerk I position (UAW 10) to Mail Clerk (UAW 10)
2. Reclassify three Microfilm Clerk positions (UAW 10) to Records Reproduction Clerk (UAW 12) and delete the Microfilm Clerk classification
3. Reclassify one Clerk I position (UAW 10) to Records Reproduction Clerk (UAW 12)
4. Reclassify one Clerk II position (UAW 15) to Senior Records Reproduction Clerk (UAW 18)
5. Reclassify one Offset Press Operator I (UAW 16) to Graphics/Printing Specialist I (UAW 18) and delete the Offset Press Operator I classification
6. Reclassify one Offset Press Operator II (UAW 20) to Graphics/Printing Specialist II (UAW 20) and delete the Offset Press Operator II classification and delete the Offset Press Operator II classification

WHEREAS, the annual addition to salary costs from these changes at current contract rates is \$5,337 and the additional cost for the remainder of FY 2000 is \$1,437; and

WHEREAS, funding for the additional FY 2000 salary cost of \$1,437 is available in unexpended salary funds in the current Central Services budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves (1) creation of the classification of Mail Clerk (UAW 10) and conversion of one Clerk I position (UAW 10) to Mail Clerk; (2) creation of the classification of Records Reproduction Clerk (UAW 12), conversion of three Microfilm Clerk positions (UAW 10) and one Clerk I position to Records Reproduction Clerk, and deletion of the Microfilm Clerk classification; (3) creation of the classification of Senior Records Reproduction Clerk (UAW 18) and conversion of one Clerk II (UAW 15) to Senior Records Reproduction Clerk; (4) creation of the classification of Graphics/Printing Specialist I (UAW 18), conversion of one Offset Press Operator I (UAW 16) to Graphics/Printing Specialist I, and deletion the Offset Press Operator I classification; and (5) creation of the classification of Graphics/Printing Specialist II (UAW 20), conversion of one Offset Press Operator II (UAW 20) to Graphics/Printing Specialist II, and deletion of the Offset Press Operator II classification.

9-14-00-125 – REPLACE GRANT FUNDING FOR AN ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEY I / PROSECUTING ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in 1989 an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney I was created through

funding by Federal Drug Grant #70444-7k98 as part of the Metropolitan Enforcement Team (MET), a multi-jurisdictional drug task force involved in a collaborative effort to increase drug-related arrests in the interest of public safety and health; and

WHEREAS, grant funding for the position expires in September, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a federal drug grant partially funds the MET and has been in effect since FY 1989. The above-referenced position is being eliminated from grant funding that currently funds 50% of the total salary cost for the position as of October 1, 2000. This position is engaged in the prosecution of drug offenders and the legal forfeiture of drug related assets; and

WHEREAS, reduction of this position will also require external legal counsel to process forfeitures; and

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department and Administrator's Office have reviewed this request and recommend its approval.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve 100% funding from the Prosecutor's Office general fund for one Assistant Prosecuting Attorney I, for the fourth quarter of 2000 in the amount of \$13,854 and that \$30,505 in funds will be available for the year 2001.

9-14-00-126 = 2000 BUDGET INCREASE FOR ADDITIONAL REVENUES / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, since adoption of its budget last fall, CMH has received notice of changes to various revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes adjust the revenues for the various programs and account for the expenditures associated with each.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a \$1,114,370 increase to the 2000 CMH Budget to recognize additional revenues and expenditures earned and incurred during the current fiscal year.

9-14-00-127 = HEALTHY KENT 2010 GRANT APPLICATIONS SUBMISSIONS TO FREY AND STEELCASE FOUNDATIONS / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, initiative began with a community health assessment which identified five areas for improvement: violence, substance abuse, infant mortality, chronic disease, and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV/AIDS; and

WHEREAS, to address these health problems, five Implementation Teams (I-Teams) were formed to identify community health improvement goals and objectives, and to develop strategies to meet them. The I-Teams have been in place since 1995 and include citizens, stakeholders, provider staff, and Health Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, with the consent of the Healthy Kent Steering Committee, the Health Department has been encouraged to apply for multi-year funding from local foundations. The Health Department is requesting \$50,000 over a three-year period from both the Steelcase and Frey Foundations; and

WHEREAS, funding would be used to support I-Team activities and initiatives (e.g. health promotion campaigns, violence prevention activities, community meetings and assessments, etc.).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Health Department's request to submit grant applications to the Frey and Steelcase Foundations for support of Healthy Kent 2010 activities.

9-14-00-128– GRANT APPLICATION TO THE SUSAN G. KOMEN FOUNDATION / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department coordinates the Women's Health Network, serving women age 40 to 64 who do not have medical insurance and lack or have limited access to preventive health coverage for breast health screening; and

WHEREAS, the cost of the screening is funded by the Department of Community Health, and the program has funding available to do additional screenings. A priority population for recruitment at both the state and local levels is African-American women; and

WHEREAS, the Susan G. Komen Foundation is one of the largest private-funding sources for breast health research. The Health Department has been successful in obtaining funding from the local affiliate (Susan G. Komen) in the past; and

WHEREAS, funding would be used for a media campaign to advertise the program, and the purchase of incentives for women participating in the Women's Health Network. Komen funds were used to purchase incentives in FY00, and demonstrated

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Health Department's request to submit a grant application to the Grand Rapids affiliate of the Susan G. Komen Foundation for incentives and a media campaign to increase mammography rates among under-served women.

9-14-00-130 – INCREASE ALLOCATION TO PARKS DEPARTMENT TO ALLOW FOR TEMPORARY / SEASONAL STAFFING AT BREWER AND ROGUE RIVER PARKS / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, facilities at Rogue River Park have been significantly expanded. This park functions as a major trailhead for the White Pine Trail. Brewer Park was the first park expanded under the land acquisition program. Development will begin this fall with completion scheduled for spring of 2001. New playground, restroom facilities, picnic areas, and other recreational areas will need to be maintained; and

WHEREAS, in its 2001 budget request, the Parks Department has requested an increase in the temporary and seasonal wage line to allow for additional staff. Since the Parks Department is administered by the Road Commission, the individuals will not be considered employees of the County and the positions would not go through the County process for approval. However, since the positions would be paid for from the general fund, County administrative and fiscal staff believed the Board should approve of the addition prior to its inclusion in the 2001 budget; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for the additional positions is \$24,000 annually and would be paid from the General Fund allocation to the Parks Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners to approve an increase to the allocation to the Parks Department to allow for the addition of 1.5 seasonal employees at Rogue River Park and 1.5 temporary employees at Brewer Park effective with the 2001 Budget.

9-14-00-131 - SPARTA LANDFILL – MONITORING EPA COSTS / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the Sparta Landfill was operated as part of the County Solid Waste Disposal System until its closure in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the County has been in negotiations with EPA relative to installation of a groundwater monitoring system; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost is \$45,000; subsequent costs have been included in the budget for 2001; and

WHEREAS, additionally, EPA has charges associated with this of \$50,000; and

WHEREAS, when the 2000 budget for the Solid Waste Fund was adopted in 1999, these costs were not anticipated; and

WHEREAS, the funds to cover these expenses will come from the Perpetual Care Reserve portion of the Solid Waste Fund. Currently, the reserve has a balance of approximately \$3.6 million.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of commissioners approves an increase of \$95,000 in the 2000 budget of the Solid Waste Fund for post landfill closing costs.

Motion by Commissioner Kuipers, supported by Commissioner Sak, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Buege, Horton, Rekeny, Morren, Boelema, McGuire, Wahlfield, Postmus, Smoke, Mast, Sak, Turner, Talen, Kuipers, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-14-00-132 – ADDITIONAL ALLOCATION FOR SENIOR MILLAGE SERVICES / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on November 23, 1999, the Board approved the allocation of \$3,464,765 in Senior Millage funds for 2000, including \$70,000 to Home Repair Services for home repairs and \$282,742 to the prescription program; and

WHEREAS, the home repair services funding for 2000 was completely allocated by mid-July, and the agency has a waiting list of projects to be completed. The agency has provided repair services-mostly furnace and roof repair-to 35 seniors this year. Home Repair Services estimates that an additional \$82,000 could be expended this year, and would eliminate the agency's waiting list; and

WHEREAS, the prescription program coordinates its services with a State prescription program which provides up to three prescriptions per year. County Senior Millage funds supplement this coverage by providing prescriptions on a first-come, first-served basis until each month's allocation is spent. An additional \$60,000 would provide funding to allow for all requests to be met at the current rate of service. It is anticipated that changes to the State program in 2001 will reduce the need for local funding, and that the funding level for 2001 may be able to be decreased; and

WHEREAS, since 1999 was only a partial year, an estimated \$450,000 in

allocated funds remained at the end of the year. Area Agency on Aging has requested the to use

of \$142,000 to be used to address the waiting lists in these two programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of \$142,000 from the Senior Millage December 31, 1999, surplus to the 2000 Senior Millage Budget and an increase in the 2000 Senior Millage Budget to allow for additional services in prescriptions and home repair.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Buege, Horton, Rekeny, Morren, Boelema, McGuire, Wahlfield, Postmus, Smoke, Mast, Sak, Turner, Talen, Kuipers, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

9-14-00-133 – COMMUNITY ARCHIVES AND RESEARCH CENTER AGREEMENT /
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS – COUNTY CLERK

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved, by resolution 9-3-99-135, to participate in the Community Archives and Research Center at 54 Jefferson, SE, along with the City of Grand Rapids and the Grand Rapids Public Museum; and

WHEREAS, as a part of that participation, the Board authorized a contribution of \$3.5 million, \$1.75 million to be allocated in 2000 and \$1.75 million to be allocated in 2001; and

WHEREAS, representatives from the County, City, and Public Museum have met numerous times to develop an agreement to formalize the roles and responsibilities of each party and to develop a lease agreement for the County's participation in the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the agreement, a copy of which is on file in the County Clerk's Office, is hereby approved by the Kent County Board of Commissioners, and it provides that the County will lease a portion of the facility over a 40-year time period, with the payment of \$3.5 million to be provided as follows: \$600,000 upon the execution of the lease; \$1.15 million on December 1, 2000; \$1,750,000 on February 1, 2001; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board Chair, or Vice-Chair in his absence, is authorized to sign said agreement on behalf of the Board of Commissioners.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Buege, Horton, Rekeny, Morren, Boelema, McGuire, Wahlfield, Postmus, Smoke, Mast, Sak, Turner, Talen, Kuipers, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

9-14-00-134 – KENT DISTRICT LIBRARY \$400,000 BUILDING RESERVE / FISCAL
SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners reserved \$400,000 per resolution 2-24-94-50 to assist the Kent District Library Board with funding for a new headquarters building in the event that either the County has a need for the site at 775 Ball Avenue, or the Kent District Library Board determines the need for additional space; and

WHEREAS, the Kent District Library Board has determined that the need for

additional space exists; in addition, County staff will be presenting a proposal to use the existing

facility for other County purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Kent District Library Board has requested the \$400,000 to be used towards the funding for a new headquarters facility to be completed by December 31, 2000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the 2000 General Fund budget be amended and the \$400,000 be disbursed to the Kent District Library Board.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Buege, Horton, Rekeny, Morren, Boelema, McGuire, Wahlfield, Postmus, Smoke, Mast, Sak, Turner, Talen, Kuipers, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

9-14-00-135 – ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY FOR THE PAUL HENRY THORNAPPLE TRAIL / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, development of the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail has been in the planning stages for several years and is a key component of the entire trail network; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost is \$30,500; the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) ISTEPA Program has granted \$13,000; and

WHEREAS, Gaines Township and Caledonia Township have already paid the required \$13,000 match into the 1997 CIP; and

WHEREAS, Caledonia Township has paid an additional \$4,500 to Kent County for additional required right-of-way purchases; and

WHEREAS, this project is included in the 1998 Kent County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Areas Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Parks Trustees recommended purchase of this property at their meeting on July 11, 2000.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of 4.5 miles of trail corridor from the Rails to Trails Conservancy, 1.5 miles of easements from Consumers Energy and other required easements; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners further authorizes the expenditure of \$17,500 from the 1997 CIP.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Buege, Horton, Rekeny, Morren, Boelema, McGuire, Wahlfield, Postmus, Smoke, Mast, Sak, Turner, Talen, Kuipers, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Prevention Committee

Commissioner Smoke reported that the Prevention Committee is moving ahead, a lot is getting done and they should have their task done as planned by next Spring.

Chair Heacock stated that the prevention agenda is very large. He reported that a number of Commissioners attended a United Way gathering of community leaders that dealt with primarily children's issues. They met to discuss working together to gain some support for a state project which would involve intervention with kids who are at risk and the Prevention Committee was talked about so there certainly seems to be a great interest in our prevention work.

Area Agency on Aging

Commissioner McGuire stated that he attended a meeting of the Advisory Committee of the Area Agency on Aging on Monday morning. Mr. Czerwinski, Director of the Area Agency on Aging (AAA), advised that a meeting had been held with the state regarding the 800 Medicaid slots that the AAA has and they were informed that AAA would not have any slots next year. Apparently, it seems the federal government is withdrawing Medicaid funds from the state, and it will cost the state somewhere in the neighborhood of 600 million dollars.

MISCELLANEOUS

Board & Committee Applications

Chair Heacock reminded everyone that the deadline for committee applications is October 6, 2000. Chair Heacock encouraged Commissioners to encourage citizens to apply for those positions.

Legislator Meeting

Chair Heacock announced that a meeting with state legislators will be held tomorrow morning to report to on county and state business. If there are any items Commissioners would like shared with legislators, please let Chair Heacock know.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:05 a.m., Commissioner Kuipers moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 28, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion carried.

Chair

Chief Deputy County Clerk