

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, November 9, 2000*

*Administration Building - Room 310*

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

**Present:** Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Kooiman, Kuhn, Kuipers, Malone, Mast, McGuire, Morren, Postmus, Rekeny, Sak, Smoke, Talen, Turner, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 19.

**Absent:** None.

**Invocation:** Chair Heacock gave the invocation.  
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MINUTES

Motion by Commissioner Morren, supported by Commissioner Buege, that the minutes of the October 26, 2000 meeting be approved. Motion carried by voice vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

RESOLUTIONS

11-09-00-164 – ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FIA FUND AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE FUNDS WITH YEARS ENDING SEPTEMBER 1999 / FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY

WHEREAS, during the preparation of the 1999 budget for the Family Independence Agency Fund, revenues totaling \$203,000 were mistakenly credited to the 100 percent County portion as a resource, therefore, reducing County requirements to \$554,138; and

WHEREAS, actual 100 percent County expenditures for the Family Independence Agency related activity totaled \$707,543; and therefore an additional appropriation of \$153,405 is needed: and

WHEREAS, during the 1999 budget process, the Health and Child Care funds were submitted and approved as calendar year operations. However, during 1999 it was determined that all parties would be better served by having these funds report their activity on a fiscal year ending September 30 matching the State's grant period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves amending the Family Independence Agency budget by appropriating an additional \$153,405 from the General Fund Contingency Account and amend the revenue and expenditure budgets for the Health and Child Care Funds to reflect nine months of operations in 1999.

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

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

Nays: 0.

11-09-00-165 – APPROVE LEASE WITH ST. MARY’S MERCY MEDICAL CENTER AND  
AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Family Independence Agency provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program (Resolution 06-22-00-84) designed to establish paternity and secure support orders; and

WHEREAS, as a part of their grant responsibilities, the Prosecutor’s Office will use genetic testing in an attempt to establish paternity; and

WHEREAS, genetic testing procedures require space for collecting genetic specimens as well as a wait area; and

WHEREAS, St. Mary’s Mercy Medical Center is willing to lease a community room two Thursdays a month for \$300 a month; and

WHEREAS, the proposed lease is for a one-year period (October 1, 2000 to September 30, 2001) with an option to renew one additional year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a lease with St. Mary’s Mercy Medical Center to provide space to facilitate the genetic draws; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to sign the agreement.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-09-00-166 – APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF A LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK  
GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has funds available under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, funds are considered a one-time award and require a 10 percent cash match; and

WHEREAS, funds may be used to hire or train law enforcement personnel (sworn officers or support personnel); for overtime, equipment or technology; and to support drug courts, enhanced adjudication of violent offenders, establishing multi-jurisdictional task forces, crime prevention programs or purchasing indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department is proposing to use these funds to use these funds to hire a clerk under contract for the Training Division as well as purchase updated in-car video equipment, updated computer software, and a forensic light source.

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

Commissioners approves the Sheriff's request to accept a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant

from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Motion by Commissioner Kuhn, supported by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

(Commissioner Smoke entered the meeting at this time.)

## REPORTS

### Insight Subcommittee

Commissioner Turner announced that the Insight Subcommittee's Final Report (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk) was distributed to Commissioners.

### Prevention Subcommittee

Commissioner Buege reported that Prevention Subcommittee continues to move forward and will meet today following this meeting.. They have completed their task of listening and gathering input and have done some brainstorming on types of recommendations.

### Urban Sprawl Subcommittee

Commissioner Postmus stated that the Urban Sprawl Subcommittee is also moving forward. They have five more information meetings scheduled and expect to have a report in mid-January.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Airport

Commissioner Kuhn distributed to Commissioners documents from the Airport Staff including the 2000 and 2005 contours of noise exposure maps. She noted that the noise contours shrink dramatically primarily due to the change of type of aircraft used and that is very good news. Also, she included a document from the Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) entitled *The Next Stage in Noise Abatement Policy* which she thought Commissioners would find useful when speaking to groups or talking with the public.

### Congratulations

Chair Heacock congratulated all of the Commissioners who were successful in the general election and wished Commissioner Kooiman good luck in his new endeavor as State Representative for the 75<sup>th</sup> District.

Commissioner Kooiman said that he has appreciated all of the support he has been given for the last six years and the opportunity to serve the constituents of the 16<sup>th</sup> County Commission District.

### National Association of Counties Health Steering Committee

Chair Heacock announced that Commissioner Kuhn has been named the Chair of the National Association of Counties Health Steering Committee. Chair Heacock complimented

Commissioner Kuhn on all of her hard work and said that he is very pleased that she will be representing Kent County.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:50 a.m., Commissioner Morren moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, November 21, 2000 at 8:30 a.m. for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sak.

Motion carried.

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Chair

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County Clerk