

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

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

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

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

Absent: Hiddema, Smoke – 2 (Excused).

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Foster, Bureau of Equalization Deputy Director – He commented on the resolution which would consolidate Property Description & Mapping with the Bureau of Equalization. If passed, this resolution would downgrade his current position to a Property Manager - Pay Grade 25. He would like his pay grade to stay the same and asked that the Board of Commissioners send this back to committee for reconsideration.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

**Elected Officials Oath of Office**

Clerk Land administered the Oath of Office to elected officials: Prosecutor William Forsyth, Clerk & Register of Deeds Mary Hollinrake, Drain Commissioner Roger Laninga, Treasurer Kenneth Parrish and Sheriff Lawrence Stelma.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 21, 2000 Meeting
- b) November 21 & December 5, 2000 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

**12-14-00-180 – USE OF CONTINGENCY AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / SOLDIERS & SAILORS RELIEF OFFICE**

WHEREAS, the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Office provides assistance for veterans in four areas: emergency food, rental, and utility assistance, and burial assistance; and

WHEREAS, during the first 10 months of 2000, 381 units of service have been requested including 245 food vouchers, 91 utility payments, and 45 rental assistance payments.

These numbers represent an overall increase from last year, during which 373 veterans received assistance including 263 food vouchers, 79 utility payments, and 31 rental payments were issued.

Although requests for food vouchers decreased, the level of assistance provided increased from 1999 to 2000; and

WHEREAS, burial applications have also continued to be received, with 244 applications received to date; and

WHEREAS, based on the level of activity year to date, the Soldiers and Sailors Relief Office estimates that an additional \$25,000 will be required to fund all requests through the end of the year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of \$25,000 from Contingency to Soldiers and Sailors Relief Budget.

12-14-00-181 – AUTHORIZATION TO ADD THE POSITION OF HOUSING SPECIALIST / HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, on 11-21-00, the Board of Commissioners approved the Housing Commission's request to accept Section 8 Vouchers from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the 2001 budget was amended to reflect additional revenues and expenditures totaling \$503,345; and

WHEREAS, eighty-seven additional cases are expected under the Section 8 Vouchers. The current staff assigned to this area (1 Housing Specialist and 1 Social Worker II) will not be able to meet HUD requirements in terms of the assistance which needs to be provided to participating families and the required documentation This proposal would provide for a Housing Specialist to assist in the administration of the Section 8 program; and

WHEREAS, the HUD funding allows for administrative costs of \$46,312 annually; and

WHEREAS, in the event funding is eliminated or decreased, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

WHEREAS, due to the new position being grant funded, it is exempt from the annual new position review committee process.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the Housing and Community Development to add the position of Housing Specialist (UAWI – Range 21) to assist in the administration of the Section 8 Voucher program.

12-14-00-182 – UPDATE OF FLEXIBLE SPENDING PLAN (SECTION 125 PRE-TAX DOLLARS) / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County has adopted a Section 125 Pre-Tax Flexible Spending Plan; and

WHEREAS, revisions to the Plan are necessary to comply with recent changes to employee benefit plans; and

WHEREAS, updates to the Plan will not change the level of benefits of the employees who participate in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the revisions to the Section 125, Kent County Flexible Spending Plan.

12-14-00-183 – AMENDMENT TO THE KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES’ RETIREMENT PLAN / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners adopted the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan effective December 8, 1948. The Retirement Plan has been amended for time to time and restated in its entirety on June 22, 2000, effective January 1, 1997; and

WHEREAS, an amendment to the plan is necessary for the following reasons:

- incorporate changes arising out of collective bargaining
- respond to changes in the Judges Retirement Act of 1992 and coordinate the provisions of benefits of the Kent County Retirement Plan to judges making the transfer election
- conform plan references to the minimum vesting period, conform plan provisions to administrative practices, correct a reference to contribution obligation and clarify references to final average salary and Eligible Domestic Relations Order limitations

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan and Trust be amended in the form of the attached Amendment 2000-1 effective as stated therein.

12-14-00-184 – COMMUNITY POLICING AND COURT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM APPLICATION AND BUDGET ADJUSTMENT / CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court Family Division is seeking continuation funding from the City of Grand Rapids for the Community Policing Court Partnership which pairs police officers with probation/surveillance officers to form a team to make regular visits to the probationer's home, school, or work site to help ensure that they comply with curfews and other court-designated area restrictions; and

WHEREAS, the program has been operating with grant funding for approximately two years. Dr. Kathleen Bailey from the GVSU School of Criminal Justice has been collecting data and comparing it against a control group of juveniles involved with traditional probation. Preliminary results indicate a significant decrease in the number of re-offenses committed by youths on community probation; and

WHEREAS, grant funds are used to pay for the salaries and fringes for two full-time probation officers and three surveillance officers, travel, equipment, supplies and incentives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Circuit Court Family Division's request to submit a grant application to the City of Grand Rapids Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program for continuation of the Community Policing and Court Partnership Program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves an amendment to the budget to account for revenues and expenditures associated with the grant, if approved; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that in the event that grant funding is reduced or fails to fully support the positions, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the County's Fiscal Policy on Grants and Contracts.

12-14-00-185 – AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN CONTRACT WITH FEYEN-ZYLSTRA, INC. / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee has approved the award of a bid to supply and install a backup gas-fired generator to the Feyen-Zylstra, Inc.; and

WHEREAS, the contract requires the signature of the Board Chair.

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

12-14-00-186 – BUDGET INCREASE FOR HEALTHY KENT 2010 / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, during the 2001 budget development process, the Health Department anticipated and budgeted grant funds of \$40,000 in support of Healthy Kent 2010 from Spectrum Health. The funding is part of Spectrum Health's Community Commitment; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that it will receive \$50,000 from Spectrum Health; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department also has \$16,251 in unspent Spectrum Health Community Commitment Funding from FY2000, to be carried forward and spent on the program in FY2001; and

WHEREAS, the \$16,251 in unspent funding along with the additional \$10,000 needs to be reflected in the Health Department's 2001 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an increase of \$26,251 to the Health Department's 2001 Budget to account for new and carry-forward revenue for Healthy Kent 2010.

12-14-00-187 – ACCEPT FUNDS FROM ACSET AND RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION, AMEND BUDGET AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT / KENT/MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, Kent/MSU Cooperative Extension and the County have several agreements whereby Kent MSU Extension receives grant funding as an entity of the County and uses the dollars to contract with MSU to hire employees who are assigned as consultants to Kent County. The arrangement is formalized by a Memorandum of Agreement between the County and Kent MSU which specifies that Kent County will reimburse to MSU only those funds which have been provided to the County by the grantor; and

WHEREAS, two funding opportunities relating to money management counseling and instruction have recently been made available to Kent/MSU Cooperative Extension:

1. ACSET has proposed a \$4,500 contract for educational programs for money management, budgeting, rental ownership and consumer issues for clients referred by that office;
2. The Rental Property Owners Association will provide \$4,000 for educational

programs in money management, budgeting, rental ownership and consumer issues.

Both programs are anticipated to operate January 1, 2001 until December 31, 2001; and

WHEREAS, the increase will be addressed by an amendment to an existing Memorandum of Agreement for an Extension Educator. MSU will continue to be the employer

of record for the position. No County staff positions or funds are involved; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Kent/MSU Cooperative Extension to accept funding from ACSET and the Rental Property Owners Association for money management and related educational services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves an amendment to the budget and to the Memorandum of Agreement for costs associated with the performance of the contracts.

12-14-00-188 – ACCEPT FUNDS FROM GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC SCHOOLS EVEN START PROGRAM, AMEND BUDGET AND MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT / KENT/MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, Kent/MSU Extension and the County have several agreements whereby Kent MSU Extension receives grant funding as an entity of the County and uses the dollars to contract with MSU to hire employees who are assigned as consultants to Kent County. The arrangement is formalized by a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and Kent MSU which specifies that Kent County will reimburse to MSU only those funds which have been provided to the County by the grantor; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Rapids Public School Even Start Program has proposed to provide \$4,000 annually for two years to Kent/MSU Extension to provide money management and nutritional education programs clients and instructors. The program will operate through September 30, 2002. Funding will be used to increase staff; and

WHEREAS, staffing for the project will be addressed by an amendment to an existing MOA for an Extension Educator. MSU will continue to be the employer of record for the position. No County staff positions or funds are involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes Kent/MSU to accept funding from the Grand Rapids Public Schools Even Start Program for money management and nutritional educational programming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves an amendment to the budget and to the Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for costs associated with the performance of the contracts.

12-14-00-189 – GROW GRAND RAPIDS GRANT APPLICATION, CONTRACT, AND BUDGET AMENDMENT APPROVAL / KENT/MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, Grow Grand Rapids is a community youth garden project for inner city youth. Youth working in the project become 4-H members and learn teamwork, conflict resolution, leadership, nutrition, and career and entrepreneurial skills; and

WHEREAS, the project is currently funded by the Grand Rapids Foundation, and staffing is provided by Michigan State University (MSU) through a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the County and Kent/MSU Extension; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide continuation funding for the project and allow for additional assistance over the summer months; and

WHEREAS, funding will be used to staff the program, and provide funds for materials and supplies and other operating expenses. The arrangement will be addressed by an amendment to the existing MOA for the Grow Grand Rapids Program. MSU will continue to be the employer of record for the position. No County staff positions or funds are involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby Board of Commissioners authorizes the submission of a grant application to the City of Grand Rapids Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program for continuation of the Grow Grand Rapids project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves an amendment to the budget and to the Memorandum of Agreement for staffing for performance of the grant, if approved.

12-14-00-190 – DETERMINATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE KENT COUNTY SOLID WASTE PLAN FOR PROPOSED PROCESSING FACILITY / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Public Act 451 of 1994, as amended, Part 115 (Solid Waste Management), provides that a construction permit for a “disposal area” including a processing facility may not be issued by the Department of Environmental Quality unless the disposal area complies with and is consistent with the approved county solid waste management plan; and

WHEREAS, Pitsch Companies has requested a determination that its proposed processing facility (“Facility”) at 633 Richmond, NW in the City of Grand Rapids is consistent with the Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan (“Plan”); and

WHEREAS, Section 5.C.4.d of the Plan provides that the Kent County Board of Public Works (“BPW”) shall make a recommendation to the Kent County Board of Commissioners as to a Facilities consistency with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, Section 5.C.4.d of the Plan sets forth specific criteria which all proposed facilities must comply in order to be consistent with the Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works recommends that the Board of Commissioners determine that the proposed Facility is consistent with the Plan; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby determines that the proposed Facility of Pitsch Companies is consistent with the Solid Waste Management Plan.

12-14-00-191 – EXTENSION OF DESIGNATION OF COUNTY TREASURER AS DEPOSITOR AND INVESTMENT OFFICER / TREASURER’S OFFICE

WHEREAS there may, from time to time, come into the hands of the Kent County Treasurer Kenneth Parrish certain public monies belonging to or held for the County, state or other political subdivisions, or otherwise in accordance with law; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with PA 1932, 1<sup>st</sup> Ex. Sess., No 40, as amended

(MCLA §129.11 et seq.), the Board of Commissioners is required to provide by resolution for the designation and deposit of public money coming into the possession of the County Treasurer, including tax money, in one or more financial institutions in the proportion and manner as provided by the resolution; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with PA 1943, No. 20, as amended (MCLA §129.91 et seq.), the Board of Commissioners may by resolution authorize the County Treasurer, as its

designated investment officer, to invest the funds of the County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, by Resolution 5-21-98-64, has adopted a Fiscal Policy for Investments in accordance with MCLA §129.95, which governs the authority of the County Treasurer to invest funds of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Kent County Treasurer Kenneth Parrish is authorized to deposit all public money coming into his possession, including tax money, in any bank doing business and having a place of business in the State of Michigan, all of which banks are hereby designated as authorized financial institutions for public monies in accordance with MCLA §129.12; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer, as the County's designated investment officer, shall have authority to invest the funds of the County in accordance with applicable statutes as modified or restricted by the County's Fiscal Policy for Investments; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Treasurer or his deputy or assigns, may appoint any persons to be the authorized signers on any deposit or investment account activated in the normal course of the County's business, or for such monies as may, from time to time, come under the County Treasurer's control; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall remain in effect until it is rescinded by the Board of Commissioners or until Kent County Treasurer Kenneth Parrish is no longer in office, whichever occurs first; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution shall not take precedence over any bond resolution or ordinance requiring the deposit of specific accounts in a specific bank or banks; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that as to deposits or investments made in a designated financial institution in accordance with this resolution, neither the County Treasurer, nor his sureties on their respective bonds, shall be liable for a loss occasioned or sustained by the failure or default of any such financial institution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution supersedes Resolution 11-10-99-175.

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, supported by Commissioner McGuire, that the consent agenda items be approved.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

12-14-00-192 – CONSOLIDATION OF PROPERTY DESCRIPTION AND MAPPING WITH  
THE BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Administrator's Office is recommending consolidation of Property Description & Mapping with the Bureau of Equalization in order to provide more efficient administration of tax mapping and property valuation processes to meet the requirements of the Michigan General Property Tax Act; and

WHEREAS, consolidation combines administration of the property valuation

process and the process of creating and maintaining property tax maps and property information records; and

WHEREAS, the following positional changes are recommended to implement the consolidation:

- create the classification of Appraisal Division Manager (MPP 25) and convert the existing Deputy Director of Equalization classification (MPP 26) to Appraisal Division Manager
- create the classification of Property Description & Mapping Manager (MPP 25) and convert the existing Deputy Director of Property Description & Mapping (MPP 23) to Property Description & Mapping Manager
- create the classification of Equalization Deputy Director (MPP 27) and convert the existing Director of Property Description & Mapping (MPP 27) to Equalization Deputy Director; and

WHEREAS, the additional salary costs for Fiscal Year 2000 will be \$421 (\$5,474 annually); and

WHEREAS, funding is available in the 2000 and 2001 Budgets of Property Description & Mapping and the Bureau of Equalization.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the consolidation of Property Description with the Bureau of Equalization; and creation of the classifications of Appraisal Division Manager (MPP 25), Property Description Manager (MPP 25), and Equalization Deputy Director (MPP 27).

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-14-00-193 – SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH CHILDREN'S ASSESSMENT CENTER / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Kent County Sheriff's Department requires the services of specially trained individuals and a suitable location to conduct juvenile sexual assault investigations, to ensure that children are not unduly traumatized and to increase the likelihood of successful prosecution; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Assessment Center (C.A.C.), a non-profit corporation, provides a centralized location and coordinated services for the assistance and support of child victims of sexual assault and the investigation of offenses; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Department desires to enter into a two-year agreement with C.A.C. for preparation of child sexual abuse reports, law enforcement investigation of complaints, medical and psychological assessment, victim interviews, and crisis intervention and referral services; and

WHEREAS, the C.A.C. shall provide services as requested by the Sheriff's Department, and shall provide office space, utilities, and office support services for Department detectives stationed at the facility; and

WHEREAS, a service agreement was prepared by Civil Counsel and reviewed by both parties.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said service agreement is approved by the Kent County Board of Commissioners, and the Board Chair, or Vice-Chair in his absence, is authorized to sign the agreement on behalf of the Board.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

12-14-00-194 – RENOVATIONS TO THE FORMER CHILD HAVEN FACILITY AND USE OF CONTINGENCY / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, on July 18, 2000, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee approved acceptance of a bid from Boysville, Inc., to operate a staff secure facility for juveniles at the former Child Haven facility; and

WHEREAS, at that time, it was agreed that Boysville, Inc. would undertake any renovations required at the facility, with final approval of the plans, contractors and budget by Facilities Management; and

WHEREAS, Boysville, in consultation with Facilities Management, solicited bids for the renovations from three area firms. Both Boysville and Facilities Management staff supported the selection of Wolverine Building, Inc., based on their experience with similar types of projects, the ability to complete the project within the specified time frame, and the scope of the renovations proposed. The total project cost will be \$449,500; and

WHEREAS, due to the nature of the work required at the facility, the level of involvement required by County staff, the final project cost, and limitations of the Child Care fund, staff from the County administration and Boysville have determined that it will be in the best interest of the project if the County directly manages the contract and the renovation project. The change will require the County to pay the renovation costs "up front," and to charge them to Boysville as a part of the lease agreement for the facility. Boysville will include the rental charge as part of the operating costs they submit to the Circuit Court - Family Division for the staff secure facility; and

WHEREAS, in order to start the renovations as soon as possible to avoid complications due to weather, Facilities Management would like to enter into the contract with Wolverine Building Inc.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves entering into a contract with Wolverine Building, Inc. for repairs and

renovations to the former Child Haven building; and

BE IT FURTHER REVISED that the Board authorizes the transfer of \$449,500 to the CIP from contingency to fund the project; and authorizes an amendment to the 2000 CIP to account for the project.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

12-14-00-195 – CONTRACT WITH THE DELTA STRATEGY / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Delta Strategy is a problem-solving initiative designed to bring together organizations and individuals to address community-wide issues. As part of this process, the Delta Strategy convenes groups of stakeholders in problem-solving and provides outcome and other measurement data to the community regarding these issues; and

WHEREAS, several of the issues addressed by the group are part of or consistent with the activities of the County including community health, economic development, employment, and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the County will be able to utilize the Delta Strategy to relay information to the public and receive input as a result of Delta Strategy work sessions.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes a contract entering into a contract with the Delta Strategy to provide community information and problem-solving dialogues around issues of County and community interest for the period of January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001, at a cost not to exceed \$3,000.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-14-00-196 – ADVANCE FOR THE AERONAUTICS FUND / AERONAUTICS

WHEREAS, Aeronautics staff has prepared a cash flow projection for the period January 1, 2001, through December 31, 2005 estimating the needs of their operating and construction funds; and

WHEREAS, the analysis indicates that during this period the construction fund cash balance will reach a low point of \$1,000,000. Aeronautics staff believes that based on historical needs, this amount would be sufficient; and

WHEREAS, in discussions with Administrative staff it was felt that in the best interest of all parties that an avenue of relief be provided in the event that the assumptions used in the projection are not accurate and an inflow of cash is needed in the construction fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that authorization be granted to advance up to \$3,000,000 from the General Fund to the Aeronautics Fund if needed. Details of

the repayment terms including interest charges at the Current Money-Max rate during the term of the advance would be negotiated between the Aeronautics and Administrative staff and be reported to the Finance & Physical Resources Committee at the time any advance is made.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

#### 12-14-00-197 – APPROVAL OF UAW LABOR AGREEMENT / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, recommends approval of a four-year labor contract with the United Auto Workers Local 2600 representing employees working in a variety of classifications and employed throughout the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement is summarized on attachments to this resolution; and

WHEREAS, this proposed contract has been ratified by members of the United Auto Workers Local 2600; and

WHEREAS, the salary and fringe benefit increases will result in a cost of \$13,897,047 for the length of the contract; and

WHEREAS, this contract settlement will affect 870 full-time employees and 104 part time employees assigned to various county departments and the courts.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approve and ratify said proposed contract with United Auto Workers Local 2600 for the period January 1, 2000, through December 31, 2003; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair is authorized and directed to sign said agreement on behalf of Kent County.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

#### 12-14-00-198 – CONSULTING SERVICES AGREEMENT / JOHN BALL ZOO

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners, Zoo Advisory Board, John Ball Zoological Society Board, County staff, Grand Rapids City Commission members and interested residents have been involved in processes intended to resolve differences related to zoo and park development within the John Ball Zoological Garden; and

WHEREAS, Professor Kenneth Polakowski was recommended as a knowledgeable and experienced resource that could help resolve outstanding differences; and

WHEREAS, County staff and Professor Polakowski have reached agreement on where he can best assist the resolution process at this time; and

WHEREAS, Professor Polakowski has submitted a proposal outlining professional services related to evaluation potential uses of the park areas of John Ball Zoological Garden and planning ideas for park development to facilitate those uses.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Chair Heacock to execute an agreement between Kent County

and Professor Kenneth Polakowski for design of park development in the park portion of the John Ball Zoological Garden in the amount of \$14,000, plus expenses not to exceed \$2,100.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-14-00-199 – PROPERTY ACQUISITION (7.5 ACRES) FOR MILLENNIUM PARK PROJECT / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the purchase of property for the Millennium Park Project is a priority of the Kent County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a 6.0 acre parcel is currently being offered for sale and a 1.5 acre parcel for donation by Elmer Hunderman, Jr. and the County has entered into a purchase agreement contingent on Board approval per Board policy; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel is important to the development of Millennium Park because it borders both Johnson Park and Phase I of Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board has set funds aside for land acquisition and development of Millennium Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of 6.0 acres of property and accept the donation of 1.5 acre of property at the same location from Elmer Hunderman, Jr. and authorizes Chair Heacock to execute necessary documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the payment of the purchase price of \$135,000, plus realtors commission and property transaction expenses from the Millennium Park CIP Account.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

12-14-00-200 – PROPERTY ACQUISITION (12.6 ACRES) FOR MILLENNIUM PARK PROJECT / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, purchase of property for the Millennium Park Project is a priority of the Kent County Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, a 12.6 improved is currently being offered for sale by the US

Bankruptcy Court and the County has entered into a purchase agreement contingent on Board approval per Board policy; and

WHEREAS, the subject parcel is important to the development of Millennium Park because it borders the Elmer Hunderman, Jr. parcel which is contiguous to Johnson Park and is also contiguous to Phase I of Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, the Board has set funds aside for land acquisition and development of Millennium Park.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of 12.6 acres of improved property from the U.S. Bankruptcy Court and authorizes Chair Heacock to execute necessary documentation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the payment of the purchase price of \$160,000, plus realtors commission and property transaction expenses from the 2000 Millennium Park CIP Budget Account.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

12-14-00-201 – PURCHASE OF LAND FOR LOWELL REGIONAL PARK FROM GRAHAM FAMILY TRUST / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, acquisition of land for development of a regional park in Lowell Park is included in the *1998 Kent County Parks, Recreation, and Natural Areas Master Plan*, and

WHEREAS, Kent County applied for and was granted funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) purchase of 99 acres from the Graham Family Trust, and

WHEREAS, the total purchase cost is \$480,000 with the County funding \$190,200, the Michigan DNR contributing \$273,350 and the Frey Foundation contributing \$16,450, and

WHEREAS, the County Board of Commissioners has previously approved the payment of \$100,000 (Resolution #2-24-00-20) toward this purchase to the Graham Family Trust.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize the completion of the purchase of 99 acres from the Graham Family Trust and further authorizes the expenditure of \$90,200 from the County Parks Acquisition Fund to complete the County share of this purchase,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes Chair Steven Heacock to execute necessary documentation to complete this purchase.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Horton, Kooiman, Kuhn, Kuipers, Malone, Mast, McGuire, Morren

12-14-00-202 – CIRCUIT COURT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES / CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, the reorganization of the Court required to fully implement the mandated merger of the former Circuit and Family Courts and the physical consolidation of the current Trial and Family Divisions of the 17<sup>th</sup> Circuit Court in the new Kent County Courthouse is

a continuing process; and

WHEREAS, both divisions of the Court currently schedule and track the progress of cases; and

WHEREAS, in order to eliminate duplication of case management services and ensure consistency in policies and procedures, the case management functions of the Trial and Family Divisions are being merged; and

WHEREAS, integrating case management services throughout the Court will eliminate the necessity of increasing Case Management staff to support increasing case loads in the Court; and

WHEREAS, merging of case management functions requires the creation of a position to manage all aspects of case management, including case scheduling, caseflow management, jury services and appointment of indigent counsel; and

WHEREAS, converting the vacant Case Management Supervisor position to Case Management Manager will enable the Court to recruit qualified candidates to manage the daily operations required for integrated case management services; and

WHEREAS, the additional salary cost of \$8,208 is included in the FY 2001 Circuit Court budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the creation of the class specification “Case Management Manager” in MPP Grade 24 and the conversion of one Case Management Supervisor position (MPP 21) to Case Management Manager.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

There were no committee reports.

Departing Commissioners & Elected Officials Recognition

Chair Heacock read a proclamation and presented plaques to the following elected officials: Kent County Clerk & Register of Deeds Terri Land, Sheriff James Dougan, Commissioners Beverly Rekeny (District 4), Herschell Turner (District 17), Jim Talen (District 18), Jerry Kooiman (District 16) and Patrick Malone (District 2).

MISCELLANEOUS

There were no miscellaneous comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Boelema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, January 2, 2001 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