

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, July 26, 2001

Administration Building - Room 310

Meeting called to order at 8:32 a.m. by Chair Steven R. Heacock.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, McGuire, Morgan, Morren, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 17.

Absent: Buege, Smoke (Excused) – 2.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

PUBLIC HEARING

Revised 911 Plan

Motion by Commissioner Sak, supported by Commissioner Kuhn, to go into a public hearing on the Revised 911 Plan. There was no public comment. Motion by Commissioner Mast, supported by Commissioner Hiddema, to close the public hearing. The public hearing was declared closed at 8:37 a.m.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. BDO Seidman Audit - Larry Oberst and Pat Duperron

Mr. Oberst announced that BDO Seidman representatives had met with the Finance Committee a week prior where they reviewed financial statements in detail and a draft of the management letter. The management letter will be finalized once the County's responses have been included and issued in final form. Ms. Duperron reviewed a handout (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk) that addressed some of the highlights of the financial statements. Once the management letter is finalized, BDO Seidman will present it to the Board of Commissioners.

b. Legislative Update - David Haynes

Mr. Haynes reported that the legislature is recessed until mid-September when it will reconvene to finish the state budget, and look at important issues such as tax legislation, equity issues, and court reform. Mr. Haynes will be back in the Fall with another legislative update.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of June 14, 2001 Meeting
- b) June 19 and July 3, 2001 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) BDO – 2000 Audit (receive and file)
- d) Appointment to Concealed Weapons Licensing Board – Wallace B. Duiffin.
- e) Resolutions:

7-26-01-91 – APPROVE THE RE-APPROPRIATION OF DRUG COURT GRANT FUNDS /
CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, on May 27, 1999, the Board of Commissioners adopted Resolution 5-57-99-69 authorizing joint participation with the City of Grand Rapids in a Drug Court grant with a County match of \$49,879; and

WHEREAS, due to the late startup of the grant, the current billing for \$23,890 arrived after the closeout of the County's budget year and the match for the grant lapsed; and

WHEREAS, the payment of this invoice will bring the total match paid to \$30,620; and

WHEREAS, the grant period has been extended allowing additional time to expend the balance of the original amount of the grant and any additional match needed will be submitted as part of the 2002 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the re-appropriation of Drug Court Grant funds in the amount of \$23,890 from Contingency to Management Studies - Other Contractual Services - Drug Court.

7-26-01-92 – GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY
(FIA) AND ADOPT GRANT BUDGET / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Family Independence Agency provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program designed to establish paternity as well as to secure and enforce support orders; and

WHEREAS, the Friend of the Court's Cooperative Reimbursement Program currently operates with 102 full-time positions plus 4.9 FTEs in support services from the Circuit Court – Family Division (Referees & clerical); and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2001, to September 30, 2002.

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 a FY 2002 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2002 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant Budget.

7-26-01-93 - GRANT APPLICATION TO STATE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY (FIA) AND ADOPT GRANT BUDGET / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the 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 100 percent of the salary and fringes for five FTEs; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2001, to September 30, 2002.

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 a FY 2002 Title IV-D Medical Support Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position(s) will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants; and

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2002 Title IV-D Medical Support Grant Budget.

Commissioner Mayhue requested that Item d be removed from the consent agenda.

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, supported by Commissioner Sak, to approve the remaining consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Kuipers, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn, Sak, Kuhn, Postmus Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Vonk, Horton, Morgan, Chair Heacock - 16.

Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Mast - 1.

Item D

Appointment to the Concealed Weapons Licensing Board

Motion by Commissioner Vonk, supported by Commissioner McGuire, to appoint Wallace B. Duffin to the Concealed Weapons Licensing Board.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Kuipers, Kuhn, Mast, Postmus Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Vonk, Horton, Morgan, Chair Heacock - 13.

Nays: Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn, Sak - 4.

REPORTS

Health Care Initiative - People of Color

Chair Heacock reported that the Health Care Initiative - People of Color Committee has been working hard and are doing a good job. Staff is now doing some behind the scenes work for the committee which is scheduled to meet again in the Fall.

MISCELLANEOUS

Introduction

Commissioner Mayhue introduced his wife, Dee.

Health Care Initiative - People of Color

Commissioner Mayhue commented that he would like to see minority applicants considered for the next Health Department position in an effort to reflect the community better.

Zoo Update

Commissioner Sak asked Assistant Administrator Vanderberg for an update on the Zoo. Mr. Vanderberg reported that they are awaiting survey results from Jones & Jones and expect that a report will be forthcoming in approximately a month.

Senior Meals

Commissioner Vaughn reported that the Senior Meals is having financial difficulties with their food pantry. On August 12th, African-American churches will be passing the hat for Senior Meals.

NACO Award

Commissioner Kuipers presented Chair Heacock with the Annual Environmental Award from NACO that Kent County received because of its computer-recycling program.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:35 a.m., Commissioner Vonk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 9, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.

Steven R. Heacock, Chair

Sonya Dean, Chief Deputy County Clerk