

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, August 9, 2001
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Vice Chair David J. Morren.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, McGuire, Morgan, Morren, Postmus, Sak, Smoke, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield – 18.

Absent: Chair Heacock (Excused) – 1.

Invocation: Commissioner Morgan introduced Tom Pearce, North Kent Service Center, who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bernice Polowski, Kent County Democratic Party – On behalf of the Democratic Party, presented a check to Commissioner Vaughn for the Senior Pantry fundraising drive.

Joyce Pleune, Kent County Retirees Association – A former Kent County employee, who worked for the County over 30 years, and now a member of the Kent County Retirees Association has been appointed by the Retirees Association to serve as its representative to attend the Board of Commissioner meetings.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

a. Stormwater Presentation – Drain Commissioner Roger Laninga and Deb Kauffman
Mr. Laninga reviewed the Phase II Storm Water requirements. As a new federal unfunded mandate, this will require the participation from all of the municipalities within Kent County. Mr. Laninga will be holding several meetings in the Fall with township officials to review the over the new rules. The Proposed Model Storm Water Ordinance for Kent County Townships and Municipalities (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk), prepared by the Storm Water Management Task Force, was distributed to Commissioners.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the Minutes of July 26, 2001 Meeting

b) Resolutions:

8-9-01-94 – ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY - OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH PROGRAM / FISCAL SERVICES - RISK MANAGEMENT UNIT

WHEREAS, the County is committed to providing and maintaining a safe and healthful work environment for all employees, thereby reducing the probability and magnitude of injuries, illnesses, and related human and financial loss; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for the County, as an employer, to meet at least the minimum Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration requirements for the prevention of both human and financial loss while providing for a safe workplace environment; and

WHEREAS, the policy proposed for adoption incorporates the recommendation of both an outside consultant and a staff team representing a cross-section of County departments as well as the Risk Management Unit; and

WHEREAS, adoption of the policy will provide the authority to establish a safety and health program for all County employees and to assign responsibility and accountability for all aspects of the program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners adopts the Administrative Policy – Occupational Safety and Health Program.

8-9-01-95 – STORAGE / STAGING BUILDING – FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, miscellaneous furniture, equipment, tools, and items for the County's surplus auction and other activities require storage. Available storage space has been exhausted; and

WHEREAS, Facilities Management recommends the construction of a 32' x 50' pole barn building on the 700 Fuller Avenue campus. In addition to satisfying storage needs, the new facility will be utilized for staging items being moved from one building to another; and

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee accepted the low offer of \$21,817 from TJ Construction as bid specifications are met and references checked indicate satisfactory performance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes a transfer \$21,817 from Contingency to Facilities Management's 2001 budget for the purpose of constructing a storage building on the 700 Fuller Avenue campus.

8-9-01-96 – AMEND THE 2001 BUDGET FOR THE DISTRICT HEATING AND COOLING OPERATION / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the cost of fuel oil and natural gas for the District Heating and Cooling Operation (DHCO) has increased substantially over the original projections for 2001; and

WHEREAS, DHCO staff have aggressively pursued pricing practices to maintain the lowest possible costs to the steam customers; and

WHEREAS, the current year's budget has been virtually expended through this date; and

WHEREAS, the additional cost will be offset by an increase in revenues to steam customers through the fuel cost adjustment clause of their contracts; and

WHEREAS, this \$3,500,000 budget adjustment would increase the Utilities-Gas expense budget to a total of \$7,162,160.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves amending the 2001 revenue and expense budgets of the District Heating and Cooling

Operation in the amount of \$3,500,000.

8-9-01-97 – AMEND THE BUDGET FOR THE KENT COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY
DEBT SERVICES FUND / SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, on June 21, 2001 bonds were sold in the amount of \$10,325,000 to cover the costs of renovating, remodeling and equipping the Sheriff's Administrative Facility; and

WHEREAS, the bonds are dated June 1 and have semi-annual interest and principal payments due June 1 and December 1 of each year; and

WHEREAS, the first payment is due December 1, 2001, and this was not included in the 2001 Budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves amending the budget in the Kent County Building Authority Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$234,602 and appropriate the funds from the General Fund.

8-9-01-98 – KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY - \$170,000,000 BOND ISSUE FOR
SPECTRUM HEALTH / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Spectrum Health - Butterworth Campus and Spectrum Health - Blodgett Campus (collectively the "Borrowers"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrowers and used by the Borrowers, together with other available funds, for any one or more of the following purposes (i) to construct and equip a new nine-story Heart Institute on the hospital campus of Spectrum Health - Butterworth Campus located at 100 Michigan, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Butterworth Campus") at an approximate cost of \$90,000,000, (ii) the addition of three floors to the South Tower on the Butterworth Campus to expand medical care treatment areas and mechanical/electrical support at an approximate cost of \$14,000,000, (iii) the expansion of the North Parking Ramp and the South Parking Ramp on the Butterworth Campus at an approximate cost of \$11,000,000, (iv) the renovation of various medical departments at the main hospital facility on the Butterworth Campus at an approximate cost of \$14,000,000, (v) the expansion of a co-generator plant located at 230 Ransom Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan and various electrical power upgrades to serve the Butterworth Campus at an approximate cost of \$12,000,000, (vi) the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipping of various capital improvements for use at the Butterworth Campus at an aggregate approximate cost of \$70,000,000, (vii) the renovation, acquisition and equipping of the medical facilities of Spectrum Health - Butterworth Campus located at 80 68th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, at an approximate cost of \$1,500,000, (viii) the construction, renovation, acquisition and equipping of various capital improvements for use at the hospital campus of Spectrum Health - Blodgett Campus located at 1840 Wealthy, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan (the "Blodgett Campus") at an aggregate approximate cost of \$16,500,000, (ix) to pay a portion of the interest to accrue on the Bonds, (x) to fund a debt service reserve for the Bonds, if any, and (xi) to pay costs of issuing the Bonds. The Bonds are proposed to be issued in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed One Hundred Seventy Million Dollars (\$170,000,000); and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Bonds (Spectrum Health) Series 2001A and Series 2001B (collectively, the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$170,000,000 to provide funds with which to

make the loans to the Borrowers; and

WHEREAS, the Bonds will be limited obligations of the Authority and will not constitute general obligations or debt of the Authority, the City of Grand Rapids, the County of Kent, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on July 30, 2001, the Authority held a public hearing after notice, a written record of which has been filed with this Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that this Board of Commissioners approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority as set forth in the public notice; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners desires to express its approval of the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent as follows:

1. Solely for the purpose of fulfilling the public approval requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, Michigan, hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority.
2. The County Clerk is hereby directed to provide three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Authority.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Sak, Smoke, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Acting Chair Morren – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

8-9-01-99 – COMMUNICATIONS CONSULTING CONTRACT WITH WONDERGEM CONSULTING, INC. / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved a six-month trial contract with Wondergem Consulting, Inc. (WCI) on October 26, 2000; and

WHEREAS, a number of communications goals were achieved during the trial contract period; and

WHEREAS, County is desirous of renewing the communications contract with WCI for a period of one year in order to supplement County communications activities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes Administrator/Controller Daryl Delabbio to negotiate and execute a one-year contract with WCI for \$50,000.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Smoke, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Acting Chair Morren – 16.

Nays: Mayhue, Sak – 2.

8-9-01-100 – APPOINTMENT OF ACTING HEALTH OFFICER / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Administrative Rules of the Michigan Public Health Code require that the Board of Commissioners appoint Acting Health Officers and that such appointments must be approved by the Department of Community Health; and

WHEREAS, Barbara Terry, current Acting Administrative Health Officer resigned her position effective August 6, 2001; and

WHEREAS, per the instructions of the Department of Community Health and in accordance with resolution 4-12-01-54 which transferred the reporting structure of the Health Officer to the County Administrator/Controller, the County Administrator/Controller appointed Sandra Walls, RN, MSN, to serve as the Acting Health Officer effective August 6, 2001, pending formal appointment by the Board of Commissioners and approval by the Department of Community Health; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Walls currently serves as the Director of the Community Nursing Division. Her appointment will remain in effect until the newly hired Administrative Health Officer assumes her duties, on or before October 1, 2001.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED Board of Commissioners appoints Sandra L. Walls as Acting Administrative Health Officer effective August 6, 2001.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Smoke, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Acting Chair Morren – 17.

Nays: Sak – 1.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Senior Meals

Commissioner Vaughn thanked Commissioners for personally donating to the Senior Meal project and informed them that he would be collecting checks after the meeting. He also stated that the African-American churches will be collecting donations for the Senior Pantry this weekend as well.

Commission District Maps

Clerk Hollinrake announced that the new county commission district maps are available through the Elections Division.

Italian Festival

Commissioner Sak announced that the Italian Festival will be held this weekend on the Calder Plaza.

Support

Commissioner Mayhue commended Grand Rapids Police Chief Police, Harry Dolan, on his recent actions involving a police car accident and his support of the victim.

Concealed Weapons Update

Commissioner Vaughn asked Clerk Hollinrake for an update on the Concealed Weapons applications. Clerk Hollinrake stated that approximately 500 applications have been received thus far. The applications are sent to the Sheriff's Department for a background check, then on to the Prosecutor's Office for review and then back to the Clerk's Office for review from the Gun Board. The next Gun Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 6, 2001.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 23, 2001, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Vice Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk