

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, July 25, 2002

Administration Building - Room 310

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

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 15.

Absent: Mast, Mayhue, Morren – 3 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Wendell Broome, 9350 Myers Lake Avenue NE, Rockford – As a resident of Myers Lake who recently built his retirement home, he is upset with the proposed land acquisition. The acquisition of parcels B & C must not be approved and suggests that further discussion of parcel A take place. He would like to see a community park plan fully justifying the expenditure of a million tax dollars with safeguards for existing residents before further acquisition takes place.

William Thompson, 9802 Myers Lake NE, Rockford - He brought in signed petitions from residents and members of Myers Lake Improvement Association. The petition states whether the signer is *opposed* or *supports* the purchasing of property at 7319 Hessler Ct. and 7350 Hessler Ct. by Kent County, for the expansion plans of Myers Lake County Park. (Copies of the petitions are on file in the Office of the County Clerk.)

John Hoyt, 7325 Hessler Court NE, Courtland Township – He purchased his home in November of 2000. He knew nothing about park expansion. This is his retirement home. Park security and supervision is what is needed at Myers Lake Park now.

Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids - He would like to put an informational booth in downtown Grand Rapids by Rosa Parks Circle. The Convention & Visitors Center closed in November 2001, and it will not reopen until the convention center opens in the new DeVos Place. Earlier this year, he created a written walking tour for downtown Grand Rapids which he mailed to each Commissioner. He would like to see a joint City/County information booth to help citizens, conventioners, tourists learn of the locale's main features such as the airport, shopping, where to buy gas, and menus of the restaurants downtown. (A copy of his proposal is available in the Office of the County Clerk.)

PUBLIC HEARING

Annexation of Land – Kent City

Motion by Commissioner McGuire, supported by Commissioner Sak, to go into a public hearing.
Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:47 a.m., a public hearing was held on the annexation of property to the Village of Kent City. Mark Van Allsburg, Attorney for the Village of Kent City, commented that everyone has consented to this and the intention is to offer village services, particularly sewer services, to the property involved.

There was no other public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Sak, supported by Commissioner McGuire, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:48 a.m., Chair Heacock declared the hearing closed.

Community Mental Health Authority

Motion by Commissioner Postmus, supported by Commissioner Vonk, to go into a public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:49 a.m., Chair Heacock announced that this is the third of three public hearings required to be held prior to establishing a mental health authority pursuant to the mental health code. On December 17, 2001, the Kent Community Mental Health Board voted to recommend to the Board of Commissioners ("BOC") that it establish Kent Community Mental Health ("CMH") as an Authority. As a mental health authority, Kent CMH would no longer operate as a county department, but would instead be an independent unit separate from governance by the BOC although Authority board members would continue to be appointed by this Commission. The Legislative & Human Resources Committee held three work sessions and a public comment period on the proposal and on May 25, 2002, the BOC initiated the process to consider establishing Kent CMH as an Authority. According to the Mental Health Code, prior to establishing Kent CMH as an Authority, the BOC must hold three public hearings and adopt an enabling resolution which addresses the following issues: 1) the purpose of the authority; 2) the duration of the authority; 3) the method by which the Authority may be dissolved or terminated; and, 4) the distribution of assets in the event of termination and certain employment matters subject to the provisions of the Mental Health Code. Chair Heacock invited anyone who wished to comment on the proposed Authority to address the Board at this time.

1. Matt Epperson, 731 College, Grand Rapids – **(Opposed)** He is an employee of CMH and for the past 8 months has volunteered to be part of an advisory committee that has researched and discussed the authority issue. He discussed three points: 1) One of the reasons that has been cited for CMH moving to an authority is to better serve its clients. However, no such data has been produced. 2) There are over 30 CMH authorities in Michigan currently. The oldest have only 5 ½ years of history. The long-term impact of authority status on CMH's and their clients is yet unknown. 3) He appreciates the fact that the mental health code mandates public comment on this issue but that there has not yet been public discussion by Kent County Commissioners on this issue is frustrating. He asked the Commission to have a public discussion on the authority issue before it is voted on with the understanding that this is a significant long term change that could effect thousands of individuals in this community.

2. Ginny Smith, 3282 56th Street, Wyoming (President of Local 2600) – **(Opposed)** She is against the authority status for CMH for the following reasons: there has been no documentation to show that going to an authority status will improve services to clients or employees. It has been said that it would lower administrative costs due to administration having to deal with county government. All of those services would have to be contracted out or hire more staff. Neither the hospital nor library employees are better off with the break from county oversight. At least the library can go to the public and ask for a millage if they have a problem with funding. CMH cannot. A good example of an increased risk or costs of employee benefits is their healthcare costs. Questions to think about: 1) If state funding for CMH is drastically cut and CMH has to borrow money (and that is one of the reasons they want to go to authority status is then they can borrow money) to continue to operate, who becomes liable if CMH defaults on those loans? 2) Why the rush to fix something that is not broken and a system that is working quite well as it is?
3. Rod Phillips, 726 Andover SE, Kentwood – He is an employee at CMH and spoke at a prior hearing. At a meeting held with employees at Cornerstone on July 10th, it was shared with them that not all costs were accounted for in the \$200,000 savings estimate figure. He asked the Commissioners to do more research into the cost savings estimate. The Commission should have some skepticism regarding what it is being told. He also believes the Kent County CMH would still benefit from oversight at the current level from the County Commission.
4. Merry Smith, International Representative for the UAW – **(Opposed)** A disgruntled employee, an employee unsure of his benefits and future, does not service people well. These employees do not know what their future brings, whether their pension will exist as it previously did. When you are servicing the public, that does not make you a good public employee.
5. Donna Sutter, 2058 Anderson SE, Grand Rapids – **(Opposed)** She has worked in the adult services unit of Cornerstone since 1995. Not all the questions regarding benefits, pension, pay, etc. have been answered fully. The resistance to move to authority status does not stem from the fear of change. Cornerstone employees are used to change. However, they are not used to lack of answers, poor communication and an uncertain future. It is difficult to trust what is being said when the top administration will not be around when the change occurs. The CMH board is asking too much of the employees to expect them to be able to except all this change without knowing what really is in store for them as employees. Please give the next administration time to take over so that they can address all of the staff's questions with accurate and complete information.
6. Jerry Kiel, 1108 Lake Michigan Drive, Grand Rapids – **(Opposed)** He spoke at the last public hearing. He is quite concerned that the authority issue has become so political that some commissioners may have lost sight of the best interest of the citizens whom they represent. The oversight of the county commission is essential to insure that every citizen of this county has adequate representation and equal access to services provided by CMH.

7. Tony Miller, 2522 Grand Vista Court, Grand Rapids – (**Supports**) An employee of CMH Administration Office. Right now, if the status of CMH services stayed the same, he would say that it shouldn't go to authority, but things are changing. The state is looking to do more regionalization, to partner with other counties and looking for more self-determination for CMH clients. In regionalization, they need more authority in order to partner with other counties. Without authority status, they can't respond as quickly as they need to. Self-determination gives clients more choice and direction of their life and CMH needs to respond faster to their needs. It is time to take the steps with the state and make changes in our administration. He wants to be sure of his future - his benefits and pension – but he is more concerned about people who need services. It takes 3 months to get back to clients because all of the oversight in place. The Commission has given them oversight by appointing commissioners to the CMH board.
8. David Bulkowski, 322 Woodmere SE, Grand Rapids – (**Undecided**) He works at Disability Advocates of Kent County, formerly the Grand Rapids Center for Independent Living, and he serves on the Grand Rapids School Board. He too is concerned about the future of CMH services and where the State of Michigan is leading us. The right focus of this discussion should be how does this really impact the clients? He is dismayed by the lack of communication. He objects to the time of the public hearings - 8:30 a.m., all in downtown Grand Rapids. Others have hinted that there needs to be a lot more discussion with the folks who are receiving these services. Is there really an impact or not on the folks? If that is the case again, does it really make it easier down the road when things hit the fan budgetarily to continue to take mandated services and call them no longer mandated and then we do away with literally tens of millions of dollars of services for people. The promises that were made in the '60s, '70s, and '80s to the citizens of Kent County and the state are beginning to cost real money and the County needs to really look at those and have a broader discussion on how that impacts people.
9. Keith Cook, 1913 Radcliff SE, Grand Rapids – (**Opposed**) He has seen no evidence to suggest that this will benefit the clients and it is dividing the staff. The primary reason cited for becoming an authority is to eliminate administrative inefficiency and duplication. This could be better resolved by county administration working with each department to streamline administrative functions and eliminate duplication through the system. Though told that as an authority, more financial efficiency will be provided, yet the cost savings identified represent substantially less than 1% of total CMH budget. The risk of becoming an authority far outweighs the perceived benefits.
10. Kay Lynnes, 316 Bristol NW, Grand Rapids – (**Opposed**) At the last hearing I testified about the lack of merit in the proposal to become an authority. Today, my comments concern your duty to the public as elected officials. What does public participation mean? Does public participation mean three hearings in two months in the summer at 8:30 a.m. downtown, with notices twice in the Grand Rapids Press in fine print that most people don't read. We need to make sure that the people who will be affected by this understand the merits, the potential downsides and have a chance to ask questions and get them answered. There should be several public meetings held in the evening, a chance for people to ask questions, to have things

explained to them. You need to provide public transportation to those who will be affected. The \$200,000 savings may not be realized and the risks of becoming an authority have not been fully discussed. She also recommended that the Commissioners hire an independent financial expert to go over the cost projections, to do both the worst case and expected case scenario and have that information part of those public meetings. There is no reason to rush this. Some of the most vulnerable people in this county need your help and you owe them the courtesy and respect of explaining this and discussing it with them, giving them the opportunity to be heard.

11. Laura Shyne, 346 Norwood SE, Grand Rapids - **(Opposed)** Look past the political issues and focus on the employees, their families and the community of clients served. We want to be able to offer them the best of services and resources that are available and that may not be possible if an authority. When there is a need for additional funding, CMH will not be able to run back to the county for funding. There is more to this than saving money and avoiding duplication of administrative decisions. It is about being able to continue to do my job to the best of my ability and meeting the needs of those in need. Put yourself in the place of the employees and clients as you make your final decisions, and treat others the way that you want to be treated.

12. John Lichtenberg, 2451 Maplewood SE, East Grand Rapids – **(Supports)** Secretary for the Kent County CMH Board. Moving to authority status has been a topic of discussion and analysis for years. The problems in the statute have been corrected. For the last year, this has been a subject of almost every public meeting that the board has held. There were opportunities for public comment and there has been a paucity of that comment. This has not been a rush to judgment, not something that has been stampeded through the CMH board. It has been a careful and deliberative process. Meeting with employees, providers and advocacy groups to discuss both the decision and how that decision might impact consumers, employees and county residents continue. The reason for choosing to go to an authority status is because we on the board unanimously believe that that will improve our ability to provide services. The improvement requires some change and change causes some uncertainty and uncertainty is something that folks are understandably uncomfortable with. The authority is obligated by law to maintain for the first year after it separates from the county the same benefits and wages as are currently provided. A major concern that has been stressed relates to the employee benefits particularly the retirement plan. The County and CMH staff have worked closely with the actuaries for the county plan to determine how that would be impacted. At the present time the county retirement plan is fully funded. If this is to be changed if we become an authority, what would happen is the percentage of liabilities that are associated with CMH staff will be determined by the actuaries. A commensurate percentage of the fair market value of the assets associated with that plan would then be transferred to a separate plan fund so that we would be in exactly the same position as the county employees are – no change whatsoever. The question is how does that plan get administered going forward. That is still being explored. We are looking at having the fund managed by the municipal employees retirement system. We are also looking at having the same fund managers that do the county's pension plan continue in that capacity for the authority – if you are happy now you will be happy then. This goes before the CMH Board in August. Similar concerns have been raised about the health care plan. This is being carefully analyzed by CMH staff and will be brought to the board and you will know where that stands before you are called upon to make your final decision. The concern that still

remains is what happens after that first year when all the guarantees provided by statute terminate. No one knows. What we do know is that both the employees and the CMH board will be freer to address the issues that are specific and unique to that organization. Most importantly, we believe this is the direction that the state is leading us, this is the direction that we need to go in - to align with other authorities working cooperatively with other providers. We have shown through the documentation that this will free up thousands of dollars in terms of reduced costs. We are all on the same team, employees, providers, and consumers. We are all working towards the same ultimate goal.

13. Brenda Marvin, 146 South Park, Cedar Springs – Offered a compromise by requesting that this board vote to table until CMH has the stability of a new administration and the facts that it needs to move forward. This would ease the tension between staff and administration. As it stands, many employees feel as though they have no choice in this matter. Since staff ultimately is the group caring for the community of clients, it would be detrimental to those individuals if staff is not supported and feels animosity towards administration. The fact that the board did not consider anyone for the position of executive director who was not in favor of the move to an authority sent a message to staff that whether or not we are in favor of the move to authority, it will be dictated to us. This course will result in the loss of more staff. The suggested moratorium would give the incoming administration time to become acclimated and for staff to learn more about the business of authority and what it will mean for them and the clients we serve.
14. Neville Mark, 5944 Valley Lane Drive SE, Kentwood – (**Opposed**) He spoke before. What we have heard is the county will save \$200,000. \$200,000 out of a \$90,000,000 budget is the equivalent of telling someone a family with a household income of \$90,000 to let me run your budget and I will save you \$200. There has been no information to prove the projected savings will actually occur. There is no proof that it will serve clients better. By going to authority status, there will be duplication of services. If we were to go authority, all services now provided by the County will need to be provided by someone. Let us fix them and not change the entire system. A petition is going around and collecting signatures against the authority.
15. Kevin Krum, Cornerstone employee - (**Opposed**) Has worked at Cornerstone for two years. The timing is bad since CMH is losing a number of key individuals to early retirement. That Bonnie Huntley is leaving is anxiety provoking. Such a turnover will cause a ripple effect of instability throughout the agency as some of the positions vacated will be replaced with people within the agency, which will open up other positions. All these people need to be trained which takes time. If you impose changing an organizational structure on top of all these personnel changes, the result will negatively impact the day-to-day functioning and the quality of services delivered to our clientele. The people at CMH are used to change. I have not seen any hard statistical data that suggests switching to an authority would positively impact clients. Such hasty change will result in miss cues of management, fiscal mistakes, and misguided policy from administrators who are experienced in their position.

16. Carol Simpson, 109 W. Lake Street, Sand Lake – **(Supports)** As a KDL trustee, she is here to clarify some of the issues regarding the KDL. She has concerns about how KDL has been portrayed. Several important points about the transition are: 1) the BOC was supportive in creating a district library and levying a district library millage. You wrote, approved and signed an agreement listing your responsibilities to KDL. The BOC did what it said it would do. 2) It appointed various local officials, businessmen and library advocates to the KDL board, one trustee was also a county commissioner. 3) The BOC cooperated when KDL's approved millage legislation was not signed by the Governor by providing funding for another year. The BOC also assisted the KDL board in persuading the 26 local governmental units to fund the library for one more year. 4) It allowed KDL to use the various resources of county departments for a fee. The library board used the County HR department to assist in hiring, for payroll and many other ways. 5) The county administrative staff was informative and cooperative. If you decide to create a CMH authority, the BOC will give the same support, cooperation and assistance. The KDL is an excellent example of how a county agency can benefit by becoming independent from the county. Are the taxpayers better off? Yes. There is equity with all of the 26 local governmental units. KDL provides one of the most cost effective library services in the state. Are the 26 communities better off? Yes. Many of the 17 branches have built new or expanded existing library facilities to accommodate these customers and an 18th branch was added. The services have been streamlined and, through technology, information is immediately accessible in every branch. Are our library customers better off? Yes. There has been tremendous growth in the number of people demanding materials, programs and services. Customers have consistently given the library high marks for it's service programs and materials. Are the employees of KDL better off? Many of them ratified the last contract. The employees kept their accrued sick days, vacation days, their seniority; they have an approved pension plan. There was a letter from Martha Smart, KDL Director, in your packet today outlining point by point and giving the supporting evidence of what I have mentioned to you.
17. Linda Brower, 7269 Decosta Drive NE, Rockford – She is a member of the CMH stakeholders Committee in Kent County. I imagine that if people are trying to regionalize CMH that the County can no longer be the entity that supervises, but if not we still need to preserve public trust and to have public accountability. When you talk about this becoming it's own authority it sounds like the fox watching the hen house. She is concerned about financial interests. If we are allowed to invest, who benefits from that? There still needs to be a system of checks and balances in place to make sure that people are represented so that we have government by the people and for the people and of the people. If there isn't this safety net at least when you privatize a system there is some sort of accountability because there is competition, but if this is its own entity then what is it that will be the bottomline and CMH is the bottom line. It is the safety net for everybody. She is also concerned about input. If CMH becomes an authority, does input from the public or stakeholders mean much? She would like to have more time to study the issues.

Chair Heacock stated that they have encouraged written comment to be sent to the BOC and he is obligated to read those comments into record of the public hearing. He read summaries from the following individuals:

Martha Smart, Director – Kent District Library
Marleah Bevelacqua, CMH employee
Michael Simons, Kent CMH Liaison/Legislative Chair – National Association of the Physically Handicapped Inc.
Su Hood, Contract Manager – CMH employee
June Hansen, Financial Analyst – CMH employee
Betty Walker, President – National Alliance for the Mentally Ill
Candi Teachout, Cornerstone Helpline/Volunteer Coordinator for CMH

(Comments received prior to Board setting public hearing on May 23, 2002):

Gary Ellens, President/Executive Director – Wedgewood Christian Youth & Family Services
Paul Ippel, Executive Director – Hope Network – West Michigan
Chuck Zech, Chair of CMH Provider Board Committee (to LHR Committee)
Keith Cook, CMH employee (to LHR Committee)

Commissioner Buege stated that this is the last of the three required public hearings under the mental health code. After receiving considerable written and oral comment, the next step is to develop a draft resolution establishing the authority, which will be considered by the Board of Commissioners as prescribed. A work session will be held on the draft resolution immediately following the regular August 22nd Board of Commission meeting. The document will be reviewed with the CMH board at its August 19, 2002, meeting. Action on the resolution has been scheduled for September 26, 2002.

Commissioner Sak announced that he received a letter from Joseph M. Duba, and asked that it be included with the other correspondence received on this issue (copy of which is also on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

Motion by Commissioner Sak, supported by Commissioner Vonk, to close the public hearing.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:55 a.m. the public hearing was declared closed by Chair Heacock

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 11, 2002, Meeting
- b) July 16, 2002, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

7-25-02-88 – KENT CITY PETITION FOR ANNEXATION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on June 6, 2002, Kent City Community Schools petitioned the Village of Kent City to have School property situated in Tyrone Township annexed to the Village for the purpose of acquiring Village services; and

WHEREAS, on June 18, 2002, the Village filed a petition for annexation of the School property; and

WHEREAS, the Kent City Village Council and the Tyrone Township Board consented to the annexation by resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners, in accordance with law, received the Village's petition, held a public hearing to consider the annexation, and determined that the petition should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners grant the petition of the Village of Kent City for annexation of Kent City Community Schools property located in Tyrone Township, and that an order to that effect be signed by the Chair of the Board.

7-25-02-89 – AIRPORT MAINTENANCE JOB AUDIT STUDY / AERONAUTICS

WHEREAS, at the request of the Aeronautics Director, an audit was conducted of all non-supervisory positions in airport maintenance; and

WHEREAS, five positions in terminal and building maintenance, twelve positions in airfield maintenance, and three positions in vehicle and field maintenance equipment maintenance and repair were studied in the audit, which was conducted over a period of several months, including snow season; and

WHEREAS, the audit report makes a number of recommendations, including the creation of three new classifications for airport maintenance positions and one new classification for maintenance positions throughout the County, and the reclassification of 15 positions to different pay ranges; and

WHEREAS, the new job classifications have been developed to more accurately reflect technical differences between building and airfield maintenance positions at the Airport; differences between skill sets, licensing requirements and responsibility for airfield maintenance equipment and automotive mechanics; and differences in skill levels within the building maintenance occupation group and the airfield maintenance occupation group; and

WHEREAS, the Aeronautics Director has reviewed the results of the audit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve (1) adoption of 4 classifications: Airport Maintenance Equipment Operator I (UAW 18), Airport Maintenance Equipment Operator II (UAW 20), Airport Equipment Mechanic (UAW 20) and Maintenance Technician (UAW 20); (2) deletion of the Airport Maintenance Worker classification; and (3) reclassification of Airport maintenance positions in the new classifications as recommended in the audit study.

7-25-02-90 – MSS / ISS PROGRAM POSITION CONVERSIONS / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Maternal and Infant Support Services (MSS/ISS) program at the Health Department was found to be deficient in Registered Dietitians and Medical Social Workers by the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program; and

WHEREAS, the MSS/ISS program currently has thirty-eight nurses, five Dietitians and five Medical Social Workers; and

WHEREAS, a corrective action plan related to this deficiency was submitted to the Michigan Local Public Health Accreditation Program which stated, "The Kent County Health Department's Maternal and Infant Support Service program will attempt to increase the ratio of Registered Dietitians and Medical Social Workers to Public Health Nurses in the following ways: each Public Health Nurse position vacated will be reviewed and a minimum of fifty

percent will be replaced with Registered Dieticians or Medical Social Workers until discipline utilization ratios improve to an acceptable level”; and

WHEREAS, the conversion of six full-time Public Health Nurse positions (Teamsters, \$36,421) to three Medical Social Worker positions (UAW, Grade 26, \$38,251) and three Public Health Nutritionist positions (UAW, Grade 25, \$36,452) would result in an increase of approximately \$2,581 in salary and fringes and funding is available in the Health Department's 2002 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the conversion of six full-time Public Health Nurse positions to three full-time Medical Social Worker positions and three Public Health Nutritionist positions in the Health Department's Maternal and Infant Support Services program.

7-25-02-91 – ACCEPT DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the US Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) has annually funded 100% of the salary and fringe benefits for the County's two Family Self-Sufficiency (FSS) Coordinator positions; and

WHEREAS, the FSS Coordinator positions provide guidance and referrals to remove barriers to employment or increased employability that are encountered by those families receiving a rental subsidy pursuant to the Section 8 Housing Choice Voucher Program; and

WHEREAS, the existing FSS caseload is currently 146 families; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the positions will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the Community Development Department's to accept a grant from the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners appropriates \$111,400 in federal grant revenues to the Community Development Budget to fund the Family Self-Sufficiency Coordinator positions.

7-25-02-92 – FY 2002 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – APPROPRIATE \$233,776 IN FUNDING / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, the Child, Family & Adult Outpatient (CFAO) revenue collected to date for SSA and SSI for consumers receiving Children's Mental Health Services is \$34,000 greater than the planned revenue budgeted for 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health increased the funding allocation to Kent County CMH for PEPM (Per Eligible Per Month) by \$322,547 and decreased State grant funding \$141,340. This resulted in a net budget increase of \$181,207 to the 2002 Development Disabilities Division; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health increased the funding allocation to Kent County CMH for Children's Waiver. The funding authorization is revised during the year as additional participants are approved for services or recipients leave the program. The revised funding authorization increases the 2002 CMH budget by \$18,569.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriation of an additional \$233,776 in funding to the 2002 Community Mental Health (CMH) budget.

7-25-02-93 – APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL \$717,859 TO 2002 CMH BUDGET / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, CMH staff presents to the CMH Services Board the Annual Audit, including information on surplus funds. Funds that are available for allocation per CMH Services Board directive are \$1,027,689; and

WHEREAS, the proposed allocation for the usage of fund balance includes \$60,000 to CMH Board Administration; \$73,165 to Cornerstone; \$24,694 to Training; \$420,000 to the MI Adult Division; \$100,000 to the Child, Family & Adult Outpatient Division (CFAO); \$100,000 to the Developmental Disability Division; and a \$249,830 allocation to compensate for a reduction in planned revenue from PEPM for the current fiscal year. The net budget appropriation is \$717,859.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriation of an additional \$717,859 in funding to the 2002 Community Mental Health (CMH) budget.

7-25-02-94 – FY 2002 BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS – APPROPRIATE AN ADDITIONAL \$13,515 / COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, Kent County CMH's Substance Abuse funding for the Montcalm, Ionia, Newaygo, and Kent (MINK) region for FY 2002 was greater than the estimated amount budgeted by \$2,380. The increased amounts by county are: Montcalm \$140; Ionia \$260; Newaygo \$200; and Kent \$1,780; and

WHEREAS, the agreed upon fee charged to the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center for services provided by Cornerstone was increased effective January 1, 2002. The increase in fees will result in a \$7,535 increase in the 2002 CMH budget; and

WHEREAS, the agreed upon fee charged to the Kent County Correctional Facility for services provided by Cornerstone was increased effective January 1, 2002. The increase in fees will result in a \$3,600 increase in the 2002 CMH budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the appropriation of an additional \$13,515 in funding to the 2002 Community Mental Health (CMH) budget.

7-25-02-95 – ACCEPT GRANT FROM THE STATE FAMILY INDEPENDENCE AGENCY (FIA) / 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, 2002, to September 30, 2003.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Friend of the Court's request to accept an FY 2003 Title IV-D Medical Support Grant from the State Family Independence Agency; 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.

7-25-02-96 – INCREASED FEE SCHEDULE – PROPERTY DESCRIPTION & MAPPING / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, Board of Commissioners last increased Property Description & Mapping Division map prices in October 2000, and

WHEREAS, certain fee categories would be added to the fee schedule and certain fee categories would be deleted due to the advent of the REGIS system and potential for selling information per the County Enhanced Access Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the following fee schedule for Property Description & Mapping Division map products:

1/8 th Section Map (20" x 30"), 1" = 100' Line Map	\$15
1/8 th Section Map (20" x 30"), 1" = 100' Composite Map	\$20
Parcel Map (11" x 17"), 1" = 100' Line Map	\$10
Parcel Map (11" x 17"), 1" = 100' Composite Map	\$12
Parcel Map (8.5" x 11"), 1" = 100' Line Map	\$8
Parcel Map (8.5" x 11"), 1" = 100' Composite Map	\$10
Custom Mapping	\$25/hour
Condo Index	\$50/\$10
Plat Liber	\$15
Plat Index	\$25/\$15
Street Index	\$25/\$15
Section Maps	\$6

7-25-02-97 – PAYMENT OF DODD SHEEP DAMAGE CLAIM / HEALTH DEPARTMENT – ENVIRONMENTAL DIVISION

WHEREAS, Richard Dodd of Solon Township has filed a claim with the Board of Commissioners in accordance with the Dog Law of 1919 for damage to his sheep by stray dogs; and

WHEREAS, an investigation of the incident by the Sheriff's Department, Solon Township Supervisor, and Kent County Health Department has confirmed the requested claim by physical evidence and sworn statements; and

WHEREAS, investigators were unable to identify the owners of the dogs involved in the attack; and

WHEREAS, the Dog Law of 1919 requires that upon receipt of a fully investigated and substantiated claim of livestock damage, the Board of Commissioners pay for the damage, along with necessary and proper costs, from the County's general fund; and

WHEREAS, Civil Counsel has reviewed the investigation and recommended that Mr. Dodd be paid for the damage to his sheep, along with necessary and proper costs, in the amount of \$3,186.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners pay Richard Dodd the sum of \$3,186 as reasonable and appropriate damages for destruction of and injury to his sheep by stray dogs.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

7-25-02-98 – REGIS AGREEMENTS / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, Kent County has participated as a major partner in the creation of the regional geographic information system known as the REGIS Agency; and

WHEREAS, an Intergovernmental Agreement between Kent County and the REGIS Agency is required to allow the REGIS Agency to provide GIS data to the County, allow the County to charge reasonable fees to third parties for access to or output from REGIS GIS data, and setting forth the relationship between Kent County and the REGIS Agency; and

WHEREAS, a License Agreement for REGIS Digital Geographic Data Sets is necessary to create standards for the use, alteration and dissemination of REGIS data by Kent County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Intergovernmental Agreement between Kent County and the REGIS Agency and the License Agreement for REGIS Digital Geographic Data Sets as presented and authorizes the Board Chair or his designee to execute the agreements.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7-25-02-99 – REGIS AGREEMENTS – ENHANCED ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Regional Geographic Information System ("REGIS") was established as an agency of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council to plan for, operate, finance and manage a Geographic Information System ("GIS"); and

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 462 of 1996, the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act (the "Act" or "PA 462"), allows public bodies to provide enhanced access for the inspection, copying, or purchasing of a public record that is not confidential or otherwise exempt by law from disclosure; and

WHEREAS, PA 462 further requires that a public body which wishes to provide such enhanced access must adopt a policy, approved by the governing body, governing the access to information and establishing a method for charging reasonable fees;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners intends to work cooperatively with REGIS to receive access to and output from the GIS and to provide GIS data to members of the public; and

WHEREAS, the County of Kent may collect from third parties receiving access to or output from the GIS a reasonable fee, which includes the fee charged by REGIS for the access to or output from the GIS, in an amount that enables the County to recover over time its operating expenses directly related to providing access to or output from the GIS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the attached Enhanced Access to Public Records Policy, in accordance with the Enhanced Access to Public Records Act, PA 462 of 1996.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

7-25-02-100 – REVISION TO MANAGEMENT PAY PLAN (MPP) AND JUDICIARY BENEFITS / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Human Resources Department, with the assistance of the Human Resources Advisory Council, has examined the benefit schedule and recommended revisions; and

WHEREAS, the recommended changes are the result of impact of bargained benefits on MPP employees, to update some benefits to provide more comprehensive coverage, and to keep County benefits competitive with market changes; and

WHEREAS, the benefits offered the Judiciary normally track the benefits offered MPP employees. Changes to the Judiciary benefit is the amount of reimbursement for Class I dental expenses and the amount of supplemental life insurance that can be purchased; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the revised benefit plan is on file in the County Clerk's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the revisions to the Management Pay Plan benefit schedule and the benefits offered the judiciary.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

7-25-02-101 – PARKS DEPARTMENT FACILITY / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the Parks Department operations will be transferred to the County Board of Commissioners October 1, 2002, and will require relocation from the Road Commission Building; and

WHEREAS, the new Millennium Park offers an excellent opportunity to create a front door and headquarters for the park and Parks Department by utilizing some existing structures at the Domtar location; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the planning, architectural/engineering services and construction management services are required; and

WHEREAS, the architectural firm of Paradigm Design is under contract, working on the ancillary facilities in the park and it is recommended that they be retained to design the remodeled office area to carry a consistent design theme throughout the project; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to establish a permanent address for the Parks Department and make immediate use of the existing equipment building at the Domtar location which can be accommodated by having a temporary office trailer provided during the construction of the remodeled space; and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost is \$1,708,000, which the Fund Balance Review Subcommittee has reviewed and is recommending for approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves funding for architectural/engineering services, construction manager services, and office space for the Parks Department at Millennium Park (Domtar Plant).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$1,708,000 from Unreserved, Undesignated Fund Balance to the Parks Department 2002 Capital Improvement Program.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 15.

Nays: 0.

7-25-02-102 – DNR ACQUISITION GRANT – MYERS LAKE PARK / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Richard and Robin White are willing to sell property which consists of 6 parcels on 2.3 acres: 2 with lakefront homes, 2 vacant lakefront lots, 1 single-family residence, and a vacant residential lot with outbuilding. All of the existing homes/buildings will be relocated or demolished within 90 days of the County securing the land; and

WHEREAS, this property is adjacent to the existing Myers Lake Park, and would increase its size by approximately 33%. It will provide an additional 492' of frontage on Big Myers Lake; and

WHEREAS, this acquisition fits the criteria established in the Kent County Parks and Natural Areas Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for the property is \$1,018,000. The grant, if awarded, would cover 74 percent (\$753,320) of the purchase cost. The local match requirement is 26 percent (\$264,680); and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby resolves to authorize the execution and submittal of a grant application to the Michigan DNR for land acquisition at Myers Lake Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners commits to purchase property from Richard and Robin White if awarded the grant.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, McGuire, Morgan, Postmus, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 14.

Nays: Sak – 1.

7-25-02-103 – PARKLAND ACQUISITION – MYERS LAKE PARK / PARKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, two properties adjacent to Myers Lake Park are currently available for purchase: 7350 Hessler Ct. NE, owned by Warren and Shelly Westbrook and 7319 Hessler Ct. NE, owned by William and Maxine Evans; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this property fits the criteria established in the Kent County Parks and Natural Areas Master Plan; and

WHEREAS, the purchase price for the Westbrook property is \$145,000, which is \$4,600 less than twice the State Equalized Value, and the purchase price for the Evans property is \$129,900, which is \$3,100 less than twice the State Equalized Value.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the purchase of two parcels of land adjacent to Myers Lake Park from Warren and Shelly Westbrook and William and Maxine Evans at a total cost of \$274,900.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Buege, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, McGuire, Vaughn, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 10.

Nays: Hiddema, Morgan, Postmus, Sak, Vonk - 5.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution

Commissioner Buege presented the following resolution:

7-25-02-104 – PROPOSAL TO HOLD 2004 MAC ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE /
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the *Michigan Association of Counties* is seeking proposals from counties throughout the State to host the *Michigan Association of Counties 2004 Annual Summer Conference*; and

WHEREAS, Kent County welcomes the opportunity to be host to all commissioners from the Great State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, as evidenced of its commitment to serve as host for the *Michigan Association of Counties 2004 Annual Summer Conference*, the Kent County Board of Commissioners pledges to:

- 1) provide unique and exciting educational opportunities for those attending the conference,
- 2) provide unique and exciting spouse and guest tour programs with the assistance of the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention and Visitors Bureau,
- 3) assist in locating door prizes from West Michigan area businesses, facilities and attractions,
- 4) work with the *Michigan Association of Counties* to locate local sponsors within Kent County for various conference events,
- 5) appoint a Kent County Commissioner to help coordinate activities with the *Michigan Association of Counties*,
- 6) offer volunteer support through the Kent County Administrator's Office and the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention and Visitors Bureau,
- 7) provide recommendations for a 2004 Conference theme,
- 8) host a Kent County information booth to help attendees and participants during the 2004 Conference,
- 9) provide recommendations for offsite event locations,
- 10) extend an invitation for every attendee to visit and tour the "state-of-the-art" Kent County Courthouse.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby commit to be the HOST county for the *Michigan Association of Counties Annual Summer Conference in August 2004*; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Kent County, upon adoption of this resolution, extends its commitment to work with the *Michigan Association of Counties* to help produce the finest Annual Summer Conference ever held.

Motion by Commissioner Buege, supported by Commissioner Hiddema, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

CMH Authority

Commissioner Sak asked if Commissioners would receive a written response to questions raised during the CMH public hearings.

Chair Heacock said “yes” and added that during the work session Commissioners will have the opportunity to address issues and work through them as a board.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:31 a.m., Commissioner McGuire moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, August 8, 2002, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Sak. Motion carried.

Steven R. Heacock, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk