

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, September 9, 2004
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair David J. Morren.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Bulkowski, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 17.

Absent: Boelema, Hiddema - 2 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Mayhue gave the invocation.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mark Lemoine introduced himself in his new capacity as Government Affairs Director for Spectrum Health. Spectrum Health recently created this position to work with public officials and the dynamic issues that impact healthcare.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2005 Budget and Millage Rate

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, supported by Commissioner Horton to go into a public hearing on the 2005 budget and millage rate.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 7:05 p.m., a hearing was held on the proposed 2005 budget and millage.

County Administrator Daryl Delabbio and Fiscal Services Director Bob White presented an overview of the budget (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

There was no public comment.

(Commissioner Agee entered meeting - 7:19 p.m.)

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, supported by Commissioner VanderMolen, to go back into general session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Morren declared the hearing closed at 7:38 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the Minutes of August 26, 2004 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Mayhue, supported by Commissioner Rolls, to approve the consent agenda item.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Bulkowski, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls,

Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 17.
Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-9-04-82 – PROPOSED REORGANIZATION, POSITION CREATION AND RECLASSIFICATIONS / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has proposed a reorganization of the Human Resources Department that addresses immediate and long term needs of the County; and

WHEREAS, the proposal includes the creation of a Deputy Director position and the reclassification of the Human Resources Manager – Recruitment and Training to that position in order to 1) recognize the expanded scope and depth of the position since it was first created and to place it in a more appropriate classification and 2) to allow for greater flexibility in performing the daily operations of the department; and

WHEREAS, subsequently, other changes to the structure of the department include the reclassification of one full-time Human Resources Specialist II – Recruitment (MPP 21) position to a full-time Senior Human Resources Specialist – Generalist (MPP 23) position; and to reclassify a full-time vacant Human Resources Specialist II – Benefits (MPP 21) position to a part-time Legal Analyst (MPP 23) position. These changes will allow for flexibility in assignments and will provide for much needed legal work assistance; and

WHEREAS, the reorganization will result in an annual savings of \$1,760 in wages and benefits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the proposed reorganization of the Human Resources Department; to approve the creation of a full-time Deputy Director of Human Resources (MPP 29) position and to reclassify the full-time position of Human Resources Manager of Recruitment and Training (MPP 26) to that position; to reclassify one full-time position of Human Resources Specialist II – Recruitment (MPP 21) to a full-time Senior Human Resources Specialist – Generalist (MPP 23) position; and to reclassify a full-time, vacant Human Resources Specialist II – Benefits (MPP 21) position to a part-time Legal Analyst (MPP 23) position.

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

Motion by Commissioner Mayhue, supported by Commissioner Vaughn, to amend the resolution to include:

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED; that the Equal Employment Opportunity Director (EEO) shall report to the full County Commission (Board of Commissioners) and be supervised by the Administrator on a daily basis.

Motion to amend resolution failed by voice vote.

Motion to adopt resolution carried:

Yeas: Agee, Bulkowski, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuipers, Mast, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 15.

Nays: Mayhue, Vaughn - 2.

9-9-04-83 – 2005 MILLAGE RATE / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has submitted a proposed budget for the year 2005, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures for operations and capital programs; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on the proposed 2005 budget following notice as required by law, including notice concerning the millage rate to be levied as required by the Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, P.A. 2 of 1978, as amended; and

WHEREAS, the proposed budget requires the levy of 5.3140 mills, including the levy of 4.2803 mills for general operating purposes, 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of County correction and detention facilities, and 0.2444 mills for senior services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a levy of taxation of 5.3140 mills, which includes the levy of 4.2803 mills for general operating purposes for the County of Kent for 2005, 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of the County correction and detention facilities as approved by County electors on August 7, 1990, and 0.2444 mills for senior services as approved by County electors on November 3, 1998.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Bulkowski, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 17.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proclamation

Commissioner Voorhees read a proclamation from the Board of Commission in honor of Private First Class Nicholas Blodgett, resident of Wyoming, who died in Iraq.

New Voter Registrations

Commissioner Vaughn asked Clerk Hollinrake if she knew how many new voter registrations there have been in Kent County. Clerk Hollinrake responded by saying that the totals would be available after October 5th, the voter registration deadline for the November 2nd general election.

Introduction

Commissioner Rolls introduced his wife, Dawn, and their four sons.

Workshop

Commissioner Bulkowski announced that Jim Day, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commission, will facilitate a workshop for citizens interested in serving on a County board or commission on Thursday, September 16, 2004, at 4:00 p.m. in the Board of Commission chambers.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:00 p.m., Commissioner Mayhue moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 23, 2004, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tanis. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk