

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, October 14, 2004 – Annual Meeting*

*Administration Building - Room 310*

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Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair David J. Morren.

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

Absent: Boelema, Tanis – 2 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Koorndyk introduced Father James Chelich, St. Thomas The Apostle Church, who gave the invocation.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was no public comment.

**SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS**

West Michigan Agriculture – in season

Jim May and Scott Drown, Kent County Farm Bureau representatives, appeared before the Board to announce that the Kent County Farm Bureau will host a farm tour to show what happens after the product leaves the farm, the date to be announced. They brought in products from local farmers, apple pie made from apples on the ridge and ice cream made from milk from dairy farmers.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 23, 2004 Meeting
- b) September 21, 2004 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Emergency Management Coordinator Appointment – Lt. Jack Stewart

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 10-14-04-97 – ACCEPT A SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County has received Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) funds for the past 26 years; and

WHEREAS, the SRP program provides supplemental funding for road patrol and accident prevention on secondary roads; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds, if approved, will continue to pay for six sworn officers including fringe benefits as well as the equipment and operating costs necessary for the officers to perform their duties; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated date of the grant award is October 1, 2004.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Sheriff's request to accept a Secondary Road Patrol and Traffic Accident Prevention Program Grant from the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning; 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.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

## REPORTS

### PDR Funding Subcommittee

Commissioner VanderMolen reported, on behalf of Commissioner Tanis, that the PDR Funding subcommittee has met once and established its schedule. The committee will meet on November 2, 2004, following the Finance Committee meeting. Time at that meeting will be allotted for Commissioners to address the group. Public input should be in writing and submitted prior to November 12<sup>th</sup>.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Human Resources Director

Administrator Daryl Delabbio introduced the new Human Resources Director, Don Clack. He thanked Gail Glocheski for filling in and doing a great job as the interim director.

### Emergency Management Coordinator

Vice Chair Morgan introduced Lt. Jack Stewart, the new Emergency Management Coordinator.

### Appearance Ticket Report

Commissioner Mayhue asked for a report on appearance tickets with regard to jail overcrowding. Administrator Delabbio will look into this.

Registered Voters

Commissioner Vaughn asked Clerk Hollinrake how many registered voters there are in Kent County. Clerk Hollinrake reported that as of today, there are 394,000. However local clerks are still inputting and the total number will not be available until Monday, October 18<sup>th</sup>.

Voter Assistance

Commissioner Mayhue reported that the Detroit Free Press published a voter assistance telephone number (1-866-687-8683) individuals can call with their address and will be told where they go to vote.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:49 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 28, 2004, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner VanderMolen. Motion carried.

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David J. Morren, Chair

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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk