

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, April 14, 2005
Administration Building - Room 310*

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 17.

Absent: Postmus, Rolls – 2 (excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Annual Employee Service Awards Presentation

Chair Morren presented service awards to the following:

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| Bryan Kimble - Airport | 25 years |
| David Stricklen – Airport | 25 years |
| Micheal Robinson – Circuit Court | 35 years |
| David Dorr - Circuit Court | 25 years |
| Mary Dusendang – Clerk’s Office | 25 years |
| Kathy Katt - Court Services | 30 years |
| Peter Jansons – Friend of the Court | 30 years |
| Terry Kamminga – Friend of the Court | 30 years |
| Sue VanDuinen – Friend of the Court | 25 years |
| Lee Alexander – Juvenile Detention | 25 years |
| Kathleen Mclain - Juvenile Detention | 25 years |
| James Bryant – Juvenile Detention | 30 years |
| James Karnes – Information Technology | 25 years |
| David Schut – Information Technology | 25 years |
| Joyce Johnson – Prosecutor’s Office | 40 years |
| Thomas Hillen – Sheriff’s Department | 25 years |
| Larry French – Sheriff’s Department | 35 years |
| Donald Munn – Sheriff’s Department | 25 years |
| Roger Parent – Sheriff’s Department | 30 years |
| John Belile – Sheriff’s Department/Corrections | 25 years |

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| Corlis Singleton - Sheriff's Department/Corrections | 25 years |
| Mark Hoogerhyde - Sheriff's Department/Corrections | 30 years |
| Jeralyn Bewak - 63 rd District Court | 25 years |
| Joan Ryskamp - Zoo | 25 years |

MINUTES

a) Approval of the Minutes of March 24, 2005 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, seconded by Morgan, that the March 24, 2005 minutes be approved.

Motion carried by voice vote.

RESOLUTIONS

4-14-05-29 – LAKE NAMING – LAKE LEOTA IN MILLENNIUM PARK IN CITY OF

WALKER / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, on March 24, 2005, after proper notice, the Board of Commissioners held a public hearing on naming the major body of water on the former Sietsema property in Millennium Park, in the City of Walker; and

WHEREAS, the County, in the purchase agreement for the Sietsema property from the George Sietsema Trust for inclusion in Millennium Park, agreed to pursue formal naming of the major water body on the parcel in honor of Mr. Sietsema's late wife, Leota; and

WHEREAS, the body of water has never been officially named by the U.S. Board of Geographic Names (BGN). The Michigan Geographic Names Authority has adopted the criteria of the BGN to consider the naming of bodies of water in the State of Michigan. The Board is required by the procedures of the BGN to follow certain criteria to name a lake, and the criteria include the use of a commemorative name; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Walker, on February 14, 2005, unanimously approved a resolution supporting the efforts of the Kent County Board of Commissioners to name the lake "Lake Leota" to honor Mr. Sietsema and his family; and

WHEREAS, A Public Hearing was held by the Board of Commissioners on March 24, 2005, to hear testimony related to the proposed naming of Lake Leota. All comments made by the public were in support of naming the body of water, "Lake Leota"; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2005, the Legislative and Human Resources Committee, using said criteria, recommended that the body of water be officially named "Lake Leota" and should be designated as the official name of the body of water on the former Sietsema property on Maynard Street, PPN 411705200016, 411332476017 and 411333351027 in Millennium Park, in the City of Walker.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the name "Lake Leota" as the official name of the major body of water on the former Sietsema property on Maynard Street in Millennium Park in the City of Walker, and authorizes the County to submit the name to the U.S. Board of Geographic Names for final consideration.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

4-14-05-30 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY
REVENUE BONDS – METROPOLITAN HOSPITAL / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue its \$135,000,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 2005A (Metropolitan Hospital Project), and its \$30,000,000 Variable Rate Demand Revenue and Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2005B (collectively, the "Bonds"), and lend the proceeds to Metropolitan Hospital, a Michigan nonprofit corporation, for itself and as Obligated Group Agent on behalf of the Obligated Group (the "Company"), to provide funds to be used by the Company, together with other available funds, (i) to refund the \$3,215,000 outstanding bonds of the Authority's Variable Rate Demand Limited Obligation Revenue Bonds, Series 1996 (Metropolitan Hospital Project), which will refinance the acquisition, construction, renovation and equipping of a health care facility for primary care services and administrative offices located at 1925 Breton Road, S.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan, which is owned and operated by the Company, (ii) to repay a \$4,439,034 portion of outstanding balance under a revolving line of credit with Standard Federal Bank, N.A., which will refinance a portion of the Company's cost of acquiring an approximately 150 acre tract of land bounded by Gezon Parkway on the north, the new South Beltline highway on the south and Byron Center Avenue on the west in the City of Wyoming, Michigan (the "Site"), (iii) to pay or reimburse the estimated \$146,800,000 costs of acquiring, constructing and equipping a new 208-bed hospital located on the Site, which will be owned and operated by the Company, (iv) to make a deposit to a Reserve Account with respect to the Bonds, (v) to pay interest on a portion of the Bonds during construction, and (vi) to defray the costs of issuing the Bonds and a letter of credit supporting a portion of the Bonds; 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 City of Wyoming, 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 August 11, 2003, the Authority held a public hearing after public notice, a written record of which has been filed with this Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners, at the request of the Authority, by resolution duly adopted August 28, 2003, approved the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority solely for the purpose of fulfilling the public approval requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended; and

WHEREAS, Treasury Regulation §5f.103-2(f)(1)(i) requires issuance of the Bonds within one year after approval by the applicable elected representative, and the Authority has again 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, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Horton, Morgan, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morren – 17.

Nays: 0.

4-14-05-31 – STANDING RULES / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Standing Rules were adopted by the Board of Commissioners on March 13, 2003, and last amended on July 24, 2003; and

WHEREAS, the Board is required to adopt the Standing Rules no later than the second meeting in April of each odd-numbered year; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners' Standing Rules Subcommittee reviewed the Standing Rules with suggestions and changes being solicited from all Commissioners in January and February of 2005; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Standing Rules are a result of Commissioners' input and routine language reviewed by Civil Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Standing Rules.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Mast, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Agee, that the standing rules be amended to delete the new language in Section 7.0 – Nominations (pg. 15):

For all boards or commissions appointed in January of each year, resumes shall be received by the Board no later than October 15 of the previous year, unless an extension is requested and approved by a majority vote of the Board.

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, seconded by Commissioner Mayhue, to call the question.
Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to amend carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Agee, Tanis, Morgan, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair

Morren – 10.

Nays: Mayhue, Bulkowski, Mast, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Horton – 7.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the standing rules be amended to delete new language in Section 3.1 – Meeting Dates (pg. 4) and delete Section 8.5 – Public Forum (pg. 19).

Section 3.1 Meeting Dates

The Committee may also hold special meetings as the business of the County may demand, may recess any special meeting of the Committee to a specific date, or may hold special meetings of the Committee upon petition in writing signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the Committee members. Special meetings may be convened for the purpose of gathering and reviewing information, generating discussion among Committee members and their advisors, and eliciting public comment and input on various issues. The Chair may designate a portion of the session for open dialogue among Committee members, their advisors, and the public.

Section 8.5 Public Forum

The Board may hold a public forum at the call of the Chair and as the business of the County may demand, or may hold a public forum to be called by the County Clerk upon petition in writing signed by not less than one-third (1/3) of the Commissioners elect. At any public forum of the Board, the business of the Board shall be limited to the subject matter described in the call of the Chair of the petition of the Commissioners. A public forum may be convened for the purpose of eliciting public comment and input on various issues before the Board.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Agee, Tanis, Morgan, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morren – 10.

Nays: Mayhue, Bulkowski, Mast, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Horton – 7.

Motion by Commissioner Horton, seconded by Commissioner Bulkowski, to amend the standing rules by editing Section 1.0 – Chair of the Board of Commissioners (pg. 1) and Section 3.0 – Standing Committees (pg. 4) as follows:

Section 1.0 Chair of the Board of Commissioners

The words “*and the Chairs and Vice-Chairs thereof*” shall be removed from the first sentence of the second paragraph. The words “*and, if necessary, redesignate the Chair or Vice-Chair of the Committee*” shall be removed from the second sentence of the second paragraph.

Section 3.0 Standing Committees

1. There shall be the following Standing Committees, each consisting of nine Board members:

- a. Finance and Physical Resources Committee
- b. Legislative and Human Resources Committee

(Add)

2. *At the first meeting of each year, each Standing Committee shall elect from its membership a Chair and Vice-Chair.*

Motion to edit Sections 1.0 and 3.0 of the Standing Rules failed:

Yeas: Bulkowski, Mast, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Horton – 6.

Nays: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Mayhue, Vander Molen, Agee, Tanis, Morgan, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morren – 11.

Motion to adopt resolution 4-14-05-31 as amended carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Jail Diversion Subcommittee

Commissioner Boelema reported that the Jail Diversion Subcommittee is back on track. Both the mental health board and jail are moving ahead with programs.

MISCELLANEOUS

Adoptive Services

Commissioner Mayhue questioned the state of child and adoptive services in Kent County. Kids are being removed from homes when not warranted and, in some instances, placed in homes where there is abuse. He asks the Family & Children's Coordinating Council to hold a hearing to allow people to comment on the system.

Earth Day

Curt Kemppainen, Public Works Director, stated that a recycling challenge was issued to schools in Kent County and 26 elementary schools (9,600 students) participated in collecting telephone books. The phone books will be made into insulation for Habitat for Humanity.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:19 a.m., Commissioner Bulkowski moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, April 28, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Agee. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk