

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, April 28, 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, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Chair Morren introduced Paul Buursma (son of Dirk & Harriet Buursma) who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Jim May, Kent County Farm Bureau - On behalf of Farm Bureau, presented Commissioners with New Guinea Impatiens plants and thanked commissioners for attending the February 25th breakfast at Robinettes. Upcoming Farm Bureau events include: 1) August 29th - the fifth Farm Focus event to be held at the May Farm; and 2) November 28 - December 2nd, the Michigan Farm Bureau annual meeting will be held in Grand Rapids. They will bring in 1,500 school children from the Grand Rapids Public Schools and educate them about agriculture.

2) Mary Hollinrake, Kent County Clerk/Register – Reminded everyone that May 3rd is the first election consolidation date under the new election consolidation laws. Voting will take place on May 3rd for the schools along with a few other propositions. She asked everyone to remind their friends and family to get out to vote. With the exception of the City of Grand Rapids and East Grand Rapids voters could have a change in voting location. They will vote at their municipal locations, not where they may have previously voted for the school elections in some areas.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Millennium Park – Honorable Conceptor Award for Surveying

Chair Morren (asked Parks Director Roger Sabine and Assistant Administrator Mary Swanson to join him at the podium to receive an award) introduced Larry Albaugh from Williams & Works who presented the County with the Honorable Conceptor Award for Surveying. Each year, the American Council of Engineering Companies and the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers sponsor a competition for engineering and survey projects. Last year, Williams & Works submitted the Millennium Park project and they received this award for their work. Mr. Albaugh presented the award to Chair Morren, which the County shares with Williams & Works.

Gerald R. Ford International Airport Master Plan Update

Jim Koslosky introduced John Van Laar, Chair of the Aeronautics Board, who introduced Tom O'Hare, Vice Chair. Mr. Koslosky reviewed the Airport's master plan update (copy of the presentation is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The airport, which opened in 1962, today encompasses 3,500 acres and last year the airport – for the first time - served more than 2 million passengers in a single calendar year. The 11 airlines serving the airport provided over 140 daily arrivals and departures and the airport handled nearly 75 million pounds of air cargo in 2004. The aviation activity forecasts show a doubling of annual passenger activity over the next 20 years. The long-term development plan to meet future needs includes:

Airfield – continue to preserve land on the north side of the airport for the future third air carrier runway.

Terminal – expand to accommodate new checked-bag screening procedures. Ticketing, bag claim, and concourses will be expanded to meet future growth.

Roadways and Parking - a parking garage will be built in front of the terminal to meet growth and to provide covered parking.

Air Cargo – future air cargo expansion will occur on the east side of the airport at the existing Air Cargo and Trade Center.

General Aviation – older general aviation facilities will be redeveloped, and expansion will occur along the north and east sides of the airfield.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of April 14, 2005 Meeting
- b) April 14 & 19, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointment:

Community Mental Health Authority Board – William VerHulst

- d) Resolutions:

4-28-05-32 - LABOR AGREEMENT – POLC COURT REPORTERS / HUMAN
RESOURCES / CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, the Negotiating Committee, acting on behalf of the Board of Commissioners and the 17th Judicial Circuit Court, recommends approval of a two percent wage increase for 2005; and

WHEREAS, the salary increases will result in a cost of approximately \$8,805 in 2005; and

WHEREAS, the wage re-opener affects seven full time employees of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, the proposed wage increase has been ratified by the membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a wage settlement for the period of January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, pursuant to a wage re-opener in the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the County of Kent and the 17th Judicial Circuit Court and the Police Officers Labor Council representing employees of the 17th Judicial Circuit Court in the classification of Court Reporter.

4-28-05-33– FAMILY COUNSELING SERVICES BUDGET AMENDMENT /
CIRCUIT
COURT

WHEREAS, for the purpose of preserving and improving family life through competent family counseling, family counseling services was created as provided in MCLA 551.332 providing counseling for domestic violence and child abuse; and

WHEREAS, according to the Circuit Court Family Counseling Services Act, the county board of commissioners shall appropriate \$15.00 of each marriage license fee and all income derived from fees charged for family counseling services; and

WHEREAS, prior to FY 2005, the Family Counseling program was part of the General Fund. For FY 2005, the Family Counseling program was moved to the Special Project Fund. While part of the General Fund, Family Counseling received \$33,300 in excess revenues that was moved to the General Fund unreserved, undesignated fund balance; and

WHEREAS, the Circuit Court is requesting that the \$33,300 in available funds be appropriated to the Special Project Fund Family Counseling Services budget for future use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$33,300, from the Unreserved, Undesignated General Fund balance, to the Family Counseling Services budget in the Special Project Fund.

4-28-05-34– LIQUOR TAX – INTERGOVERNMENTAL BUDGET AMENDMENT /
COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH

WHEREAS, the County receives a Liquor Tax distribution from the State annually, as provided in PA 106 of 1985. Fifty percent of this distribution is to be used for substance abuse treatment within the taxing unit; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2004, the County anticipated receipts of \$2,471,640 and appropriated 50% or \$1,235,820 for payment to CMH for substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, for FY 2004, the County received \$2,792,678. Fifty percent (\$1,396,339) which shall be distributed to CMH for substance abuse treatment; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the unanticipated Liquor Tax receipts, an additional \$160,519 is required for distribution to CMH.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$160,519 from the Michigan Treasurer to the

Intergovernmental Budget in the General Fund for Substance Abuse Treatment being provided by Community Mental Health (CMH).

4-28-05-35– DRAIN COMMISSION’S SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FUNDING SHORTAGE

 /
 DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Drain’s Special Assessment program has receives 100% of its funding from charge backs to the drainage districts in which service was performed, this program was created in the Special Project Fund so any funding shortfall would go to the Board of Commissioners for an additional appropriation; and

WHEREAS, the Drain’s Special Assessment program employs one employee. When special assessment activities are slow, this employee performs other General Fund related activities. In the past, the General Fund activities were paid out of this program resulting in funding shortfalls during years 2000; 2001; 2003; and 2004. The budget was over spent by a cumulative \$17,747. In the future the General Fund related activities will be billed directly to the General Fund via payroll; and

WHEREAS, an additional appropriation of \$17,747 from the Drain Commission’s 2004 General Fund budget is needed to balance the receipts with the expenditures in this program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$17,747 to the 2004 Drain Commission’s Special Assessment Program budget in the Special Projects Fund.

4-28-05-36– DESIGNATE DRAIN OFFICE AS LEAD AUTHORITY WITH
WATERSHED
GENERAL PERMIT / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ) issued a Certificate of Coverage No. MIG610130 under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Watershed General Permit (the Permit) to the Kent County Drain Commissioner’s office; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan DEQ has determined that it is not necessary to have separate Certificates of Coverage if a resolution is in place authorizing one entity to comply with the Permit on behalf of the other; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended to designate the Kent County Drain Commissioner’s office as the lead authority to comply with the Permit on behalf of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Drain Commissioner’s office will at all times keep the Board of Commissioners apprised of all activities of the Kent County Drain Commissioner’s office for Permit compliance under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Watershed General Permit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners designate the Kent County Drain Commissioner’s office as the lead authority to comply with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Watershed General Permit on behalf of Kent County.

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, seconded by Commissioner Mast, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 19.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

4-28-05-37 – 2005 EQUALIZATION REPORT / EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Kent County Bureau of Equalization has completed its review of the 2005 assessment rolls of the twenty-one (21) townships and nine (9) cities of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the Director of the Kent County Bureau of Equalization recommends the adoption of the equalized value of real and personal property as follows:

Real Property:	Agricultural	\$ 306,380,693
	Commercial	3,940,120,700
	Industrial	1,807,694,600
	Residential	14,236,963,900
	Developmental	667,300
	TOTAL REAL	20,291,827,193
Personal Property:	TOTAL PERSONAL	1,828,048,576
	GRAND TOTAL	\$22,119,875,769

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that in compliance with Section 211.34 M.C.I.A., 1984, as amended, the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the 2005 Kent County Equalization Report attached to this resolution; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appoints Mr. David G. Jager, Equalization Director, to represent Kent County in matters of equalization before the State Tax Commission pursuant to MCL 209.7.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 19.

Nays: 0.

4-28-05-38 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY
REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2005 – SPECTRUM HOSPITALS / FISCAL
SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the “Authority”) proposes to issue bonds (the “Bonds”) for the benefit of Spectrum Health Hospitals (“Spectrum”) and United Memorial Hospital Association (“United Memorial”) (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, in the approximate amount of \$61,000,000, additional health care facilities of Spectrum located at 100 Michigan Avenue, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the “Butterworth Campus”) generally consisting of the completion of the Fred and Lena Meijer Heart Center, renovation and expansion of existing areas of the hospital, construction of a parking ramp and the acquisition of medical care and laboratory equipment, (ii) to construct and equip, in the approximate amount of \$11,000,000, additional health care facilities of Spectrum located at 1840 Wealthy SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan (the “Blodgett Campus”) generally consisting of renovations and expansion of existing areas of the hospital and the acquisition of building and medical care equipment, (iii) to acquire moveable equipment, in the approximate amount of \$6,000,000, for the freestanding surgical center of Spectrum located at 4069 Lake Drive, Kentwood, Michigan, (iv) to acquire additional medical care equipment, in the approximate amount of \$3,500,000, at the facilities of Spectrum located at 3264 Evergreen Drive NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (v) to renovate and acquire additional medical equipment, in the approximate amount of \$3,500,000, for the facilities of Spectrum located at 80 68th Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (vi) to effect physical building repairs, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, at the facilities of Spectrum located at 1000 East Paris SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan (vii) to renovate the clinic, in the approximate amount of \$1,000,000, at the facilities of Spectrum located at 330 Barclay, Grand Rapids, Michigan (viii) to consolidate medical care areas, in the approximate amount of \$500,000, at the facilities of Spectrum located at 230 Michigan NE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (ix) to renovate health care facilities, in the approximate amount of \$5,000,000, at the facilities of Spectrum located at 2925 Walkent Court, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (x) to renovate administrative areas, in the approximate amount of \$3,000,000, of the facilities of Spectrum located at 4420 44th Street SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan, (xi) to acquire and install computer equipment, in the approximate amount of \$24,000,000, at the facilities of Spectrum at the aforementioned locations, (xii) to expand, equip and renovate medical care areas, in the approximate amount of \$16,000,000, of the facilities of United Memorial located at 615 South Bower St., Greenville, Michigan (the “United Memorial Campus”), (xiii) to refund \$10,420,000 principal amount of the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Hospital Revenue Refunding Bonds (Butterworth Hospital) Series 1993A (the “Series 1993A Bonds”), (xiv) to refund the existing Michigan State Hospital Finance Authority Adjustable Rate Demand Hospital Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 1999 (United Memorial Hospital Association Project) (the “Series 1999 Bonds”) originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$10,600,000, (xv) to refund the existing Kent Hospital Finance Authority Revenue Refunding Bonds (Spectrum Health) Series 2001A (the “Series 2001A

Bonds”) originally issued in the aggregate principal amount of \$100,000,000, (xvi) to pay a portion of the interest to accrue on the Bonds, and (xvii) to pay costs of issuing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Kent Hospital Finance Authority revenue bonds (the “Bonds”) in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$255,000,000 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 City of Greenville, the County of Montcalm, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on April 18, 2005, 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 Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 19.
Nays: 0.

4-28-05-39 – AGREEMENT FOR MEDICAL SERVICES WITH DEVOS CHILDREN’S HOSPITAL / JUVENILE DETENTION

WHEREAS, the Kent County Juvenile Detention Center of the Circuit Court Family Division is required to comply with national standards for juvenile correctional facilities, including the provision of medical care to residents; and

WHEREAS, for the past 10 years, the Center has contracted with a retired physician to provide medical care to residents in accordance with the national standards; and

WHEREAS, after thorough review the Center has recently determined that it can provide more comprehensive and streamlined care to its residents by developing a contractual relationship with physicians from DeVos Children's Hospital as this will also enable the Center to have a guaranteed alternate to comply with standards when the primary physician is absent; and

WHEREAS, a contract has been developed by Civil Counsel and approved by DeVos Children's Hospital.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves and authorizes the County to enter into an agreement for medical services with DeVos Children's Hospital.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, supported by Commissioner Tanis, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 19.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

Board of Public Works

Commissioner Postmus reported that the Board of Public Works toured all of the recycling facilities to update members on how Kent County handles recycling and how it ties into all of the cities.

MISCELLANEOUS

Celebrity Boxing

Commissioner Klein, as a participant, reminded everyone that the celebrity boxing charity event is tomorrow night.

Adoption in Kent County

Commissioner Mayhue thanked Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt for his response to his query at the last meeting regarding child adoptions in Kent County. It is his understanding that The Family & Children's Coordinating Council will host focus groups.

Chemical Awareness Week Presentation

Chair Morren called on Commissioner Tanis to read a proclamation for Chemical Awareness Week (May 1-7).

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:15 a.m., Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, May 12, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk