

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, August 25, 2005  
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, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 17.

Absent: Morgan, Vonk – 2 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2005 Meeting
- b) August 2 & 18, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointment:  
  
Community Corrections Advisory Board – Kristin Gietzen
- d) Establish Public Hearing Date and Time – September 8, 2005, 7:00 p.m.  
Re: Proposed 2006 millage rates and 2006 budget
- e) Resolutions:

8-25-05-63 – MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH  
INFANT

MORTALITY COALITION SUPPORT GRANT / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that grant funds are available from MDCH through the Comprehensive Planning, Budgeting and Contract (CPBC) Agreement to fund an Infant Mortality Coalition Support Grant in the amount of \$65,000; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires the Health Department to adapt or organize a local community coalition to address the African American infant mortality disparity within Kent County. The Health Department will build upon and maintain target population community collaboration and support by expanding the focus of the current Healthy Kent 2010 Infant Implementation Team ; and

WHEREAS, grant dollars will be used to develop a strategic plan to address the issues of African American infant mortality. Several community partners, including Healthy Kent 2010 and Spectrum Health Healthier Communities, will be asked to provide input to the strategic plan. Grant funding will also be used to implement the strategic initiatives identified in the strategic plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners accepts \$65,000 from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for the Infant Mortality Coalition Support grant; and to appropriate an additional \$65,000 to the FY 2005 Health Department budget.

8-25-05-64 – STORAGE ARRAY REPLACEMENT – BUDGET AMENDMENT / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, there has been significant growth in applications as well as the need for digital storage; and

WHEREAS, Information Technology (IT) suffered two significant storage array failures, which caused significant system disruptions and lost productivity across several departments; and

WHEREAS, because of these disruptions, IT began looking at alternatives and spoke at length with vendors and consulting organizations such as Gartner; and

WHEREAS, the conclusion reached by IT was that due to decreasing storage costs and the age of the equipment, our best option is to replace both arrays with new equipment; and

WHEREAS, the new equipment will cost approximately \$585,000 and include a three-year maintenance agreement as part of the acquisition cost.

WHEREAS, no maintenance fee will be required in 2006, 2007, and 2008; and

WHEREAS, this savings alone over the projected maintenance expense of our current equipment is \$429,000, which is about 73% of the acquisition cost; and

WHEREAS, IT will reduce its 2006 budget request by \$110,000 to reflect the elimination of the maintenance agreement for the current (old) equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriate \$206,000 to the CIP Fund and reprogram \$379,000 from existing CIP Fund projects for the Storage Array Replacement.

8-25-05-65 – ACCEPT MUNICIPAL LANDFILL COST – SHARE GRANT FOR KENTWOOD LANDFILL / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) provides Municipal Landfill Cost-Share Grants to qualified communities for eligible cleanup and redevelopment costs at municipal solid waste landfills on, or proposed for, the National Priorities List; and

WHEREAS, Kent County incurred eligible response action costs within the grant period at the Kentwood Landfill; and

WHEREAS, MDEQ, on behalf of the Brownfield Redevelopment Board on August 3, 2005, authorized the award of a Municipal Landfill Cost-Share Grant for \$605,383 to Kent County to pay for 50 percent of eligible costs incurred at the Kentwood Landfill.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that as a condition of receiving said grant, Kent County hereby commits to make reasonable efforts to pursue any insurance coverage that may be available to cover the eligible costs; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby accepts a Municipal Landfill Cost-Share Grant for the Kentwood Landfill; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners directs the Board of Public Works to execute the agreement on behalf of the County.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 8-25-05-66 – CONVERSION OF EXISTING ADULT PROBATION OFFICER II TO

#### PROBATION OFFICER I AND ADDITION OF ONE ADULT PROBATION OFFICER I / 63<sup>RD</sup> DISTRICT COURT

WHEREAS, 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court currently has the highest caseload per Probation Officer of any jurisdiction within Kent and Ottawa Counties; and

WHEREAS, the Court is currently served by one Chief Probation Officer, one Adult Probation Officer II (UAW 25) and one Adult Probation Officer I (UAW 24); and

WHEREAS, the Adult Probation Officer II position was recently vacated; and

WHEREAS, the Court has requested that the position be reclassified to Adult Probation Officer I, resulting in an annual savings in salary and benefits costs of \$17,268 at current contract rates; and

WHEREAS, continuing population growth in the townships served by the Court will increase the total caseload as increasing numbers of offenders are placed in diversion and community-based correctional programs in order to maintain the Jail Bed Agreement; and

WHEREAS, the addition of a third full-time Adult Probation Officer I will enable the Court to ensure the continued provision of effective supervision for probationers and improve outcomes for the community; and

WHEREAS, the net addition to annual salary and benefits costs will be \$41,640 and the net addition to FY 2005 salary and benefits costs will be \$10,658; and

WHEREAS, the Court is requesting no additional allocation of general funds to

cover these additional salary and benefits costs; and

WHEREAS, the Court will fund the additional Probation Officer I position with the cost saving cited above and with revenues from a \$60 Drug and Alcohol Testing fee to be charged for each new offender ordered to supervision; and

WHEREAS, based on the 2004 combined number of DUIL and drug cases of 1,647 for both Court locations, the testing fee will generate more than \$90,000 in annual revenue for the Court.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the conversion of one vacant Adult Probation Officer II position (UAW 25) to Adult Probation Officer I (UAW 24) and authorizes an additional Adult Probation Officer I position in 63<sup>rd</sup> District Court Probation.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

8-25-05-67 – APPROVAL OF COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING CONTRACT (CPBC) FOR FY'06 / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Comprehensive Planning and Budget (CPBC) contract is an annual agreement between the State and the County to provide certain required Public Health services including immunizations, infectious and sexually transmitted disease control, hearing and vision screening, and food protection, as well as several other state-funded programs; and

WHEREAS, funding for CPBC activities is consistent with last year's levels. Budget items of note include the elimination of the Family Planning allocation to the Health Department. The Family Planning allocation will now be awarded directly to Planned Parenthood Centers of West Michigan based on the mutual agreement of both the Health Department and Planned Parenthood. In addition, the Health Department will no longer be the fiduciary of the Housing for Persons With Aids (HOPWA) funding effective December 31, 2005. The State of Michigan will become the fiduciary of this funding; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenses related to the CPBC agreement were used to prepare the Health Department's 2006 budget; and

WHEREAS, total cost of the program is \$19,351,832. (CPBC funds of \$6,608,947; Fees and Permit Income of \$4,921,353; County General Fund of \$7,821,532). Funds have been included in the Health Department 2006 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract (CPBC) for FY 2006.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morren – 17.  
Nays: 0.

8-25-05-68 – JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN VISION AND DEVELOPMENT PLAN

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JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

WHEREAS, the John Ball Zoological Society is responsible to recommend a master plan or development plan to the Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, following the unsuccessful Wildlife Park millage vote that took place in August 2004, and in recognition of the history of the 2001 Master Plan adopted by the Board of Commissioners, the Zoological Society was asked to revisit the previously-adopted master plan; and

WHEREAS, the Society contracted with Jones & Jones, a zoo design firm from Seattle, WA, to assist in its visioning and development process; and

WHEREAS, the Zoological Society, Zoo staff, and Facilities Management staff have worked with Jones & Jones and spent a considerable amount of time in the development of a new vision for the John Ball Zoological Garden; and

WHEREAS, this process included reviewing the various efforts put forward during the past several years, including the 2001 Master Plan, the Polakowski Study (2000), John Ball Park Task Force study, and the Project for Public Spaces Report (2004), planning and visioning meetings, and communications with the immediate neighborhood to ensure that the John Ball Zoological Garden Vision and General Development Plan is respectful of the needs of the neighborhood, in addition to respecting the needs and desires of the entire Kent County and West Michigan community; and

WHEREAS, the John Ball Zoological Garden Vision and General Development Plan recognizes the Zoo as a vital community asset that a) offers a sense of community pride; b) contributes to the local economy; c) preserves the educational features of the Zoo; d) preserves the ongoing commitment toward conservation; e) and provides ongoing and improved recreational opportunities for the community; and

WHEREAS, the John Ball Zoological Garden Vision and General Development Plan is intended to address areas of need to improve conditions for animal welfare and to create an improved zoo experience for the community and visitors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the John Ball Zoological Garden Vision and General Development Plan (attached) as proposed by the John Ball Zoological Society.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the John Ball Zoological Garden Vision and General Development Plan supercedes any previously adopted Master Plans for the development of the John Ball Zoological Garden.

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

8-25-05-69 – ADOPTION OF NATIONAL INCIDENT MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (NIMS)

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SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the President directed the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (NIMS); and

WHEREAS, the NIMS was developed to facilitate an efficient and effective incident management at the Federal, State and local level and utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structure, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the NIMS standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the County's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of NIMS are already an integral part of County incident management activities, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System.

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the adoption of NIMS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the National Incident Management System as the Kent County standard for incident management.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### APPOINTMENTS

##### Millennium Park Community Committee

Motion by Commissioner Mast, supported by Commissioner Vaughn, to appoint Phillip Nguyen, Joeann Franklin, Dennis Murphy, Mary Stanley, Lorraine Nyenhuis, Margaret Kaminski, Patrick Murphy, Renee Hill, Debbie Kiekover, Nikki Outhier, Commissioner Nadine Klein & Tom Postmus and Chair Dave Morren to the Millennium Park Community Committee.

Motion carried by voice vote.

#### REPORTS

##### Central Dispatch Authority

Commissioner Tanis reported that an interim manager has been hired, and that the first priority will be costs.

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Resolution

Commissioner Mayhue presented a resolution for consideration and made a motion, which was supported by Commissioner Vaughn. However, Chair Morren ruled it out of order pursuant to Standing Rules sections 9.4 and 9.14, and he denied further discussion.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:18 a.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 8, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 7:00 p.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

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David J. Morren, Chair

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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk