

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, September 8, 2005*

*Administration Building - Room 310*

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Meeting called to order at 7:02 p.m. by Vice Chair Roger Morgan.

Present: Commissioners, Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, – 15.

Absent: Agee, Mayhue, Rolls, & Chair Morren – 4 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Scott Atchinson, Grand Rapids resident, spoke again on the need for a visitor and information center downtown, and asked the County to consider funding it.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids. Asked again for an investigation into the death of her mother Annia Mae Sallie.

Christy Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids. Echoed her sister's request to the Board of Commissioner for an investigation into their mother's death.

Elaine Pellerito, Kent County Employee – Prosecutor's Office. Complained about the budget cuts effecting staff while Kent continues to spend tax dollars on "beautification" of buildings.

Hon. Patricia Gardner, Kent County Probate Judge - Family Division, was present as the United Way fund drive representative. She encouraged the County's participation and thanked the Board for its great past cooperation and participation.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2006 Budget and Millage Rate Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to go into a public hearing on the 2006 budget and millage rate.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 7:30 p.m., a hearing was held on the proposed 2006 budget 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 County Clerk).

Scott Hutchinson, Grand Rapids resident, commented on the County's budget and asked the amount of the Convention/Visitor's Bureau funds in the budget.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to go back into general session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Vice Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 7:57 p.m.

### CONSENT AGENDA

#### a) Approval of the Minutes of August 25, 2005 Meeting

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, to approve the consent agenda item.

Motion carried by voice vote.

### RESOLUTIONS

#### 9-8-05-70 – SUBMIT GRANT APPLICATION TO MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES / PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Human Services provides funding to counties to operate a Cooperative Reimbursement Program designed to establish paternity as well as to secure and enforce support orders; and

WHEREAS, the Prosecutor's Cooperative Reimbursement Program will continue with 19 full-time positions; and

WHEREAS, the grant period is October 1, 2005, to September 30, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Prosecutor's request to submit an application to the Michigan Department of Human Services for a FY 2006 Title IV-D Cooperative Reimbursement Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the positions 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 Voorhees, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Klein, Mast, Morgan, Postmus, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield – 15.

Nays: 0.

#### 9-8-05-71 – PURCHASE OF PROPERTY AT 1222 AND 1264 BRADFORD STREET NE / FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, in accordance with its on-going development plan for the Fuller Campus, the County actively seeks to acquire parcels adjacent to the Campus on the south side of Bradford Street NE, as such parcels become available; and

WHEREAS, the Facilities Management Department recently learned that qualifying parcels at 1222 and 1264 Bradford Street NE are available for purchase; and

WHEREAS, based on previously used valuation of two times SEV, the County has offered to purchase the parcels for \$96,800 and \$64,800, plus closing costs, respectfully; and  
WHEREAS, the Facilities Management Department recommends purchase of the parcels.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the purchase of the property at 1222 Bradford Street NE (PPN 41-14-20-284-004) for the sum of \$96,800, plus closing costs estimated at \$1,900, for a total purchase price not to exceed \$98,700 and to purchase the property at 1264 Bradford Street NE (PPN 41-14-20-284-010) for the sum of \$64,800, plus closing costs estimated at \$1,300, for a total purchase price not to exceed \$66,100; and to amend the 2005 CIP Budget to establish the Bradford Street Acquisition in the CIP; and to appropriate up to \$164,800 from the Unreserved, Undesignated General Fund Balance to the CIP.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Klein, Mast, Morgan, Postmus, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield – 15.

Nays: 0.

#### 9-8-05-72 – 2006 MILLAGE RATE / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has submitted a proposed budget for the year 2006, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures for operations and capital programs; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on the proposed 2006 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 3.8873 mills, including the levy of 2.8536 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 on December 1, 2005 and the levy of 2.8535 mills, for general operating purposes, on July 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a levy of taxation of 3.8873 mills, which includes the levy of 2.8536 mills for general operating purposes for the County of Kent for 2006, 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 Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Klein, Mast, Morgan, Postmus, Tanis, VanderMolen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield – 15.

Nays: 0.

#### REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Condolences

Commissioner Klein expressed condolences to County Clerk Administrative Assistant Kim Stout on the recent death of her husband.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:02 p.m., Commissioner Klein moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Vice Chair, and to Thursday, September 22, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen. Motion carried.

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Roger Morgan, Vice Chair

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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk