

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, October 13, 2005
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair David J. Morren.

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

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Wahlfield introduced Commissioner Hiddema who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Pastor Idella Williams, 935 Kalamazoo SE, Grand Rapids – Complained that judges are biased against minorities and is concerned that children going to foster homes are being abused. She did acknowledge that the Board of Commissioners has no authority over either item, however.

Sally Borghese, 2367 Rogue River Road, Belmont – Would like to know why the public cannot obtain a copy of the video of court proceedings for appeal purposes rather than having to order expensive transcripts of the proceedings.

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids - Repeated her request that her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) death be reinvestigated.

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids – Repeated her complaints that the Board of Commission is doing nothing to investigate her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) death.

(Chair Morren responded by saying that the Board of Commissioners has responded to the family, advised the family that they may wish to hire an attorney. What the family is asking the Board to do is not legally under the Board's purview.)

Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids – Believes that the Board is the proper venue to “file” his complaint regarding his wife's death.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Kent District Library Update

Martha Smart, Director, gave the annual update of the Kent District Library. (A copy of the 2004

Annual Report was distributed to Commissioners; a copy is on file in the office of the County Clerk.) Library Trustees Joel Hondorp and Shirley Bruursema thanked the Board of Commission for their past and future support.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 22, 2005 Meeting
- b) September 20 & October 4, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

10-13-05-90 – POSITION CONVERSIONS / COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension currently employs two part-time temporary Clerks I (UAW 12) to support 4-H and Master Gardener programs, respectively; and

WHEREAS, expansion of the urban 4-H program to twenty schools, and requests to participate by additional schools, requires full-time, full-year support for proper administration and delivery of in-school, after-school and summer programs for Kent County youth; and

WHEREAS, coordination of the Master Gardener program and related horticultural programs and events, and training and direction for hotline volunteers, has also grown into year-round activities; and

WHEREAS, the two temporary positions currently supporting the 4-H Youth Development and Master Gardener programs are no longer seasonal and should be converted to regular positions; and

WHEREAS, conversion of the positions to regular positions requires the creation of two new classifications to properly document the functions; the pay range will not be affected; and

WHEREAS, the net addition to annual salary and benefits costs will be \$26,853; the net addition to FY 2005 salary and benefits costs will be \$6,197; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension is requesting no additional allocation of general funds to cover these additional salary and benefits costs; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension will fund the additional salary costs with currently budgeted contractual salary funds and MSU program funds; and

WHEREAS, if funds from the MSU 4-H program are no longer available to cover the costs of the positions, the positions will be reduced to fit within the County budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the conversion of one temporary part-time Clerk I (UAW 12) to a 1.0 FTE regular position and creation of the classification Cooperative Extension Education Assistant (UAW 12); and conversion of one temporary part-time Clerk I (UAW 12) to a 0.5 FTE regular position and creation of the classification Cooperative Extension Gardening Assistant (UAW 12).

10-13-05-91 – SOCIAL WORKER I – COMMUNITY RE-ENTRY CENTER /
CORRECTIONAL FACILITY / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Community Re-Entry Center promotes public safety by housing low risk offenders in a supportive environment to develop them into productive citizens through employment, education, vocational training and services as they transition from incarceration into the community; and

WHEREAS, the Community Corrections' Comprehensive Plan included a request to add one Social Worker I (UAW-19) to the Community Re-Entry Center at the Kent County Correctional Facility to expand the services provided by the Center; and

WHEREAS, funding has been authorized by the Michigan Office of Community Corrections in the amount of \$19,000 to cover the employment costs of one .5 FTE Social Worker I (UAW-19) needed to accomplish the expanded activities. The cost of additional salary for the part-time position is \$15,215, and the cost of additional benefits is \$3,595; and

WHEREAS, in the event grant funding is eliminated or decreased, the position will be eliminated unless continuation funding is approved pursuant to the Fiscal Policy on Grants.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves adding one .5 FTE Social Worker I position to expand services provided by the Community Re-Entry Center.

10-13-05-92 – ACCEPT AMENDED STATE HOMELAND SECURITY GRANT PROGRAM
(SHSGP) EXERCISE GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, on March 25, 2004, the Board of Commissioners accepted a \$17,000 State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) grant from the Michigan Department of State Police; and

WHEREAS, on May 9, 2005, the Sheriff's Department received notification that it had been approved to receive an additional \$10,000 in grant funds; and

WHEREAS, as with the original grant, this grant provides funds to conduct exercises that will enhance the basic defensive capabilities of the state to respond to an incident of domestic terrorism or an incident involving chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and explosive (CBRNE) weapons of mass destruction.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the acceptance of a SHSGP Exercise Grant from the Michigan Department of State Police; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriate \$10,000 from Estimated Revenues to the Sheriff's 2005 Special Projects budget; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to sign all grant documents.

10-13-05-93 – ACCEPT A SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County has received Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) funds for the past 27 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 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, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve 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 Wahlfield, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

10-13-05-94 – REVISIONS TO HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEE SCHEDULE / HEALTH

DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Public Act 368 of 1978 (the Public Health Code), as amended, allows a local government to "...fix and require the payment of fees for services authorized or required to be performed by the local health department." Said fees should not be more than the reasonable cost of providing the service; and

WHEREAS, as required by County Fiscal Policy – Fees and Charges, departments are required to review their fees and charges annually and to forward recommended changes to the Board of Commissioners as part of the budget process; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department is recommending changes to 28 existing fees and the establishment of 5 new fees. The recommendations are detailed in the attached chart; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held at the Health Department on August 24, 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve amendments to the Health Department's fee schedule effective October 1, 2005.

Motion by Commissioner Voorhees, supported by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the

resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vonk, to postpone the resolution and refer it back to the Finance Committee to review.

Motion to postpone carried:

Yeas: Klein, Koorndyk, Vaughn, Postmus, Mast, Agee, Horton, Rolls, Vonk, Chair Morren – 10.

Nays: Mayhue, Bulkowski, Vander Molen, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Morgan, Wahlfield – 9.

MISCELLANEOUS

Jail Tour

Commissioner Mayhue thanked Sheriff Stelma for a jail tour, which he requested due to the recent suicide deaths.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:25 a.m., Commissioner Wahlfield moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 27, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Boelema. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk