

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, October 27, 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, Morgan, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 18.

Absent: Mayhue – 1 (Excused).

Invocation: Commissioner Morgan introduced Drain Commissioner Doug Sporte who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Scruggs, 736 Madison SE, Grand Rapids – Thanked Commissioners for their recommendation and consideration to appoint him to the Department of Human Services Board.

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 Commissioners is doing nothing to investigate her mother's (Annie Mae Sallie) death.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Road Commission – Long-Range Strategic Investment Plan for Primary Roads

Steve Warren, Deputy Director of the Road Commission, reviewed the Long-Range Strategic Investment Plan for Primary Roads (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The purpose of the plan is to establish a vision for the primary road system that will guide investment decisions through the year 2016.

(Commissioner Rolls left the meeting at this time.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 13, 2005 Meeting
- b) October 18, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

c) Resolutions:

10-27-05-95 – NEW CLASSIFICATION AND POSITION RECLASSIFICATIONS / FRIEND

OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, at the request of the Friend of the Court and the Circuit Court Administrator, a comprehensive study of sixteen (16) clerical positions was initiated to address position classification and compensation matters; and

WHEREAS, the study examined records management, mail processing, client call center services, and auditing; and

WHEREAS, the report makes a number of recommendations, including the creation of one new classification and the reclassification of 12 positions to different pay ranges; and

WHEREAS, the results of the audit have been reviewed and approved by the Circuit Court Administrator and the Friend of the Court; and

WHEREAS, the initial annual net cost of reclassifying all affected positions is \$11,548. The additional cost for FY 2005 will be \$2,665; and

WHEREAS, funds are available in the current FOC budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the creation of new classification of Case Services Representative – FOC (UAW-13); and the following reclassifications:

1. Four Clerk I positions to Case Services Representatives
2. One Clerk Typist I position to Case Services Representative
3. One Clerk Typist II position to Case Services Representative
4. Three Data Input Clerk positions to Clerk I
5. Three Data Input Clerk positions to Clerk II, and
6. One Clerk Typist II position to Clerk II

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

10-27-05-96 – 2005 APPORTIONMENT REPORT / EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the supporting documents setting forth the necessary millage required by the several taxing jurisdictions in the County of Kent, townships, local school districts, intermediate school districts and community colleges; and

WHEREAS, the Committee has further examined the dollar requirements

necessary to fund the assessments for drains and rejected taxes and finds them in proper order.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby certify the millage rates of these governmental jurisdictions and directs that the millage rates of the County of Kent, townships, local school districts, intermediate school districts and community colleges, and the dollar amounts for the drains and rejected taxes be spread on the respective township and city rolls; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby authorize and direct the Chair and the Clerk of the Board to sign the millage rate certificates.

Motion by Commissioner VanderMolen, supported by Commissioner Vaughn, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

10-27-05-97 – FEE INCREASES / JOHN BALL ZOOLOGICAL GARDEN

WHEREAS, County policy requires departments to review its fees and charges as part of the budget process. John Ball Zoological Garden staff and the Zoo Advisory Board recommended increases in zoo admission fees and facility rentals during the FY 2006 Budget process; and

WHEREAS, the 2006 budgeted revenue includes zoo admission fee and John Ball park facility increases; and

WHEREAS, the proposed rate structure for zoo admission fees compares favorably with other major zoos in Michigan and with other major entertainment venues in the Grand Rapids/Kent County area; and

WHEREAS, proposed rate structure for John Ball Park facility rentals is comparable to rates charged by Kent County Parks for similar facilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the 2006 recommended zoo admission rates and John Ball Park facility rental charges as follows:

JOHN BALL ZOO ADMISSION RATES

Categories	Current Zoo Admission Rate	Recommended FY 2006 Rate
Child < 4 years	Free	Free (child \leq 3)
Child 4-13 years	\$2.50	\$4.00
Child Group (>25)	\$2.00	\$3.50
Adults 14-62 years	\$4.00	\$6.00
Adult Group (>25)	\$3.50	\$5.50
Seniors 63+ years	\$2.50	\$4.50
Senior Group (>25)	\$2.00	\$4.00

JOHN BALL PARK FACILITY RENTAL CHARGES

Rental Site	Current Rates			FY 2006 Recommendation
	5hr. Rental	8hr. Rental	All Day Rental	
Pond pavilion	\$45	\$70	\$90	\$100/day
The Grove	\$30	\$45	\$60	\$75/day
Hilltop Pavilion	\$80	\$70	\$90	\$100/day
Band Shell	\$20/hr. or \$100/Day			\$100/day
Picnic Acre	\$20/hr. or \$100/Day			\$100/day

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, supported by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

10-27-05-98 – MILLENNIUM PARK LAND PURCHASE – HENDGES PROPERTY / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Hedges estate owns 21 acres within the foot print of Millennium Park; and

WHEREAS, since plans for the park were first announced, County staff and representatives have been in contact with the Hedges family in attempts to acquire the property.

Those discussions have resulted in an agreement for the County to purchase the property (PPN 41-13-33-400-002) from the Hedges estate; and

WHEREAS, the property is to be purchased at the appraised value for \$114,000 with \$29,640 available in the Millennium Park CIP; and

WHEREAS, the property purchase is eligible for DNR Trust Fund Grant funding for 75 percent (\$84,360) of the purchase price and the County will additionally be reimbursed for closing costs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase agreement for the Hedges Property and appropriates the \$84,360 from the DNR Trust Fund for the purchase.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Morgan, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 16.

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

APPOINTMENT

Department of Human Services

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, supported by Commissioner Vaughn, that Michael Scruggs be appointed to the Department of Human Services Board.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Commissioner Mast, supported by Commissioner Wahlfield, to call the question.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Motion to appoint carried:

Yeas: Agee, Bulkowski, Klein, Koorndyk, Morgan, Postmus, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 13.

Nays: Boelema, Hiddema, Horton, Mast - 4.

MISCELLANEOUS

There was no miscellaneous comment.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:49 a.m., Commissioner Morgan moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, November 17, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Sonya R. Dean, Chief Deputy County Clerk