

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, November 17, 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, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morren – 18.

Absent: Rolls – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids – Once again requested the medical examiner's removal due to alleged untruths on the medical examiner's report regarding the death of her mother (Annie Mae Sallie).

Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd, Grand Rapids – Claims Board of Commissioners is not responding to her family's requests and allegations regarding how her mother (Annie Mae Sallie) died.

(Chair Morren stated that he would not allow allegations against individual Commissioners.)

Phyllis Jennings, 1926 Cherry Run Court, Grand Rapids – Has concerns about the Medical Examiner with regard to her father's death and the fact that nine months after his death, they do not know the cause of death.

Clyde Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Asked what the Board of Commissioners was going to do about his family's request to investigate the death of his wife (Annie Mae Sallie).

Sharon Boise, 1439 Hope SE, Grand Rapids - Executive Director for United Methodist Community House supports the senior millage.

John Lewis, 10 Delaware, Apt. 305, Grand Rapids – A volunteer with the United Methodist Community House, supports the senior millage. This is a very worthwhile organization and he is thankful to play a role in helping seniors.

Rose Williams, 810 Grand Avenue, Grand Rapids - A United Methodist Community House volunteer for senior outreach which helps seniors with their doctor appointments, bills, etc.

Louise Thomas, PO Box 88292, Kentwood - Faith community involvement through churches provides transportation for seniors, meals, etc., but it cannot do it all so she supports the senior millage.

Perry Kabiszna - Steelcase Retirement Club - supports the millage.

Rosemary Davis, 516 Cherry Street, Grand Rapids – Works with the senior companion program at Gerontology Network and supports the millage.

Nancy Murphy, 1350 Tamarack , Grand Rapids - Hope Network’s Side-by-Side program helps seniors with dementia and Alzheimers. Some of its funding comes from the senior millage and that money is well spent.

Richard Williams, 2457 Sinclair, Grand Rapids - Legal Aid of West Michigan helps seniors with legal issues and the money and he supports the millage.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

The Rapid Update – Peter Varga

Peter Varga, Executive Director of The Rapid, gave the annual update (copy of which is on file in the Office of the County Clerk).

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 27, 2005 Meeting
- b) November 1, 2005 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

11-17-05-99 – LABOR AGREEMENT – POLC ASSISTANT PROSECUTING ATTORNEYS / PROSECUTING ATTORNEY

WHEREAS, the County and the Police Officers Labor Council Prosecuting Attorneys have negotiated a tentative labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides a 2.5% increase to base wages for 2005, consistent with increases provided to all other employee groups; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for a 2.25% increase in 2006 and a 2.5% increase for 2007; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$349,644; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$72,258; and

WHEREAS, negotiated health care plan changes are cost neutral for fiscal year 2006, but can be expected to provide cost savings to the County if health care costs continue to increase; and

WHEREAS, the total three-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$421,902; and

WHEREAS, the total base wages for the 34-member bargaining unit with the scheduled increase are approximately \$2,722,897; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract has been ratified by the membership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the three-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2005 – December 31, 2007, between the County of Kent and the Police Officers Labor Council representing the Prosecuting Attorneys.

11-17-05-100 – CHILD CARE FUND ANNUAL PLAN APPROVAL / CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION AND DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, each year the Kent County Circuit Court – Family Division and Department of Human Services (DHS) are required to prepare a plan showing how the Child Care Fund dollars will be spent by each agency; and

WHEREAS, the plan encompasses in-home and out-of-home placement costs (e.g., foster care, detention, etc.) for children at risk of abuse or neglect as well as children determined to be delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the law provides that each county will receive a reimbursement from the State of 50 percent of the annual net expenditures for certain costs related to placement and efforts to reduce placement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Child Care Fund Annual Plan for FY 06 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the document.

11-17-05-101 – PAUL HENRY THORNAPPLE TRAIL EASEMENTS / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail is a seven mile stretch of the non-motorized trail network being developed in Kent County and will ultimately link Kent Trails to the metro area. The route requires crossing private and other publicly-owned property; and

WHEREAS, the project has received federal transportation funding of \$355,000, and the County appropriated the required match of \$125,000 in 1999; and

WHEREAS, terms of the easement agreements were negotiated with owners individually. In those cases where the owner required compensation, price was determined using established Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) guidelines; and

WHEREAS, easements to be acquired and the amounts to be paid are as follows:

Caledonia Charter Twp.	250 S. Maple St.	(41-23-29-406-007)	\$ 1.00
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Caledonia Comm. Schools	9753 Duncan Lake Ave.	(41-23-29-503-002)	\$ 1.00
Curley	8785 Patterson Ave.	(41-23-19-100-014)	\$ 2,055.00
Hofstede	7730 Patterson Ave. SE	(41-22-13-100-024)	\$ 154.00
VanderHoff	5955 Wing. Ave. SE, Kentwood	(41-18-34-451-008)	\$ 100.00

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved as to form by Civil Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the purchase of the above six easements necessary for the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail at a cost not to exceed \$2,312.

11-17-05-102 – WIC GRANT FUNDED POSITION / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) has increased the funding per WIC participant by \$9.72 for fiscal year 2006, raising the per participant amount from \$106 to \$115.72; and based on current caseload, the Health Department's WIC allocation has increased by \$185,458 which has been budgeted and approved in the Health Department's 2006 budget; and

WHEREAS, the WIC program is a free nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5; and WIC provides coupons for nutritious foods, education and immunizations to over 20,000 clients annually; and over the past several years, the Health Department has seen a significant increase in the demand for this program; and

WHEREAS, in the approved 2006 Health Department budget, the increase in funding was used to fund a new 1.0 FTE Senior Application Support position (MPP 24) which will support the need to have WIC data management capabilities at the Health Department; and allow the Health Department to access WIC data in a useful and timely manner; and enable the tracking of outcomes and improve accountability related to the programs and services provided; and

WHEREAS, the salary cost for this additional position is \$50,000, and the benefit cost is \$21,921.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the addition of a 1.0 FTE Senior Application Support position (MPP 24) that is funded by Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) grant dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that 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.

11-17-05-103 – APPLICATION FOR SAFE HAVEN GRANT / CIRCUIT COURT – FAMILY DIVISION

WHEREAS, the 17th Circuit Court – Family Division has significant involvement in the area of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and stalking, especially in the context of divorce proceedings; and

WHEREAS, it is in the Court's best interest to advocate in whatever way possible for the safety of children and victims with the anticipated goal of resolving these issues appropriately without repeat Court involvement; and

WHEREAS, the Court has identified a federal grant to fund supervised visitation (when appropriate) for children being transferred between custodial and non-custodial parents involving cases of domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse and/or stalking; and

WHEREAS, there is not a similar service currently existing in Kent County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes a \$350,000 grant application to the U.S. Justice Department Office of Violence Against Women to support the supervised visitation and safe exchange of children between parents in situations involving domestic violence, child abuse, sexual abuse, or stalking.

11-17-05-104 – COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT HOUSING REHABILITATION BUDGET

AMENDMENT / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Housing Rehabilitation Program assists low- to moderate-income homeowners with needed home repairs and improvements to eliminate code violations, increase safety, and lower energy costs; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the FY 2006 Housing Rehabilitation budget (Resolution 05-12-05-40), as part of the Community Development Block Grant, in the amount of \$297,255; and

WHEREAS, Community Development has since been notified that an additional \$316,916, in Federal funding, is now available for the FY 2006 Housing Rehabilitation Program Budget; and

WHEREAS, Community Development is requesting an additional appropriation of \$316,916, increasing the FY 2006 Housing Rehabilitation Program Budget to \$614,171.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$316,916 to the FY 2006 Community Development Housing Rehabilitation budget from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

11-17-05-105 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF BOSTWICK LAKE SPECIAL ASSESSMENT DISTRICT BONDS / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307 of Act 451, Public Acts of Michigan, 1994, as amended ("Part 307"), by resolution adopted on March 4, 2002, the Kent County Board of Commissioners confirmed the appointment of the County Drain Commissioner as the "delegated authority" within the meaning of Part 307 to administer and oversee the establishment of the normal level of Bostwick Lake in the County of Kent; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Part 307, the Kent County Circuit Court, by order dated November 7, 2003, established the normal lake level of Bostwick Lake and the boundaries of the Bostwick Lake Special Assessment District (the "Special Assessment District"); and

WHEREAS, acting as the delegated authority, the Drain Commissioner prepared a computation of cost of the improvements necessary to maintain the normal level of Bostwick Lake (the "Project") in the amount of \$355,000 and prepared a special assessment roll assessing such amount against privately owned parcels of land in the Special Assessment District that benefit from the Project; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to notice given as required by Part 307, the Drain Commissioner held a hearing on the cost of the Project and the special assessment roll on

August 15, 2005 and, following the hearing, approved the cost of the Project and the special assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners, by resolution adopted on September 22, 2005, approved the cost of the Project and the special assessment roll; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has proposed that the Special Assessment District issue bonds in the principal amount of not to exceed \$355,000 (the "Bonds") to pay all or part of the cost of the Project and that the County pledge its full faith and credit to the payment of the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, Part 307 requires that the Board of Commissioners approve the issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE COUNTY OF KENT, as follows:

1. The cost of the Project and the special assessment roll for the Special Assessment District, as previously approved, are hereby ratified and confirmed.
2. The Board of Commissioners hereby approves the issuance of the Bonds by the Special Assessment District pursuant to Part 307 to pay all or part of the cost of the Project, the Bonds to be payable from the special assessments for the Project, and authorizes the Drain Commissioner to take all actions on behalf of the Special Assessment District as are necessary to issue and sell the Bonds as provided in Part 307. The special assessment roll shall be payable in installments in amounts sufficient to pay the principal of and interest on the Bonds.
3. Pursuant to the authorization provided in Section 30705 of Part 307, provided that the Bonds are issued in a principal amount not to exceed \$355,000, bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6% per annum and have a final maturity on or before than June 1, 2010, the Kent County Board of Commissioners, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its members elect, does hereby irrevocably pledge the full faith and credit of the County of Kent for the prompt payment of the principal of and interest on the Bonds, and does agree that in the event that property owners in the Special Assessment District shall fail or neglect to account to the County Treasurer of the County of Kent for the amount of any such special assessment installment and interest (in anticipation of which the Bonds are issued) when due, then the amount thereof shall be immediately advanced from County funds, and the County Treasurer is directed to immediately make such advancement to the extent necessary.
4. In the event that, pursuant to said pledge of full faith and credit, the County of Kent advances out of County funds, all or any part of the principal of and interest due on the Bonds, it shall be the duty of the County Treasurer, for and on behalf of the County of Kent, to take all actions and proceedings and pursue all remedies permitted or authorized by law for the reimbursement of such sums so paid.
5. All resolutions and parts of resolutions insofar as the same may be in conflict herewith are hereby rescinded.

11-17-05-106 – DELINQUENT TAX REVOLVING FUND BUDGET AMENDMENT

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TREASURER'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Delinquent Tax Revolving Fund (DTRF) accounts for money advanced by the County to pay other local taxing units and various County funds for their delinquent taxes. Revenues are generated by the collection of the delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, the County Treasurer is required by the General Property Tax Law to collect delinquent real property taxes levied by all local units of government within the County. All property returned for delinquent taxes, and upon which taxes, interest, penalties, and fees remain unpaid after the property is returned as delinquent to the County Treasurer, is subject to forfeiture, foreclosure, and sale for the enforcement and collection of the delinquent taxes; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2005 DTRF budget, as adopted by the Board of Commissioners, is \$4,670,000. For FY 2005, it is estimated that the DTRF will incur \$4,945,000 in expenses; and

WHEREAS, fee increases and rising interest rates require an additional \$275,000 to meet the remaining expenses in the DTRF for FY 2005.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$275,000 to the FY 2005 DTRF budget from the Net Assets of the DTRF.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Postmus, Morgan, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morren – 18.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

11-17-05-107 – REQUEST FOR SENIOR SERVICES MILLAGE / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the County of Kent has been requested to submit to County voters at the August 8, 2006 election, a millage proposition for services to persons 60 years of age and older; and

WHEREAS, the request is that not more than .33 mills to be levied for eight years (2006 through 2013, inclusive); and

WHEREAS, the request was reviewed to ensure conformance with the Millage Request Policy adopted by the Board of Commissioners on July 24, 2003 (Resolution 7-24-03-92) and state statute; and

WHEREAS, Public Act No. 39 of 1976, as amended, (MCLA 400.571 et seq.) (“Act 39”) authorizes a county submit a millage proposition to voters and, upon voter approval, to levy such a millage for planning, coordinating, evaluation and providing services to persons

60 years of age or older.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Act 39, the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby determines to submit a ballot question to County voters at the August 8, 2006 election in accordance with the Michigan Election Law (Act No. 116 of Public Acts of 1954, as amended) and the Property Tax Limitation (Act 62 of the Public Acts of 1933, as amended) to approve a millage of not more than .33 mill for eight (8) years to provide services to persons 60 years of age and older in Kent County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies to the Kent County Clerk the ballot question language in Exhibit A attached hereto for submission to the County electorate at the election in August 2006; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners will issue a contract with the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan to administer the senior services millage proceeds and to develop effective programming to deliver services for seniors.

EXHIBIT A

SHALL KENT COUNTY LEVY .33 OF ONE MILL WHICH IS EQUAL TO 33 CENTS PER \$1,000 OF THE TAXABLE VALUE ON ALL REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION FOR THE PERIOD 2006 THROUGH 2013 INCLUSIVE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PLANNING, EVALUATING, AND PROVIDING SERVICES TO PERSONS AGE 60 YEARS OR OLDER? THIS MILLAGE IS A RENEWAL OF THE PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED MILLAGE OF .25 MILLS WHICH EXPIRES FOLLOWING THE 2005 LEVY AND A NEW ADDITIONAL MILLAGE OF .08 MILLS. THE AMOUNT RAISED BY THE LEVY IN THE FIRST CALENDAR YEAR IS ESTIMATED AT \$6,646,863.

YES

NO

In Kent County there are 20 local authorities that capture and use, for authorized purposes, tax increment revenues from property taxes levied by the County. Such capture would include a portion of the millage levy. The total amount of captured tax increment revenues from such millage in the first calendar year of the levy is an estimated \$130,279. The tax increment authorities in Kent County include the following.

Bowne Township – Alto Downtown Development Authority

Byron Township – Local Development Finance Authority

Cascade Charter Township – Downtown Development Authority

Cedar Springs, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Local Development Finance Authority

Gaines Charter Township – Local Development Finance Authority

Grand Rapids, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Monroe North-Tax Increment Finance Authority, SmartZone Local Development Finance

*Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment Finance Authority
Grandville, City of – Downtown Development Authority
Kent City, Village of – Downtown Development Authority
Lowell, City of - Downtown Development Authority*

*Plainfield Charter Township – Downtown Development Authority
Rockford, City of – Downtown Development Authority
Sparta, Village of – Downtown Development Authority
Walker, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Brownfield Redevelopment
Authority
Wyoming, City of – Downtown Development Authority, Local Development
Finance Authority*

Motion by Commissioner Mast, supported by Commissioner Postmus, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Postmus, Morgan, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morren – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-17-05-108 – SENIOR MILLAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR 2006 / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Agency of West Michigan (AAAWM) holds three-year contracts with more than 20 agencies to provide services with funding from the Kent County Senior Millage. Under the terms of the contracts, the funding level is evaluated annually based on new program proposals, current year operations and available funding; and

WHEREAS, in early October, 2005, the Kent County Senior Millage Review Committee reviewed 2006 funding requests and made recommendations regarding funding for each service. These recommendations were forwarded to the AAWM Executive Committee on October 24, 2005, which is now recommending them to the County; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the annual contracts, Senior Millage funds will also be used to provide services and prescription assistance to seniors through purchase of service and voucher arrangements. Amounts to be allocated through this process have been included on the attached bid tabulation and recommendation sheet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the allocation of \$4,834,934 in Senior Millage funds for 2006 as recommended by the Area Agency on Aging of Western Michigan, Inc. (AAAWM).

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Postmus, Morgan, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morren – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-17-05-109 – 2006 CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU TOURISM

PROMOTION

PLAN AND BUDGET / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners, on November 20, 2001, adopted Resolution 11-20-01-171 identifying priorities for use of Hotel/Motel Tax revenues; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners, by resolution and agreement entered into in September 2002, provided for a contribution of up to 20 percent of annual revenues, not to exceed \$900,000, from the Lodging Excise (Hotel/Motel) Tax to the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has, pursuant to the agreement between the County and the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau, received the 2006 proposed budget and Tourism Promotion Plan, which includes a request to continue a contribution from the Lodging Excise Tax Fund in the amount of \$853,383 for 2006, for the promotion of convention business throughout Kent County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts the proposed 2006 Budget and Tourism Promotion Plan of the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a 2006 contribution of \$853,383 from the Lodging Excise (Hotel/Motel) Tax Fund which represents, an amount equal to payments to be made in Calendar Year 2005 to the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners will give consideration to an increased 2006 contribution if calendar year 2006 tax revenues increase by more than 5% over calendar year 2005 tax revenues.

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

(Commissioner Mayhue asked that the minutes reflect that the County's Convention & Visitors Bureau contribution will not be increased without the request coming back to the Board of Commissioners.)

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Postmus, Morgan, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morren – 18.

Nays: 0.

11-17-05-110 – TRANSFER REPORTING RELATIONSHIP OF OFFICE OF COMMUNITY

CORRECTIONS AND POSITION CONVERSION / COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS / CIRCUIT COURT

WHEREAS, the mission of the Office of Community Corrections (KCOCC) is to support and expand the use of community-based, alternative sentencing programs to promote the efficient use of prison and correctional facility beds and to promote public safety. The operation is primarily grant funded and staffing consists of 2.5 FTE; and

WHEREAS, following recent staffing transitions and County budget projections,

discussions have been held with Circuit Court to determine the potential of cost savings and operating efficiencies which could be achieved through changing the reporting structure of the program from County Administration to the Circuit Court; and

WHEREAS, realigning the reporting structure would allow the County to take advantage of existing fiscal and grant management capabilities, as well as a supervisory capacity within Circuit Court to perform a significant portion of the work currently assigned to the Community Corrections Coordinator position, thereby freeing time for that position to focus

more on the development and administration of alternative sentencing programs, and allowing for a restructuring of the position at a cost savings. The move would also allow for co-location of the KCOCC with other Court functions with which there is significant interaction, reducing overhead costs and allowing for improved staff management; and

WHEREAS, success of the KCOCC programming and achievement of its mission are dependent upon utilization of the programs by the Judges. Realigning the reporting relationship to create a direct line of communication and accountability is expected to create additional efficiencies and utilization of the programs; and

WHEREAS, the transfer of the reporting relationship has been supported by the Chief Judge.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the transfer of the reporting relationship of the Office of Community Corrections from the County Administrator to Circuit Court Administration; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board approves the conversion of the position of Community Corrections Coordinator (MPP-24) to Community Corrections Planner (UAW Grade 26).

Motion by Commissioner Postmus, supported by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-17-05-111 – 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 that its immunization fee structure be changed so that the Health Department has the authority to raise or lower its fees based on the actual cost of the vaccine, rounded to the nearest dollar. In addition to the actual cost of the vaccine, the Health Department charges a fee to administer the vaccine. The administration fee of \$10, which is set by the Board, will not change. This fee is subject to a sliding scale based on the patients' ability to pay; and

WHEREAS, a Public Hearing was held on August 24, 2005, to educate the public

concerning the new fees. No individuals from the public attended the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fee structure changes for immunizations do not generate any additional net revenue for the Health Department. The proposed fee covers the administration cost, and cost of the vaccine only; and

WHEREAS, the fee increases proposed by the Medical Examiner will generate approximately \$6,000 of additional revenue for the Medical Examiner's Office.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the amendments to the Health Department's fee schedule (attached) effective January 1, 2006.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-17-05-112 – FOUR MILE ROAD / EAST BELTLINE PROPERTY PURCHASE

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FACILITIES MANAGEMENT / 63RD DISTRICT COURT

WHEREAS, in 2003, Board Chair David Morren established an Administrative Building Task Force, comprised of Commissioners Wahlfield, Morgan, and VanderMolen, with several charges, one of which was to proactively develop and recommend a strategy for the future of the County Administration Building and other County facilities; and

WHEREAS, during the past several months, various sites have been looked at in terms of a potential location for a combined 63rd District Court facility; and

WHEREAS, intensive efforts on the part of the task force have resulted in a recommendation to acquire property for long-term needs of the County. This location is geographically at the center of the 63rd District Court service area; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this land acquisition is to enable the County with the ability to design, construct, and operate a consolidated facility for the 63rd District Court; and

WHEREAS, an appraisal has been obtained on the property and the proposed acquisition price is consistent with the terms of the appraisal. In addition to the land, the acquisition price includes substantial infrastructure improvements (water and sewer service, curb cuts onto East Beltline, and site grading).

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of approximately six acres of property on East Beltline, north of Four Mile Road for \$1,080,000 plus closing costs, and to transfer \$1,200,000 from other project appropriations in the Capital Improvement Fund to the new CIP project (63rd District Court Property) appropriation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that said purchase is subject to the County receiving a) an acceptable Survey b) Title Work and c) necessary Phase I and Phase II Environmental Reports, including a "baseline environmental assessment" (BEA).

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, supported by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Postmus, Morgan, Mayhue, Mast, Koorndyk, Klein, Horton, Hiddema, Bulkowski, Boelema, Agee, Chair Morren – 18.

Nays: 0.

MISCELLANEOUS

Veteran's Day

Commissioner Vonk thanked Commissioners Agee and Tanis for participating in the Veteran's Day parade.

Commissioner Agee commented that Commissioner Vonk presented the County's Veteran's Day proclamation at the parade.

Commissioner Mayhue announced that, at the corner of Commerce & Goodrich, a homeless artist has painted a mural of black war veterans. He encouraged everyone to take the opportunity to see this work of art.

Santa Claus Parade

Commissioner Vander Molen acknowledged that Commissioner Klein would be participating in this year's Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, November 19th.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:00 a.m., Commissioner Agee moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, December 15, 2005, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Tanis. Motion carried.

David J. Morren, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk