

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, September 14, 2006
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

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

Absent: Boelema – 1 (Excused).

Invocation: Chair Morgan introduced Reverend Brian Burn, Bostwick Lake Congregational Church, who gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Gary Wade, YMCA of Greater Grand Rapids - Named a “Pioneering Healthier Community” due to its creation of a community-based action plan to combat obesity and obesity-related illnesses. The YMCA will hold a 2-mile family wellness walk on September 30, 2006, at 10 a.m. It begins and ends at the Hunting Family YMCA located at 475 Lake Michigan Drive, Grand Rapids. Following the walk, all YMCA branches will host a “Day of Play” for families during which games and activities available will stress the importance of active and healthy lifestyles.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

2007 Budget and Millage Rate Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Koorndyk, seconded by Commissioner Agee, to go into a public hearing on the 2007 budget and millage rate.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 7:10 p.m., a hearing was held on the proposed 2007 budget millage.

County Administrator Daryl Delabbio presented an overview of the budget (copy of which is on file in the Office of County Clerk).

There was no public comment.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 7:36 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

a) Approval of the Minutes of August 24, 2006 Meeting

b) August 29, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)

c) Resolutions:

9-14-06-85 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – WOMEN, INFANT AND CHILDREN (WIC) /
HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that the amount of funding per WIC participant has increased by \$6.93 for fiscal year 2006, raising the per participant amount from \$119.07 to \$126.00. This increase results in additional funding of \$132,224 for fiscal year 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department also received \$6,000 from a WIC Infrastructure grant to fund equipment purchases for the WIC program; and

WHEREAS, the WIC program is a free nutrition program for pregnant and breastfeeding women and children up to age 5. WIC provides coupons for nutritious foods, education and immunizations to approximately 21,000 clients annually. Over the past several years, the Health Department has seen a significant increase in the demand for this program; and

WHEREAS, based on current caseload, the Health Department's WIC allocation will increase from \$2,361,284 to \$2,499,508; and

WHEREAS, the additional funding will be used to purchase measurement equipment that will improve clinic flow and customer service. The total cost of this equipment is \$6,464; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$131,760 in additional funding will be used to decrease the Health Department's General Fund Appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$138,224 to the 2006 Health Department budget for the Women, Infant, and Children (WIC) Programming from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH).

9-14-06-86 – NETWORK 180 – SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SERVICES / HEALTH
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice from Network 180 that an additional \$90,429 in grant funds is available for substance abuse programs; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to provide training for substance abuse counselors on the prevalence of methamphetamine addiction in Kent County. Grant funds will also provide funding to support an awareness campaign for the general public through the use of billboards and print advertising. The total cost of these activities is \$17,600; and

WHEREAS, funding will also be used to provide Life Skills prevention services. Life Skills is taught to economically disadvantaged elementary and middle school youth in both school and non-school settings with the purpose of preventing substance abuse to these high-risk children. The curriculum is also presented to middle school youth in non-school settings that have a history of violent and delinquent behavior; and

WHEREAS, the remaining grant funds of \$72,829 will be allocated among the Methamphetamine, Early Intervention, and Life Skills substance abuse prevention programs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$90,429 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from Network 180 for Substance Abuse Prevention Services.

9-14-06-87 – DOUGLAS AND MARIA DEVOS FOUNDATION LITERACY INITIATIVE

GRANT FUNDING / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that grant funds are available from the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation to fund the purchase of children's books for the Literacy Initiative in the WIC and Immunization programs; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to promote early childhood literacy by giving parents and caregivers simple and easy ways to prepare their child to be ready to read when they begin school. Books are given to parents and caregivers at the time of their appointments. Additional books are provided at follow-up WIC and Immunization appointments; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of the children's books to be purchased is \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$10,000 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from the Douglas and Maria DeVos Foundation for the Literacy Initiative Grant.

9-14-06-88 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE TEAM PROTECTION / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that \$10,000 in grant funds are available from the Michigan Department of Community Health as part of its Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Bioterrorism cooperative agreement to fund the cost of the Health Department's public health response team; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used for the purchase of antivirals, antibiotics and/or personal protection equipment as approved by the CDC, for response to Pandemic Influenza or other public health emergencies; and

WHEREAS, these funds may not be used to provide protection to other first responder groups, as Homeland Security Funds are available for that purpose; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of antivirals, antibiotics, and personal protection equipment to be purchased is \$10,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$10,000 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for Public Health Response Team Protection.

9-14-06-89 – DOUGLAS WALKER PARK EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, Trinity Development of Michigan, Inc., a developer, requires a sanitary sewer easement for a proposed housing development on the northwest edge of Douglas

Walker Park; and

WHEREAS, the existing main sewer trunk line for this part of the County is laid through the park; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department agrees to grant an easement to Byron Township and Gaines Charter Township that will enable them to connect the development to the main sewer lines. The easement will permit the Townships to provide necessary public services to the developer; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Byron Township and Gaines Charter Township; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-90 – COPPERFIELD DRAINAGE DISTRICT EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, Trinity Development of Michigan, Inc., a developer, is required to construct a detention pond with a discharge pipe; and

WHEREAS, the construction of a discharge pipe requires an easement from the County that will run through the Douglas Walker Park to Buck Creek; and

WHEREAS, storm water from the development area normally travels southeast through the park to Buck Creek, which flows through the park; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commission has approved the construction of the detention pond and agrees that the grant of an easement is in order; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends the grant of an easement to Copperfield Drainage District; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Copperfield Drainage District; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-91 – KENT TRAILS EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends relocation of a segment of Kent Trails that was originally planned for development on an easement granted by Spartan Stores. Subsequent to the grant of this easement, Spartan Stores conveyed the property to a developer, who is now constructing condominiums on that property. If the trail is developed on the easement granted by Spartan Stores, it will be too close to the condominium development; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department has requested and Byron Township has agreed to grant an easement on its adjacent Winchester Cemetery Property to accomplish the relocation of Kent Trails. Byron Township is one of the partners to the Interlocal Agreement of July 9, 1991, that established the non-motorized Trail of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the use of the easement will be limited solely for pedestrian, cross-country skiing, and bicycle ingress and egress as provided for in the Interlocal Agreement. The

County assumes responsibility for maintenance of the easement; and

WHEREAS, the developer has agreed to bear all expenses associated with relocation of the Kent Trail segment; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement from Byron Township is subject to County obtaining release of the original easement; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Byron Township; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-92 – TOWNSEND PARK EASEMENT / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Parks Department and Cannon Township have been working for several years to develop a non-motorized recreational trail system connecting Townsend Park to the township hall; and

WHEREAS, Cannon Township applied for a Department of Natural Resources (DNR) grant and was successful in receiving it. One of the stipulations of the grant is that the recipient have control of the property; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department recommends that an easement be granted to Cannon Township for the purpose of establishing, operating, maintaining, repairing and improving a non-motorized recreational trail for public use; and

WHEREAS, the Parks Department agrees to maintain the trail and the boardwalk at Townsend Park; and

WHEREAS, the easement agreement has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the grant of an easement to Cannon Township; and further authorizes the Chair or Vice-Chair in his absence to execute the easement agreement.

9-14-06-93 – MOTOR VEHICLE USE POLICY – COUNTY PROVIDED VEHICLES REVISION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners adopted in May 1993 a Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles; all policies are reviewed every two years; and

WHEREAS, in April 2006, a work team was established to review the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles that included various representatives from County departments; and

WHEREAS, after reviewing the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles, the work team recommends the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles policy be revised by streamlining the 24 hour vehicle section and shift vehicle assignment section; deleting provisions regarding the use of County vehicles for out of state travel; and adding a section regarding use of County Vehicles by contracted employees; and

WHEREAS, the policy has been reviewed and approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Motor Vehicle Use Policy – County Provided Vehicles policy as submitted.

9-14-06-94 – APPROVAL OF THE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING AND BUDGETING CONTRACT (CPBC) FOR FY2007 / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract (CPBC) 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 FY2006 levels; and

WHEREAS, revenues and expenses related to the CPBC agreement were used to prepare the Health Department's 2007 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approve the Health Department's Comprehensive Planning and Budgeting Contract for FY2007.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-14-06-95 – 2007 MILLAGE RATE / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller has submitted a proposed budget for the year 2007, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures for operations and capital programs; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing has been held on the proposed 2007 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 2.5405 mills, including the levy of 1.4268 mills for general operating purposes, 0.7893 mills for debt service and operation of County correction and detention facilities, and 0.3244 mills for senior services on December 1, 2006 and the levy of 4.2803 mills, for general operating purposes, on July 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a levy of taxation of 2.5405 mills, which includes the levy of 1.4268 mills for general operating purposes for the County of Kent for 2007, 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 0.3244 mills for senior services as approved by County electors on August 8, 2006.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

9-14-06-96 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR BIOTERRORISM PANDEMIC INFLUENZA SUPPLEMENTAL / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department has received notice that \$119,759 in grant funds are available from the Michigan Department of Community Health as part of its Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Cooperative Agreement on Public Health Preparedness and Response for Bioterrorism Pandemic Influenza Supplemental; and

WHEREAS, the grant funds will be used to facilitate and complete activities as defined in the CDC Pandemic Influenza supplemental guidance, the Local Public Health Department Pandemic Influenza Gap Analysis, and the CDC Cooperative Agreement Guidance; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be used to implement a marketing and awareness campaign, focusing on Pandemic Influenza for the general public. Specific marketing includes the use of billboards, television and radio spots, print advertising, and educational brochures and other print material. The total cost of these marketing activities is \$82,159; and

WHEREAS, laboratory supplies including calibration equipment, hands-free faucets, exhaust hoods, refrigerators, and incubator will be purchased to ensure that the Health Department Laboratory is ready to perform the necessary testing related to Pandemic Influenza. The total cost of this equipment is \$37,600.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$119,759 to the 2006 Health Department budget for funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for Bioterrorism Pandemic Influenza Supplemental.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

9-14-06-97 – CITY OF GRANDVILLE E-911 DISPATCH / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Kent County has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan and certain amendments thereto pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended and codified at MCL 484.1401 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the local primary public safety answering points (“PSAPs”) currently include the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grandville has entered into a contract with the City of Wyoming whereby the City of Wyoming will answer the 911 calls originating in the City of Grandville and will dispatch emergency services for the City of Grandville and the City of

Grandville will pay the City of Wyoming for this dispatch service; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming desire that the Plan acknowledge this contractual arrangement between Grandville and Wyoming so that 911 calls currently routed into Grandville's dispatch center may be directly routed to the City of Wyoming's PSAP center.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the written agreement between the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming, all 911 Emergency calls currently routed to Grandville shall be routed to the City of Wyoming pursuant to the written agreement between the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all costs associated with this Resolution and its implementation is to be borne by the Cities of Grandville and Wyoming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson, County Administrator, County Clerk and other County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the above actions, including but not limited to sending the appropriate notices and signing the appropriate documents.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

9-14-06-98 – CITY OF WYOMING FIRE E-911 DISPATCH / SHERIFF DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Kent County has adopted a Final 911 Service Plan and certain amendments thereto pursuant to the Emergency Telephone Service Enabling Act, 1986 PA 32, as amended and codified at MCL 484.1401 et. seq.; and

WHEREAS, the Cities of Grand Rapids and Wyoming desire to document a change in the dispatching of fire services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids has been dispatching fire services for the City of Wyoming; and

WHEREAS, the City of Wyoming will begin dispatching fire services within the boundary of Wyoming starting January 1, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED all 911 calls for fire service to locations within the boundaries of the City of Wyoming are to be routed to the Wyoming PSAP; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all costs associated with this Resolution and its implementation is to be borne by the City of Wyoming; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board Chairperson, County Administrator, County Clerk and other County officials are hereby authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to effectuate the above actions, including but not limited to sending the appropriate notices and signing the appropriate documents.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee continues to hold meetings and will submit its report to the Board in October.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen reported that the Transportation Subcommittee will hold its first meeting on September 28th.

MISCELLANEOUS

Voter Registration Day Proclamation

Commissioner Vaughn read a proclamation naming Saturday, September 16, 2006, “Non-Partisan Voter Registration Day” in Kent County.

Gun Amnesty Program

Commissioner Mayhue thanked all participants of the Gun Amnesty Program. The program raised and spent \$11,500 and collected 278 guns.

Introduction

Chair Morgan introduced Sheriff Stelma’s father, Harold.

Appointment Subcommittee

Chair Morgan announced that he has appointed Commissioners Agee, Klein, Koorndyk, Vander Molen, Vaughn, and Vonk to serve, along with him, on the Appointment Subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 7:45 p.m., Commissioner Koorndyk moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, September 28, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Hiddema. Motion carried.

Roger C. Morgan, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk