

## KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, September 28, 2006  
Administration Building - Room 310*

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Meeting called to order at 8:31 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

Present: Commissioners Boelema, Bulkowski, Hiddema, Horton, Klein, Koorndyk, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Postmus, Rolls, Tanis, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 17.

Absent: Agee, Vander Molen – 2 (Excused).

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

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Honorable Paul Sullivan, Chief Circuit Court Judge, introduced Probate Judge David Murkowski, recently appointed to fill the unexpired term of retiring Judge Janet Haynes.

Honorable David Murkowski, Probate Court Judge, an attorney for 24 years, expressed his desire to maintain, enhance and grow the relationship between the court and the Board of Commissioners as well as serve citizens of Kent County.

Honorable Dan Zemaitis, Circuit Court Judge, announced the receipt of a Safe Place Program grant for \$350,000. The program will provide a location for supervised parenting time for those who need supervision and supervised exchanges in four categories (domestic violence, child abuse, sex abuse and stalking).

### SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### United Way Update

Judge Ben Logan, a volunteer for United Way, appealed to Commissioners to support United Way. The dollars raised go to help children, seniors and the disabled.

#### Emergency Management Update – Get Ready! Kent County

Lt. Jack Stewart and Sue Barthels reviewed Emergency Management activities for 2006. In fiscal year 2005, over \$2.3 million dollars from Homeland Security purchased equipment and provided for training needs addressing areas identified by local planning teams. Prior to 2006, the money came directly to the county. Now the money goes to the region. Kent County is in Region 6, with 12 other counties. This year's grant is \$3.5 million dollars. A local planning team decides the needs and projects and comprises representatives from 12 response disciplines for a cross section of responders in our county. They meet monthly to discuss projects and expenditures.

They continue to improve interoperable communications. They hired a consultant to formulate catastrophic incident plans, including a resource management plan, volunteer management and donations management. The plan will encompass all municipalities in the county.

Exercises held during the year included a terrorist exercise in East Grand Rapids. A Food Protection Conference will be held on November 2, 2006. Over 2,000 people have completed First Responder training.

Melissa Ponstein reviewed the new *Get Ready! Kent County* program (copy on file in the Office of the County Clerk). The 12-month citizen preparedness program focuses on different areas of emergency preparedness each month. Fact sheets will be available at [www.accessKent.com/getready](http://www.accessKent.com/getready), the Kent County Sheriff's Department, and the American Red Cross of Greater Grand Rapids. Additionally, arrangements have been made with the KISD to provide program material for all public, private and parochial students at elementary schools.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 14, 2006 Meeting
- b) September 19, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

### 9-28-06-99 – APPROVAL OF SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ROLL / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Inland Lake Level Act of 1961 mandates that all dams and outlet structures within the County's jurisdiction be regularly inspected and maintained. In case of Lincoln Lake, this included surveying a bench mark for the lake level and repairing and actuating the gates in the dam; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has incurred a cost of \$3,300 for this activity; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Inland Lake Level Act of 1961, the cost should be levied against the properties in the established special assessment district; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has held a public hearing on the assessment roll on September 5, 2006. Hearing no objections that would require changes to the roll, the Drain Commissioner has approved and confirmed the roll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in accordance with MCL §324.20714(3) the County Board of Commissioners approves the cost of the project and the special assessment roll, and authorizes the Drain Commissioner to levy the cost to the properties in the established special assessment district.

9-28-06-100 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – VACCINES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) receives a significant amount of federally funded vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the number of VFC doses continues to climb as the KCHD is serving more children; the number of new vaccines received continues to increase; and the costs of vaccines continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, the KCHD has received vaccines from the federal government for several years, and accounted for them on the balance sheet; the County's auditors have recommended these vaccines be recognized as a revenue and expense when used; and

WHEREAS, the Health Department estimates it will receive \$2,900,000 in federally funded vaccines for FY 2006, and is requesting an additional \$2,900,000 budget appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$2,900,000 to the FY 2006 Health Fund budget.

9-28-06-101 – ACCEPT A SECONDARY ROAD PATROL GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County has received Secondary Road Patrol (SRP) funds for the past 28 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, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves 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 Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$25,543 in grant revenues to the Sheriff's Department Special Projects – Secondary Road Patrol budget, contingent upon award and execution of a contract; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the Board Chair to sign all grant documents.

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-28-06-102 – 2007 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT / ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the FY 2007 General Appropriation Act; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to MCLA 141.412 and 141.413, notice of a public hearing on the proposed budget was published in a newspaper of general circulation on August 28, 2006, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on September 14, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board authorized, by resolution no. 9-14-06-95, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll of 1.4268 mills for County general operations; and voter authorized millages of 0.7893 mills for correctional facility operations and debt service, and 0.3244 mills for senior services; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the Recommended 2007 Budget in detail; and

WHEREAS, estimated total revenues and appropriations for the various funds are recommended as follows:

<u>FUND</u>	<u>REVENUES</u>	<u>APPROPRIATIONS</u>
<u>General Fund</u>	<u>\$165,461,483</u>	<u>\$171,832,995</u>
<u>Special Revenue Funds</u>	<u>107,489,997</u>	<u>118,108,615</u>
<u>Capital Project Funds</u>	<u>25,365,069</u>	<u>27,669,929</u>
<u>Internal Service Fund</u>	<u>22,413,033</u>	<u>22,418,503</u>
<u>Debt Service Funds</u>	<u>7,317,691</u>	<u>7,307,191</u>
<u>Component Unit Funds</u>	<u>63,825,128</u>	<u>63,755,129</u>
<u>Proprietary Funds</u>	<u>41,112,504</u>	<u>41,856,004</u>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2007 Appropriation Act as the official budget for FY 2007; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that County officials responsible for the appropriations authorized in the act may expend County funds up to, but not to exceed, the total appropriation authorized for each department or activity; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board adopts the FY 2007 budgets for the various governmental funds by department or activity as follows:

**2007 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Taxes	\$87,425,000
Licenses & Permits	80,350
Intergovernmental	12,868,290
Charges for Services	20,545,745
Fines & Forfeitures	279,600
Investment Earnings	3,790,000
Reimbursements	8,794,225
Other	2,979,900
Transfers In	28,698,373
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>165,461,483</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	71,512
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$165,532,995</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Circuit Court	\$17,767,482
Clerk's Office	2,003,486
District Court	2,860,087
Drain Commission	631,870
Facilities Management	8,640,378
Fiscal Services	3,656,403
Information Technology	6,271,087
Policy/Administration	5,163,085
Sheriff's Department	58,095,787
Treasurer's Office	1,310,220
Parks Department	4,981,449
Probate Court – Mental & Estate Division	1,199,495
Intergovernmental	3,767,413
Bureau of Equalization	1,876,863
Human Resources	2,177,409
Prosecutor's – Criminal/Juvenile	6,040,271
Cooperative Extension Service	657,696
Medical Examiner	1,286,120
Soldiers & Sailors Relief	197,585
John Ball Zoological Gardens	3,973,510
Transfers Out	39,275,299
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>171,832,995</b>
Estimated Appropriation Lapse	(6,300,000)
<b>Estimated Expenditures</b>	<b>\$165,532,995</b>

**2007 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Taxes	\$27,110,482
Licenses & Permits	1,276,543
Intergovernmental	39,062,214
Charges for Services	2,886,812
Fines & Forfeitures	372,637
Investment Earnings	1,803,700
Reimbursements	4,334,187
Other	476,498
Transfers In	30,166,924
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>107,489,997</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	10,618,618
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$118,108,615</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Fire Commission	\$372,000
Friend of the Court	8,920,627
Health Department	27,277,835
Lodging Excise Tax	6,552,734
Correction & Detention Millage	15,319,340
Senior Millage	6,430,079
Register of Deeds-Automation Fund	698,274
Community Development	3,118,443
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	148,554
Child Care	22,573,588
DHS Child Care	9,890,832
Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund	11,198,373
Veteran's Trust	66,264
Special Project – Circuit Court-Com Corrections Admin	2,308,394
Special Project – Circuit Court-Com Corrections Grant	229,900
Special Project – Circuit Court-Family Counseling	73,000
Special Project – Circuit Court-JAIBG	60,111
Special Project – Drain Commission-Special Assessment	70,241
Special Project – Prosecutor's-Cooperative Reimbursement	1,660,943
Special Project – Remonumentation Program	170,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Drug Enforcement	93,556
Special Project – Sheriff-Gifts – DARE	200
Special Project – Sheriff-Gifts – Honor Camp	6,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Gifts – Jail	90,000

Special Project – Sheriff-Local Correction Officers Training	146,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Michigan Dispatch Training	9,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Michigan Justice Training	45,000
Special Project – Sheriff-Secondary Road Patrol	579,327
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$118,108,615</b>

**2007 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Taxes	\$4,033,161
Investment Earnings	800,000
Other	12,000,000
Transfers In	8,531,908
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>25,365,069</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	2,304,860
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$27,669,929</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Capital Improvement Program	\$27,669,929
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$27,669,929</b>
<b>INTERNAL SERVICE FUND</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Charges for Services	\$1,905,000
Investment Earnings	130,530
Reimbursements	20,352,503
Other	25,000
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>22,413,033</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	5,470
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$22,418,503</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Risk Management	\$22,418,503
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$22,418,503</b>
<b>DEBT SERVICE FUNDS</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Investment Earnings	\$10,500

Other	109,250
Transfers In	7,197,941
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>7,317,691</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(10,500)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$7,307,191</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Series A & B	\$961,776
Courthouse	4,448,814
Fuller Complex Improvements	650,000
Sheriff's Administration Building	792,803
Correction and Detention Facilities	319,340
Area Agency on Aging	134,458
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$7,307,191</b>

**2007 General Appropriations Act  
County of Kent, Michigan**

<b>COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS</b>	<b>2007</b>
<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Intergovernmental	\$8,019,772
Charges for Services	52,121,414
Investment Earnings	1,270,000
Reimbursements	480,570
Other	1,203,598
Transfers In	729,774
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>63,825,128</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(70,000)
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$63,755,128</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Housing Commission	\$3,512,098
Social Welfare	4,125,344
DPW Act 185 Bond Fund	1,523,174
DPW Administration & Finance	779,000
DPW Water & Sewer Division	4,330,200
DPW Solid Waste/Landfill Operations	8,365,399
DPW Waste-to-Energy Operations	41,119,914
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$63,755,129</b>
<b>PROPRIETARY FUNDS</b>	
<b>2007</b>	

<b>Estimated Revenues</b>	
Taxes	\$1,870,000
Intergovernmental	4,200,000
Charges for Services	19,308,587
Fines & Forfeitures	8,000
Investment Earnings	2,611,500
Reimbursements	190,000
Other	12,924,417
<b>Total Estimated Revenues</b>	<b>41,112,504</b>
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	743,500
<b>Total Estimated Revenues &amp; Other Sources</b>	<b>\$41,856,004</b>
<b>Appropriations</b>	
Aeronautics	\$37,269,004
Delinquent Tax Fund	4,587,000
<b>Total Appropriations</b>	<b>\$41,856,004</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriations made for the available balances and outstanding encumbrances at fiscal year end for grants are continued in full force and effect and shall carry over to successive fiscal years until the grants are completed or otherwise terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriations made for the available balances and outstanding encumbrances at fiscal year end for capital projects are continued in full force and effect and shall carry over to successive fiscal years until the projects are completed or otherwise terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that appropriations made for the outstanding purchase orders and contractual encumbrances at fiscal year end in the operating funds are continued in full force and effect and shall carry over to successive fiscal years until the projects are completed or otherwise terminated; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the County Administrator/Controller shall provide the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee, at the end of each fiscal quarter, a report of year to date revenues and expenditures compared to the budgeted amounts in the various funds of the County

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that whenever it appears to the Kent County Administrator/Controller or the Kent County Board that the actual and probable revenues in any fund will be less than the estimated revenues upon which appropriations from such fund were based, or when it appears that expenditures will exceed an appropriation, the County Administrator/Controller shall present to the County Board recommendations to prevent expenditures from exceeding available revenues and reserves or appropriations for the budget year. Such recommendations may include proposals for reducing appropriations, increasing revenues or a combination thereof.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Mast,

Postmus, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 14.  
Nays: Horton, Bulkowski, Mayhue - 3.

9-28-06-103 – AUTHORIZE ISSUANCE OF KENT HOSPITAL FINANCE AUTHORITY  
REVENUE BONDS, SERIES 2006 – PINE REST CHRISTIAN MENTAL  
HEALTH SERVICES / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent Hospital Finance Authority (the "Authority") proposes to issue bonds (the "Bonds") for the benefit of Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services (the "Borrower"). The proceeds of the Bonds will be loaned to the Borrower and used by the Borrower, together with other available funds, for any one or more of the following purposes: (i) to construct, renovate and equip, in the approximate amount of \$8,810,000, additional mental health care facilities located at 300 68<sup>th</sup> Street, SE, Gaines Township, Kent County, Michigan, generally consisting of the renovation and equipping of the approximately 5,380 square foot The Homestead office facility and heritage center, the construction and equipping of a new approximately 26,500 square foot 40-bed locked adolescent residential treatment facility, the renovation and equipping of the approximately 26,821 square foot Van Andel Center adult inpatient hospital facility, the renovation and equipping of the approximately 11,284 square foot Campus Center locked long-term adult residential treatment facility, and site improvements, consisting of the demolition of the Stuart Center and the VanNoord Center and the construction of water and sewer improvements, (ii) to refund approximately \$1,000,000 of taxable indebtedness incurred by the Borrower in connection with its acquisition of its approximately 12,912 square foot outpatient ambulatory mental health clinic located at 1050 Silver Drive, Traverse City, Michigan and (iii) to pay a portion of the costs of issuing the Bonds; and

WHEREAS, the Authority intends to issue Kent Hospital Finance Authority revenue bonds (the "Bonds") in the aggregate principal amount of not to exceed \$12,000,000 to provide funds with which to make the loans to the Borrower; and

WHEREAS, the bonds will be limited obligations of the Authority and will not constitute general obligations or debt of the Authority, the City of Grand Rapids, the County of Kent, the City of Traverse City, the County of Grand Traverse, the State of Michigan or any political subdivision thereof within the meaning of any constitutional, charter or statutory provisions or limitations; and

WHEREAS, on September 11, 2006, the Authority held a public hearing after notice, a written record of which has been filed with this Board of Commissioners; and

WHEREAS, the Authority has requested that this Board of Commissioners approve the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority as described above; and

WHEREAS, this Board of Commissioners desires to express its approval of the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority as described above.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent as follows:

1. Solely for the purpose of fulfilling the public approval requirements of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent, Michigan, hereby approves the issuance, sale and delivery of the Bonds by the Authority.

2. The County Clerk is hereby directed to provide three (3) certified copies of this resolution to the Secretary of the Authority.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

9-28-06-104 – REVISIONS TO THE 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 29 existing fees and the establishment of 4 new fees. The recommendations are detailed in the attached schedule; and

WHEREAS, a public notice was placed in the Grand Rapids Press and sent to the County Clerk’s Office to announce the new fees and the Public Hearing date. The Public Hearing was held on August 22, 2006, to educate the public concerning the new fees. No individuals from the public attended the meeting; and

WHEREAS, the fee changes proposed for the Health Department would generate an additional \$583,097 of revenue.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the amendments to the Health Department’s fee schedule effective November 1, 2006.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

9-28-06-105 – POSITION / CLASSIFICATION ADDITIONS / PARKS

WHEREAS, following the transition of the Parks Department from the Kent County Road Commission to the County of Kent and the addition of Millennium Park to the Parks System, it was anticipated that changes may need to be made to the parks staffing structure; and

WHEREAS, a study was undertaken in late 2004 to review the staffing and recommend revisions to the structure to provide optimum effectiveness without significant allocation of new resources; and

WHEREAS, as a result of the study, a new organizational structure was developed with the goal to 1) reduce the overly-broad span of control of parks operations to improve parks managers' administrative direction; and 2) reduce many of the routine program and business-related responsibilities of the Parks Director and create a leadership team to increase the administrative resources available within the department. Implementation of the plan was delayed due to budget constraints; and

WHEREAS, funding for the positions is available due to the elimination of the Parks Development Manager and the Golf Course Manager because of shifting needs of the department; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve the goals, it is recommended that a Parks Operation Supervisor (MPP 24) be added allowing a division of parks between the two supervisors, increasing accessibility of parks managers to the operations supervisors, and allowing for a greater range of focus required by a system which contains both passive natural areas and highly developed and active parks; and

WHEREAS, it is also recommended that the position of Parks Business Manager (MPP 26) be added with the position assuming responsibility for basic financial and human resources management and marketing activities, freeing the Parks Director to focus on more strategic and policy-making responsibilities.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the creation of the job classification "Parks Business Manager" (MPP 26) and approves the addition of one Parks Business Manager and one Parks Operations Supervisor (MPP 24) to the Parks Department.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

### **Conflict of Interest Statement**

Commissioner Mast read the following disclosure:

I, Harold J. Mast, Kent County Commissioner, make the following disclosure pursuant to MCLA 46.30 and 24 CFR 92.356(d):

I am employed by Genesis Non-Profit Housing Corporation ("Genesis") as its Executive Director. Genesis may, from time to time, contract with or receive funds from Kent County related agencies or its Boards. I hereby declare that any vote by me as a County Commissioner to approve contracts or expenditures shall not be construed to include my vote on contracts with Genesis, but as an abstention on any such vote.

I hereby disclose that Genesis is seeking to be certified as a Kent County Community Housing Development Organization (“CDHO”). If certified as a CDHO, Genesis will join other certified entities in a preferred funding position in the allocation of US Department of Housing and Urban Development HOME Investment Partnership Act funds. Kent County receives funding through the HOME program for the support and retention of affordable housing in Kent County. If any HOME funds are awarded to Genesis, I will not personally benefit from such award.

I request that this disclosure be accepted by the Board of Commissioners and that it be reflected in the Board’s official minutes. I have provided a signed copy of this disclosure to the Kent County Clerk to be placed in her records.

### REPORTS

#### Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee met with St. Louis Sports Commission and plans to meet with people in Indianapolis. They have talked to local athletes, high school and college athletic directors, professional and amateur sport reps, and the business community.

#### Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee meets on Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

#### Public Works Board

Commissioner Postmus reported that he, along with Commissioners Tanis and Vonk, attended a conference on single stream recycling for the County. This effort would be cost effective for the County.

#### Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet immediately following this meeting.

#### County Dispatch Authority

Commissioner Tanis reported that the City of Grand Rapids will join our 911 authority that puts all the units on board.

### MISCELLANEOUS

#### Safe Place Grant

Commissioner Klein said that the Safe Place Grant is a great program and as an attorney who does domestic relation law, it will be very helpful to parents, spouses and children.

### Political Endorsement

Commissioner Klein stated for the record that she is appalled by the official actions of the Grand Rapids City Commission in endorsing a specific candidate for county commission. As a resident of the City of Grand Rapids, she feels that the Commission has absolutely no business making endorsements on any individual political race that has nothing to do with city business.

Commissioner Mayhue said that he was glad Commissioner Klein made the statement because this particular endorsement proves to him that the City Commission is partisan and so should officially become so.

### Kent School Services Network

Commissioner Koorndyk congratulated Management Analyst Matthew VanZetten and Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt for putting together the Kent School Services Network. The money raised from the different entities involved is \$1.9 million. This will have a huge impact on the citizens of Grand Rapids, GRPS students, and students in Wyoming and Comstock Park.

### ADJOURNMENT

At 9:45 a.m., Commissioner Rolls moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 12, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official/Annual Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried.

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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk