

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, October 12, 2006  
Administration Building - Room 310  
-Annual Meeting -*

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Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Roger C. Morgan.

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

Absent: Rolls – 1 (Excused).

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 28, 2006 Meeting
- b) October 3, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

10-12-06-106 – ADD PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM SUPERVISOR POSITION – BUDGET

AMENDMENT – FUNDING FOR PANDEMIC INFLUENZA PLANNING

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice that \$187,320 in grant funds is 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 collaborative planning and partnerships between public health officials, law enforcement officials, hospital administrators, and community leaders. This collaboration is critical to provide for an effective pandemic influenza response; and

WHEREAS, the grant will fund one full-time Public Health Program Supervisor position (UAW 26). This position will coordinate pandemic influenza planning in conjunction with the State, regional and local partners. The total cost of salary and benefits for this position is \$65,838; and

WHEREAS, the remaining \$121,482 of grant funds will be used for supplies, equipment, travel, and Public Health marketing costs to continue and expand upon the work that was completed during FY 2006 using pandemic influenza funding from the Michigan Department of Community Health; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners add a full-time Public Health Program Supervisor position and appropriates an additional \$187,320 to the 2007 Health Department budget for funding received from the Michigan Department of Community Health for pandemic influenza planning.

10-12-06-107 – HEARING AND VISION TECHNICIAN POSITION CONVERSION

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health has restored full funding for the Hearing and Vision program for FY 2007. In FY 2006, the funding for the Hearing and Vision program was cut in half by the Michigan Department of Community Health, resulting in the layoff of three full-time Hearing and Vision Technicians and the reduction of one full-time Hearing & Vision Technician to part-time; and

WHEREAS, due to the restoration of funding for FY 2007, three full-time technicians have been recalled from layoff, and the Health Department requests that the part-time Technician position be restored to a full-time position; and

WHEREAS, during FY 2006, approximately 17,000 Hearing screenings and 19,000 Vision screenings were performed for school children in preschool and early elementary grades. With full funding restored in FY 2007, the Health Department is expected to screen approximately 35,000 children for Hearing through the fourth grade, and 45,000 children for Vision through the ninth grade; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of salary and benefits for converting one part-time Hearing and Vision Technician to full-time is \$15,449. This additional cost of \$15,449 is available in the 2007 Health Department budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners convert an existing part-time Hearing and Vision Technician position to full-time in the Health Department's Hearing and Vision Program.

10-12-06-108 – PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE POSITION CONVERSION /  
HEALTH

DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Community Health has increased the funding in the Children's Special Healthcare Services program to allow for reimbursement of case management activities and the development of a plan of care for participants in the program. The estimated increase in revenue based on a per unit reimbursement is \$45,000; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Special Healthcare Services program strives to enable individuals with special health needs to have improved health outcomes and an enhanced quality of life through the appropriate use of the Children's Special Healthcare Services system of care; and

WHEREAS, the Children's Special Healthcare Services program assists approximately 2,200 individuals with special health needs in accessing the broadest range of appropriate medical care, health education and support. An additional service available through the program is the development of an individualized plan of care by a public health nurse that assists the individuals in accessing all of the available services in a coordinated manner; and

WHEREAS, the total cost of salary and benefits for converting one part-time Public Health Nurse position to full-time is \$43,979. This additional cost of \$43,979 is available in the 2007 Health Department budget; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners convert an existing part-time Public Health Nurse position to full-time in the Health Department's Children's Special Healthcare Services Program.

10-12-06-109 – COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATION GRANT

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COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

WHEREAS, the Office of Community Corrections works to decrease prison admissions for Kent County offenders and prevent overcrowding at the Kent County Correctional Facility through increased utilization of community-based sanctions and services for felony non-violent offenders; and

WHEREAS, the office is a grant agency funded by the Michigan Department of Corrections; the 2007 budget adopted by the Board of Commissioners during the County's formal budget process was based on an estimate; and

WHEREAS, the total grant amount is \$2,236,595 of which \$2,184,583 is included in the FY2007 budget; the additional \$52,012 was not known at budget submission time; and

WHEREAS, the General Fund will contribute \$110,462 to cover administrative costs; \$123,811 is included in the FY2007 budget; this represents a \$13,349 reduction in the General Fund support included the 2007 adopted budget; and

WHEREAS, the net budget increase requires an additional \$38,663 budget appropriation as part of this action request; and

WHEREAS, the date of the grant award is October 1, 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the appropriation of \$38,663 to the Community Corrections Administration Grant in the Special Projects Fund.

10-12-06-110 – 2006 APPORTIONMENT REPORT / BUREAU OF 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.

10-12-06-111 – ACCEPT AN FY 2007 ACCESS AND VISITATION GRANT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Court Administrative Office (SCAO) provides funding to counties to facilitate parental access and visitation including but not limited to improving relationships between children and noncustodial parents; and

WHEREAS, the FOC will contract with other agencies to provide these services; and

WHEREAS, the FOC will contract with Journies, LLC to supervise the non-domestic violence cases where the parties cannot afford the services but the court feels there is a need for supervision and the YWCA to assess safety, help develop safety plans and assist in the psychological preparation of the child for parenting time to occur; and

WHEREAS, the anticipated grant period is October 1, 2006, to September 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Friend of the Court's request to accept an Access and Visitation Grant from the Michigan State Court Administrative Office; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriate \$13,500 to a Friend of the Court – Special Projects budget; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Horton, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

CONTRACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, the Board created the Prevention Programming and Evaluation Fund to be used to implement the County's Prevention Initiative. The funding plan for the Initiative includes \$430,000 per year for early intervention services for children at risk of child abuse or neglect; and

WHEREAS, the KCFCCC reviewed a proposal submitted by DHS (previously FIA) for Perspective 21! Early Impact in 2003 and made a recommendation for specific funding allocations for a three year period. P21! Early Impact is a priority service that provides early intervention for families with reported, but not substantiated, abuse or neglect to improve family functioning and keep children safe in their homes; and

WHEREAS, the intent of the funding Perspective 21! Early Impact is to 1) ensure an effective level of service and evaluate its long-term impact, and 2) provide additional support services which will increase the success of the program and reduce the financial burden on service providers, and

WHEREAS, the original contract with DHS expired on December 31, 2005, and was extended for one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves awarding a three year contract to the Department of Human Services (DHS) as recommended by the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council (KCFCCC); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds for 2007 are available in the 2007 Budget.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

CONTRACT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, the Board created the Prevention Programming and Evaluation Fund to be used to implement the County's Prevention Initiative. The funding plan for the Initiative includes \$800,000 per year for primary prevention and family support services; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, proposals for primary prevention family support service expansion were received from two organizations. The Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council (KCFCCC) was asked to review the proposals and to make recommendations for specific funding allocations. In reviewing the proposals, the Council noted that Healthy Start provides a more comprehensive array of services, which more closely match the requirements of the Prevention Initiative, whereas Bright Beginnings had more of a school-readiness focus. The Council found that both services were important components of a

continuum of services, and complemented one another; and

WHEREAS, the Council recommended that the Board of Commissioners award the full amount of Kent County Prevention Initiative funds allocated for primary prevention family support services (\$800,000) to the Child and Family Resource Council (CFRC) for the Healthy Start program with the provision that CFRC be required to enter into negotiations with the goal of subcontracting with Kent ISD to link Healthy Start with Bright Beginnings. This occurred and Bright Beginnings received 25% of the appropriation (\$200,000); and

WHEREAS, the original contract with CFRC expired on December 31, 2005, and was extended for one year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves awarding a three year contract to the Child and Family Resource Council (CFRC) as recommended by the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funds are available in 2007 Budget.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

10-12-06-114 – PREVENTION INITIATIVE – SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE EXPANSION

/ ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on October 24, 2002, the Board created the Prevention Programming and Evaluation Fund to be used to implement the County's Prevention Initiative. The funding plan for the Initiative includes \$450,000 per year to expand substance abuse services for families; and

WHEREAS, the Prevention Subcommittee report identified substance abuse as a contributing factor to other problems, such as child abuse and neglect or truancy. The report noted that substance abuse is a cyclical problem, affecting generation after generation. Network180 was asked to develop a proposal to expand substance abuse services, focusing on "breaking the cycle" of substance abuse within the family structure; and

WHEREAS, per its proposal, network180 uses Prevention Initiative funding to provide comprehensive family-focused substance abuse services, including assessments, treatment, family therapy, case management, and follow-up in which the mother has been identified as the primary substance user. The funded service delivery method differs from the traditional method in that 1) the proposed services will treat the entire family as the client, and both the assessment and treatment plan will incorporate services for the substance abuse client, individual family members, and the family as a whole, and 2) a single caseworker will serve as the primary contact for the family from assessment through treatment, and through re-assessment and treatment in case of relapse; and

WHEREAS, the original contract with network180 expires on December 31,

2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves awarding a three year contract to network180 (Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Network) to expand substance abuse services for families, as recommended by the Kent County Family and Children's Coordinating Council (KCFCCC); and

BE FURTHER RESOLVED that funds are available in the 2007 Budget.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

## REPORTS

### Sports Commission Subcommittee

Commissioner Koorndyk reported that the Sports Commission Subcommittee met with the Indianapolis & St. Louis Sports Commissions to see how they work and will report to the Board soon.

### Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet on October 26<sup>th</sup>.

### Fire Commission

Commissioner Tanis reported that the Fire Commission will meet Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, at the Algoma Township Fire Station, where they will be showing off Algoma's new first front line pumper and the Kent County foam trailer.

### Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee will meet on Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, after the Legislative Committee meeting.

### Appointment Subcommittee

Chair Morgan announced that the Appointment Subcommittee will meet today following this meeting.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Kroc Community Center

Commissioner Koorndyk invited Commissioners to attend The Salvation Army's press conference today at 10:30 a.m., announcing the approval of an application to construct the Kroc Community Center at 2500 Division Avenue, Grand Rapids. The center will serve the

community, especially needy kids and families through spiritual, recreational, education and arts programs.

ADJOURNMENT

At 8:47 a.m., Commissioner Horton moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 26, 2006, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

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Roger C. Morgan, Chair

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Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk