

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

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

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, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan – 19.

Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids – Addressed the Board on 4 topics:
1) Convention and Visitors Bureau (“CVB”) Budget; 2) the proposed Sports Commission;
3) House Bill 6606 – Hotel Assessment, and 4) Visitors and Information Center. He believes that the CVB budget is too high, feels that the proposed Sports Commission will be an arm of the CVB and questioned whether those meetings be open to the Public since the CVB meetings are not. He feels that an information booth in downtown Grand Rapids would be very beneficial to visitors as well as to the city.
2. Tim Lewis & Tom Raymond, Kent County Law Enforcement Association – On behalf of the Road Patrol, they thanked Commissioners for their support.
3. Bill Hirsch, 8005 Breton Avenue, Gaines Township – As an appointee to the Growth Committee for Caledonia Schools, he feels that sprawl is the number one contributor to urban abandonment and as such, he recognized and thanked Commissioner Horton for his service to both the county and state and on the Agriculture Preservation Board.
4. Kristi Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids – Had asked the County to put in writing medical findings and its legal position which the County did not do. So, they have been at a standstill for 4 months. She mentioned a discrepancy in the amount charged for autopsies and wonders why the public has to pay at all. She would like Kent County to have an independent medical examiner, one who doesn't have an interest in the company performing the autopsies.
5. Mona Sallie, 2321 Kent Blvd., Grand Rapids - Would like a roll call vote on the Resolution 141 regarding the medical examiner reappointment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Annual Employee Service Recognition

Chair Morgan presented the following employees with service awards:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Service Employee</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>
Circuit Court	Janice Casemier	25
	Jon Ferrier	
Friend of the Court	Christine Sallee	25
Juvenile Detention	Jacquelyn Kraai	35
Health Department	Diana Hanson (Roger)	25
	Robert Schirado	30
Prosecutor's Office	William Forsyth	30
Public Works	William Allen	25
	Lorraine Hopson	25
	Norman Vanderoer	25
Sheriff's Department	Kenneth Curl	25
	Michael Dubay	25
	Jeffrey Freeman	25
	Timothy Hanrahan	25
	Edmund Zadvinskis	25
	Gary VanTuinen	30
Treasurer's Office	James Tanis	45

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 16, 2006 Meeting
- b) November 21 and December 5, 2006 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

12-14-06-131 – ADOPTION OF ADMINISTRATIVE POLICY ON
RECORDS
MANAGEMENT / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, as required by County policy, a biannual review of the Policy on Records Management was conducted. An interdepartmental work team performed the review; and

WHEREAS, the work team recommends merging the two existing policies into one policy, simplifying information and updating all policies. There were no substantive policy changes. Procedural and technical information was removed from the policy and were placed in

the procedures; and

WHEREAS, a draft of the policy was circulated for review by department directors. All comments received were addressed by the work team; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners adopt the Administrative Policy on Records Management.

12-14-06-132 – APPROVE THE SPECIAL PROJECT FUND REMONUMENTATION GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENT / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, Pursuant to PA 345 of 1990, the State offers an annual grant to counties for providing survey, monumentation, and remonumentation of public land survey corners consistent with the County's plan; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 budget, as adopted by the Kent County Board (Resolution #09-28-06-102), included a \$170,000 appropriation for the Remonumentation Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Equalization has since been notified that the actual Remonumentation Grant is \$321,546; and

WHEREAS, no Unreserved, Undesignated, General Fund reserves are required.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an additional \$151,546 to the Remonumentation Program budget in the Special Project Fund.

12-14-06-133 – AMEND 2006 APPORTIONMENT REPORT / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, the General Property Tax Law, (PA 206 of 1983), outlines the responsibility of the Board of Commissioners with respect to the annual Apportionment Report and the Board of Commissioners examines certificates of each local taxing jurisdiction and directs millage rates to be spread on taxable valuations; and

WHEREAS, on October 12, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved the 2006 Apportionment Report; and

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2006, Ada Township voters passed a millage of .5000 for trails to be levied on the 2006 winter tax cycle, therefore, the 2006 Apportionment Report is required to be amended.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners does hereby certify the amended millage rate for the Ada Township jurisdiction and directs that the millage rate 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 amended millage rate certificate.

12-14-06-134 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH DISABILITY ADVOCATES OF KENT COUNTY AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, this would be the thirteenth year that the Community Development Department has utilized the services of Disability Advocates of Kent County and its predecessor; and

WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, and assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Disability Advocates of Kent County; and

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

12-14-06-135 – AMENDMENT OF KENT COUNTY EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT PLAN / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan has been amended from time to time since its adoption in 1948, the latest amendment occurring in June 2006; and

WHEREAS, the amendment is for inclusion of an employee group neither covered by a bargaining unit contract nor the MPP and for clarification of prior plan changes:

- Sections 2.01(o)(4), 6.02, 7.04 and 9.02(b) are amended for inclusion of Security Enforcement Officers (Courthouse) as an employee group that in practice has been accruing benefits however has not been represented within the plan document.
- Section 9.02(b) amends the plan to bring it up to date for changes to the employee contribution rate to reach consistency with the use of a variable rate as approved by the Board of Commissioners.
- Section 6.03(c) is amended to accurately reflect the benefit commencement dates based on 2003 Board action for an ad hoc increase of benefits for a defined group of retirees; and

WHEREAS, Tim Tornga of Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt & Howlett prepared the amendment; and

WHEREAS, Gabriel, Roeder, Smith & Company, the plan's actuary, submitted a supplemental actuarial analysis of the proposed benefit change.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves an amendment of the Kent County Employees' Retirement Plan to incorporate changes as the result of prior Board of Commissioners action.

12-14-06-136 – PARKS SPECIAL REVENUE FUND CLOSE-OUT BUDGET AMENDMENT
/ PARKS

WHEREAS, prior to the current (FY2006) Fiscal Year, Parks Operation and Maintenance activities were accounted for in a special revenue fund; and

WHEREAS, effective January 1, 2006 Parks Operation & Maintenance activities were consolidated with the General Fund; and

WHEREAS, the fund has a remaining balance of \$334,106 of which \$218,047 was previously established in project reserve account.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners appropriates \$334,106 to provide for close-out of the Parks Special Revenue Fund, transferring \$218,047 to the Fiscal Year 2006 Special Projects Fund and the remaining balance of \$116,059 to the General Fund – Undesignated/Unreserved Fund Balance.

12-14-06-137 – ACCEPT A 2006-7 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EMERGENCY
PLANNING

GRANT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) Title III requires communities to develop offsite emergency response plans for facilities and farms that have Extremely Hazardous Substances (EHS); and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of State Police – Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division provides federal pass-through funds for Hazardous Material Emergency Preparedness planning grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this grant is to reimburse communities for maintaining and developing new site plans; and

WHEREAS, Kent County, through its Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC), currently maintains 246 of these offsite plans and continues to look for new sites that may need plans; and

WHEREAS, if approved, the LEPC will use these funds to update existing plans as well as develop new plans where appropriate; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the Sheriff's request to accept a Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Grant; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners authorizes the County Administrator/Controller to sign all grant documents.

(Commissioner Bulkowski asked that resolution 12-14-06-134 be removed from the consent agenda.)

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

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WHEREAS, this non-profit agency will develop and maintain a list of handicap-accessible properties, provide accessibility modification designs to participating residential properties, and assist participants in obtaining resources to fund accessibility; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement; and

WHEREAS, the contract period is October 1, 2006, to June 30, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Disability Advocates of Kent County; and

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

Motion by Commissioner Boelema, seconded by Commissioner Klein, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Abstain: Bulkowski – 1.

RESOLUTIONS

12-14-06-138 – SPORTS COMMISSION / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, in July 2006, Kent County Board of Commissioner Chair Roger Morgan established a Subcommittee of the Board to provide a recommendation regarding the creation of a West Michigan Sports Commission; and

WHEREAS, during the past three months, the Subcommittee studied potential roles of a Sports Commission and how creating a Commission may impact Kent County and West Michigan; and this process included interviews with community stakeholders including business leaders, athletic directors, prominent athletes, and others; and

WHEREAS, the Subcommittee concluded that benefits of creating a Sports Commission include economic impact, improved quality of life, and image enhancement; and for a Sports Commission to be successful, it is essential that it have broad based community support from many sectors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the

County of Kent, Michigan:

1. Subject to the conditions of this resolution, the Board establishes the West Michigan Sports Commission.

2. Authorizes a 5-year agreement with the West Michigan Sports Commission to provide operating support in the amount of \$200,000 per annum from the Lodging Excise Tax. It is anticipated at the end of the five years, the Sports Commission will be self-sufficient and no County funding will be required.

3. Authorizes the Chair of the County Board to execute all agreements, certificates, and documents as necessary as approved by the County Administrator and County Corporate Counsel.

4 The establishment of the Commission is subject to satisfaction of the following conditions:

- a. an annual contribution of \$100,000 by the private sector,
- b. an annual contribution by the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitors Bureau, and
- c. an annual contribution by the Grand Rapids-Kent County Convention Arena Authority.

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, seconded by Commissioner Koorndyk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: Hiddema - 1.

12-14-06-139 – 2007 DISCRETIONARY AND CURRENT UNMET NEEDS FUNDS /
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually allocates funds to the DHS to be awarded by the DHS Board following a review of proposals submitted by various community or social service agencies. Funds are separated into two categories; and

WHEREAS, programs funded by the Discretionary Funds are those that are not traditionally recurring expenses, and for which other alternative sources may be available, but which are not available at this time. The 2007 budget includes \$96,800 for this category. The DHS Board conducted a competitive review process for these funds in late 2006, and is recommending 16 programs for funding, totaling \$96,800; and

WHEREAS, programs included in the Current Unmet Needs category are those agencies and programs that annually receive assistance due to an absence of other funding sources, their ability to leverage significant other resources, or are in support of a cooperative effort of multiple funding sources. The 2007 budget includes \$349,455 for Current Unmet Needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners

allocates \$446,255 in funding for human services programs as recommended by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Board.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Mast - 1.

12-14-06-140 – 2007 BUDGET AMENDMENT FOR HEALTHCARE, POST EMPLOYMENT

HEALTHCARE AND COST ALLOCATION / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board adopted, by Resolution #09-28-06-102, the FY 2007 Appropriation Act as the official County budget for FY 2007; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 budget was constructed using estimates for healthcare, post employment healthcare, and cost allocation; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Adopted Budget includes healthcare at an increase of 12.0% over prior year rates; the final recommendation is a 26.9% increase over prior year rates; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2007 Adopted Budget includes post employment healthcare at a rate 0.6% of payroll; the final recommended rate is 3.1% of payroll.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an additional appropriation of \$1,565,051 to the FY 2007 budget.

Motion by Commissioner Vaughn, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

12-14-06-141 – APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY MEDICAL EXAMINER / HEALTH

WHEREAS, State law (MCL 52.201) requires the Board of Commissioners of each county to appoint a County Medical Examiner for four-year terms. The current term expires December 31, 2006, and an appointment must be made for the next term; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stephen Cohle has worked in the County's Medical Examiner Program since 1982, including serving as the Chief Deputy Medical Examiner, and since

October 2002, serving as the County Medical Examiner; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Cohle meets the requirements of County Medical Examiner as provided for in state law, and has agreed to continue to serve in this capacity. Consistent with the current arrangement, the County will contract with Michigan Pathology Specialists, P.C. for Dr. Cohle's time and expertise; and

WHEREAS, Michigan Pathology Specialists, P.C. also serves as a subcontractor of the County to provide autopsy services for the County Medical Examiner Program. As permitted by the statute, Dr. Cohle will continue to provide autopsy and investigative services while serving as County Medical Examiner.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners appoint Stephen Cohle, M.D., as the County Medical Examiner for the term of January 1, 2007, through December 31, 2010.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-14-06-142 – AMENDED INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY POLICIES ON REMOTE ACCESS, ACCEPTABLE USE, COMPUTING SECURITY & WEBSITE / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

WHEREAS, the County authorizes the use of County computer resources for the performance of work and the efficient exchange of information and provides a networked infrastructure to support these uses; and

WHEREAS, in March 2006, a work team was established to review several Information Technology policies that included representatives from the Aeronautics Department, Administrator's Office, Drain Commission, DPW, Health Department, Facilities Management, Friend of the Court, Information Technology Department, and Sheriff's Department; and

WHEREAS, the County has a significant investment in its technology infrastructure and information technology policies help ensure that the County's computer network remains available for use, data integrity and confidentiality are maintained, and users at all levels and locations are aware of their responsibilities for acceptable use, remote access, computing security and website use.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners adopts the amended Information Technology Policy – Remote Access; Information Technology Policy – Acceptable Use; Information Technology Policy – Computing Security; and Information Technology Policy – County Website.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-14-06-143 – PURCHASE OF DEVELOPMENT RIGHTS GRANT APPLICATION AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION – ROBINSON FARM / KENT / MSU EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Purchase of Development Rights (PDR) Ordinance adopted by

the Board of Commissioners in November 2002 established procedures for the administration of the PDR program. By ordinance, the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Board is responsible for much of the program administration, with certain items presented to the Board of Commissioners for approval; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners previously approved offering an option for the purchase of development rights on parcels as recommended by the Agricultural Preservation Board. Options were secured on properties including the 152 acre Robinson farm in Sparta Township; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board recommends the use of \$68,097 remaining from the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund 2005/06 grant and to additionally submit an application in the amount of \$330,351 to the 2006/07 grant cycle for PDR for the Robinson farm. The application is due by January 5, 2007. The Robinson farm is the only farm from Kent County that qualifies (i.e. has local matching funds and is within a qualified township) for this state grant cycle.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves application to the Michigan Agricultural Preservation Fund 2006/07 grant cycle and appropriates any state grant funds received to the Kent County Agricultural Preservation Fund.

Motion by Commissioner Rolls, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-14-06-144 – REVISIONS TO PARKS DEPARTMENT FEES – MILLENNIUM PARK BEACH AND SPLASH PAD / PARKS

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2006, the Board of Commissioners approved a fee schedule for the Millennium Park Beach and Splash Pad, to help offset the costs required to operate and maintain the facility; and

WHEREAS, in that the fee program was a new activity for the County, in approving the program, the Board asked that staff begin to collect baseline attendance data, and to treat the initial fee structure as a pilot which would be subject to review and adjustment; and

WHEREAS, following a review of the program, Parks and Administration staff are recommending continuation of the current daily user fee for the Beach and Splash areas for the 2007 season, but also recommend introducing a seasonal/family pass to provide additional value and accommodates repeat visits. Staff recommends the *SPLASH!* Program again be offered, but allow for more lead time and marketing; and

WHEREAS, the seasonal/family pass recommended for 2007 responds to visitor requests and provides value for repeat visitors at an attractive price. The seasonal/family pass rates were developed following a comparative review with other seasonal public swimming venues, as well as the John Ball Park Zoological Society’s Family Membership program; and

WHEREAS, the recommended fee structure is as follows:

<u>2007 Daily</u>	<u>Fee</u>	<u>2007 Seasonal/ Family Pass</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Adult	\$3	Individual – 16-62 yrs.	\$35

Child (age 3-15)	\$1	Senior Individual – 63 yrs. & older	\$20
Child under 3	No Charge	Family pass – 2 adults and their children 18 years of age and younger living in same household	\$40
Senior (63 yrs. & older)	\$2		

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves an amendment to the Parks Department’s fee schedule for the Millennium Park Beach and Splash Pad for the 2007 season.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Mast, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion by Commissioner Wahlfield, seconded by Commissioner Morren, to call the question. Motion failed for lack of support.

Motion by Commissioner Bulkowski, seconded by Commissioner Vaughn, to postpone the resolution until the first meeting in February, 2007.

Motion carried to postpone:

Yeas: Vonk, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Mast, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn – 11.

Nays: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Vander Molen, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan - 8.

12-14-06-145 – KENT COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION AGREEMENT – M-6 NON-MOTORIZED PATHWAY DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION / PARKS

WHEREAS, in 2005, Kent County Parks requested federal funding for trail development along M-6. Funds were awarded through the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) for the design and construction of a non-motorized pathway along M-6 connecting Kent Trails with the Paul Henry Thornapple Trail. The pathway is located in Byron and Gaines Townships; and

WHEREAS, the project supports the County’s long range plans for regional trail development; and

WHEREAS, according to the proposed contract, the County is responsible for a 20 percent local match and for maintenance of the pathway after it is completed. The Parks Department has secured \$300,000 in private funding towards the local match; and

WHEREAS, Parks staff anticipates trail maintenance will consist of mowing the trail edge and based on similar experience with non-motorized trails can be absorbed into the existing Parks budget; and

WHEREAS, the proposed agreement was approved by the Kent County Road Commission Board on November 28, 2006; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has approved the Agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Agreement with the Kent County Road Commission and further

authorizes the Chair to execute the Agreement.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Horton, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Mast, Vander Molen, Postmus, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Koorndyk, Klein, Chair Morgan – 19.

Nays: 0.

12-14-06-146 – ADOPTION OF GREATER GRAND RAPIDS PRE-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, undertaking hazard mitigation actions will reduce the potential for harm to people and property from future hazard occurrences; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan is required as a condition of future funding for mitigation projects under FEMA pre- and post-disaster mitigation grant programs; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan State Police/Emergency Management Division and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V officials have reviewed the Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan and approved it contingent upon the official adoption of the participating governments; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff recommends the adoption of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Greater Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in coordination with the County of Ottawa and City of Grand Rapids will submit Resolutions to the Michigan State Police/Emergency Management Division and Federal Emergency Management Agency, Region V officials to enable Greater Grand Rapids Pre-Hazard Mitigation Plan's final approval.

Motion by Commissioner Klein, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried by voice vote.

REPORTS

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen announced that the Transportation Subcommittee will meet in Room 311 immediately following this meeting.

Health Care Benefits Subcommittee

Commissioner Klein said that the Health Care Benefits Subcommittee will issue a report in January 2007.

Legislative

Commissioner Agee reported that three legislative issues: 1) Hotel/Motel Tax; 2) Road Commission – number of board members; and, 3) Fiscal Year End flexibility, have been voted out of the

legislature and likely be signed into law.

COMMISSIONER RECOGNITION

Chair Morgan read and presented proclamations to Commissioners Horton, Postmus and Koorndyk, thanking them for their service to the community and their work on the Board. (These three Commissioners will not be returning to the board in 2007.)

Commissioner Vonk, on behalf of the Department of Public Works, thanked Commissioners Horton and Postmus for their service on that board.

MISCELLANEOUS

Single Business Tax

Commissioner Mayhue would like to see the state legislature to do something on the single business tax.

Commissioner Koorndyk Recognition

Commissioner Agee said that the Aeronautics Board will be recognizing Commissioner Koorndyk at its meeting on December 20th.

Fellow Commissioners Klein, Morren, Vander Molen, and Mayhue thanked and acknowledged Commissioner Koorndyk for his many attributes including his role as mentor, his nonpartisanship and civility, and his efforts to diversify boards and commissions. They expressed their sincere acknowledgement that his leadership will be missed.

Commissioner Koorndyk thanked staff and his fellow board members.

Commissioners-Elect

Chair Morgan acknowledged in the audience, Commissioners-elect Sandra Frost Parrish and Carol Hennessy.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:13 a.m., Commissioner Boelema moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, January 2, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Mast. Motion carried.

Roger C. Morgan, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk