

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, September 27, 2007
Administration Building - Room 310*

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Hiddema, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 19.

Absent: None.

Invocation: Commissioner Rolls introduced Josh VanTil, Pastor of Music and Worship at River Rock Church, who gave the invocation. The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

Human Services Complex Project Update

Assistant Administrator Wayman Britt & Facilities Management Director Bob Mihos gave an update on the Human Services Complex Project. They introduced Craig Nicely and Dan LaMore from the architect and construction team of Design Plus, Inc. and The Christman Company. This \$27 million-dollar project will be located at 121 Franklin, and consist of a three-story structure encompassing 137,000 square feet with LEED certification. Housed at this location will be the health clinic (which has been at this location and is now, temporarily, at the Fuller location), ACSET and Department of Human Services. Neighborhood meetings began 1½ years ago, the most recent held September 25th, at which the final design and construction plans were reviewed. They plan to hold periodic meetings to update the community. The groundbreaking is scheduled for October 29, 2007, with demolition of existing buildings expected in December 2007. New construction will begin in January 2008, with completion expected in May 2009. The move date is June 1, 2009. A subcommittee will be formed to discuss recognizing community leaders who have had a positive impact in human services.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of September 13, 2007 Meeting
- b) September 18, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Appointments to the Board of Canvassers: Fred Overeem & Nancy Giar

d) Resolutions:

9-27-07-97 – FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT BUDGET AMENDMENT / DRAIN COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners accepted the FEMA Hazard Mitigation Grant and appropriated \$570,000 via resolution 02-10-05-16; and

WHEREAS, this grant provides funds for the purchase of flood prone properties located along York Creek; the purchase of these properties and the construction of a flood storage shelf on each property will remove flood prone structures and reduce downstream flooding in other areas; and

WHEREAS, the Hazard Mitigation Grants benefits the York Creek Drain Drainage District. The matching funds will be provided by apportioning the costs to the benefiting communities, which have advised the Drain Commissioner to proceed with this application. In addition to Kent County, other governmental units sharing in the cost are the State of Michigan, City of Walker, Plainfield Township and Alpine Township; and

WHEREAS, the Drain Commissioner has received notice that the State of Michigan Emergency Management Divisions has \$24,600 in additional pass-through funds from FEMA for Hazard Mitigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$24,600 in revenues from FEMA to the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program in the Special Projects Fund.

9-27-07-98 – AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE GRAND

VALLEY METRO COUNCIL – ADD CITIES OF LOWELL & BELDING / BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, the members of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council (Metro Council) have by majority vote approved Amendment Nos. 33 and 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the amendments have now been submitted for approval by the legislative bodies of the local governmental units that belong to Metro Council; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the County of Kent have considered Amendment Nos. 33 and 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Metro Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Amendment Nos. 33 and 34 in the Articles of Incorporation of Grand Valley Metropolitan Council, approving the addition of the City of Lowell and the City of Belding as members of the Metro Council, is hereby approved.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

9-27-07-99 – AUTHORIZATION OF A WINTER 2007 (DECEMBER 1, 2007) DEDICATED
MILLAGE PROPERTY TAX LEVY / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County Administrator/Controller is considering a recommended budget for the year 2008, which outlines requirements for revenues and expenditures to support operations/capital programming; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget includes spending requests for operating/debt service requirements of the County Corrections/Detention and programming for Senior Services; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary recommended budget requires the levy of 0.7893 mills for Correctional and Detention operations/debt service and 0.3244 mills for Senior Services.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby certifies a December 1, 2007, levy of taxation of 1.1137 mills which includes the levy 0.7893 mills for debt service related to operations and facilities of County Corrections/Detention 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 Tanis, seconded by Commissioner Vander Molen, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

9-27-07-100 – OCTOBER 1 BUDGETS FOR FY 2008 / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Finance and Physical Resources Committee will begin to review the Recommended FY 2008 Budget in detail in November 6, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the resolution for the FY 2008 General Appropriation Act resolution will be presented to the Kent County Board for adoption on December 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Childcare, DHS Childcare, and Friend of the Court Funds will have a three month interim budget pending adoption of the State budget and the County's 2008 budget. The remaining nine months of these budgets will be presented to the Kent County Board for adoption on December 13, 2007; and

WHEREAS, estimated total revenues and appropriations for the October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, fiscal year Budgets are recommended as follows:

Special Revenue Funds	Revenues	Appropriations
Health*	\$6,650,460	\$6,650,460
Childcare*	5,787,921	5,787,921
DHS Childcare*	2,530,319	2,530,319
Friend of the Court*	2,182,124	2,182,124
Special Projects	4,611,296	4,612,417
Veterans Trust	66,264	66,264
Total	\$21,828,384	\$21,829,505

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$21,829,505 from estimated revenues and Special Projects Fund reserves to Special Revenue Funds for the October 1, 2007, through September 30, 2008, budgets for FY 2008.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

9-27-07-101 – LABOR AGREEMENT: POAM (PATROL OFFICERS, SERGEANTS, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION OPERATORS, EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION SUPERVISORS) / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the County of Kent and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing the Patrol Officers, Sergeants, Emergency Communication Operators, and Emergency Communication Supervisors have negotiated a labor agreement; and

WHEREAS, the agreement provides for a 2.0% increase to base wages (effective January 1, 2006) and a 1.5% increase (effective July 1, 2006), a 1.5% increase effective January 1, 2007, a 1.5% increase effective July 1, 2007, a 2.75% increase effective January 1, 2008, and a 2.5% increase effective January 1, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the total addition to base salary costs over the life of the contract is \$3,098,485 and the total addition to wage-based benefit costs is \$466,861; and

WHEREAS, the annual base wage with scheduled increases is approximately \$12.9 million and the total four-year increase to salary and benefit costs is \$3,586,908; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the four-year labor agreement for the period January 1, 2006 – December 31, 2009, between the County of Kent and the Police Officers Association of Michigan representing Patrol Officers, Sergeants, Emergency Communication Operators and Emergency Communication Supervisors.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Pulaski Days

Commissioner Hennessy announced that she will participate in a kielbasa eating contest between city and county commissioners at Pulaski Days.

Appointment Subcommittee

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

Human Services Recognition Subcommittee

Chair Morgan appointed Commissioners Klein and Vaughn to serve as co-chairs of the Human Services Recognition Subcommittee.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:12 a.m., Commissioner Rolls moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, October 11, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official/Annual Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

Roger C. Morgan, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk