

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, November 15, 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, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 18.

Absent: Mast (Excused) - 1.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

1) Scott Atchison, 2251 Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids, mentioned, again, the need for an information booth in Grand Rapids, and feels that it is the responsibility of the Convention & Visitors Bureau to fund this venture with dollars budgeted to it by the County.

2) Mary Kay VanDriel, Director of Spectrum Health Healthier Communities, recognized Bill Anstey, Deputy Administrative Health Officer, for his service of two terms on an advisory committee of community leaders that helps guide what Spectrum does in terms of health care for the community.

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	Deborah Kammer	30
Friend of the Court	Eric Mis	25
Sheriff Department	Thomas Hillen	30
	Steven Meyer	25
	Robert Eubanks	25
	Michael Macgillivray	25
	Darrell Singleton	25

2008 Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to go into a public hearing on the 2008 budget.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 8:55 a.m., the hearing began on the proposed 2008 budget.

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 Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to go back into general session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 9:20 a.m.

Soil Erosion Ordinance Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Agee, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, to go into a public hearing on the proposed Soil Erosion Ordinance.

Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:21 a.m., the hearing began on the proposed Soil Erosion Ordinance.

Commissioner Vonk, Chair of the Soil Erosion Subcommittee, gave an overview of the proposed ordinance (copy of which is on file in the Office of County Clerk).

There was no public comment.

Motion by Commissioner Agee, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, to go back into general session.

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 9:33 a.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 25, 2007 Meeting
- b) November 6, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

11-15-07-109 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – LABORATORY SERVICES / HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Health Department has received notice from MDCH that the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released \$14,700 in funding through the Epi Lab Capacity Grant; and

WHEREAS, the Epi Lab Capacity grant provides funding to Regional Laboratories enabling them to meet federal certification for testing of select Bio-terrorism agents, and to provide surge capacity testing; and

WHEREAS, the additional \$14,700 will be used to purchase equipment and supplies that have been specified by MDCH as follows: a small incubator (\$2,200), a cabinet (\$500), tempered eye wash (\$2,000) and reagents for Norovirus testing (\$10,000); and

WHEREAS, the Epi Lab Capacity funds must be fully obligated on or before December 31, 2007.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts additional funding of \$14,700 from the Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) for Laboratory Services and to appropriate an additional \$14,700 to the 2008 Health Department budget.

Motion by Commissioner Morren, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to approve the Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

## RESOLUTIONS

### 11-15-07-110 – SENIOR MILLAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR 2008 / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Area Agency on Aging of West Michigan, Inc. (AAAWM) holds three-year contracts with more than 25 agencies to provide services with funding from the Kent County Senior Millage. Under the terms of the contracts, the funding level is evaluated annually based on new program proposals, current year operations and available funding; and

WHEREAS, in early October 2007, the Kent County Senior Millage Review Committee reviewed 2008 funding requests and made recommendations regarding funding for each service. These recommendations were forwarded to the AAWM Executive Committee on October 22, 2007, which is now recommending them to the County for approval; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the annual contracts, Senior Millage funds will also be used to provide in-home services and prescription assistance to seniors through purchase of service arrangements. Amounts to be allocated through this process have been included on the attached bid tabulation and recommendation sheet; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners Board approves the allocation of \$6,898,701 in Senior Millage funds for 2008 as recommended by AAWM and subject to approval of the 2008 Budget.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Parrish, Bulkowski – 2.

11-15-07-111 – CHILD CARE FUND ANNUAL PLAN APPROVAL / CIRCUIT COURT –  
FAMILY DIVISION / DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, each year the 17<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Court – Family Division and Department of Human Services (DHS) are required to prepare a plan showing how the Child Care Fund dollars will be spent by each agency; and

WHEREAS, the plan encompasses in-home and out-of-home placement costs (e.g., foster care, detention, etc.) for children at risk of abuse or neglect as well as children determined to be delinquent; and

WHEREAS, the law provides that each county will receive a reimbursement from the State of 50% of the annual net expenditures for certain costs related to placement and efforts to reduce placement; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Child Care Fund Annual Plan for FY 08 and authorize the Board Chair to sign the document.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Vonk, Wahlfield, Rolls, Parrish, Tanis, Hiddema, Boelema, Voorhees, Morren, Agee, Vander Molen, Hennessy, Bulkowski, Mayhue, Vaughn, Dillon, Klein, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Republican Caucus

Commissioner Agee announced that the Republican Caucus meeting will be Tuesday, November 27, 2007, 5:00 p.m., at Republican Headquarters, 264 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:40 a.m., Commissioner Morren moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, December 13, 2007, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

---

Roger C. Morgan, Chair

---

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk