

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Thursday, December 13, 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 Agee gave the invocation.
The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. David Bulkowski, 322 Woodmere SE, Grand Rapids - Distributed hand outs including "Getting There Together" (copy of which is in the Office of the County Clerk), a report that the Transit Summit produced in October 2005. The report's number one priority was countywide transportation. He spoke about the need for a countywide transportation system for people of all incomes, races, and abilities, and asked that Kent County help fund the proposed transportation needs assessment study.

2. Clark Goodrich, 4634 N. Breton Ct, Kentwood - As a Kentwood resident, he is very appreciative of the Kentwood Recycling center located two blocks from his home. Is supportive of the transportation study. A countywide transportation system would allow citizens the means to get together to do something positive.

3. Robert Mates, 4550 N. Breton Ct, Kentwood - As Co-Director of the Kent County Lutheran Outreach Center for the Blind, he knows first hand how important countywide transit is for Kent County. He moved from Sand Lake to Kentwood in order to get around. Asking for a ride takes away dignity from the blind. He supports the County giving funds for the transportation study.

4. Sue Sefton, 2641 Heathcliff SE, Grand Rapids & Sandra Ghosten-Jones, 5496 Greenboro Drive SE, Kentwood - Thanked the County for its interest in the transportation study. Transportation for seniors is very important and increased funds from the senior millage toward transportation have increased ridership along with efficiency. (Supports the study.)

5. Sherry Jousma, Comstock Park - She supports a countywide transportation system. As a blind person, she obtained 130 signatures in her area indicating a desire for extended public transportation. With no service in her area currently, she has to pay to get a ride to the bus stop. She asked for the opportunity to be independent.

6. Reverend Charles Homeyer, 3539 Quiggle SE, Cascade – As a Pastor in Kentwood and Co-chair of Faith in Motion, he comes in contact daily with people in need. He supports a countywide transportation system.
7. Tammy and Jackie Finn, 3787 Eagle Creek Ct, Grand Rapids – Here today as a mother whose daughter is disabled and in support of expanded bus service which would help Jackie and her friends get to jobs.
8. Casey Dutmers, 5940 Bayberry Farms SW, Wyoming – Expanded transportation is needed and he encouraged the County to contribute toward the study. As Co-chair for Concerned Citizens for Transportation, he supports the best transportation system that can be developed for this community.
9. Cindy Veers, 3322 Ramswood Ct, Plainfield – Asked the County to contribute toward the study. As a private citizen, she believes that people should be able to get where they need to go. Limited transportation options force some people to drive even when they are no longer capable.
10. Janet Anderson, Election Clerk - Plainfield – Citizens in Plainfield Township wanted transit expansion on their ballot in August. However, it was just on the ballots in 6 cities. She supports the County contributing toward the study.
11. Renee Lewis, 406 Carrier Street NE, Grand Rapids – While in Chicago, transportation was never a problem. Her mother is disabled and needs transportation to be independent. She supports the County contributing toward transportation expansion.
12. Robert Barnes, Executive Director Senior Neighbors – Seniors need to stay connected with their community with affordable countywide transportation. He supports studying future transportation needs.
13. Ken Scott, 2241 Mapleton Street NE, Grand Rapids - Representing United Veterans Council of Kent County and Army Navy Club of Grand Rapids who honor veterans twice a year on Veterans Day and Memorial Day. They ask that Kent County help by co-sponsoring these two events with the City of Grand Rapids.
14. Rae Bauer, Grand Rapids – Living with multiple sclerosis has made transportation an issue for her. She believes it should be a basic human right to live independently and encourages the County to support a transportation expansion study.
15. Don Zerial, 7377 Cascade Terrace, Cascade - He is opposed to Kent County spending money on a transportation study.
16. Frank Lynn, 3646 Devon NE, Grand Rapids - The study for expanded transportation services is essential for our economy, and he encouraged the County to fund.

17. Michael DeVries, Grand Rapids Township Supervisor – Thanked the Commissioners for consideration of the tax sharing agreement on the agenda today.

18. David Develder, Inner City Christian Federation – Supports transportation expansion and believes it is crucial to sustainability

(Commissioner Morren left the meeting at this time.)

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of November 15, 2007 Meeting
- b) November 20, 2007 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

12-13-07-112 – CONVENTION AND VISITOR’S BUREAU CONTRACT APPROVAL

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ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners, by resolution and agreement entered into in September 2002, provided for annual contributions from the Lodging Excise (Hotel/Motel) Tax collections to the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor’s Bureau; and

WHEREAS, the current contract will expire on December 31, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners desires to continue to support the activities of the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor’s Bureau by continuing to contract for the promotion and encouragement of tourism and convention business in the County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the contract with the Grand Rapids/Kent County Convention & Visitor’s Bureau for a two year period beginning January 1, 2008, and extending through December 31, 2009, and that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of the County.

12-13-07-113 – MEDICAL SUPPORT POSITION CONTINUATION / 17TH CIRCUIT COURT

/ FRIEND OF THE COURT

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan mandates that the Friend of the Court (FOC) provide for the enforcement of court ordered medical support, and in 1997 began to provide grant funding to cover 100 percent of salary and benefits. Funding was used to establish a Medical Support Enforcement Unit to provide targeted enforcement of court orders that require the parents to provide health insurance; and

WHEREAS, specialized enforcement was established to reduce the number of children enrolled in publicly funded health programs. This program also reduces the amount of court time necessary to resolve disputes. The unit has also diverted a specialized type of issue to dedicated, trained staff allowing general case management staff to maintain existing enforcement efforts; and

WHEREAS, over the past three years, the Medical Support Grant has been reduced and funding was considered in jeopardy. The County has received notice that beginning in 2008, the specialized grant will no longer be available. The expense would be eligible for funding in the FOC IV-D grant which would pay for 66 % of the positions requiring a County match of 34 %; and

WHEREAS, Circuit Court Administration indicates that keeping the medical support enforcement unit intact is a high priority; and

WHEREAS, in compliance with the Fiscal Policy on Grants & Contracts, the Administrator's Office in coordination with the 17th Circuit Court and the FOC completed a cost-benefit analysis concluding the loss of these positions would negatively impact the court and case flow process, including requiring additional judicial resources. In addition, the US Department of Health and Human Services has indicated that healthcare reimbursement will be considered a performance measure to leverage additional funds to support FOC activities; and

WHEREAS, it is recommended that the use of general fund dollars be used to continue the positions subject to availability of funds within the department's future appropriations.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approve the continuation of three full-time equivalents at the Friend of the Court which perform Medical Support Enforcement.

12-13-07-114 – APPROVE CONTRACT WITH INNER CITY CHRISTIAN FEDERATION (ICCF) AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for FY 2005-06 and for FY 2006-07; and

WHEREAS, the County's Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan, known as the Annual Action Plan, budgeted funds for both 2005 and 2006 for the development of affordable new infill construction for sale; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract, if approved, provides funding for land acquisition and construction of three residential homes to provide housing for families earning less than 80% of Area Median Income (AMI); and

WHEREAS, the contract provides that the units will remain as affordable rental units, as defined by HUD, for the term of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners contract with Inner City Christian Federation, and

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

12-13-07-115 – APPROVE FUNDING COMMITMENT TO STATION POINTE HOUSING ASSOCIATION AND AUTHORIZE BOARD CHAIR TO SIGN / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners approved the acceptance of HOME Investment Partnership Program funds from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) as part of the Annual Action Plans for Fiscal Years 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Community Development recommends Station Pointe LDHA, LP, to implement this project because they are experienced in rental housing development; and

WHEREAS, the proposed \$400,000 commitment, if approved, will provide for gap financing which will allow Station Pointe to provide forty-eight affordable senior apartments to eligible families within Kent County; and

WHEREAS, a Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) mortgage (\$2,196,428), MSHDA HOME loan (\$400,000), Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTC) (\$1,404,147) loan, and a deferral of developer fees (\$94,668), provide the remaining project funds; and

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12-13-07-116 – 2007 APPORTIONMENT REPORT – AMENDMENT – SPENCER TOWNSHIP / 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. The Board of Commissioners examines certificates of each local taxing jurisdiction and directs millage rates to be spread on taxable valuations; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners approved the 2007 Apportionment Report on October 11, 2007; and

WHEREAS, on November 6, 2007, Spencer Township voters approved a 1.0000 millage levy for fire operations, therefore, the Board of Commissioners is required to amend the apportionment report.

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

hereby certify the amended millage rates of Spencer Township, thereby amending the 2007 Apportionment Report; 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 for Spencer Township.

12-13-07-117 – SANS INFRASTRUCTURE CIP PROJECT / INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, in the FY 2007 General Appropriation Act, \$199,000 was appropriated to the CIP Fund for the SANS Infrastructure project; and

WHEREAS, this project was approved to fund additional space and enhance IT's ability to manage data storage throughout the County, the additional space is necessary to support most all County applications, this project also addresses the storage needs for GIS expansion and document imaging; and

WHEREAS, the Computer Storage Equipment, not included in the original SANS Infrastructure CIP, is necessary to cover additional project needs that have arisen during the course of the year, these include the replacement of the fingerprint and mug shot applications at the Correctional Facility and an upgrade to the Tiburon application system used at the Juvenile Center among others; and

WHEREAS, the project cost is \$265,947; and

WHEREAS, \$64,754 is available in the SANS Infrastructure project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the appropriation of an additional \$201,193 to the SANS Infrastructure project in the CIP Fund from General Fund operating budgets (IT - \$125,193 Equalization - \$20,000) and \$56,000 from other IT CIP project budgets.

12-13-07-118 – DTE TREE PLANTING GRANT / PARKS

WHEREAS, DTE Energy provides grants to local units of government, schools and nonprofit organizations to help increase the number of properly planted, established and maintained trees on public land within its service territory; and

WHEREAS, Kent County Parks applied for and received a \$2,000 grant award for tree replacement at Myers Lake Park, as part of other improvements completed this year; and

WHEREAS, the total cost for 16 eastern white pines ranging in height from 6 to 11 feet is \$2,595. Funding for the County's share of the expense is available in the Parks FY 2007 operating budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts the DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting Grant and appropriate \$2,000 to the FY 2007 Parks budget.

12-13-07-119 – EMERALD ASH BORER TREE PLANTING GRANT PROGRAM / PARKS

WHEREAS, Emerald Ash Borer is an exotic boring beetle native to Asia that

attacks ash trees. It was unknown to North America until its discovery in Michigan during the summer of 2002; and

WHEREAS, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources has made grant funds available for tree replacement due to losses associated with EAB; and

WHEREAS, Kent County Parks applied for and received a \$10,000 grant award for tree replacement. Several thousand ash trees already have been removed from County parks in an effort to stop the spread of EAB. This grant funds the planting of 80 new replacement trees; and

WHEREAS, this is a 50-50 cost share match program. The County's \$10,000 match is comprised of in-kind labor and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts the Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Tree Planting Grant and appropriates \$10,000 to the FY 2007 Parks budget.

12-13-07-120 – LOWELL AREA COMMUNITY FUND GRANT – IMPROVEMENTS TO FALLASBURG PARK SHELTERHOUSE / PARKS

WHEREAS, Fallasburg Park has been a valued recreational resource in the Lowell area since 1929; and

WHEREAS, the historic enclosed shelter house at the park is in need of repairs to preserve its structure and improve services available to the public. Funds for this project were included in the Parks Department budget request for 2007 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, in order to promote the historic nature of the park and build stronger ties with the community, the department requested and received a grant of \$9,500 from the Lowell Area Community fund to install a historic interpretive display and specialty themed outdoor lighting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners accepts a grant of \$9,500 from the Lowell Area Community Fund for the purpose of installing historic-themed improvements at the enclosed shelter house in Fallasburg Park, and to appropriate \$9,500 to the Special Projects Fund for this project.

(Commissioner Hennessy requested that resolution 12-13-07-112 be removed and Commissioner Mayhue requested that resolutions 12-13-07-114 and 12-13-07-115 be removed from the consent agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Agee, seconded by Commissioner Wahlfield, to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

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Nays: 0.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Agee,

Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: 0.

Absent from room: Mast – 1.

RESOLUTIONS

12-13-07-121 – 2008 GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT / ADMINISTRATOR’S OFFICE

WHEREAS, this resolution shall be known as the FY 2008 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 November 5, 2007, and a public hearing on the proposed budget was held on November 15, 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County voters 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 Board will authorize, in May 2008, a general property tax levy on all real and personal property within the County upon the current tax roll for County general operations; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Finance and Physical Resources Committee has reviewed the Recommended 2008 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>
General Fund	\$164,069,142	\$164,018,488
Special Revenue Funds	83,179,147	96,470,915
Capital Project Funds	6,561,390	5,261,390
Internal Service Fund	25,157,976	24,750,300
Debt Service Funds	10,491,255	10,472,690
Component Unit Funds	59,132,521	59,062,521
Proprietary Funds	45,087,284	46,638,784

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the FY 2008 Appropriation Act as the official budget for FY 2008; 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 2008 budgets for the various governmental funds by department or activity as follows:

**2008 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

GENERAL FUND	Appropriation	Memorandum	Total
Estimated Revenues			
Taxes	\$89,313,322	\$ -	\$89,313,322
Licenses & Permits	75,050	-	75,050
Intergovernmental	9,787,728	-	9,787,728
Charges for Services	19,265,496	-	19,265,496
Fines & Forfeitures	244,500	-	244,500
Investment Earnings	3,898,650	-	3,898,650
Reimbursements	8,043,901	-	8,043,901
Other	2,928,957	-	2,928,957
Transfers In	30,511,538	-	30,511,538
Total Estimated Revenues	164,069,142	-	164,069,142
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(50,654)	-	(50,654)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$164,018,488	\$ -	\$164,018,488
Appropriations			
Circuit Court	\$18,269,764	\$ -	\$18,269,764
Clerk's Office	2,224,975	-	2,224,975
District Court	2,906,826	-	2,906,826
Drain Commission	609,666	-	609,666
Facilities Management	12,909,806	-	12,909,806
Fiscal Services	3,798,940	-	3,798,940
Information Technology	5,958,812	-	5,958,812
Policy/Administration	4,469,506	-	4,469,506
Sheriff's Department	60,435,277	-	60,435,277
Treasurer's Office	1,168,439	-	1,168,439
Parks Department	4,486,670	-	4,486,670
Probate Court – Mental & Estate Division	1,315,926	-	1,315,926
Intergovernmental	3,833,169	-	3,833,169
Bureau of Equalization	1,738,776	-	1,738,776
Human Resources	2,193,454	-	2,193,454
Prosecutor's – Criminal/Juvenile	6,150,578	-	6,150,578

Cooperative Extension Service	673,361	-	673,361
Medical Examiner	1,302,771	-	1,302,771
Soldiers & Sailors Relief	204,391	-	204,391
John Ball Zoological Gardens	4,370,229	-	4,370,229
Transfers Out	31,127,152	-	31,127,152
Total Appropriations before Lapse	170,148,488	-	170,148,488
Estimated Appropriation Lapse	(6,130,000)	-	(6,130,000)
Total Appropriations	\$164,018,488	\$	\$164,018,488

**2008 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	Appropriation	Memorandum*	Total Appropriation
Estimated Revenues			
Taxes	\$28,288,653	\$ -	\$28,288,653
Licenses & Permits	8,951,547	2,959,517	1,570,948
Intergovernmental	16,111,946	11,501,558	37,953,619
Charges for Services	2,343,465	512,155	2,855,620
Fines & Forfeitures	289,658	81,754	371,412
Investment Earnings	1,847,510	-	1,847,510
Reimbursements	2,742,463	949,155	3,691,618
Other	433,626	107,820	541,446
Transfers In	22,170,280	7,993,584	30,163,864
Total Estimated Revenues	83,179,147	24,105,543	107,284,690
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	13,291,768	1,121	13,292,889
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$96,470,915	\$24,106,664	\$120,577,579
Appropriations			
Fire Commission	\$521,608	\$ -	\$521,608
Friend of the Court	6,534,619	2,182,124	8,716,743
Health Department	19,953,381	6,650,460	26,603,841
Lodging Excise Tax	5,776,969	-	5,776,969
Correction & Detention Millage	18,538,265	-	18,538,265
Senior Millage	7,176,801	-	7,176,801
Register of Deeds-Automation Fund	663,373	-	663,373
Community Development	-	2,260,159	2,260,159
Drug Law Enforcement Fund	141,208	-	141,208
Child Care	17,356,262	5,787,921	23,144,183
DHS Child Care	7,590,956	2,530,319	10,121,275
Revenue Sharing Reserve Fund	11,511,538	-	11,511,538
Veteran's Trust	-	66,264	66,264
SP - Agricultural Preservation	37,381	-	37,381
SP - Circuit Court-Com Corrections Admin	-	2,126,637	2,126,637
SP - Circuit Court-Com Corrections Grant	-	229,900	229,900
SP - Circuit Court-Family Counseling	73,000	-	73,000
SP - Circuit Court-Juve Donations/Incentives	-	4,621	4,621
SP - Drain Commission-Special Assessment	70,166	-	70,166

SP – FM Fallasburg Dam	16,374	-	16,374
SP – FOC Access & Visitation Grant	-	17,000	17,000
SP – Parks Kent Trails	21,880	-	21,880
SP – Prosecutor’s-Cooperative Reimbursement	-	1,626,291	1,626,291
SP – Remonumentation Program	161,000	-	161,000
SP – Sheriff-Drug Enforcement	-	92,483	92,483
SP – Sheriff-Gifts – Honor Camp	6,000	-	6,000
SP – Sheriff-Gifts – Jail	115,000	-	115,000
SP – Sheriff-Local Correction Officers Train	146,000	-	146,000
SP – Sheriff-Michigan Dispatch Training	14,134	-	14,134
SP – Sheriff-Michigan Justice Training	45,000	-	45,000
SP – Sheriff-Secondary Road Patrol	-	532,485	532,485
Total Appropriations	\$96,470,915	\$24,106,664	\$120,577,579

*These Memorandum Budgets were previously appropriated by the Kent County Board of Commissioners via resolution 05-24-07-55, 08-09-07-82, or 09-27-07-100.

**2008 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS	Appropriation	Memorandum	Total Appropriation
Estimated Revenues			
Taxes	\$4,289,119	\$ -	\$4,289,119
Investment Earnings	1,300,000	-	1,300,000
Intergovernmental	404,271	-	404,271
Other	568,000	-	568,000
Total Estimated Revenues	6,561,390	-	6,561,390
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(1,300,000)	-	(1,300,000)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$5,261,390	\$ -	\$5,261,390
Appropriations			
Capital Improvement Program	5,261,390	\$ -	5,261,390
Total Appropriations	\$5,261,390	\$ -	\$5,261,390
INTERNAL SERVICE FUND			
Estimated Revenues			
Charges for Services	\$1,865,000	\$ -	\$1,865,000
Investment Earnings	106,500	-	106,500
Reimbursements	23,161,476	-	23,161,476
Other	25,000	-	25,000
Total Estimated Revenues	25,157,976	-	25,157,976
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(407,676)	-	(407,676)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$24,750,300	\$ -	\$24,750,300
Appropriations			
Risk Management	\$24,750,300	\$ -	\$24,750,300
Total Appropriations	\$24,750,300	\$ -	\$24,750,300
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS			
Estimated Revenues			
Other	\$7,887,332	\$ -	\$7,887,332

Transfers In	2,603,933	-	2,603,933
Total Estimated Revenues	10,491,255	-	10,491,255
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(18,565)	-	(18,565)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$10,472,690	\$ -	\$10,472,690
Appropriations			
Building Authority Debt Service Fund	\$9,058,526	\$ -	\$9,058,526
Debt Service Fund	1,414,164	-	1,414,164
Total Appropriations	\$10,472,690	\$ -	\$10,472,690

**2008 General Appropriations Act
County of Kent, Michigan**

COMPONENT UNIT FUNDS	Appropriation	Memorandum*	Total Appropriation
Estimated Revenues			
Intergovernmental	\$4,464,992	\$3,491,592	\$7,956,584
Charges for Services	50,593,359	-	50,593,359
Investment Earnings	2,290,200	-	2,290,200
Reimbursements	480,000	-	480,000
Other	1,303,970	-	1,303,970
Transfers In	-	-	-
Total Estimated Revenues	59,132,521	3,491,592	62,624,113
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	(70,000)	-	(70,000)
Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$59,062,521	\$3,491,592	\$62,554,113
Appropriations			
Housing Commission	\$ -	\$3,491,592	\$3,491,592
Social Welfare	3,362,000	-	3,362,000
DPW Act 185 Bond Fund	1,512,992	-	1,512,992
DPW Administration & Finance	793,600	-	793,600
DPW Water & Sewer Division	4,295,000	-	4,295,000
DPW Solid Waste/Landfill Operations	9,004,420	-	9,004,420
DPW Waste-to-Energy Operations	40,094,509	-	40,094,509
Total Appropriations	\$59,062,521	\$3,491,592	\$62,554,113
PROPRIETARY FUNDS			
Estimated Revenues			
Taxes	\$ 1,685,000	\$ -	\$1,685,000
Intergovernmental	4,200,000	-	4,200,000
Charges for Services	19,686,301	-	19,686,301
Fines & Forfeitures	5,000	-	5,000
Investment Earnings	6,510,500	-	6,510,500
Reimbursements	190,000	-	190,000
Other	12,810,483	-	12,810,483
Total Estimated Revenues	45,087,284	-	45,087,284
Fund Balance Usage (Deposit)	1,551,500	-	1,551,500

Total Estimated Revenues & Other Sources	\$46,638,784	\$ -	\$46,638,784
Appropriations			
Aeronautics	\$40,682,284	\$ -	\$40,682,284
Delinquent Tax Fund	5,956,500	-	5,956,500
Total Appropriations	\$46,638,784	\$ -	\$46,638,784

*The Housing Commission's Memorandum Budget was previously appropriated by the Kent County Board of Commissioners via the signature approval of the Kent County Board Chair.

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; and

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

WHEREAS, earlier this year, the Sheriff’s of Allegan County, Kalamazoo County, and Kent County entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to conduct a feasibility study for establishing a regional jail in Western Michigan; and

WHEREAS, in July of 2007 a Request for Proposal was issued to identify a consultant to complete the feasibility study. A subcommittee that included representatives from the Allegan, Kalamazoo and Kent County Sheriff’s Departments, with support from the Kent County Purchasing Division reviewed the proposals; and

WHEREAS, after a thorough review the subcommittee is recommending that a contract be established with CRS, Inc. in an amount ~~not-to-exceed \$95,360~~. Each County is being asked to commit one-third (\$~~31,786.67~~) of the cost for the study; and

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WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to form.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves a contract between CRS, Inc. and the counties of Kent, Kalamazoo, and Allegan for ~~a not-to-exceed price of \$95,360, (of which, \$31,786.67 is Kent County’s share)~~ to perform a Regional Jail Feasibility Study, and to authorize the Board Chair to sign the agreement ~~and associated documents~~.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee, Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 17.

Nays: Dillon - 1.

12-13-07-123 – SOIL EROSION & SEDIMENTATION CONTROL ORDINANCE / BOARD

OF COMMISSIONERS

WHEREAS, in 2006, the Kent County Road Commission requested that the County establish a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in the fall of 2006, Legislative and Human Resources Committee Chair Dean Agee established a subcommittee to assess the validity of a soil erosion ordinance for the County; and

WHEREAS, during the past year, the subcommittee members have reviewed the strengths and weakness of the existing soil erosion program, the demand for soil erosion permits, the funding of the existing soil erosion program, the need and rationale for a local ordinance, and other soil erosion ordinances that have been implemented in other communities; and

WHEREAS, as part of the subcommittee’s research and review, its members met with representatives from the Kent County Road Commission, Kent County Prosecutor’s Office, Ottawa County Drain Commission, Cascade Township Planning Department, and the

Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ). Subcommittee members also met with representatives from local units of government to gather their input regarding a potential ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel and Michigan DEQ have reviewed the ordinance and are satisfied that its language meets the requirements of Part 91 to establish a local ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners adopts a Soil Erosion and Sedimentation Ordinance; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners designates the Kent County Road Commission as its enforcement agent.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-07-124 – 2008 DISCRETIONARY AND CURRENT UNMET NEEDS FUNDS /
DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners annually allocates funds to the Department of Human Services (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 the DHS Board recommends funding \$115,680 to twelve agencies for thirteen projects in this category; 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 2008 recommendation includes \$330,575 to fund eleven programs for Current Unmet Needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the allocation of \$446,255 for human services programs as recommended by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Board.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen,

Agee,

Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair
Morgan – 16.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Mast, Parrish – 2.

12-13-07-125 – TAX SHARING AGREEMENTS (PLAINFIELD TOWNSHIP) /
FISCAL

SERVICES

WHEREAS, Plainfield Charter Township has adopted a development and tax increment financing plan for its Corridor Improvement Authority – Tax Increment Financing District; and

WHEREAS, Kent County under resolution number 3-08-07-33, exercised its option, pursuant to the provisions of Act 280 PA of 2005, as amended, to exempt its property taxes from capture in the area to be established as the tax increment financing district; and

WHEREAS, this action was taken by the Board of Commissioners to maintain control of utilization of its property tax revenues in future fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, under the Economic Development Participation policy previously established by the Kent County Board of Commissioners, staff was authorized and directed to negotiate a tax sharing agreement with Plainfield Charter Township providing for limited participation in the newly formed tax increment financing district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a tax sharing agreement with Plainfield Charter Township and the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority of Plainfield Charter Township for a ten year period, commencing on date of execution of the agreement and that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair
Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-07-126 – TAX SHARING AGREEMENTS (GRAND RAPIDS TOWNSHIP) / FISCAL
SERVICES

WHEREAS, Grand Rapids Charter Township has adopted a development and tax increment financing plan for its Corridor Improvement Authority – Tax Increment Financing District; and

WHEREAS, Kent County under resolution number 3-08-07-32, exercised its option, pursuant to the provisions of Act 280 PA of 2005, as amended, to exempt its property taxes from capture in the area to be established as the tax increment financing district; and

WHEREAS, this action was taken by the Board of Commissioners to maintain control of utilization of its property tax revenues in future fiscal years; and

WHEREAS, under the Economic Development Participation policy previously established by the Kent County Board of Commissioners, staff was authorized and directed to negotiate a tax sharing agreement with Grand Rapids Charter Township providing for limited participation in the newly formed tax increment financing district.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves a tax sharing agreement with Grand Rapids Charter Township and the Plainfield Avenue Corridor Improvement Authority of Grand Rapids Charter Township for a ten year period, commencing on date of execution of the agreement and that the Chair of the Board of Commissioners and the County Clerk are hereby authorized to sign the same on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

Voorhees, Boelesa, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

12-13-07-127 – 2008 MANAGEMENT PAY PLAN STRUCTURE / HUMAN RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the Fox Lawson & Associates FLA Classification and Compensation Study was conducted in 2007 to evaluate the continued competitiveness and effectiveness of salary schedules and performance pay practices for the Management Pay Plan (MPP) compensation system of Kent County; and

WHEREAS, the FLA study recommends an updated position and salary structure, a new performance appraisal instrument and process, the adoption of one annual evaluation period and increase opportunity which will include both market and merit components; to utilize 2008 as a transitional year into the new compensation process, to increase the retiree healthcare supplement to \$300 per month, which is consistent with recent bargaining unit agreements; and

WHEREAS, the estimated costs for 2008 based on the proposed compensation structure and salary increase schedule is \$660,000 and these funds have been included in the recommended 2008 budget.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners approves the recommendations from FLA regarding the classification and compensation study; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners approves increasing the MPP retiree healthcare supplement from \$250 to \$300 per month.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

12-13-07-128 – MILLENNIUM PARK LAND PURCHASE – SANDCO AND MAYNARD AVENUE LLC PROPERTY / PARKS

WHEREAS, Sandco and Maynard Avenue Transfer LLC own approximately 111 acres in the center of Millennium Park which is currently used to receive fill material and to support a concrete crushing operation, including storage of crushed concrete; and

WHEREAS, Sandco and Maynard Avenue Transfer LLC desire to sell the property and wish to close on the sale by December 31; and

WHEREAS, in order to facilitate the completion of the transaction by the sellers' deadline, the Kent County Parks Foundation is negotiating a purchase agreement for the property on the condition that the County will buy the property from the Foundation for the purchase price of \$1.1 million no later than March 31, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the County's agreement to acquire the property is contingent upon the ability of the Parks Foundation to execute an agreement of sale with Sandco and Maynard Avenue Transfer LLC prior to the December 31, 2007, deadline, and the requirement that the land be filled and shaped as required for the proposed park development on the site; and

WHEREAS, the \$1.1 million purchase price for the property is supported by an appraisal.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the purchase agreement with the Kent County Parks Foundation and authorizes the purchase of the following properties (PPNs 41-13-33-376-016, 41-17-04-100-007, 41-17-04-100-008, 41-17-100-009, 41-17-14-300-001, 41-17-04-100-002, and 41-17-04-100-003) for \$1.1 million plus closing costs.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Klein, Dillon, Vaughn, Mayhue, Bulkowski, Hennessy, Vander Molen, Mast, Agee,

Voorhees, Boelema, Hiddema, Tanis, Parrish, Rolls, Wahlfield, Vonk, Chair Morgan – 18.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There were no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Employee Service Awards

Chair Morgan presented a 35-year service award to Sheriff Stelma and a 20-year award to Commissioner Hiddema.

Senate Bills

Commissioner Tanis announced that the 911 funding bills passed the legislature however there is a 14-month sunset.

Soil Erosion Ordinance

Commissioner Vonk thanked Wayman Britt and Matthew Van Zetten for their work on the Soil Erosion issue.

Minority Contractors

Commissioner Vaughn stated that, together with Commissioner Mayhue, they have been working to increase participation of minority contractors working with Kent County.

Agenda

Commissioner Agee stated that he is proud of what the Board accomplished today. The budget was passed, soil erosion ordinance, tax sharing with local governments, property acquisition for Millennium Park.

Merry Christmas

Commissioner Klein extended a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to everyone.

Transportation

Commissioner Voorhees said that before the meeting he spoke with someone from Jenison who is also concerned about transportation expansion and believes the issue should be referred to Metro Council.

Transportation Subcommittee

Commissioner Vander Molen stated that although the Transportation Subcommittee recognizes individuals' needs, they have asked the townships about their needs and are looking for those officials to participate. The Subcommittee's report is not completed yet and the County is not the end-all.

Commissioner Mayhue stated that although the County may not be the end-all, he believes that today might be the beginning point regarding transportation.

ADJOURNMENT

At 10:05 a.m., Commissioner Agee moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, January 3, 2008, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Vaughn. Motion carried.

Roger C. Morgan, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk