

**KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

*Thursday, November 20, 2008  
Administration Building - Room 310*

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

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Bulkowski, Dillon, Hennessy, Klein, Mast, Mayhue, Morren, Parrish, Rolls, Tanis, Vander Molen, Vaughn, Vonk, Voorhees, Wahlfield, Chair Morgan - 18.

Absent: Hiddema – 1 (Excused).

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

1. Angellica Heidenfeld, 3593 Goodwood Drive SE, Grand Rapids – An 8<sup>th</sup> grade student and member of the 4-H Global Connections Club. In June, students stayed overnight in the Howell, Michigan Global Village and experienced what it was like in other cultures. Each “family” was given a crisis to give them insight as to how much more fortunate they are than others in the world. In an effort to alleviate hunger and poverty, their club pledged to raise \$500 for Heifer International (an organization that buys animals for needy families). She thanked the Board of Commission for their support of the 4-H.

2. Jean Chabut, Deputy Administrator for the Public Health Administration, Department of Community Health, Lansing - Here to present the Kent County Health Department with their Certificate of Accreditation. The MDCH has a great collaborative relationship with Kent County. In August, they completed Round 3 of the accreditation process and Kent was the best one overall.

3. Nancy Nielsen, 14130 Keller Avenue NE, Cedar Springs - As the Senior Millage Advisory Committee Chair, she urges passage of the Senior Millage Allocations for 2009. She thanked current and former commissioners for their dedication. A special thanks to Commissioner Harold Mast for his invaluable service to the committee since its inception.

**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>
Aeronautics	Sandra Pritchard	25
	Susan Reister-Tomkins	25
Bureau of Equalization	Steve Hansen	25
	Steve Smith	25

Juvenile Detention	Matt Fenske	30
Friend of the Court	Douglas Shoemaker	30
Circuit Court	Jim Koetsier	30
	John Corbett	30
	Doug Gaddy	25
	Terry Sare	25
Cooperative Extension	Debra Green	25
Health Department	Colleen Jillson	35
	David Kraker	30
	Sandra Walls	30
Prosecutor's Office	Bruce Hahn	30
Sheriff's Department	Bruce Partridge	35
	David Snyder	35

Proposed Expansion of Road Commission Board Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to go into a public hearing on the proposed Expansion of Road Commission Board.  
 Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:13 a.m., the hearing began on the proposed Expansion of Road Commission Board. Chair Morgan acknowledged written communications (copy of which are on file in the Office of County Clerk) from: 1) Greg Dean, Oakfield Township Supervisor - Against; 2) Ann Hiler - Against; and, 3) Andrew Johnston, Public Policy Coordinator for the Government Affairs Division at the Grand Rapids Chamber of Commerce - In favor.

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Vonk, to go back into general session.  
 Motion carried by voice vote.  
 Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 9:21 a.m.

2009 Budget Public Hearing

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Klein, to go into a public hearing on the 2009 budget.  
 Motion carried by voice vote.

At 9:22 a.m., the hearing began on the proposed 2009 budget. County Administrator Daryl Delabbio presented an overview of the budget (copy of which is on file in the Office of County Clerk).

Public Comment:

1) Scott Atchison, 2251 South Saulk Trail, Grand Rapids - Would like to see money from the Hotel/Motel Tax go toward an information booth in downtown Grand Rapids.

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

Chair Morgan declared the hearing closed at 9:55 a.m.

### CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 23, 2008 Meeting
- b) October 21 and November 4, 2008 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes  
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

#### 11-20-08-102 – REAPPRAISAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH ALPINE TOWNSHIP / BUREAU OF EQUALIZATION

WHEREAS, Alpine Township has established a goal to perform a Township-wide reappraisal of its commercial and industrial properties, and has requested the County to perform the reappraisal, citing the County's extensive knowledge and experience in this area. Benefits to the Township include timely, accurate, appraisals on accelerated time schedule than would otherwise be possible with existing staff levels; and

WHEREAS, the benefits to the County include obtaining current records on all township commercial/industrial parcels for equalization study purposes. Performing the work allows the County to ensure that valuation standards, equalization factors and final project costs comply with State law directly, eliminating the need for the County to do a separate verification/audit; and

WHEREAS, due to the relatively "soft" economy (which has reduced the time Equalization staff is currently required to spend on sales and appraisal studies) and the limited duration of the project, it is expected that the services of .a 48 FTE Appraiser III and a .06 FTE Administration can be directed to the project; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract outlines the scope of work and the responsibilities of the two parties, and provides that all costs (personnel, mileage, and cost allocation) associated with the function estimated at \$48,645 shall be paid by Alpine Township over two years in eight (8) quarterly installments; and

WHEREAS, the Reappraisal Services Agreement has been approved by Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the contract with Alpine Township for Reappraisal Services, and authorizes the Board Chair or his designee to execute the Services Agreement.

#### 11-20-08-103 – MICHIGAN DISPATCH TRAINING BUDGET AMENDMENT / SHERIFF

WHEREAS, the County has received dispatch training funds from the Michigan Emergency Telephone Service Committee (ETSC) since 2001; and

WHEREAS, the State distributes the funds and departments are given the next three calendar years to expend those funds or they must be returned to the State; and

WHEREAS, the County has received \$11,478 from the State that must be appropriated and spent on the program before the end of fiscal year 2008 or the funds must be returned to the State; and

WHEREAS, the dispatch training funds can and will be used for wages, tuition, meals, and travel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of an additional \$11,478 to the Sheriff's Michigan Dispatch Training Budget in the Special Project Fund.

11-20-08-104 – PURCHASING POLICY REVISION – OPEN MARKET PROCEDURES FOR GOODS AND SERVICES \$20,000 AND OVER / FISCAL SERVICES – PURCHASING DIVISION

WHEREAS, the Purchasing Division has implemented a new electronic submittal process that streamlines the bidding process by reducing the required document preparation, copying, and overnight shipping or delivery costs for vendors; and

WHEREAS, to encourage vendors to respond through the electronic submission process and to reduce staff time to process these requests, the Purchasing Division is recommending the following changes to the Policy for Purchasing Goods and Services over \$20,000:

- Increase the bid security (bond) requirement from \$40,000 to \$250,000.
- Incorporate a penalty clause that removes bidders from the bid list for one year following an occurrence if they do not fulfill their bid obligation for sealed bids/proposals under \$250,000; and

WHEREAS, this policy change reduces the bonding requirement placed upon bidders while still enabling the County to ensure the bidding process integrity by not allowing vendors to bid for a period of one year if they withdraw their bid/proposals following the opening; and

WHEREAS, this recommendation adheres to the Board Fiscal Policy – Centralized Purchasing to implement cost-effective technology.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the revised Purchasing Policy – Open Market Procedures for Goods and Services \$20,000 and Over.

11-20-08-105 – APPROVE THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ANNUAL ACTION PLAN AMENDMENT AND BUDGET AMENDMENT / COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

WHEREAS, as a qualified Urban County, Kent County is eligible to receive Neighborhood Stabilization Program (NSP) funds from HUD as authorized under Title III of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008; and

WHEREAS, five areas of greatest need were identified, which are the cities of Kentwood, Wyoming, Grandville, and the townships of Gaines and Plainfield; and

WHEREAS, the grant application, referred to as a Substantial Amendment to the Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan, contains a description and budget for a proposed Neighborhood Stabilization Program for the activities proposed to be undertaken between February 1, 2009, and June 30, 2013; and

WHEREAS, the NSP program is still in the development stages and any positions or other approvals required will be brought back to the appropriate committee at a later date.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approve the Substantial Amendment to the Housing and Community Development Annual Action Plan for July 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorize the Board Chair to sign the amendment and all related documents; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$3,912,796 in estimated revenues to the 2008-09 CDBG budget contingent upon award and execution of a contract.

11-20-08-106 – 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, FY 2006-07, FY 2007-08 and FY 2008-09; and

WHEREAS, the County's Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan, known as the Annual Action Plan, budgeted funds for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 for the development of affordable new infill construction for sale to qualifying individuals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract, if approved, provides funding for the developer of affordable housing, including 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 homeownership units, as defined by HUD, for the term of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement.

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.

11-20-08-107 – DYER-IVES GRANT FOR EMERGENCY NEEDS TASK FORCE / KENT/MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the Dyer-Ives Foundation has awarded Kent/MSU Extension a grant in the amount of \$7,500 to support a Food Security Coordinator for the Emergency Needs Task Force-Food Security Program; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State University (MSU) currently employs a part-time coordinator and will expand the hours of the position through this grant and other sources to support the Emergency Needs Task Force Food Security subcommittee in its goal to provide access to whole healthy foods in pantries to all citizens, especially those with chronic disease; and

WHEREAS, MSU will continue to be the employer of record for this position and no County staff positions or funds are involved.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Kent County accepts a \$7,500 grant from the Dyer-Ives Foundation and appropriates those funds to Kent/MSU Extension for the Emergency Needs Task Force – Food Security Program.

11-20-08-108 – GRANT OF ELECTRIC EASEMENT AT SOUTH KENT LANDFILL FOR PRODUCTION OF ELECTRICITY FROM LANDFILL GAS PROJECT / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Department of Public Works (DPW), owns and operates the South Kent Landfill. The landfill produces methane gas as the solid waste decays. This gas can be used to produce electricity; and

WHEREAS, DPW entered into a lease with Granger Electric of Byron Center, LLC to design and construct the electric generation and production facilities on the landfill; and

WHEREAS, an electric line connecting the Granger facility to the electric grid is required; and

WHEREAS, the electric connector line will be constructed by Consumers Energy; and

WHEREAS, Consumers Energy requires a written easement before it will install the electric connector line; and

WHEREAS, the proposed easement has been reviewed and approved to form by Assistant Corporate Counsel.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the grant of an easement at the South Kent Landfill to Consumers Energy pursuant to written agreement for the transmission of electricity.

11-20-08-109 – CONVEYANCE OF PROPERTY TO VILLAGE OF SAND LAKE / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the County, acting through the Department of Public Works (DPW) has a joint ownership interest in the property occupied by the sanitary sewer lagoon in the Village of Sand Lake; and

WHEREAS, the property was purchased and the lagoons were constructed using, in part, a grant from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, as part of the grant process, the County obtained its interest in the property. The County has no interest in the property other than that obtained at the time of construction and as a result of the grant process; and

WHEREAS, the lagoons are in need of certain maintenance and improvement for which there are certain financing mechanisms available to the Village if the Village is the sole owner of the property and DPW staff has determined that there is no reason not to transfer the County's interest in the property to Sand Lake to allow access to these funding sources; and

WHEREAS, the County and Sand Lake are in the process of obtaining the EPA's concurrence to the transfer of the County's interest to Sand Lake, which concurrence is required by the terms of the original grant and the agreement for the transfer of the County's interest in the property is contingent upon the receipt of EPA's concurrence and the structuring of the transaction so that it complies with all requirements of the grant and the regulations; and

WHEREAS, the transfer was approved by the Board of Public Works on November 6, 2008.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the transfer of the County's interest in the property to the Village of Sand Lake for the continued operation of the sanitary sewer lagoons pursuant to written agreement.

11-20-08-110 – BUDGET AMENDMENT – VACCINES FOR CHILDREN FUNDING

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HEALTH DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the Kent County Health Department (KCHD) receives a significant amount of federally funded vaccines; and

WHEREAS, the number of Vaccines for Children (VFC) doses continues to climb as the KCHD is serving more children; the number of new vaccines received continues to increase; and the costs of vaccines continue to rise; and

WHEREAS, the KCHD has received vaccines from the federal government for several years, and accounted for them on the balance sheet; the County's auditors have recommended these vaccines be recognized as a revenue and expense when used; and

WHEREAS, the original Health Department budget provided an allowance of \$2,917,090 for distribution of federally provided vaccines; the Health Department estimates it will receive \$4,914,931 in federally funded vaccines for FY 2008 and is requesting an additional \$1,997,841 budget appropriation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$1,997,841 to the FY 2008 Health Fund budget from the Federal Government.

11-20-08-111 – KENTWOOD LANDFILL BUDGET AMENDMENT / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, staff has performed a review of the anticipated costs of the operation of the closed Kentwood Landfill site, there are various activities that need to be performed through the year 2045; and

WHEREAS, the cost for this activity was expensed and shown as an accrual when the agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency was entered into; and

WHEREAS, every three to four years the numbers are revisited to determine the adequacy of the cash reserved and the liability booked; and

WHEREAS, upon review of these numbers, it is determined the accrual is understated by \$1,400,000, the reasons this has occurred are varied and include: 1) interest income has been below the projected five percent earnings used in the calculation, 2) expenses have been above those expected for wages and benefits (this category has experienced inflation greater than three percent in healthcare, wages, new expense in retiree healthcare (3.1% of wages)), and 3) unanticipated expenses such as a lift station rebuild and other increases in operating expenses; and

WHEREAS, staff recommends allocating \$1,120,000 from the general Perpetual Care Fund maintained by the department and accepting \$280,000 additional revenue from the City of Kentwood; and

WHEREAS, the Perpetual Care Fund has adequate balance for the net transfer of \$1,120,000.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the appropriation of \$1,400,000 to the FY 2008 Public Works Solid Waste Fund Budget from the Perpetual Care Fund (\$1,120,000) and the City of Kentwood (\$280,000).

(Commissioner Mayhue requested that Resolution 11-20-08-106 be removed from the Consent Agenda.)

Motion by Commissioner Vander Molen, seconded by Commissioner Tanis, to approve the remaining Consent Agenda items.

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

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WHEREAS, the County's Consolidated Housing and Community Development Strategic Plan, known as the Annual Action Plan, budgeted funds for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 for the development of affordable new infill construction for sale to qualifying individuals; and

WHEREAS, the proposed contract, if approved, provides funding for the developer of affordable housing, including 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 homeownership units, as defined by HUD, for the term of 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Corporate Counsel has reviewed and approved the agreement.

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.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

11-20-08-112 – SENIOR MILLAGE ALLOCATIONS FOR 2009 / 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 2008, the Kent County Senior Millage Review Committee reviewed 2009 funding requests and made recommendations regarding funding for each service. These recommendations were forwarded to the AAAWM Executive Committee on October 27, 2008, 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.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners Board approves the allocation of \$7,133,065 in Senior Millage funds for 2009 as recommended by AAAWM and subject to approval of the 2009 Budget.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Parrish – 1.

11-20-08-113 – 2009 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 \$99,460 to 12 agencies for 12 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 2009 recommendation includes \$349,455 to fund 12 programs for Current Unmet Needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the allocation of \$448,915 for human services programs as recommended by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Board.

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

Motion carried:

Yeas: Wahlfield, Voorhees, Vonk, Vaughn, Vander Molen, Tanis, Rolls, Morren, Mayhue, Klein, Hennessy, Dillon, Bulkowski, Agee, Chair Morgan – 15.

Nays: 0.

Abstain: Parrish, Mast, Boelema – 3.

11-20-08-114 – PICKEREL LAKE – FRED MEIJER NATURE PRESERVE –  
LAND

ACQUISITION / PARKS

WHEREAS, the Pickerel Lake – Fred Meijer Nature Preserve is a popular area for nature study and recreation with trails that provide access to diverse natural areas by traversing wetlands, sand hills, woods, fields, and shorelines; and

WHEREAS, the Ladegast Family Trust is in possession of approximately 10 acres surrounded by Preserve land on the north, east and south borders and this land includes rolling woods and the western bank of a secluded pond; and

WHEREAS, acquisition of this 10 acre parcel will help consolidate borders and eliminate the possibility of future development that would intrude upon the Nature Preserve; and

WHEREAS, this purchase is consistent with the goals of the County's Parks, Recreation and Natural Areas Master Plan with the purchase price supported by an appraisal; and

WHEREAS, funds for the purchase are available in the Parks Acquisition and Development Fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners does hereby approve the purchase of approximately 10 acres of land from the Ladegast Family Trust (PPN 41-11-22-200-030) for \$130,000 plus closing costs not to exceed \$1,500.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

11-20-08-115 – SALE OF DISTRICT HEATING AND COOLING OPERATION /  
PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, the County of Kent, acting through its Board of Public Works pursuant to Public Act 185 of 1957, as amended, acquired, constructed and operated the District Heating and Cooling Operation (the "DHCO") which generates and distributes steam for heating and cooling uses in the downtown Grand Rapids area; and

WHEREAS, the County determined it was in the County's best interest to sell the DHCO; and

WHEREAS, proposals for the sale and purchase of the DHCO were solicited in accordance with standard County policy; and

WHEREAS, Veolia Energy Grand Rapids, LLC ("Veolia") was the only entity to submit a proposal responsive to the terms request for proposal. Veolia's proposal offered a purchase price of \$2.4 million; and

WHEREAS, Veolia and the County have engage in significant negotiations which have resulted in a proposed Asset Purchase Agreement for the DHCO operation and associated real property interests which is anticipated to close on or about November 25, 2008; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has approved the Asset Purchase Agreement and recommends the Board of Commissioners approve the Asset Purchase Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that:

1. The Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Asset Purchase Agreement in form substantially similar to that dated September 24, 2008; and
2. The Board Chair and/or the County Administrator/Controller are authorized and directed to sign the Asset Purchase Agreement and associated documents for and on behalf of the County.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

11-20-08-116 – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT WITH THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GRAND RAPIDS / FISCAL SERVICES

WHEREAS, the County maintains an Economic Development Participation Policy which provides for the County's active participation in Tax Increment/Tax Capture programs intended to grow the tax base and create new jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Grand Rapids has submitted requests for the extension of renaissance zone tax abatements to certain properties located within the Corporate limits of the City; and

WHEREAS, under the terms/conditions of the current Economic Development Participation Policy, the City of Grand Rapids is obliged to reimburse the County for "lost" property tax revenues resulting from property tax levies abated in extended renaissance zone districts; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Grand Rapids has offered an agreement whereby the County would be held harmless from the property tax revenue loss to be sustained by reason of extension of renaissance zone status to certain properties located in the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the "Economic Development Participation agreement" with the Economic Development Corporation of the City of Grand Rapids and authorizes the Board Chair or his designee to execute the Participation Agreement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners "consents" to the extension of renaissance zone status to properties identified in the "Economic Development Participation Agreement".

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

Motion carried by voice vote.

11-20-08-117 – AGRICULTURAL PRESERVATION – ENDOWMENT FUND CREATION

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KENT / MSU COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

WHEREAS, the M.E. Davenport Foundation awarded the County an unrestricted grant in the amount of \$100,000 for agriculture preservation activities; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board desires to use a portion of the funds to establish an endowment to fund appraisals and closing costs required for the purchase of development rights, which are unable to be paid for by state or federal grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board is recommending that the County enter into an agreement with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation (GRCF) to establish the permanent endowment fund. The fund will be invested and managed by the GRCF for an annual administrative fee that shall be paid from the fund; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board envisions that in the future, individuals or organizations wishing to contribute to the endowment will be able to make contributions directly to the fund through the GRCF; and

WHEREAS, the Agricultural Preservation Board will appoint a Fund Advisor (Contract Administrator) to work with the GRCF to request distributions and serve as a contact for the Fund; and

WHEREAS, in the event that the Agricultural Preservation Board is dissolved or no longer performing the specified charitable purpose, the Fund assets may be distributed to a qualified organization by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves an agreement with the Grand Rapids Community Foundation to establish the Kent County Agriculture Preservation Endowment Fund.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

11-20-08-118 – SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN AMENDMENT / PUBLIC WORKS

WHEREAS, Public Act 451 as required by Section 11539a of Part 115, Solid Waste Management, of the Natural Resources & Environmental Protection Act 1994, as amended, requires all Michigan counties to have a Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, Michigan State law requires that all Public Act 451 plans be revised every five years; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners selected the Board of Public Works as the designated planning agency for the Board of Commissioners to prepare the Solid Waste Management Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners on February 14, 2008,

appointed a Solid Waste Management Planning Committee to assist in the preparation of the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee prepared an amended draft plan, held a public hearing, reviewed the draft plan and revised it in response to public comments; and

WHEREAS, the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee has adopted and approved a final Kent County Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Public Works has recommended that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approve the amended Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Kent County Board of Commissioners has reviewed the details of the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners wishes to compliment the Solid Waste Management Planning Committee and acknowledge its efforts in amending a thoughtful and well conceived plan for solid waste management; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Solid Waste Management Plan Amendment for Kent County, Michigan, and directs the designated planning agency to present the plan to all of the municipalities in the County for review approval.

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

Motion carried:

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

Nays: 0.

## REPORTS

There were no reports.

## MISCELLANEOUS

### Local Workers

Commissioner Mast said that with future Kent County building projects, we need to hire local workers.

## ADJOURNMENT

At 10:22 a.m., Commissioner Vander Molen moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Thursday, December 11, 2008, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner Klein. Motion carried.

