

KENT COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

*Thursday, November 14, 2002
Administration Building - Room 310*

Meeting called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chair Steven R. Heacock.

Present: Commissioners Agee, Boelema, Buege, Hiddema, Horton, Koorndyk, Kuhn, Kuipers, Mast, Mayhue, McGuire, Morgan, Morren, Postmus, Sak, Vaughn, Vonk, Wahlfield, Chair Heacock – 19.

Absent: None.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was no public comment.

SPECIAL ORDER OF BUSINESS

West Michigan Strategic Alliance Update

Mr. Jay Peters, Project Administrator updated the Commissioners on the strategic priorities for the West Michigan Strategic Alliance (“WMSA”). A copy of the Common Framework for West Michigan – A Region in Transition was distributed to Commissioners (a copy of which is on file in the County Clerk’s office). Began in June of 2002 with a diverse group of community leaders. The Alliance has identified three fundamental principles to guide community decision making. Economic prosperity, environmental integrity and social justice. The Alliances vision is to have the best place to live, work and play in West Michigan.

Rogue River Watershed Council

Mr. Andy Bowman and Nichol Stout discussed the values of the watershed and the negative impacts due to pollution and sediment running into the rivers. The watershed is part of Newaygo and Kent County. A copy of the by-laws was distributed to the Commissioners (a copy of which is on file in the County Clerk’s office).

Health Department / Animal Shelter Update

Mr. Dave Kraker Environmental Health Director, and Veronica Smith, Program Supervisor for the animal shelter discussed the many changes and updates that have occurred in 2002. The increase of staff at the shelter, the extended coverage hours, education, working with schools. Bite prevention programs, new software installed.

CONSENT AGENDA

- a) Approval of the Minutes of October 24, 2002, Meeting
- b) November 5, 2002, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
(Reports of Claims and Allowances)
- c) Resolutions:

11-14-02-157 – APPROVE ACCEPTANCE OF LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK
GRANT FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE / SHERIFF’S
DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice has funds available under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, funds are considered a one-time award and require a 10 percent cash match; and

WHEREAS, funds may be used to hire or train law enforcement personnel (sworn officers or support personnel); for overtime, equipment or technology; and to support drug courts, enhanced adjudication of violent offenders, establishing multi-jurisdictional task forces, crime prevention programs or purchasing indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff’s Department is proposing to use these funds to purchase in-car video systems, a rescue/dive operations boat, and continued funding for a current contract employee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners approves the Sheriff’s request to accept a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice.

Motion by Commissioner Vaughn, supported by Commissioner McGuire, to approve the consent agenda items.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Kuipers, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Agee, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Vonk, Horton, Morgan, Buege, Chair Heacock – 19.

Nays: 0.

RESOLUTIONS

11-14-02-158- LINK MICHIGAN CONTRACT WITH VIRCHOW – KRAUSE
ADMINISTRATORS OFFICE

_____WHEREAS, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation Link Michigan Project is a component of Governor Engler’s Broadband Initiative, which seeks to improve telecommunications speed and access throughout Michigan; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners applied for and received a Link Michigan grant on behalf of Barry, Kent and Ionia Counties (BIK); and

WHEREAS, Ottawa County and Muskegon County each had Link Michigan projects approved; and

WHEREAS, a major project component involves selection of a consultant to lead

efforts to prepare a report identifying existing telecommunications infrastructure and gaps in infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, it has been deemed beneficial for the Barry, Ionia, Kent project to move forward in concert with the Muskegon and Ottawa projects in order for the future planning and development of telecommunications in West Michigan to move forward on a regional basis; and

WHEREAS, Purchasing Division staff, representing BIK, and staff from Ottawa and Muskegon Counties, have independently determined that Virchow Krause submitted the best proposal and work plan for meeting Link Michigan objectives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby approves the Link Michigan project agreement between BIK and Virchow Krause in the amount of \$195,000 and authorizes the Board Chair to execute the agreement.

Motion by Commissioner McGuire, supported by Commissioner Sak, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Kuipers, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Agee, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Vonk, Horton, Morgan, Buege, Chair Heacock – 19.

Nays: 0.

11-14-02-159 – COUNTYWIDE 911 PROJECT – PROFESSIONAL SERVICES AGREEMENT WITH PLANTE & MORAN / ADMINISTRATOR'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, County and local officials have made significant strides toward developing a cooperative approach and consensus regarding creation of a Countywide 911 system; and

WHEREAS, the next step in the process is to complete a Public Safety Strategic Plan that will refine the system development and operational estimates for a Countywide 911 system to the point that the project can be put out to bid if funding is secured; and

WHEREAS, Plante & Moran completed the initial budgetary estimate for the implementation of a central dispatch center and has the confidence of the County and local officials; and

WHEREAS, Plante & Moran has submitted a proposal to complete the Public Safety Strategic Plan for a cost not to exceed \$152,500.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the Board Chair to execute an agreement with Plante & Moran for professional services related to completion of the Public Safety Strategic Plan for a Countywide 911 system for a cost not to exceed \$152,500; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners hereby appropriates \$152,500 from the General Fund Undesignated/Unreserved Balance to a Special Projects Account for Countywide 911 Planning and Development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any funds expended for planning a Countywide 911 system shall be repaid to the General Fund Undesignated/Unreserved Balance

Motion by Commissioner Morgan, supported by Commissioner Wahlfield, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Kuipers, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Agee, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Vonk, Horton, Morgan, Buege, Chair Heacock – 19.

Nays: 0.

11-14-02-160 – ASSIGNMENT OF THE COOPERATIVE EXTENSION REMODELING PROJECT TO THE KENT COUNTY BUILDING AUTHORITY/FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, at the June 4, 2002, Finance & Physical Resources Committee meeting, the architectural firm of Craig Architects was approved to design, budget and prepare construction documents for the remodeling of the former Kent District Library Headquarters Building, for the Cooperative Extension Service at a cost of \$42,500; and

WHEREAS, Cooperative Extension and Facilities Management staff, along with the architects, have completed the design and are prepared to bid the project, attached are the plans and budget to be assigned to the Kent County Building Authority (KCBA); and

WHEREAS, at the October 1, 2002, Finance & Physical Resources Committee meeting, Pinnacle Construction Group was approved to be Construction Manager of this project at a total fee of \$45,000. They have reviewed the budgets and are appropriate for the scope and size of the project; and

WHEREAS, this project will be multiple bid packages using the Kent County Purchasing Division. The multiple bid packages allow for smaller contractors to bond and bid this work. This contract would also be assigned to the KCBA.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kent County Board of Commissioners hereby approves assignment of the Cooperative Extension Project, the Architect, and Construction Manager to the Kent County Building Authority for bidding, equipping and constructing the remodeling of the former Library Headquarters building located at 775 Ball Ave NE as approved in the 2002 CIP at a budgeted cost of \$1,255,979.

Motion by Commissioner Postmus, supported by Commissioner Mast, that the resolution be adopted.

Motion carried:

Yeas: Kuipers, Koorndyk, Mayhue, Vaughn, Sak, Kuhn, Mast, Agee, Postmus, Wahlfield, McGuire, Boelema, Hiddema, Morren, Vonk, Horton, Morgan, Buege, Chair Heacock – 19.

Nays: 0.

REPORTS

There was no reports.

MISCELLANEOUS

Proclamation

Chair Heacock read the following proclamation:

WHEREAS, Mr. John W. Cummiskey served with distinction as a member of the Kent County Aeronautics Board from 1987 until his death Monday, November 11, 2002; and

WHEREAS, many accomplishments at the Airport were realized while Mr. Cummiskey was a member of the Aeronautics Board; they include the major renovation of the terminal building, a new 8,500 foot runway and taxiway system, a major cargo area, and the construction of a new maintenance building; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummiskey, while a member of the Aeronautics Board,

served as chair of the Finance and Administration subcommittees. He was very involved in the financial planning and cash flow activities of the Airport including two bond issues totaling \$96 million; he was also instrumental in developing the Aeronautics Board's position on defending the Airport's Rates and Charges, culminating in a decision by the U.S. Supreme Court in the Aeronautics Board's favor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummiskey was born April 19, 1917, in Detroit, Michigan; he married his wife Elenore in 1946; and

WHEREAS, the Cummiskeys had four children: Susan, John, Paul, and Karen; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummiskey was a founding member of the Grand Rapids law firm Miller, Johnson, Snell & Cummiskey, P.L.C. and established the firm's Employment and Labor Relations Section and was one of the most highly respected employment lawyers in the State of Michigan; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Cummiskey served in various volunteer capacities in the legal profession over the years, including serving as the youngest-ever president of the State Bar of Michigan in 1956-1957; and

WHEREAS, throughout his lifetime, Mr. Cummiskey was also involved in other civic and political activities in Grand Rapids.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, Board Chair Steven R. Heacock, and the Kent County Board of Commissioners, do hereby publicly recognize John W. Cummiskey's significant service to the citizens of Kent County as well as his many other accomplishments, both as a lawyer and a community leader. He will be greatly missed.

Congratulations

Chair Heacock congratulated the newly elected and re-elected commissioners. He acknowledged Commissioner Sak and his newly elected position for State Representative.

Caucus Meeting

Vice Chair Morren announced the Republican caucus meeting to be held on November 25, 2002, at 5:00 p.m. at Republican headquarters.

Work Session

Vice Chair Morren announced that a work-session has been scheduled for Tuesday, November 19, 2002, at 7:30 a.m. to discuss the PDR proposal.

Remembrance

Commissioner Agee stated that he had the privilege of working with Mr. John Cummiskey on various projects and lauded his accomplishments.

ADJOURNMENT

At 9:50 a.m., Commissioner Vaughn moved to adjourn, subject to the call of the Chair, and to Tuesday, November 26, 2002, Room 310, County Administration Building, at 8:30 a.m., for an Official Meeting. Seconded by Commissioner McGuire. Motion carried.

Steven R. Heacock, Chair

Mary Hollinrake, County Clerk